CONGREGATION SHAAREY ZEDEK

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DECEMBER 10, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOMING REMARKS
2. SPECIAL AGENDA TOPIC – SOCIAL ACTION
3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2013
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
5. BUSINESS ACTION ITEM – BOARD RESOLUTION, SALE OF CHATSFORD CIRCLE PROPERTY
6. QKC REPORT
7. MEMBERSHIP REPORT
8. FINANCIAL REPORT
9. PROGRAMMING REPORT
10. GOOD & WELFARE
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION
12. ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

DAY/DATE	SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM
Tuesday, January 14, 2014	Fundraising & Strategic Planning
Tuesday, February 11, 2014	Religious Services & Adult Education
Tuesday, March 11, 2014	Budget & Finance

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 29, 2013

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOVEMBER 12, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Officers and At-large Members of the Executive Committee	Staff
Mary Knoll, President	Rabbi Joseph Krakoff
Larry Nemer, Vice President	Hazzan David Propis
Rick Cohen, At-large Member	Rabbi Aaron Starr
Jeri Fishman, At-large Member	Shira Shapiro, Executive Director
Janice Stoneman, At-large Member	
Members of the Board of Trustees	
Kari Alterman	Robin Lash (Sisterhood President)
Norman Beitner	Matthew Miller
Karen Couf-Cohen	Phillip Neuman
Suzi Dell	Lawrence Oleinick
Scott Eisenberg	Hy Safran
Lawrence Elkus	Paul Schwarzbaum
Milton Feldberg	Susan Terebelo
Adam Finkel	
Barbra Giles	**Executive Director Emeritus**
Kenneth Gold	Leonard Baruch
Richard Jacobs	

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

President Mary Knoll called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. PRESENTATION BY DR. HOWARD KORMAN, YOUNG ISRAEL OF SOUTHFIELD

Vice President Larry Nemer introduced and welcomed Dr. Howard Korman.

Dr. Howard Korman provided a presentation on the topic of reviving the Jewish community in Southfield. He relayed how, under his leadership, the Young Israel of Southfield addressed the concern about the future of the Orthodox Jewish community in Southfield. Efforts included establishing a special purpose committee, offering interest-free loans, holding a Young Family Shabbaton, partnering with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, and developing a targeted marketing plan. These efforts resulted in a number of young families who have since moved to the area and a momentum for future families to make Southfield their home.

Vice President Larry Nemer commented that Congregation Shaarey Zedek is facing a similar challenge in attracting young families.

3. SPECIAL AGENDA TOPIC – YOUNG ADULTS & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

David Lerner, Director of Youth & Young Adult Programming, began his presentation by stating that the lack of young adult engagement in synagogue life is a prevalent issue around the country.

In beginning his work on this issue, David developed a philosophy and strategy focused on four (4) elements: (1) building personal relationships with young adults and understanding their interests, (2) building relationships with the young, active Jewish leaders in Jewish organizations, including the Federation's NextGen group, the Federation's Youth Professionals Committee, the Young Adult Task Force of Jewish Family Service, and the planning committee of JServe, (3) establishing a CSZ Young Adult Committee to explore what is needed and to build programs to match those needs (bottom-up programming), and (4) examining existing models.

Rabbi Joseph Krakoff shared his confidence that CSZ's work in this area, though currently in the embryonic stage, will gain momentum and will have positive results for the Synagogue.

4. MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the Board meeting held on October 8, 2013 were duly approved.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Mary Knoll distributed a revised list of Committees and requested that Board members review the assignments and initiate efforts in their respective portfolios.

President Knoll provided a brief update about Bill Berman's recent significant gift to the Synagogue. The Synagogue will honor Mr. Berman during Shabbat morning services and congregational Kiddush/lunch on, November 23, 2013.

6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The CSZ Membership Inventory as of November 12, 2013 was distributed. Dr. Rick Cohen, Executive Officer-At-Large, shared some of the highlights of this document.

In addition, as the initial proponent of the new *Mahzor Lev Shalem,* Dr. Cohen relayed to the Board that 2,400 books were ordered and the Synagogue's net proceeds were in excess of $15,000.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

Vice President Larry Nemer distributed the report of Revenues and Expenses for the fiscal year through October 31, 2013.

8. PROGRAMMING REPORT

Jeri Fishman, Executive Officer-At-Large, provided a brief summary of the annual Soiree held on Saturday night, October, 19, 2013. With the support of a number of generous sponsors who donated both products and services, the party succeeded in bringing in

over 300 people. A tentative date of October 25, 2014 has been set for next year's party.

President Knoll expressed her gratitude to Hazzan David Propis for the uplifting and enjoyable TGIS (Thank God It's Shabbat) service which kicked off the Scholar In Residence weekend on Friday evening, November 1, 2013. Hazzan Propis relayed to the Board that the next TGIS is scheduled for Friday evening, January 10, 2014, and he anticipates scheduling a monthly TGIS service going forward.

9. GOOD & WELFARE

No announcements were made.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President Knoll adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M. The Executive Session followed.

Minutes were prepared by Shira Shapiro, Executive Director