

## **TBI Board Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2015, 7pm.**

Present: Nathan Philips, Mindy Schlossberg, Michael Griffel, Amy Steckel, Marsha Ginsberg, Maram Epstein, Nina Korican, Richard Argosh, Jeff Kirtner, Bruce Kreitzberg, Justine Lovinger, Geraldine Moreno-Black (via telephone), Hap Ponedel, Richard Shugar, Aura Solomon, Craig Starr  
Absent: Scott Fellman

Torah Study: Hap shared a reading from *Shemini* about self-importance tempered by humility.

Finance Committee Report: Amy discussed a 61K projected budgeted shortfall for next year and a 31K for this year. The board agreed to fund a portion of the deficit with our reserves. It was agreed that \$41k (\$21k Yitz retirement, \$10k Ruhi moving expense, \$10k additional support staff) of next year's deficit would be funded by reserves and that the finance committee should work with Nina to eliminate the remaining deficit in the budget. We have a \$120K reserve to carry us over. We also considered the need to budget for Rabbi Ruhi's sabbatical year and create a policy regarding such.

TT Committee Report: Mindy presented the big ideas behind Gretchen's revisioning of Talmud Torah, mainly how it will be more flexible in terms of scheduling and curriculum choices as well as open to non-members. Gretchen at work on a business plan for this new model and will be assisted by the Finance Committee. A supervisory model for TT needs to be redesigned, given the absence of a Head of School. Presently, the TT Administrator lacks oversight. We brainstormed a few possibilities involving both the Executive Director (for day-to-day logistics) and the Rabbi (for programming and visioning). Aura's motion to vote on a dual-structure model where the TT Director reports to both the ED and the Rabbi, and where the Rabbi is to play a significant role in programming and philosophy. Motion seconded by Richard. After much discussion, Jeff moves to table the motion. Justine seconds. All agree. Nina agrees to research the issue and report back to the Board. We agreed that the TT Administrator/ Director must prepare a report for monthly Board Meetings.

Tikkun (Reconciliation) Committee Report: Scott is chair.

Purpose: to have a series of meetings with the community to determine what we can learn from past, to make recommendations to the RRC, and to stimulate conversation among diverse groups to promote healing.

Additionally, this committee will plan an event to celebrate Boris and assist his family as they make their transition away from TBI.

We also have a Transition Committee in the works to greet Rabbi Ruhi

YHH Honoring Committee and Fundraising Report: 44K needs to be raised. Arts and Aesthetics to dedicate two crowns for Torah. Argosh and Epstein to make fundraising calls. Now need 27K. Suggested donation is 500 for crowns, 1K for Rabbi Yitz. 17K has been raised.

May 31 celebration at 4pm. Memory book in the process. Rabbi Yitz wishes for photos of lifecycle events with him.

TBI Now Update: Maram reports that select donors are being pursued. 200K of unpaid pledges will be pursued in effort to make 100K contribution. 60K in bank. 882K is our goal. Budget will go down 7200K if we make another 100K.

Phelps Letter: We will not honor their request. We respect the leadership of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Rabbi Yitz has offered to meet with the family.