

BHBE Board Meeting Minutes 2025.08.27

Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM

Present: Carla Banoff, Dan Chodrow, Jon Clemons, Ken Cohen, Fran Diamond, Laurie Feinstein, Adam Goldfarb, Andrea Graham, David Greenstein, Allison Kamen, Jon Kripke, Rochelle Leff, Cynthia Lerner, Jessica Littmann, Harris Miller, Stewart Miller, David Mogul, Harriet Robbin's-OST, Fred Rosenwasser, Elly Rousso, Gail Schneiderman, Barbara Ungar

Guest Speaker: Eric Diamond

Congregants: Lia Niederberger

Clergy: Rabbi Crane

Staff: Michael Kahn

Allison Kamen motioned to approve the Minutes from 7/23/25 and the consent agenda.

Rochelle Leff seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Rabbi Crane's Report: Shabbat Seminars are successful, high holidays are incoming, changes to the high holiday services - please see consent agenda.

President's Report - Jessica Littmann: Due diligence ended on August 25th - minor issues during inspection. Negotiated a purchase credit of \$165,000 - thanks to Wayne Caplan. Working with the Building Committee on renovations of the new building. Closing is September 17th, 2025. Thank you to the committee for all your hard work! Michael Kahn recently had his review and is very involved in the building process. Soon to hear from the Architecture, Design and other committees and subcommittees after the closing, work with Michael and the Naming Committee. Email [Jessica Littmann](mailto:jessica.littmann@bhbe.org) - jessica.littmann@bhbe.org if you'd like to help.

Committees are being put together on a spreadsheet and will be emailed. Executive Board: Discussed the agenda, capital campaign, fundraising. How to run a capital campaign with the annual appeal together. The budget was discussed - will operate with less debt after rightsizing our space within the next 3 years. Please let us know in advance if you cannot attend the board meeting. Conversation with Jessica if there are 3 unexcused absences. Reminder for the lay leadership to be active in the community through a committee. Also, please remember to submit items to the consent agenda.

BHBE Rebrand Marketing Committee - Fran and Eric Diamond, [Dan Chodrow](#): Contributed around \$50,000 worth of work towards this project. Thank you! Provided a presentation on

rebranding BHBE as we transition into our new space. It's currently in discussion and will eventually go before the congregation.

The candidate names are: B'nei Hillel (The children of Hillel) (Designs: Lintel, Star, Prairie), Kehillat Hillel a more literal version of the first variation, Kol Torah (Hillel's primary "golden rule" - be a good human.) B'nei Hillel is the recommendation - honors the two parent congregations without watering down the meaning of the name, an evolution, distinctive and memorable, the values of Hillel in our community - tolerance and understanding, welcoming, love of learning, joy in practice and intention. Will revisit during the September 2025 board meeting.

David Mogul motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.

Fran Diamond seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.