

**Annual Meeting Agenda**  
**August 18, 2020**  
**7:30 pm**

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Welcome Remarks.....Jay Gordman

Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting 2019.....Jay Gordman

Treasurer’s Report.....Miriam Gottlieb

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members.....Jay Gordman

Nomination/Election of 2020-2021 Board..... Jim Zipursky,  
Nominating Committee Chair

Remarks and Installation Ceremony.....Rabbi Steven Abraham  
Hazzan Michael Krausman

Remarks, President.....Ari Riekas

Introduction of New Members of the Congregation.....Allison Newfeld

Awards Presentations.....Jay Gordman

Closing Remarks.....Rabbi Steven Abraham

Adjourn

## **Board of Trustees Minutes| June 7, 2019 | 5:00 pm**

The Annual Meeting of Beth El Synagogue members was held on Friday, June 7, 2019 5:00 pm. Jay Gordman is the current president Approximately 150 were in attendance  
Welcome Remarks - Jay Gordman: Welcomed everyone and expressed appreciation for staff. Ben Shapiro cooked and prepared the meal for the meeting. Allison Newfeld, Becky Kahn, Halle Shulman (Clark), and Robby Erlich planned the event and created the brochure. Flora Lewis helped coordinate the kitchen and worked hard helping us find a crew in Chef Cedric's absence. Thanked congregation for support and being here for this special award ceremony. Congratulations to Amy Dworin on USY's award, Chapter of the Year. This is the first time in 18 BILU has won this award! Linda Saltzman is recognized for her work during the government shut down, raising funds for those out of work.

We have had many reasons to celebrate and get together throughout the year. We had over 100 people attend the last day of school, there is a Men's Club revival, Torah Study has consistent strong attendance, and we truly came together as a community for the Pittsburg Memorial in the fall. This meeting encapsulates and culminates this year.  
Approval of minutes: Motion Ari Kohen, seconded by Gary D. Epstein. Motion passed.  
Treasure's Report – Joel Rich: Referred to the resources in the Annual Meeting Report. Expressed that Beth El is in a unique position with the endowments. Allison Newfeld, Executive Director, has been monitoring funds and has stayed on track for spending. Allison has evaluated current contracts to make sure they are cost effective and the best use of funds. With the help of Life and Legacy, these endowments and funds will help continue our tradition.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members – Jay Gordman:

Thanked outgoing Board members; Cheryl Lerner for her positive attitude, Amy Nachman for her drive, and Joel Rich for stepping up as Interim Treasure in Bob Yaffe's resignation. Jay expressed special thanks to Jim Zipursky and the nominating committee finding new members to engage.

Nomination/Election of 2019-2020 Board Members- Jim Zipursky and nominating committee:

Committee non board members; Phil Wayne, Jody Malashock, Abby Kutler, Dan Murrow

Committee Board Members; Susan Witkowski, Bob Belgrade, Ari Kohen, Ari Riekes and Jim Zipursky.

Pleased to bring on new board members Stan Edelstein for his second time serving on board and Andy Isaacson's first term. We recognized these members for their outstanding work and commitment to Beth El.

Remarks and Installation Ceremony – Rabbi Steven Abraham and Hazzan Krausman invited the board members up for formal installation and blessings. Recognized this group of people for their dedication to this community.

Rabbi Steven Abraham: Expressed that there are not Synagogues like ours. What we have at Beth El is unique. This can be accredited to the caring community that built the foundation before us. Special mention and honor to Harold “Bae” Epstein and the entire family continued support and mazel to his Birthday and their growing family expecting their 13<sup>th</sup> grandchild.

Remarks, Introduction of New Members of the Congregation,

New Members:

- Brad & Marissa Abramson, Dayton and Austin
- Ryan Downey & Rebecca Aron and Ella
- Steven Barbier
- David Beckman & Jennie Gates Beckman , Sadie and Walter
- Jonathan & Lynn Beha ,Walden and Albert
- Alex Clark & Sarah Beringer, and Aryeh
- Liatte Dotan
- Robby & Andrea Erlich, Jonah
- Leon Jesser & Sally Feidman
- Elon Granader
- Caleb Monico & Sarah Hoberman , and Isabel
- Becky Kahn
- Dan & Charity M u r o w
- Georgianne Oman
- Adam & Marisa Rosen , and Levi
- Lenore Ross
- Joshua & Jenna Sager , Kinnick and Sophia
- B J Burke & Jamie Skog - Burke
- Barry Summer
- Renee Zacharia , Sidney and Evelyn
- John & Diane Zipay

Award Presentations:

MARGIE GUTNIK- PRESIDENT’S AWARD TO A NON-BOARD MEMBER For her institutional knowledge and long-standing commitment to Beth El. She is an invaluable asset from programming to admin work, Margie continues to be a presence at Beth El.

ARI KOHEN- EARL SIEGEL AWARD TO A BOARD MEMBER

Has a presence in Shabbat, festivals, and overall the greater Jewish Community. He has been Religious Life chair for the past 3 years and will enhance our services with Six String Shabbat.

GARY D. EPSTEIN- SELWYN ROFFMAN AWARD FOR RELIGIOUS GROWTH

For his participation and attendance daily at minyan.

JOEL RICH- LARRY DEBRUIN SERVICE TO THE SYNAGOGUE AWARD

Recognized for undertaking position of Interim Treasurer and campaigns for the Cantor's Concert.

Eadie Tsabari then awarded the 2019 Teen award recipients. She also remarked that Kamp Kef came to a close with over 40 kids involved. Expressed excitement for the upcoming 22 teens that we anticipate being very active in BESTT and USY.

ETHAN FINKELSTEIN- SETH RICH "WOODIE" EMERGING LEADER AWARD

SOPHIA MAVROPOULOS, BRITTNEY CLIGNETT & JULIA WEILL - JACK MOLAD RUACH AWARD

TRISTAN NEWMAN- JOE GINSBERG MENSCH AWARD

HANNAH STEIN- HELEN AND JOE FISHEL MEMORIAL AWARD

LAUREN KIRK-A.B. AND FREEDA GENDLER AWARD

Closing Remarks – Jay Gordman: In closing it takes a big community to make this all happen. Jay thanked everyone for their involvement and is looking forward to another great year!