

**Congregation Beth David Board Meeting
MINUTES- Board Approved
January 24, 2018**

PRESENT:

Bill Beyda, President	Bill Halper, DaL Finance Cmte	Elizabeth Batson, DaL
Elizabeth Menkin, EVP	Carol Cassell, DaL Social Act	Cathy Beyda, Sist/CBD Women
David Fishman, VP Ritual	Lee Hirsch, DaL Facilities	Art Singer, Men's Club
Lori Kahn, VP Education	Opher Harel, DaL	Rabbi Ohriner
Michael Schaffer, Treasurer	Susan Rojo, DaL	Tanya Lorien, Dir Operations
Madelyn Isaacs, Recording Sec	Sharon Horovitz, DaL	Sarah Hanuka, DLL
Michael Leitner, Fin Sec	Thelma Ramm, DaL	Barbara Biran, Rit Director

Guests: Bob Bankirer, Nathan Handelsman

1. Welcome to crossover board meeting 7:35 pm

2. D'var and Good and Welfare – Rabbi Ohriner 7:35 pm

First Name	Last Name	Death: Relationship	Name
Tracy	Robinson	Father-in-law	Ernie Robinson
Renee	Fine	Step-father	Lawrence Giraudo
Dori	Jaroslow	Uncle	Raymond Bandar
Steven	Permut	Father	Jack Permut
Debby	Hoffman	Brother-in-law	Victor Lamin
Miriam	Permut	Brother-in-law	Victor Lamin
Rhonda	Weiss	Brother	Mitchell Weiss
Rhonda	Weiss	Sister-in-law	Leslie Weiss
Rhonda	Weiss	Niece	Hannah Weiss
Rhonda	Weiss	Nephew	Ari Weiss
Ryan	Weinstock	Mother	Susan Marcia Weinstock
Marty	Newman	Mother	Rosalee Newman
First Name(s)	Last Name(s)	Birth: Relationship	Name
Susan and Ron	Remba	Granddaughter	Andi Jeanette Remba
First Name(s)	Last Name(s)	Simcha	
Marjorie and Jeff	Warwick	Bat Mitzvah	Maya Warwick
Miri and Alex	Volinsky	Bat Mitzvah	Michal Volinsky
Ann	Tavan	70 th Birthday	

3. Consent Agenda 7:45 pm

- a. Minutes of 12/06/2017 board meeting approved as presented
- b. Committee reports accepted

4. USCJ Convention Report – Elizabeth Menkin 7:46 pm

At Shabbat services on January 13, Rick Tavan spoke eloquently of his experiences at the USCJ (United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism) conference held in Atlanta in December 2017. Seven members of

the CBD community attended, including Betty Menkin, who shared Rick’s remarks with the entire board, adding some of her own perspective. USCJ is the umbrella organization of the Conservative movement of more than 600 conservative synagogues; the conference was attended by leaders from around the globe as well as across the United States. Rick noted that change was a major theme of the conference. With a wide variety of Jewish practices each claiming to be authentic, Rick noted, “Clearly, then, authenticity does not require conformity to a single standard, nor does it prohibit change. Lacking a single, agreed standard of practice and belief, authentic Judaism is one that acknowledges multiple and evolving variations on an eternal theme, the theme of Torah, mitzvot and our covenant with the Almighty. Judaism has always been dynamic, even when that was hard to recognize on a brief time scale in a tiny locale.” A copy of Rick’s original remarks as well as a list of USCJ resources will be distributed to the board and made available to congregants upon request of the secretary.

The board agreed to explore some of the concepts raised by Rick and Betty in future meetings to see how they apply to our synagogue.

- 5. Installation Shabbat – Bill Beyda/Michael Leitner** 8:05 pm
 Bill thanks those who are leaving the board for their service – David Fishman, Lori Kahn, Susan Rojo, and Michael Schaffer. Susan’s departure creates a vacancy on the board for a Director at Large; position will be posted in February.
 Michael Leitner and Barbara Biran are coordinating roles in the service.

- 6. Finance Update – Michael Schaffer** 8:17 pm
 Actual net income exceeds budget net income ytd December 2017 primarily due to increased collection of sustaining contribution, donations, and annual campaign versus budget. With the uncertainty of the effect of tax law changes, Michael looked at revenue December 2017 versus December 2016 and found we actually had higher revenue in 2016 but expects to see revenue to be higher over the next few months. In total, year end net income is expected to come in at budget as some expenses vary in timing from the budget.
 Cash went down by \$300,000 in December as loans for Next50 were repaid; only loans to two congregants remain.

- 7. Membership Report – Bill Beyda** 8:24 pm

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT
 January 2018**

D Membership (full units)	506
Increases	0
Decreases	-3
Status Change	<u>0</u>
SubTotal	503
Honorary	6
Total Member Units	509
Friends	14
Grand Total	523
For Approval Tonight	5

Motion: Accept membership report and welcome new members.
 Motion made by Betty Menkin, second by Carol Cassell. **Motion Passed. Yes 13, no 0, abstain 0**

8. Rabbinic Search Committee Update – Michael Leitner 8:36pm
Michael reviewed the process. Committee received resumes, held first video interview in January, will review new resumes and schedule additional video interviews as needed. As of this board meeting, dates reserved for candidate visits are weekend of 2/24, 3/3, 3/17 and, if needed, 4/7. (Note: After meeting, candidates selected 3/3 and 3/10.)

9. Administration Report – Tanya Lorient 8:51 pm
Spaces are available in CPR class on 2/22 3-4 pm for membership. Board can sign up first.

Chaverware has the ability to let members log in to see an online directory as well as the option for members to opt out of online directly. Online directly currently empty. Motion regarding privacy policy for online directory needed first, then implementation.

Motion: It is resolved that the Board of Directors of Congregation Beth David adopts the same policy for privacy of online member directory information as it uses for printed member directory information, and that going forward, changes to privacy settings by a members hall apply to all directories regardless of directory format.

Motion made by Michael Leitner, seconded by David Fishman,
Motion passed. 14 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain

10. Education Report – Lori Kahn 9:21 pm
2017-2018 school year enrollment update provided. 90% of youth members (age 4-12) are getting some Jewish education while status for many teens is unknown.

Lori raised the issue of teen involvement. How else can CBD actively engage teens besides JET/TMT?
Suggestion made to poll the teens – what’s the best way?

Bill Beyda supported the creation of an ad-hoc committee of the board to address teen engagement and provide feedback to the Director of Life Long Learning and will do so with February committee assignments.

11. Announcements 9:48 pm
Sarah Hanuka is looking for a co-captain for the Relay for Life for this summer
Sarah Hanuka is teaching adult academy and first classes were well attended.

Adjourn 9:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Madelyn Isaacs
Recording Secretary