

**BETH EL CONGREGATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

The following appear at Beth El: Audrey Wolff, President; Eileen Bloom, Financial Vice President; Kim Mertens, Education Vice President; Herb Dreis-
eszun, Facilities Vice President;; Barry Becker, Treasurer; Charleen Holt,
Secretar; Alana Berrett, Ari Hoffman, Brad Ostrow, Bill Tuttle, Jose Tafla,
Gail Ulan, Danny Witenstein

Staff present: Rabbi Stein Kokin, Alicia Moskowitz, Executive Director ;
Susan Finks, Interim Talmud Torah Director; Joanie Charnmow, Preschool
Director

Board members absent: Sara Zilversmit

6:36 pm Audrey calls the meeting to order.

(Let the record reflect that Rabbi Stein Kokin, Ari Hoffman and Susan Finks
share their time with the musical rehearsal for the Shabbat dinner this Fri-
day.)

The members of the Board share their thoughts on the High Holiday ser-
vices. Audrey states this is the D'Var Torah for today.

RITUAL:

The new Lev Shalom Siddur will be launched on Shabbat, October 28, 2023,
informs Audrey. Please try to attend the daily minyan. Cantorial Soloist
Jesse Grossman will return in late October.

FINANCIAL:

Alicia reports we currently have \$265,136 in the operating account;
\$511,680 in the security account; and payables in the amount of \$4,642. It

is suggested that we transfer some of the money in the security account to an account that will earn interest. Herb will check into this.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Alicia states there will be a spring fundraiser on Sunday, April 7, at 4:00 pm honoring Nanci Siegel Manson, who recently retired as the Talmud Torah Director, and all our educators.

We would like to sell photographs in the lobby from the Days of Awe. A link will be provided to Bill to contact each photographer to get permission to sell the picture and make sure it is not copywrited, Bill volunteered to be in charge of this event.

Alicia attended the security grant training last week. Money will be used to replace the exit doors in the Pavillion and Talmud Torah area. Cameras will be installed by the Talmud Torah and Preschool doors and bollards will be placed by the main doors into the building.

Alicia advises the board of the staffing positions and needs for additional personnel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Audrey would like to have an in-person only Board meeting Sunday morning, November 19, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am to discuss only two items: staffing and dues for the coming fiscal year.

FACILITIES:

Herb reports that the air conditioning continues to be a problem. Service calls are made almost weekly. The property taxes have increased; last year was \$20,000 and this year they are \$24,000 which covers everything. He is checking into a new insurance company.

SOCIAL ACTION:

The Kol Nidre food drive filled four bins plus the blue bin in the lobby. The food is donated to Nourish, which helps the working poor.

Eileen says the Torah Fund Tea is set for November 2 at the Spicery in Glendale.

Eileen also has 20 tickets for the June 30 production of Fiddler on the Roof at the Phoenix Theater.

Other community engagement activities and adult education are as stated on the agenda.

MINUTES

Eileen moves and Brad seconds to approve the minutes as presented. There is one abstain from Alana; the motion is passed.

Good and welfare.

8:02 pm Herb leaves the meeting.

Bill reports that the Sukkah is about 90 percent completed.

8:05 pm The meeting is adjourned.

The Board wishes Audrey a very Happy Birthday with song and cake.

Respectfully submitted,
Charleen Holt
Secretary
Beth El Board of Directors