

**Kehillat Beth Israel
Board of Directors Meeting
March 27, 2025
Minutes**

Present:

Ralph Anzarouth
Norm Ferkin
Gillian Koh
David Lyman

Jaimee Mitzmacher
Janice Pleet
Jeremy Rudin
Olga Streltchenko

Sheldon Wiseman

Zoom:

Jeff Greenberg
Adina Libin

Arryn Mills
Victor Rabinovitch

Secretary:

Jaimee Mitzmacher

Clergy Present:

Staff Present:

Marie Levine

Regrets:

Rabbi Erin Polansky
Cantor Jason Green
Sarah Beutel

1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1.1 Call to Order and introductory remarks

Jeremy Rudin

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

All

A motion was made by Sheldon Wiseman and seconded by Olga Streltchenko to approve the agenda for March 27, 2025.

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

1.3 D'Var Torah

Jeremy Rudin

1.4 Call for Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Jeremy Rudin

None of the members present declared a conflict of interest.

1.5 Moment of Silence to Commemorate Those Congregants Who Have Passed Away Since the Last Board Meeting

Jeremy Rudin

N/A

1.6 New Members

Jeremy Rudin

Gillam Keinan

1.7 Approval of the Board minutes of February 27, 2025

Jaimee Mitzmacher

A motion was made by Jaimee Mitzmacher and seconded by Sheldon Wiseman to approve the minutes of February 27, 2025.

All were in favour. The motion was carried.

1.9 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

All

- Board would like to have further discussion on B'nei Mitzvah requirements for membership
 - o issue of discussion for ritual committee, and potentially membership committee or general governance decisions
 - o rabbi has ultimate authority on this matter
 - o Some students do not appear to be well prepared
 - o recommending a small group, including the clergy be struck to discuss halachic requirements, reporting to the ritual and membership committees and then to the board
- contract between Cater4U and KBI has been discussed but not signed
 - o continuing cost share for repairs
 - o monthly rent will be required
- fundraising plan remains an outstanding item

2. REPORTING WITH DISCUSSION BUT WITHOUT VOTE

2.1. Ritual Committee Report

R. Anzarouth

- Assists clergy in the development of ritual policy and practice and reports to the Board
- Deals with various ritual issues: holiday planning, sacred items, general ritual practices, ensure continued participation and expansion of our cadre of Gabbais, Torah and Haftarah readers and assignments
- Projects from the past year:
 - o Fundraising and acquisition of 10 new torah mantles for High Holiday Sifrei Torahs

- Acquired new Eitz Chaim Chumashim and Daily Prayer books
- Acquired new Megillahs for Purim
- Sponsored World Wide Wrap program
- Established a burial policy at the old new cemeteries
- Established a Shiva Service Leadership practice and roster
- Evaluated Lev Shalem Shabbat siddur for possible future replacement of Sim Shalom
- Composed Shul Handbook that was made available at Shabbat Services
- Upcoming topics for future meetings:
 - Length of Shabbat Service
 - Torah refurbishing – repairs of some of our Torahs
 - Verification of other Torahs and possible trade or sale of lesser used Torahs on consignment
 - Tzitzit workshop as an educational program for congregation possibly including OTT
 - Torah reading standards for Readers and Gabbaim
 - Yom Kippur Mincha Torah Reading study

2.2. Membership Committee Report

J. Greenberg

- Often receive comments, questions and concerns from members and prospective members and put them forward to the proper place to be addressed.
- Focus on the following through outreach and programs:
 - Membership Engagement: regular outreach efforts, including personalized call, to make members feel connected, hear and supported
 - Pastoral care
 - Community Programs: KBI BBQ
 - Growth in Membership: March 2024 – 505 member households; March 2025 – 532 member households
- Looking ahead: New Membership Kiddush @ KBI on May 10
- One Year KBI Membership for free to someone who just got married that is child or grandchild to a KBI member (does not need to be married at KBI or Jewish)
- Will revise the Terms of Reference for further discussion at a future meeting

2.3.Rabbi's Report

Rabbi Polansky

Report was distributed but not reported.

2.4.Review of Board Agenda for year

Jeremy Rudin

- April: Adult Education Committee Report, OKFB oversight, BLC report, Personnel Report
- May: financial update Q3, High Holiday planning, first discussion of budget, Personnel Committee Report (or June)
- June/July: OTT Committee Report , Adoption of budget, nominating committee report, BLC project progress
- September: financial update Q4, High Holiday planning

- October: nominating committee report (final), prep for AGM

3.0 REPORTING WITHOUT DISCUSSION OR VOTE

3.1 Committee reports as circulated, if any

All

Three reports were received without discussion:

- Cantor's Report
- Rabbi's Report (as noted above)

3.2 Other business raised by any Director

All

- Create a general terms of reference for all committees to know who is leading the committee and the main goals
- Discuss options how to best use the gift shop

5.0 IN CAMERA

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 PM.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1, 2025; in person if possible with Zoom option.