

## BHBE Board Meeting Minutes – 3/20/24

Present: Harris Miller, Cynthia Lerner, Elly Rousso, Joanne Meyers, Robin Smulson, Rochelle Leff, Ellen Sered, Ira Dubin, Carol Pellish, Fred Rosenwasser, Steve Bucksbaum, Greer Braun, Steve Levin, Irv Zagorin, Shoshanna Reynolds, Carter Greene (Zoom), Dan Chodrow (Zoom), Alison Kamen (Zoom), Leah Buchbinder (Zoom), Carla Banoff (Zoom), Jessica Littmann (Zoom), Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg (Zoom), Judy Levey (Zoom), Zvi Tannenbaum (Zoom), Fran Diamond (Zoom), Adam Goldfarb (Zoom), Bev Reinglas (Zoom)

Excused Absence:, Gail Swerdlik, Minnie Goldsmith, Marsha Lyons, Larry Plawsky, Harriet Robbins-Ost, Dan Meyer, Sam Rodin, Jon Clemons, Keri Bahar

Clergy: Rabbi Crane, Cantor Roytman

Staff: Michael Kahn

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM

Bev Reinglass motioned to approve the minutes.

Elly Rousso seconded

The minutes were approved unanimously

Rabbi's Report - Rabbi Crane: Gave his De'Var Torah

Megillah readings will take place on Saturday, March 23rd at 7:30 PM and the family Megillah reading will be on Sunday, March 24th at 9 AM. The Congregational Retreat is being planned.

Has been talking to the pastor at the Winnetka Covenant Church and is developing a good relationship with him; they hope to plan a joint program for BHBE and the Church.

April 5th Littles Shabbat Program

April 20th Littles in the Big Service

May 11th Grandparents Shabbat

Introduction to Judaism class on Sunday mornings, Talmud class Wednesday evenings and Psalms class on Thursday mornings.

Evening class on modern guidance on Jewish Law and Standards on driving electric cars on Shabbat next Wednesday night, March 27th at 7:30 PM.

Cantor's Report - Cantor Roytman: Thank you for planning the Purim Carnival. Fewer B'Nai Mitzvot this year, but more in the future. Kol Zimrah event coming up soon. Kol Tiflah will be on Sunday, May 5th.

Cynthia Lerner - President's Report: Thank you to the Future of the Building Committee for their hard work: Arthur Braun, Jon Clemons, Carter Greene, Adam Goldfarb, Michael Kahn, Jessica Littmann, Jennifer Oppenheimer, Jim Stoller. Thank you to the congregation for voting 97% in favor of the building sale. Also, to those who ran the Purim Carnival (cross generational). \$10,000 was raised from Shaloch Manot and was given to The Academy. Thank you to Larry Plawsky for sending thank yous to those who donate to Shaloch Manot.

Please send a song list by 3/21/24 for the Megillah reading on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024. No board drop in on Sunday, April 7th, 2024. Would like to work with the World Zionist Organization to contribute money to the Masorti Movement.

Umbrella transition team will oversee the committees as we prepare to move. A list will be sent to the board/congregation. Will interview non-profit investment counselors to make sure we handle the money wisely. \$30 pjs for adults, \$25 for kids - fundraiser is ongoing.

ADL Kulanu Committee - Steve Levin: Bev Reinglass to discuss chapter 7 of the book on Thursday, March 21st at 7:30 PM via Zoom.

Executive Director's Report - Michael Kahn - \$200 camera broken and will be replaced. Thank you to Harold Primack for initiating the 2024 \$150K security grant. Can use \$137K for security guards and will offset costs. Verified with the State. Must be used while at our current location. Thanked Steve Levin and Bev Reinglass for organizing the ADL Kulanu group.

Treasurer's Report - Adam Goldfarb: All synagogue, academy and B'Nai Mitzvah fees will remain steady. Would like members to make donations as we make a transition. Budget being put together to project income/expenses for FY24.

We're waiting for a contract from the attorney for the building sale. Cynthia Lerner will sign it once we receive it.

Sisterhood - Greer Braun: Two fundraisers for Passover - tulips for \$13 and be picked up on April 19th. Eggs \$5 brown, \$3 white. Rummage sale will be postponed - huge amount of work and costs for security. Also, cannot share our name in the newspapers/media. Not profitable enough due to lack of attendance. (Update: Rummage sale is now on as of Friday, March 22nd, 2024 for Sunday, April 7th, 2024 and Monday, April 8th, 2024. Drop off hours for donation items are listed on the Rummage Sale flier.) Sisterhood Shabbat will be on Saturday, March 30th, 2024. Lox box is Sunday, May 19th, 2024 Sisterhood/Men's Club \$36 in-person, delivery \$40. Gift shop sale week before.

Men's Club - Steve Bucksbaum: Breakfast on Zoom on CAMERA - April 7th. April 14th is the next Rituals in Transition event. Gala raffle tickets are now available.

Vice-President's Report - Jessica Littmann: PJs are available for sale and comfortable. Need more orders for kids. Adult goal was met. Shabbat dinner being planned for Friday, April 20th before Passover - community get together. Need the bulletin board in the rotunda updated.

Membership - Shoshanna Reynolds: One new member joined. Two more to join over the next couple of months. Still making new member baskets.

Leah Buchbinder - Administration: No report

Academy - Alison Kamen: Over 107 people attended and \$1200 was made from the spaghetti dinner. Band and youth choir were a hit. It'll be planned again in 2025. Hedva is doing a great job. Big end of year celebration is coming up. BBQ being planned for the end of year. Next year is in discussion.

Ritual - Robin Smulson: No longer doing IDF prayer because it's in the prayer for Israel. Interfaith couples: The person who's not Jewish goes up to the bima with the Jewish person. The Jewish person does the prayer. We want everyone to feel they're included. Interfaith Aufruf prayer is now available.

Ways and Means - Fran Diamond: Gala page is up and running. It'll be on Sunday, June 9th, 2024.

Recording Secretary - Harris Miller: No report

Meeting ends at 8:35 PM