

*Please see this note from Cynthia Lerner, President of BHBE:*

April 28, 2023

Dear BHBE Congregants -

Last night our BHBE Board of Directors met to hear a presentation by our “Future of the Building” committee. As you may recall, BHBE embarked on a strategic plan in 2020, culminating in a report shared last year. One part of this strategic plan was the directive to form a committee to discuss how we use our building and the most prudent and sustainable course of action to move us into the future. We all know our building is aging. Now is the time for us to make decisions about how best to spend our financial resources as we consider options for our spiritual home.

Most importantly, what I want to share is that *no decision has been made at this point*. The Board is in the process of reviewing this committee’s recommendations. At the June Board meeting, the Board of Directors will make a recommendation as to the optimal path forward for BHBE. Unfortunately, staying the course is not an option unless we receive a substantial unanticipated amount of revenue.

Beyond the work the Board needs to complete as stewards of our community, we want to engage *all* community members in this process of making informed, important decisions about the building. While we will share more information in the coming weeks, please know that we are offering a “drop in” time to meet with our Board on **Sunday, May 7th** (not coincidentally the same day as the lox box pick up!) from **9:30-10:30 AM**. Please join us.

In addition, if you just want to share thoughts or ask questions, you can reach out to Michael Kahn, our Executive Director, at 847-256-6494 or [michael.kahn@bhbe.org](mailto:michael.kahn@bhbe.org). Michael will direct you to the appropriate committee member who is best able to speak to your specific concerns.

Please let Michael know if you would be interested in attending a gathering to learn and talk more about this important inflection point in our congregation’s history.

Sincerely,

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