

Highlights from the Board of Directors Meeting on September 21, 2016:

- Jerry Rothblum, TBS Treasurer, presented an overview of year-end financials as of June 30, 2016. The fiscal year started with an approved budget at (\$217,538) after transfers and ended with actuals of (\$270,334) at year-end. While operating expenses were managed at or better than plan, actual results were impacted by the loss of Montessori rental income in the amount of \$70,500. At year-end, capital reserves stood at \$313,309. The first quarterly forecast for FY 2017 will occur next month after the holidays.
- Rabbi Cohen reminded everyone that High Holy Days will soon be upon us! This Saturday we will celebrate S'lichot with a movie followed by services in our new Horwitz Family Chapel which will also include a dedication ceremony. Erev Rosh Hashana is on Sunday, October 2. The "Sholom Squad" is the new name for our dedicated group of greeters for High Holy Days and Shabbat services throughout the year. Rabbi reminded everyone of the importance of welcoming everyone to TBS during the holidays. She noted that Soni Sanberg will be giving the sermon on the second day of Rosh Hashana. Cantor Reinwald announced the growth of the choir to 21 voices and noted that they rehearsed for the very first time last evening in the Chapel.
- Jeff Winston, Secretary, provided an update on the search for a new Executive Director. Since no applicant from the first round of recruiting was considered a viable candidate, the committee has expanded its search with postings on a variety of websites. These postings occurred just last week so it's still too soon to evaluate the effectiveness of this latest step. The Search Committee is also considering hiring a recruiter if one can be identified who works in this field. While this has been a very difficult position to fill, the committee remains resolute on finding the right person for this very important job at TBS. The Board also acknowledged the tireless efforts of Michele Shugarman who has generously donated her time as Interim Executive Director.
- Jeff Winston, LLC Chair, presented a white paper with recommendations for renovating the school building. This document addresses the background of the LLC project, what was accomplished, what remains to be done, cost estimates based on existing plans, project phasing, and recommendations for next steps. In short, renovating the school building should remain a very high priority for TBS and the Board should determine how to move this initiative forward as a separate but related project. The estimated cost is \$2.5M and could be constructed in two phases of 4-6 months each. The Board agreed to discuss this at an upcoming meeting.
- Andrea Wasserman, TBS President, provided a brief membership update to the Board. Quite a number of families have not yet chosen to renew their memberships so Andrea suggested the Board reach out via personal phone calls to invite these individuals to remain part of our Temple family. She also noted that High Holy Day tickets must be picked up in person at TBS since security codes are being issued along with the tickets. As such, tickets will only be issued to the named congregant so as to protect the privacy of that family's security access code.
- Jack Holmes, Executive Vice President, reviewed the logistics for upcoming High Holy Day services. This plan focuses on providing excellent customer service to all attendees combined with a heightened focus on security. We plan to have four (4) uniformed and two (2) plain clothes security guards present at all services, some stationed at specific key locations and others roaming the facility. There will be a separate check-in area to accommodate disabled attendees and it was suggested that communications in advance of the holidays include a reminder that TBS has a state-of-the-art Listening Assistance System for those who are hearing impaired.
- Elaine Schwartz discussed plans for a second fundraising event in FY 2017 that will feature Dean Irwin Chemerinsky from UCI Law School who has agreed to speak at TBS for no fee. We are also pursuing two additional participants for this event - Hugh Hewitt (Radio Talk Show Host, Lawyer, Academic, Author) and Professor John C. Eastman (American Law Professor at Chapman University). The timing of this event will either be just prior to the Presidential Inauguration or aligned with the next Supreme Court nominee. It is expected this event will raise about \$20,000.

- Under the category of Other Business, Andrea Wasserman mentioned that Hollis O'Brien is pulling together a committee to re-energize the Reservation Only program. Cindy Grossberg noted that the Food Drive runs through Simchat Torah and the goal is collect 500 bags of food. Karen Warren led a discussion about the fee structure for the TBS Adult Learning program. Rabbi Cohen noted that the strong partnership between TBS and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) in Orange will be recognized by a set of matching plaques to be placed at both facilities.

Jeff Winston
Board Secretary