

Temple Israel of Northern Westchester  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2017

**Call to Order:** At 7:35 p.m., Glen Wolland called the meeting to order. The names of those in attendance are included by reference within the list of attendees.

**D'var Torah:** Robin Safarowic delivered the D'var Torah on behalf of Rabbi Wendy Pein.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

**Recap Congregational Meeting:** The budget passed. We have a \$40K plus surplus. The bylaw change passed. There conversation during the meeting both for and against the bylaw amendment was excellent.

**Good and Welfare**

**Mazel Toy:** Beth and Mark Deckert on the birth of their grandson, Zachary; Howard and Suzan Rich, on the marriage of their son Jordon to Samantha Tepper; Michael and June Metz, on the marriage of their daughter Alanna to Jordan Leff; Michael and Lori DePaolo, on the marriage of their daughter Sarah to David Bernstein and on the ordination of Sarah as a rabbi; Glen and Lisa Wolland on the upcoming Bat Mitzvah of Evie and on Oliver's recent confirmation; and Evan and Debbie Janush on Haley's Bat Mitzvah and on Emily's recent confirmation.

**Deaths:** Howard Rosenthal, brother of Marilyn Rosenberg; Rosalind Morrissey, wife of Gene Morrissey; Anita Jacobson, mother of Beth Deckert; Barbara Tawil, mother of Michael Tawil; Joel Olener, father of David Olener.

**Refuah Shleimah:** Arnie Feist

**Welcome to the board/review packets:** Glen discussed the obligations of board members, generally, including that we should show up to services and, more specifically, that board members should be present at services where important honors are bestowed.

**Goals for 2017/2018 discussion:** This was tabled until next month's meeting. Each board member is to come to the next meeting with one or two goals for this year's board to accomplish, with a plan to execute the goal.

**Biennial 2017:** The Biennial will take place in Boston on December 6-10. We are seeking volunteers from our board to attend this important event. More information can be found on the web at: <http://www.cvent.com/events/2017-urj-north-american-biennial/event-summary-787082dfce8940c9a72f2246c5208ab9.aspx>

**Administrator Report:** Robin delivered the report. Roberta and Robin just attended a meeting on social media marketing. Technology upgrades are underway. All temple emails are now in the following email format: [names@TINW.org](mailto:names@TINW.org). We have migrated to MS Office 365. We are going live next week with all of our files on a cloud-based server. We are moving forward with great technology. Last, we are moving forward with an equipment purchase to enable us to stream our services.

**Rabbi's Report:** The service that our Cantor put together was so uplifting and made Rabbi Jaech appreciate Cantor's talent even more. The Croton Clergy group is changing composition because two members are leaving their congregations. Rabbi attended a meeting at Woodlands Community Temple on the sanctuary movement to help people in danger of being deported. Rabbi is going to continue with this work. There are a number of ways to get involved in this movement. Rabbi highlighted a positive aspect she has seen in the board concerning the fact that, in the past, it was difficult to get members to give gifts on the bimah. However, this had changed for the better in a very significant way. In closing, Rabbi expressed that she has never been happier professionally than she is now. Rabbi praised her colleagues and our Temple's leadership.

**Cantor's Report:** Cantor discussed Visual Tefilah – where the prayers of the liturgy are projected on the screens. This is newer in synagogues. There are URJ templates for services that are available for us to try a visual service. Cantor discussed the wonderful fundraiser for Eddie as well as the successful Brotherhood Shabbat, beautiful confirmation service, and the Broadway Shabbat. Cantor paid respect and expressed his appreciation for Eddie, Sari, our band, our choirs, and Rabbi Jaech, and all that they bring to our services. Over the summer, Cantor will be looking into updating the Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparatory class, as well as setting the music calendar and revisiting the multi-generational printouts for the high holidays.

**President's Report:** Glen began his comments by paying homage to the Broadway Service. Glen announced that we have one new/returning member, Wendy Wolner. A motion was made to accept Wendy Wolner, which was seconded and all were in favor. Bob is living in the apartment downstairs. We are improving the state of the apartment downstairs with the help of Bob and Ruben. We confirmed that we do not have any Certificate of Occupancy issues or insurance issues to be concerned about. We have our suvey recap meeting on Monday at TINW and we will disseminate information to the board in the future. Bob Meyer and Terry Kardos volunteered to lead the nature trail construction in Yorktown. This work will commence in the summer. Jon Fein spoke about leadership development at the congregational meeting and he volunteered to establish a group that would help develop future leaders. Amy Hersh volunteered to assist with our fundraising efforts. We raised about \$23K from "A Very Pleasant Evening". Last, Glen addressed the refugee banner and raised feedback from one member who felt that the banner is a political statement. Glen will speak with the member.

**Adjournment:** Evan moved to adjourn, which was seconded and all were in favor.