

**Emanuel Board of Trustees
Minutes
October 18, 2022**

Attendance: Michael Kamins, Fern Cohen, Mickey Libbin, William Glucksman, Charlotte Bower, Jeff Adler, Ken Simon, Sheryl Levin, Hannah Zwiebel, Jeff Cohen, Michalee Merritt, Reesa Olins, Kobi Benita, Howard Smith, Meredith Smith, Mel Simon, Rabbi Small, Ken Malley, Rona Gollob, Jackie Isaacson, Lisa Levy, Sheila Silverman, Hilda Slivka

Meeting called to order at 7:36 PM by President Ken Simon

We will review and vote on September 2022 Board Meeting Minutes next month.

Recap of our holidays—Ken Simon

We had positive feedback about our holidays over the past month. Beautiful singing and services

Numbers: Rosh Hashana 1st day 470 people checked in at door and 185 devices on live stream

Rosh Hashana 2nd day 307 people checked in at door

Kol Nidre 350 people checked in at door. Yom Kippur 540 people checked in and 215 on devices. That is close to 1000 people viewing Yom Kippur.

Our thanks to: Moshe Pinchover who oversaw everything, Barbara Fink who organized services for our kids, Kobi Benita for stepping in and taking over security, Jeff Cohen and Ken Malley for putting together our team of greeters and ushers, the office staff, Jeff Adler for organizing the team of readers for the services, Howard Smith did an excellent job making sure our building functioned well. Rabbi feels we felt strong as a congregation and had an uplifting environment. And thank you Ken Simon for excellent leadership and work that allows our services to be online.

House Reports-- Ken Simon

Tom Mastronarde's report showed we saved \$ 28,000 by using solar energy last year.

We received a \$148,000 grant from FEMA for continuing to upgrade our security. Thank you to The House Committee and Howard Smith, Tom Mastronarde, Kobi Benita and Joyce Hyde.

Executive Director Report—Kobi Benita

MAZAL TOV TO:

Steven and Ruth Graff on the marriage of their daughter, Alanna, to Nicholas Markos

Jackie Isaacson and Lou Blumenfeld on the marriage of her son, Andrew Small, to Emma Connell

Meyer and Sheila Frankel on the marriage of their daughter, Gail, to Nico Dominguez

Neil and Lisa Tesser, on the marriage of their son, Michael, to Dori Persky

NEW MEMBERS

Nicole and Alex Schaffer, with Elias

Approved unanimously

RESIGNATIONS

Lisa and Neil Tesser—moving permanently to Florida. Emailed they no longer wish to be members as of Oct. 30, 2022.

Marcia Mizrahi—moved to Florida. Emailed that she no longer wishes to remain a member. She was offered out of state or dual member but declined.

Deb and Kevin O’Connell—In a September email, Deb wrote:

“Unfortunately the amount stated on our most recent invoice is obvious that we can no longer afford to maintain our membership at the Emanuel. Regretfully, this email is intended to be our letter of resignation. We would like you and the professional staff to know that we have had nothing but the best experience at the Emanuel and wish everyone the best in the future. We will cherish all the memories we have with the congregants and clergy. “

Norman Isko—Wife Marie Isko emailed: “Norman is now 91 and really can’t get around much. Please take him off your membership list. Thank you for all the good years.”

Vote put on hold. It was decided that some of people who submitted resignations were not contacted to arrange financial arrangements. We also need to inform people they are giving up decreased burial expenses which will occur if there is resignation. We want to hold off approving resignations until all people know consequences of resigning.

NEHAMAS

Mel Feldman—husband of Ellie Feldman

Phyllis Reiter—mother of Janice (Stephen) Barshay

Judge Howard Scheinblum—husband of Susan Fierberg

Lois Sheketoff

Muriel Zeldis—wife of Bill Zeldis

A moment of silence for those departed

Discussion of future ideas

Need to have link on our website to our Newsletter. Way for people to see what is happening—people who are not members as well as members—to help easily publicize what we do. And put-up link to eblasts

It was mentioned to have a tribute to the late Cantor Cohn. Ken having oil portrait commissioned for Koret Hall. Next year's concert will also honor him. Lisa Levy would like more done and she will form committee to get ideas.

Our major fundraising event with ADL has been cancelled. Kobi is working on setting up commemoration for Israel 75th anniversary in the month of May. In very early planning stage and Kobi will come back to Board with more info. A featured speaker that Kobi communicating with is Gideon Weiss who is VP of Raphael Defense System in Israel. There will not be a cost for him to speak. We would have as fundraiser. Need to coordinate with other Jewish agencies and their Israel commemorations. Kobi will be having a Zoom meeting with Gideon Weiss on November 1 at 2:30PM. If anyone would like to participate, let Kobi know and he will send the link.

Rabbi shared that our strategic plan is reaching new potential members, focusing on families with young children. We had 2 Tashlich events and a separate family Tashlit program at Solomon Schechter School. There were new faces, new prospective members. Our Chazzan attended JCC splash on Friday afternoons all summer. We have new families with joint memberships at other synagogues in community. We had high school students who came to services spontaneously, without their families. Had lovely dedication of the Succah. We received donations from Ira Levin and family to establish physical legacy for family. We have doubled our early childhood events. We now have Tot Shabbat and Shabbat Jam. Chazzan Risman continues to offer kibbitz and nosh on a weekly basis. And we have Shabbat B'bayit each Friday night.

Adjourned at 8:27 PM

Submitted by
Hilda Slivka