



Congregation Beth Israel
162nd Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 27 2020
18 Iyar 5780

Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana | Cantor Ida Rae Cahana | Rabbi Rachel L. Joseph Rabbi Emanuel Rose z"l, *Emeritus* | Cantor Judith B. Schiff, *Emerita*

162nd Annual Meeting Agenda

- ▶ Opening Prayer.....Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana
- ▶ Welcome.....Glen Levy
- ▶ Approval of Minutes from the 161st Annual Meeting.....Glen Levy
- ▶ State of the Congregation Report.....Josh Kashinsky
- ▶ Honoring Retiring Trustees.....Glen Levy
 - ▶ Kathleen Doctor, Stacy Friedman, Robin McCoy, and David Sarasohn
- ▶ Nominating Committee Report.....Glen Levy
- ▶ New Nominees for 2 Year Term 2020 – 2022
 - ▶ Sarah Pitman, Meryl Haber, Sandy Lewis, and Shoshanna Lansberg
- ▶ Trustees Nominated for Re-election for a 2 Year Term 2020 – 2022
 - ▶ Bonnie Davis, Naomi Derner, David Goldwyn, and Bill June
- ▶ Trustees Continuing Their 2 Year Terms
 - ▶ Jeff Capen, Eric Flamm, Janet Hoffman, Dan Hurwitz, Glen Levy, Christie Moore, Sally Rosenfeld, Libby Schwartz, and Tony Urdes
- ▶ Election of Trustees.....Glen Levy
- ▶ Looking to the Future.....Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana
- ▶ Questions..... Josh Kashinsky
- ▶ Adjournment of 162nd Annual Meeting.....Glen Levy

Opening Prayer



Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana, Senior Rabbi

Welcome



Josh Kashinsky, Executive Director (*left*) and Glen Levy, outgoing President (*right*)

Approval of 161st Annual Meeting Minutes

President Glen Levy called the annual meeting of Congregation Beth Israel to order at 5:10 pm. Over 20 membership units were present, meeting the required quorum of 10 membership units.

Rabbi Cahana provided a D'Var. In Gematria, 161 can be interpreted as to envelop or surround and biblically has a negative connotation as in "misfortunes envelop me" from Psalm 40. But the psalm continues, "O favor me, Lord, and save me." We currently are living in a time when it is easy to feel engulfed or surrounded. But the Psalm reminds us that we can respond to hatred not by more hatred, but rather by calling out to Gd. Indeed this has occurred as leaders and congregations of all religions have responded to some of the acts of hate that have occurred. In approaching year 5780 may we all be wrapped and surrounded by our loving community and may our leaders help to create a community of safety and support.

Upon a motion made and seconded, the minutes from the 160th annual meeting of May 12, 2018 were approved unanimously as written.

Glen Levy summarized some of the highlights of the past year for the congregation and answered questions from the members.

Eric Flamm, president of the Brotherhood, provided the members with a summary of the Brotherhood's activities and future events.

Glen Levy noted that the president of the Sisterhood was unable to attend but has provided a report of the year's activities for the members.

Glen Levy described the contributions of, and honored, the 3 trustees whose terms have expired - Joanne VanNess Menashe, Ted Nelson, and Mark Peterman.

Glen Levy advised the members that the Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of trustees for two year terms, 2019-2021:

New to the Board: Eric Flamm, Dan Hurwitz, Christie Moore, and Libby Schwartz

For re-election to the Board: Jeff Capen, Janet Hoffman, Glen Levy, Sally Rosenfeld, and Tony Urdes

Upon a motion made and seconded to approve the above slate for election to the Board of Trustees, the motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Peterman
Secretary



State of the Congregation

➔ In Slides to Follow

Financial Highlights

- ▶ Fiscal Year End 6/30/19 resulted in an increase of net assets of \$302,965. \$56,359 of this was an operational budget surplus.
- ▶ At March 1, 2020, we were projecting meeting or slightly exceeding our FY20 operational budget. As of today, we still anticipate coming close to breaking even for FY20 operations.
- ▶ On April 16, 2020 we received a PPP loan for \$251,200. We expect the majority of this loan to convert to a grant at 6/30/20 and result in a surplus for FY20.
- ▶ We are anticipating next year's budget will have significant reductions in membership, tuition, and fundraising revenue.

Membership

This year we had 61 families join the congregation, bringing our membership to 868 family units.

38 new families had children. Most new member children were 6 or 7 years old.

The fastest growing demographic are families with adults in their mid 30's to mid 40's with children.

26 new members are age 65 or older.



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*Of blessed memory

Mini Mensch

Of the 23 students in the Pre-K classroom, 9 started their connect to us through Mini Mensch.

6 families who joined in the last year started their connection to us through Mini Mensch.

An average of 8 families attended in-person Tot Shabbats.

Since going online, the pre-recorded Tot Shabbats have had an average of 50 views.



Education

Religious School had 323 students enrolled this year.

The first day of virtual religious school had 286 students attend, more than an average day of Religious School.

Average attendance went from 82% to 76% once Religious School went online.

Since going online, Mishpacha Minyan has had 60-70 families participate on average.

44 teens went on our out of state trips this year, 9 were not enrolled in Religious School.

PARTY opened Leadership Council as an entryway to teen leadership; all members ran for a position for the 2020-2021 year.

Dor Chadash had an average of 15 students per event.



Development

518 families gave tributes this year.

58 families participated in Every Family Initiative (EFI).

Taste of Temple raised \$185,000.

361 people attended Taste of Temple.

59 donors gave \$132,500 in Taste of Temple sponsorship.

We have 145 Legacy Circle members.



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Adult Education

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici participated in a Q & A.

Architect Henry Kunowski and architectural historian Thomas Hubka presented on the Art of Wooden Synagogues in Poland.

A conversation and book signing by investigative reporter and author of "Race Against Time," by Jerry Mitchel was held.

They also engaged in and plan to continue to engage in discussions around prophets of both Judaism and other religions.

Ron Silver presented on the influence of Jewish Prophets on the Leaders of the Civil Rights Movement.

Several programs including the Spring 2021 trip to Warsaw, Krakow, Berlin, and Prague were put on hold.



Social Action

Social Action Tribute Fund Allocations	
Food Fund	
Operation Nightwatch	\$ 3,000
Lift Urban Portland	\$ 1,500
Portland Backpack Project	\$ 1,000
Stone Soup PDX	\$ 1,000
Urban Gleaners	\$ 3,000
Lift Urban Portland Community Christmas Dinner	\$ 2,000
Social Action General Tribute Fund	
Partners for Hunger Free Oregon	\$ 5,000
CODA (Substance Abuse Treatment)	\$ 1,000
HIAS	\$ 7,500
High Holidays Funds for Food	
Lift Urban Portland Food Pantry	\$ 7,800
Sunshine Pantry	\$ 7,800

CBI joined the URJ's Brit Olam initiative and committed to focusing on immigration justice, gun violence prevention, and reproductive health and rights.

We continued to support NW Towers and Annex through homework club, Sunday food pantry, holiday meals, and donations. Homework club saw an increase in both students and volunteers this year.

CBI was a co-sponsor and host of Lift UP Community Christmas Dinner with 200+ volunteers and ~550 guests.

In response to COVID-19, Mitzvah Day was lengthened to become ongoing initiatives. The culminating day had 115 participants.



Physically Distant & Emotionally Close

Our weekly programs expanded to include Talmud Tuesday, Havdalah, clergy office hours, and virtual religious school.

An average of 255 families attend virtual Shabbat Services through the website.

New programmatic offerings have included cooking with Cantor, a community Seder, and Taste of Tradition classes.

Life-cycle events have shifted online to include virtual B'nei Mitzvah and funerals.

More than 3/4 of the congregation received wellness check-ins.

Torah Study has had an average of 15-20 attendees each week.



Honoring Retiring Trustees

- ▶ Kathleen Doctor
- ▶ Stacy Friedman
- ▶ Robin McCoy
- ▶ David Sarasohn



Election of 2020–2021 Trustees

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President Elect



Tony Urdes

Past Presidents of CBI

Glen Levy: 2018-2020

Theodore Nelson: 2016-2018

Ned Duhnkrack: 2014-2016

Stuart Chestler: 2012-2014

Jill Rubinstein: 2010-2012

Michael Simon: 2008-2010

Roger Cone: 2006-2008

Craig Hartzman: 2004-2006

Rhonda Kennedy: 2002-2004

John Rosenthal: 2000-2002

Jim Richman: 1998-2000

Jeff Wolfstone: 1996-1998

Rose Rustin: 1994-1996

Ken Lewis: 1992-1994

David Lipman: 1990-1992

Jerry Sadis: 1988-1990

Irvin Layton: 1987-1988

Dick Maizels: 1985-1987

Bob Mesher: 1983-1985

Bernadine Brenner: 1981-1983

Lloyd Rosenfeld: 1979-1981

Philip Feldman: 1977-1979

Stanley Loeb: 1975-1977

Thomas George: 1973-1975

Henry Blauer: 1971-1973

Philip Reiter: 1969-1971

Abe Vidgoff: 1967-1969

Stuart Durkheimer: 1964-1966

Norman Savinar: 1962-1964

Leland Lowenson: 1960-1962

Harry Gevurtz: 1958-1960

George Friede: 1956-1958

David Robinson: 1954-1955

Monte Bettman: 1951-1953

Frank Fink: 1949-1950

Mason Ehrman: 1944-1948

Samuel Weinstein: 1941-1944

Sylvan Durkheimer: 1938-1941

Milton Markewitz: 1937-1938

Otto Kraemer: 1935-1937

Julius Meier: 1933-1935

Joseph Shemanski: 1931-1933

Chase Berg: 1929-1930

Henry Ottenheimer: 1926-1928

Max Hirsch: 1924-1926

Adolph Wolfe: 1917-1923 (1902-1907)

Sigmund Sichel: 1907-1917

Solomon Hirsch: 1900-1901

Simon Blumauer: 1881-1899 (1868-1872)

Phillip Selling: 1869-1870

CH Friendly: 1864

Jacob Mayer: 1863

Hery Bloch: 1860

Leopold Mayer: 1858-1860

Looking to the Future



Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana, Senior Rabbi

Questions

- ▶ Please leave questions to be answered by the Synagogue Leadership in the Zoom chat box.





Thank you

Please direct follow-up questions
to Shoshanna@bethisrael-pdx.org