



TBE Board Meeting
July 2018

Present: Debi Brenner, Rina Chessin, Leslie Crane, Roberta Feldman, Gail Finkelstein, Allison Fogel, Gerald Gamm, Abraham Glazer, Irwin Goldberg, Dan Glowinsky, Bruce Green, Merle Markus, Michael Phillips, Martin Presberg, Gerald Russ, Matthew Ryen, Adam Saks, Aviva Schochat, Evan Spindelman, Martin Spokony, Jeff Stolberg, Lisa Tellem

Excused: Howard Goldberg, Daniel Goldstein, Linda Kingsley, Paulina Kovalsky, Nancy Krieger, Emily Krohn, Amy Libenson, Adrienne Markus, Sara Ressler, Jason Reynolds, Brett Shulman, Lisa Silverstein, Tammi Steinberg, Allison Warren

Staff: Rabbi Leonardo Bitran, Hazzan Randall Levin, Deborah Zeger

- Marty - Intro.
- Rabbi D'var.
 - Judaism is not about the leaders.
 - Judaism is about the tradition, the way of life.

- Minutes of last meeting
 - Motion by Lisa Tellem

- Bruce Green 2nd.
- Passed
- Welcome to Hazzan Randall Levin
 - All welcomed Hazzan.
 - Each person gave Hazzan an individual welcome.
 - Many touching comments.
- Membership Report
 - 4 New Units
 - See attached
 - Keshet identified as a feeder
 - A few resignations.
 - Deaths
 - Moving
 - Two to investigate
 - Questions - do we have a committee for membership
 - Answer - not fully functioning
 - Marty S.- comments on committees in general and focus on getting involved.
 - Comment made that we could be more forward with involving volunteers at the committee level.
 - Motion by Aviva to accept new members, 2nd by Jeff S.
 - All in favor.
- Finance - Phillips, Michael
 - Books showing surplus of 170k for year end. Marc Haas should take the credit.
 - Maybe 140 after we clean up the adjustments for year end.
 - Michael will review budget for new year as we move forward.
 - Will look for savings.
 - Revenue will be hard to find moving forward.
 - Legacy is great but we should not expect money right away on that.
 - Dan Glowinsky - thank you to Michael!
- Limmud
 - Report On parent survey.
 - 51% response.
 - Goals for upcoming years identified.

- Selection of curricula.
- Enthusiastic for work of Jody Dietz.
- Possible consultant to help with education.
- Camp feel going away.
- Sanctuary Update
 - Thank you Sarah, Leslie, Aviva, and others.
 - \$700,000.00 pledged.
 - Optimistic about more.
 - Expect 1m committed by High Holly Days.
 - Rina report
 - Company who builds the seats will likely send sample seats for High Holy Days.
 - Incredible effort by a small group of people doing fundraising.
 - Joseph Burkhart engaged as project manager.
 - Toronto architect will provide artistic support.
 - Do we have a way to vote for seats?
 - We can have some kind of vote.
 - Some discussion of spacing and book storage.
 - There will be far fewer seats and we will have options for how to situate the seats.
 - Communication is important.
 - Can we have something in the Kol? - Gerald Gamm
 - Debbie says it will be in the Kol.
 - Need poster board?
 - Link on our website?
 - If people see the energy they will contribute - Leslie Crane.
 - No b'nai mitzvah coming up in November to March so we should try to raise money to build at that time.
 - Hassan mentions that he has some thoughts on ritual function.
 - How will he share that.
 - When we have a local architect we will have more opportunity for comment.
 - Rabbi - he says that he and Hassan are very open minded about providing some comment from books relating to sacred space.

- Ease of access is an important factor.
 - Agree that more input to come.
 - Need to consider subcommittees.
 - Phillips, Michael - old chair sale fundraiser.
 - Some discussion about names on seats
 - Consider decision by committee
 - Abe says it is nice to see the dedications.
 - Is mentioned that name plates have some controversy.
 - Suggested to randomize the location of the seat naming.
 - Should not be un-welcoming.
 - Should be clear that the nameplate is nothing to do with ownership.
- Presidents report
 - Debi Brenner talked about how we can participate in a legacy gift
 - Other organizations participating were mentioned.
 - We have almost 25 participants.
- Golf Tournament
 - Evans Spindelman gave a report.
 - Golf tournament is the second annual joint golf tournament with Beth David
 - Good start last year.
 - Seeking attendance.
 - This is a unique tournament because it is the only temple golf tournament in the area and we need to seize the opportunity.
 - Encourages to come to the dinner even if you don't want to golf.
- Farash grant request
 - Rev. religious school grant opportunities available.
 - Professional development and experiential learning is a focus.
 - Collaborating with other synagogues.
- Good and welfare
 - Ramah has been great.
 - Thoughts with Josh Reynolds on his loss.
 - Looking forward to new Hassan being here for first high holidays.
 - The teen tent at the High Holy Days was mentioned.

- There will also be a young professionals tent as well.
- We are looking forward to engaging teens.
- Selchoat on the Horizon.
- We should find engaging tunes at high holidays.
- Bobby Feldman
 - Daly minion evening minion could use participants. The service is at 6 o'clock and is a 20 minute service
- Abe Glazer
 - Temple Bethel members cleaned up at Federation meeting. All good things.
- Gerald Gamm
 - Beth El is participating in same gender marriage Roc Out.
 - Shabbat services will include a group who will walk to the gay pride parade after services.