

**BETH EL CONGREGATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023**

The following appear at Beth El: Audrey Wolff, President; Eileen Bloom, Financial Vice President; Herb Dreiseszun, Facilities Vice President; Charleen Holt, Secretary; Barry Becker, Treasurer; Alana Berrett, Ari Hoffman

Staff present: Rabbi Stein Kokin, Joanie Charnow, Preschool Director

Board present via Zoom: Kim Mertens, Education Vice President; Jose Tafla, Gail Ulan

Board members absent: David Goldfarb, Brad Ostrow, Bill Tuttle, Danny Witenstein, Sara Zilversmit

Staff absent: Alicia Moskowitz, Executive Director; Nanci Siegel Manson, Talmud Torah Director

6:43 p.m. Audrey calls the meeting to order. The board and staff wish Rabbi Stein Kokin a very happy birthday.

**PRESCHOOL:**

Joanie is allowed to present her report out of order and provides an update on the playground. The preschool will receive a stabilization grant in the amount of \$100,000 by next week. Another grant for infrastructure in the amount of \$125,000 will be used for updating the playground. Joanie shares pictures of the playground.

7:02 p.m. Joanie is excused and leaves the meeting.

**RITUAL:**

Audrey reminds everyone to join minyan whenever possible.

7:03 p.m. Ari is present.

On Sunday, July 30, at 9:30 a.m. is the Ritual Committee Meeting at the Rabbi's home.

Rabbi Stein Kokin reports that Rabbi Tracy Rosen has been selected as the new Rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom in Chandler.

Rabbi further states the schedule of services for Tisha B'Av.

David Rosen is training new leaders for afternoon and evening minyan

#### **FINANCIAL:**

**Barry** reports that there is currently \$208,304 in the Operating Account; \$507,286 in the security fund, \$9,287.16 in payables, and over \$11,000 in treasury bills.

Alicia says the High Holiday appeal letters will be going out next week.

#### **FACILITIES:**

Eileen provides an update on the flooring in the Social Hall. The carpet squares and asbestos has all been removed. The base boards have been taken off and the walls will be smoothed out before new base boards go on. Monday, July 31 begins the carpet installation which should take three to four days.

Herb states that a new phone system is in and operational. There is an insurance inspection today.

Herb has a man coming this Friday to see about the preschool doors.

Rabbi Stein Kokin adds that she is still catching up from her vacation and then we all will get into the High Holidays. Rabbi is now the secretary of the Board of Rabbis.

**SOCIAL ACTION:**

Alicia reports for Sara that the back to school supply drive is on Sunday August 20.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Ari reports that their next event is on Sunday, August 20 from 3:30 to 5:30, Snacks and adult beverages will be provided; everyone is welcome to join.

On August 17 there will be chamber music to enjoy in the chapel.

There is a Days of Awe photo display being led by Risa Mallin. They are looking for photographs of anything that makes you think or say awe.

**EDUCATION:**

Hebrew school director update: Gail provides an update on the search for a replacement for the Talmud Torah Director. The committee has located a possible interim person for the position.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

Fall classes include Introduction to Judaism, Valley Beit Midrash, Hebrew 101, and the Be-er Cafe.

Upcoming programs are as stated on the agenda.

The last Sunday in August there will be a speaker regarding Islam at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Barry Becker. Light snacks will be provided.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

There are still sound issues on Shabbat morning.

7:54 p.m. Herb leaves the meeting.

A discussion ensues on the Bikkur Cholim Committee.

Eileen moves and Barry seconds to approve the minutes from the last Board meeting; The motion is passed unanimously.

Good and welfare.

8:08 p.m. The meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charleen Holt  
Secretary  
Beth El Board of Directors