

## **TBI Board Meeting Minutes September 11, , 2014 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

TBI 29th and University

**Present:** Amy Steckel, Hap Ponedel, Geraldine Moreno-Black, Maram Epstein, Justine Lovinger, Nina Korican, Rabbi Boris, Nathan Philips, Mindy Schlossberg, Richard Shugar, Marsha Ginsberg, Michael Griffel, Rabbi Yitz, Alan Leiman, Bruce Kreitzberg

**Absent:** Craig Starr, Scott Fellman, Aura Solomon

**Torah Study:** Rabbi Yitz led a teaching about the importance of a rabbi and Jewish wisdom. There was a discussion about God's place in the world.

**Public Forum/Open Discussion:** Rabbi Yitz suggested we look at putting on programs about Israel. He said that while he is away a lot this year, he is willing to spearhead events when he is in town.

**Approval of August Minutes:** The Minutes were approved.

**Finance Report:** Amy reported that the Finance committee didn't meet in August and they aren't meeting again until next week. It is only 2 months into the fiscal year and there isn't a lot of activity. She noted that we received 50% of the dues that were budgeted for the year already. Nina said this is to be expected. Amy said that the committee is exploring investing through OJCF.

**NCS Lease Report:** Nathan reported that we signed a lease agreement with Network Charter School. They agreed to pay \$20,000 to option a purchase price. That fee will be applied to the purchase price. The school spent \$7500 in repairs and we credited them that amount in the fee. If they haven't exercised their option to purchase within 1 year, they can pay an additional \$30,000 to renew the option. We settled on a \$125,000 down payment, rather than our initial requirement of a \$200,000 down payment.

**TBI NOW and Life and Legacy:** Nathan reported that we are getting close to finishing the TBI NOW campaign. We need another \$177,000 to meet our goal. If you know of anyone who might be interested in helping us close out our fundraising, please let Nathan know. The committee is meeting next week to start working on collecting outstanding pledges.

Maram reported that she attended a meeting in Portland for Life and Legacy. We need 12 letters of intent for us to receive a grant. We've met that goal for this year and she will start working on getting next year's pledges. Nathan proposed we use the money we get from the grant for TBI NOW. Maram suggested we create a stewardship fund that allows for celebratory events with our donor base. Nina commented that some of those funds might go towards staffing. Over Chanukah there will be an event for donors to a variety of campaigns.

**ED Report:** Nina submitted her report. She will be emailing a sign-up sheet for High Holiday greeting. Preschool enrollment seems steady, but Talmud Torah enrollment is down. She reminded everyone about the S'lichot program on Saturday, September 20 at 8pm.

**Rabbi reports:** Rabbi Yitz recently returned. He is busy planning for High Holidays.

Rabbi Boris reported that there was some difficulty hiring Talmud Torah teachers and enrollment is down, but he is looking forward to an exciting year. He is also busy planning for High Holidays.

The Board went into executive session.