

Please see this note from Cynthia Lerner, President BHBE

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Six months ago, I put together a committee to investigate the future of the building for BHBE. This was a direct result of our 2020-2022 Strategic Plan. The findings of the Strategic Plan were clear; we have a strong community of active congregants that above all else desire deeper and more meaningful relationships. The Strategic Planning committee provided numerous observations and recommendations, one of which involved the facility itself.

At the April Board meeting, the 27 page report was presented to our Board of Directors. The committee presented many options for the Board's consideration, with each option including its benefits, disadvantages, and suggested next steps. The options range from continuing the status quo to just about everything else one can imagine. Nothing was decided in this meeting, as the Board will need to study all of the various options and eventually vote on next steps to address the issues facing BHBE and I have complete confidence that our Board of Directors and members will make the right decision. Our community is otherwise strong. We continue to draw in new members, including young families, from Wilmette, Skokie, Glenview, Evanston, and beyond.

At the June Board meeting, the Board of Directors will make a recommendation as to the optimal path forward for BHBE as it relates to our aging facility.

While we will share more information when there is more information to share, 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.

Cynthia Lerner
President BHBE