



May 8, 2020

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We are all far from life before COVID-19. We certainly hope all of our members and families are well and experience continued good health! Regardless of your politics, we are living – at least for the near future – in a new normal. For Oseh Shalom, our new normal includes:

- Virtual Annual Meeting with Election of Officers
- New Challenges in Managing our Finances and Cash Flow
- Moving Services and Programs into the Virtual World

### **Upcoming Annual Meeting – June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am**

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held virtually this year via Zoom. So, for those who enjoy coming for brunch, please plan to share via Zoom!

#### **Candidates for Open Seats on the Board of Directors:**

- Administrative VP – **Shelley Reese**
- At-Large - **Emily Blank**
- At-Large – **Tiffany Heath**
- Co-President – **Andy Lincoln**
- Co-Secretary – **Nikki Lincoln**
- Buildings & Grounds – **Gary Magnus**

#### **Current Board Vacancies**

- **Publicity & Marketing** – Open - *Responsible for the development and coordination of strategies, programs, and materials for member recruitment and retention, and promotion of Congregational programs and activities.*
- **Contracts Coordinator** – Open - *Aids the Finance VP to represent the Congregation on Loan applications and agreements, and aids other Trustees or Officers in contract disputes such as Lease negotiations, employee contract creation or renewal, and working relationship issues among employees or contractors or lessors.*
- **Fundraising & Development** – Open - *Responsible for fundraising to keep dues down and doors open with internal and external fundraising.*

## Gratitudes

I want to thank and acknowledge long time Board members and Chairs who are stepping down or taking on new roles:

- **Gary Magnus**, VP Administration (moving to Building & Grounds)
- **Gary Gaines**, At-large
- **Elaine Povich**, Publicity
- **Kelly Benton-Klein** (moved to Education VP), Fundraising
- **Rich Berger**, Building & Grounds
- **Karen “Candy” Eaton**, Contracts

Anyone interested in serving/sharing in an open Board position, please contact me @ [president@oseh-shalom.org](mailto:president@oseh-shalom.org)

***For the full slate of candidates, please turn to the back page!***

## Finances in the Year of COVID

Like most organizations, synagogues, and households, Oseh Shalom is facing challenging financial times.

### ***CARES Act Loans and Mortgage Deferment***

Our stalwart and dynamic duo of **Dan Bravmann** and **Karen “Candy” Eaton**, have secured loans made available through the CARES Act to help keep us financially stable. They have also successfully arranged deferment on our mortgage. These measures are temporary with no certainty of additional help from federal or state resources. Until the ABC daycare center, as our major source of rental income, along with our other renters, return to full operation, we will continue to be in a challenging position.

***We need your help!***

## COVID Appeal

If you are able, please consider an additional donation at this time of year to help us offset interruptions in rental income and deferments for congregants who have been adversely impacted by the pandemic. (Contact Renee Katz via email at [rkatz@oseh-shalom.org](mailto:rkatz@oseh-shalom.org) to donate.)

### ***Benefits of Giving Now...***

- The CARES Act allows for an additional “above the line” deduction for charitable gifts up to \$300. (Talk to your tax advisor for more information.)

- Stimulus Checks are being deposited directly into the bank accounts of those who qualify. If you can, consider donating a portion of the stimulus money to Oseh Shalom.
- Prevents us from dipping into our reserves to leave us financially strong against future needs.

## **Virtual Zoom for Services & Religious School**

We have been using Zoom as our platform for services and have seen an increase in participation. We have even had new participants from Utah and Texas join us, in addition to seeing some longtime friends who have left the area. We are continuing to tweak the security features available and ask your understanding of the occasional bump.

Thank you to all our hosts, co-hosts, and Zoom committee as guardians of our security!

Our religious school was already operating partially online, so the transition was relatively seamless, Security being the chief concern. I'm delighted to hear participation has continued to be near 100%!

Thank you to Rabbi Rebecca, Joy Schwartz-Mason, Kelly Benton-Klein, and all our teachers for their flexibility and professionalism!

We will continue to monitor federal and state advisories as we plan for phased re-opening.

L'Shalom – Stay well, stay safe, stay positive!

*Michael*

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## CANDIDATES FOR ANNUAL ELECTION

### Returning Executive Officers

- President – Michael Cornell
- Religious VP – John Reihl
- Education Co-VPs – Joy Schwarz-Mason and Kelly Benton-Klein
- Financial VP – Dan Bravmann
- Treasurer – Larry Levy
- Financial Secretary – Steve Kaplan
- Secretary – Bonnie Cornell

### Candidates for Open Seats on the Board of Directors:

- Administrative VP – Shelley Reese
- At-Large - Emily Blank
- At-Large – Tiffany Heath
- Co-President – Andy Lincoln
- Co-Secretary – Nikki Lincoln

### Board of Trustees

- \*Immediate Past Presidents – Andy Friedman, Alison Holtz
- \*Sisterhood President – Carolyn Makovi
- \*Men’s Club President – Michael Becker
- Membership – Ann Wittik-Bravmann
- Buildings & Grounds – Gary Magnus
- Aesthetics – Val Kaplan
- Security – Brian Hinman
- Life-Long Learning – Judy Katz
- High Holidays – Karen Meckler
- Social Action – Linda Bergofsky
- At-Large – Eliot Malumuth
- \*\*Student Member – Chloe Booher

\* As set forth in the By-Laws

\*\* Appointed by the President with Board Approval