

**EMANUEL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**1-17-23**

**Attendees:** Andrea Goldenberg, Hilda Slivka, Laura Bomzer, Fern Cohen, Tammi Kraushaar, Sheila Silverman, Melvin Simon, Ken Simon, Michael Kamins, Jeff Adler, Fred Spaeth, Meyer Frankel, Rona Gollob, Jeffrey Cohen, Marc Resnick, William Glucksman, Reesa Olins, Deb Goldberg, Emily Levovitz-Miller, Michalee Merritt, Tamar Margolis, Ken Malley, Mark Jacobson, Mickey Libbins, Kobi Benita

meeting called to order at 7:36pm

motion to approve minutes from December 2022 BOT meeting passes with one abstention

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Kobi Benita

**NEW MEMBERS**

Norberto Lemcoff

Jeannie Armstrong

*motion to accept new members passes unanimously*

**MAZAL TOV TO...**

Tammi Kraushaar on the birth of her grandson, Stephen Vitez Sanady III, son of Ashley and Stephen Sanaday.

Beth Goldberg & Gerry and Karen Goldberg on the birth of their great-granddaughter and granddaughter, Shira Batya Goldberg, daughter of Tova and Josh Goldberg

**NEHAMAS**

Howard Caplan—brother of Joyce (Mickey) Libbin

Lois Labendz—mother of Barbara Fink (Jonathan); grandmother of Hannah and Mason Fink

Joy Platt—sister of Faith Helene

Barry Siegal--husband of Judy Siegal; brother of Mark (Ronna) Siegal; brother-in-law of Lois Siegal

Sarah L. Small—mother of Rabbi David Small (Debbie Chameides); grandmother of Gabrielle Small (Eyal Salomon), Sharone Small and Ilan Small

William Zeldis

**CEMETERY** Meyer Frankel

Several remaining cemetery issues to continue to discuss and vote on with BOT, including increasing price of plots and interment fee, allowing for prepayment of interment, as well as length of membership for membership price on cost of plots and interment. Looking to allow for prepayment of interment so that all costs are covered prior to death, relieving some burden on family members. Also looking to increase to 35% of plot fee to go to cemetery fund. Discussion

about interment fee, and whether or not that entire amount should go into a separate fund; Meyer wants to bring back to Cemetery Committee to discuss.

**MOTION: Increase the cost of burial and interment rights as follows: for members, \$2,500 for a plot rights and \$2,500 for interment. For non members \$5,000 for plot rights and \$5,000 for interment. Price increases will be effective October 1, 2023. It is also moved that 35% of all plot revenues will be transferred to cemetery perpetual fund as compared with 25% today.**

*motion passes with one abstention*

Motions about prepayment of interment fees as well as length of membership required for member rates (which also talked about interment fees) tabled until topics brought back to cemetery committee for discussion about where collected interment fees will be deposited.

**MOTION: The Cemetery Committee will review and update their rules and regulations and bring to the BOT for approval.**

*motion passes with one abstention*

**SOFER ON SITE** Tamar Margolis, Reesa Olins, and Kobi Benita

Ritual Committee wants to bring Sofer on Site to Synagogue inspect our 20 torah scrolls for condition and kosher. Our scrolls have not been inspected in more than 15 years, and we do not know when was the last time the Beth Hillel scrolls were inspected. They charge \$5000/day to appraise and evaluate the condition of the scrolls, plus expenses for travel, lodging, and meals. Summerwood has offered to house and provide some meals. Need two days at Synagogue to complete task. A Committee chaired by Tamar Margolis and Randi Fierberg has been appointed. The current Torah Repair Fund, due to recent donations currently has \$29,000 in it to put towards this task. Further monies will be needed for any repairs necessary. Plan is start fundraising around Simchat Torah. Sofer on Site is coming to the Synagogue February 1. They are also going to Beth El for one day.

**MOTION: Authorize expenditure from Torah Repair Fund, not to exceed \$11,000, to Sofer on Site for appraisal and evaluation of Torah scrolls**

*motion passes unanimously*

**ISRAEL 75** Ken Malley & Mel Simon

Several synagogue events have been planned to celebrate Israel's 75th.

April 23: Brotherhood Breakfast: Talks about Israel Bike Ride with Ken and Mel Simon  
as well                      Trips to Israel with Jeff Rudolph and Don Miller

April 26: Kickoff event with Israeli food and dancing

April 30: Bike Ride from JCC, chaired by Rona Gollob and Mel Simon

May 5-7: Shabbat weekend; Guest speaker Gideon Weiss on Sunday.

Cantor's Concert, *Joyful Noise*, May 21, chaired by Ken Simon

Volunteer recruitment for various events will be chaired by Sheila Silverman and Michalee Merritt.

Fundraising goal in budget is \$92,000, and budget expenses for events is expect to run \$35,000, but hope is to raise closer to \$125,000.

**HOUSE ISSUES** Howard Smith

Children's Museum interested in purchasing a generator for the building to protect animals and medications house at the Synagogue in the event of a power failure. They have approached us about sharing the costs. We currently have no active alarm system in the event of a power failure, as well as a lack of emergency lights, night lights, fire alarm, working phone system or emergency PA system. 2023 FEMA grant appears to allow monies for emergency generator for security purposes. Expected cost of generator and installation would be \$150,000 - \$200,000. Easiest installation would cover the entire building, rather than "cherry picking" coverage. Installation site would be at back of building, outside boiler room, with a gated enclosure around it. Discussion and further investigation is ongoing.

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adjourn to Executive Session at 9:05pm

