

**Kehillat Beth Israel
Board of Directors
January 18, 2018
Simcha Room
Minutes**

Present:

Jay Amdur	Jane Ehrenworth Shore	Jodi Gitter
Lorne Goldstein (by phone)	Sam Levine	Betsy Rigal
Joel Sachs	Kivi Shapiro	Harvey Slack
Harland Tanner	Helen Zipes (by phone)	

Secretary:

Jonathan Meijer

Clergy Present:

Rabbi Eytan Kenter
Rabbi Deborah Zuker

Staff Present:

Rena Garshowitz Susan Grossner

Regrets:

Stuart McCarthy	Victor Rabinovitch	Jenny Roberge
Judah Silverman		

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Jane Ehrenworth Shore

D'var Torah

Rabbi Eytan Kenter

Moment of Silence

Jane Ehrenworth Shore

A moment of silence was held for the following people who have passed away since the names had been presented at a previous Board meeting:

Sima Mlynarski – mother of Rosalyn Fremeth

Edith Perry

Muriel Beilin

Abraham David Rosental – father of Myriam Hill

1.0 APPROVAL & ADOPTION ITEMS

1.1 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Jane Ehrenworth Shore

None of the members present declared any conflict of interest.

1.2 Approval of the Agenda of January 18, 2018

Jane Ehrenworth Shore

A motion was made by Harvey Slack and seconded by Betsy Rigal to approve the agenda.

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

1.3 Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Directors, Dec. 21, 2017

Jane Ehrenworth Shore

A motion was made by Jonathan Meijer and seconded by Jay Amdur to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors for the meeting held on December 21, 2017.

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

1.4 Discussion of the Consent Agenda

Rena Garshowitz

Rena presented the Consent Agenda (see **Appendix B**).

Due to the need for a teen lounge, it was suggested the Malca Pass Library be used for that purpose.

1.5 Approval of the Consent Agenda

Jane Ehrenworth Shore

(No business occurred under this agenda item.)

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Ritual Committee

Kivi Shapiro

On behalf of the committee, Kivi Shapiro moved as follows:

Be it resolved that Kehillat Beth Israel adopt the following policy:

The only Jewish ritual events that may take place on synagogue grounds are those at which it would be possible in principle for a member of the synagogue's clergy to officiate.

This policy does not require that a KBI clergy member actually officiate the event.

Some examples of Jewish ritual events that may not take place on synagogue grounds include:
A circumcision-less bris.

A wedding for a man who did not give his former wife a Get.
A wedding between a Jew and a non-Jew.
This policy does not prohibit rental of the facility for a reception associated with the above.

The motion was defeated. However, after some conversation, Jay Amdur moved to reconsider, the motion carried, and Kivi Shapiro moved to refer the main motion to the Ritual Committee, which carried.

2.2 Discussion of Membership Categories

Rena Garshowitz

Rena explained that, for the sake of simplifying administration, the number of membership lists will be reduced from 8 to 2: one for the Members, and one for the Associates. No approval by the Board is required for this change.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 Finance report – 6 month update

Sam Levine

Sam Levine presented the financial report. (Please see the December 2017 Financial Statement in **Appendix C.**)

3.2 Fiscal 2018/2019 Discussion

Sam Levine

Sam reported that the Finance and Audit committee will create a new Investment Working Group. Helen and Sam will approach congregational members with knowledge and experience with investment and wealth management.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Finance and Audit Committee – online donations update

Rena Garshowitz

Rena reported that we are days away from being able to accept donations online.

4.2 Governance Committee

Jay Amdur

A motion was made by Jay Amdur and seconded by Harvey Slack to adopt the resolution amending General Operating By-Law No. 1 (please refer to Appendix A for a full copy of the resolution as tabled).

The motion was carried.

The Governance Committee will meet again to review Operating Policy No. 7 for discussion and approval in April.

5.0 OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Cantor visit weekend

Jane Ehrenworth Shore

Half of the members of the Cantor Search Committee will be away during the visit by Cantor Ben Matis during the weekend of February 16-18, and the Committee is asking Board members to attend.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION ITEMS

(No correspondence or information items.)

7.0 EVALUATION OF THE MEETING

8.0 IN CAMERA

9.0 NEXT MEETING – February 15th, 2018 6:30 PM

10.0 ADJOURNMENT & EVALUATION

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Jonathan Meijer, Secretary

February 15, 2018

Date of approval

APPENDICES

The following appendices follow this page, in order:

- Appendix A: Resolution amending General Operating By-Law No. 1
- Appendix B: Consent Agenda for January 18, 2018
- Appendix C: December 2017 Financial Statement

Appendix A: Resolution amending General Operating By-Law No. 1

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation has revised its committee structure;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation wishes to eliminate certain committees and add others;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation wishes to make By-law No. 1 consistent with its committee structure;

BE IT RESOLVED that General Operating By-law No. 1 of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation be amended as follows:

1. Subsection 9.01, delete “and” immediately after “9.05,”; immediately after “9.06” insert “, 9.07, 9.08 and 9.10”;
2. Subsection 9.03, last sentence, insert immediately after “The 1st Vice President” the words “ or their designate who is a director approved by the Board”;
3. Subsection 9.03, line 3, immediately after “Synagogue” insert “and any other Ritual matters referred to it by the Board.”;
4. Subsection 9.04, line 1, immediately after “shall” insert “ consider and report to the Board on all matters respecting membership referred to it by the Board,” and;
5. Subsection 9.05, heading, insert “ and Audit” immediately after “Finance”;
6. Subsection 9.05, lines 1, 3, and 4, insert “ and Audit” immediately after “Finance”;
7. Insert a new Subsection 9.07 immediately after Subsection 9.06 as follows:

“Governance Committee

The Board shall appoint a Governance Committee comprised of at least three persons, at least one of whom shall be a Director. The Board shall appoint a member who is not a director as the Chair of the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee shall consider and advise the Board on matters of proper governance and develop By-law amendments, new Operating Policies, and Operating Policy amendments;”

8. Insert a new Subsection 9.08 immediately after new Subsection 9.07 as follows:

‘Strategic Planning Committee

The Board shall appoint a Strategic Planning Committee comprised of at least three directors, The Board shall appoint a director as the Chair of the Governance Committee. The Strategic Planning Committee shall develop and maintain short range, medium range, and long range strategic plans for the synagogue:”

9. Re-number Subsection 9.07 as Subsection 9.09;
10. Insert a new Subsection 9.10 immediately after Subsection 9.09 as follows:

“Working Groups

The Board may, at any time, constitute a Working Group comprised of at least three persons, at least one of whom shall be a director to further the interests of the synagogue or to study or consider a specific issue not assigned to a Committee, and develop for the Board’s consideration and approval a report on the options available and the pros and cons of each option. The Board shall appoint as the Chair of a Working Group, a member who is a director.”

11. Insert a new Subsection 9.11 immediately after new Subsection 9.10 as follows:

“Synagogue Representation

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each Annual General Meeting of Members, the Directors shall consider and pass resolutions naming from amongst their number, a person or persons to represent the interests of the Corporation at each of:

- a) Jewish Memorial Gardens, and
 - b) The Ottawa Vaad Ha’kashrut
- until the next Annual General Meeting of Members.

These amendments to General Operating By-law No. 1 of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation shall be effective from a date to be specified in the Special Resolution of the Members approving these amendments.

Certified to be a true copy of Resolution of the Board of Directors of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation passed at a meeting of the Board held on the 18th day of January, 2018.

Secretary