

## BHBE Board Meeting Minutes - 9/27/23 - In-Person and on Zoom

Present: Harris Miller, Cynthia Lerner, Fred Rosenwasser (Zoom), Steve Bucksbaum, Rochelle Leff, Bev Reinglass, Marsha Lyons, Ellen Sered, Carla Banoff, Dan Chodrow, Leah Buchbinder, Harriet Robbins-Ost (Zoom), Robin Smulson, Carter Greene, Jay Goldstein (Zoom), Irv Zagorin, Minnie Goldsmith (Zoom), Gail Schnitzer-Eisenberg (Zoom), Judy Levey, Larry Plawsky, Ira Dubin, Jessica Littmann, Shoshanna Reynolds, Steve Levin, Greer Braun, Alison Kamen, Elly Rousso

Excused Absences: Joan Meyers, Gail Schniederma, Adam Goldfarb, Carol Pellish, Fran Diamond, Jon Clemons, Zvi Tannenbaum, Keri Bahar, Dan Meyer, Sam Rodin, Gail Swerdlik

Clergy: Michael Kahn

Dan Chodrow motioned to approve the minutes

Jay Goldstein seconded

The minutes were approved unanimously

President's Report - Cynthia Lerner

Need people to sit on the bimah during Sukkot.

Cynthia is working on three day-time in-person and two evening in-person meetings towards the end of October. Future of the Congregation meeting was Tuesday night, Sept 26th.

Past President's meeting was Thursday night, Sept. 28th.

High holiday services and Tot Services went smoothly.

Thank you to the choir.

Thank you to Marsha Lyons for take-home meals, Rosh Hashanah Kiddush and Neilah kiddush.

Executive Director's Report - Michael Kahn

423 people came for Kol Nidre in-person

Yom Kippur - 603 people through 2:30 PM

332 people for Neilah

Still working on streaming info.

63 people evening of Rosh Hashanah

535 people Day 1

329 people Day 2

100 stayed for lunch

45 at Tashliah

Thank you to Steve Levin and Bev Reinglass for running the ADL's Kulanu Program.

Please submit committee minutes to Michael Kahn.

HVAC that heats from the offices to the door by the parking lot is broken and must be replaced.  
Custom build coils for \$10,000

Or replace whole system for \$200,000

Waiting on roof quotes for the center part of the building and the sanctuary. Damage is so bad insurance may not cover repairs if due to the condition of the roof.

Sound system is difficult to get repaired. Will look into a mobile sound system. Cantor Roytman and Michael Kahn to look at several vendors. Rental goes back Oct. 8th, 2023 unless we need more time.

Membership: \$281,000 (\$325,000 in 2022) in consideration in 2023. Numbers could increase if more renew. Paid off line of credit. Line of credit renews in December.

Steve Bucksbaum: - Men's Club: Decorate the sukkah on Sept. 29th. Oct. 22nd Jack Zoldan at Men's Club Breakfast, Tacos and Tequila on Oct. 22nd. Rabbi Barmash will speak on Sunday, Nov. 5th as part of Scholar In-Residence Weekend.

Link for Tacos and Tequila to go online. Will come out on Thursday, Sept. 28th.

Greer Braun - Sisterhood: Lecture and food art welcome event went smoothly. Over \$13,000 was collected for the Sisterhood high holiday cards. Challahs were sold. Would like the entire congregation to participate in Sisterhood functions. October 19th, Michael Philips to speak from the Chicago Tribune. Oct. 26th will be the Torah Fund program - supports the Jewish academic groups. A speaker from Uganda to speak.

Shoshanna Reynolds - Membership

179 Family

91 Individuals

10 Families, year 3

4 Individuals, year 3

Almost all new membership baskets were dropped off.

13 new families/individuals with 2 potential to join.

10% decrease due to analysis within the Conservative Movement.

New member gathering at Rabbi Crane's Sukkah coming up.

Constitutional Bylaws Update - Jay Goldstein - On Article 10 of 12. Should be done before the end of the calendar year so we could meet, vote and prepare for our congregational meeting in June 2024.

Academy: Over 40 on the roster, but potentially near 55 students. 63 in 2022. 77 in 2021.

Ways and Means - Larry Plawsky

Thank you to those who donated. \$85,000 budgeted. \$45,000 left of \$135,000 goal. Thank yous will be sent in October to those who donated. It'll continue to come in.

Cantor Roytman is putting together an event on Dec. 7th (first night of Hanukkah).

Fundraising component will take place during Hanukkah.

\$536 in Affy Tapples.

48 peanut, 26 plain and 50 sprinkles (thank you to Alison Kamen).

1-2 more fundraisers are coming. Goal is \$10,000.

Ritual VP Report Sukkot and Shabbat - Robin Smulson:

Needs someone to fill in on Sukkot Day 2.

Jessica Littman asked about a post high holiday review and how to plan for next year.

Robin will speak with Jay and Rabbi Crane to set a date.

Harris Miller - Secretary

It was suggested to have activities for the kids to keep them busy during services, especially the long high holiday ones. This can be done through a volunteer effort.

Mikvah - We don't collect much from them. It'll be up to the Mikvah Board whether they should vacate the building.

Wayne Kaplan - Future of the Building Committee - Soft opening recently with realtors. Hard opening online through MLS. There's no specific asking price, but we'll accept the best offer via RFPs. Our leadership, especially Rabbi Crane and Rabbi Kensky, wish to help us transition.

Please see Future of the Building Report, read through the FAQs on the building and attend the October town halls.

Go to [bhbe.org](http://bhbe.org) and scroll down under the quick links and view as a PDF.

We'll look at alternatives for plaques and bricks if needed.

There was a discussion on security and security dollars. No updates on dollars from the state or federal governments. We'll continue to hire security as needed.

Meeting ended at 8:45 PM.