



July 2021

board update

COVID-19 Policy Update



The TBE Board recently conducted a membership survey on the question of when to require people to wear a mask at TBE. The results of that survey are found in the Executive Summary below. The Board has reviewed the survey and other factors and has for now determined that the current policy in place will remain in effect. Going forward, the Board may continue to solicit feedback from the congregation through surveys and will review guidance from public health authorities to help shape policy on mask wearing and other issues related to COVID-19.

Executive Summary for July 20, 2021

The Board gathered in TBE's Susan T. Goldberg Courtyard at 6:30 pm for a potluck dinner, to kick off the new fiscal year. We spent the beginning of the meeting chatting and catching up with one another and welcoming the new Board members. The business portion of the meeting got underway with a vote on the minutes from the previous month's meetings, as well as the Annual Meeting minutes. The Board and TBE Staff did formal introductions so that new Board members got to know the current Board members, and vice versa.

Jon gave a quick overview of the Board Orientation materials, touching on roles and responsibilities, participation, fundraising and monetary contributions, the Strategic Plan, major projects/initiatives, and how Board members oversee TBE's vision and function as community ambassadors. He went over some housekeeping items related to how we will plan to communicate and collaborate virtually as a group in the coming year.

Kate reviewed some key issues and proposed goals for Fiscal Year 2022: re-engaging the community; TBE's place and visibility in the wider community; year three of the Strategic Plan; year two of the Capital Campaign; financial factors, including funding the next three years of the 5-year Capital Repair Plan, the potential playground renovation, anticipated operating budget growth, and fundraising opportunities; what elements need to be re-energized; and what institutional projects are already in the pipeline (including Social Kashrut, revising TBE's constitution, teen programs, and more).

The Board then had a discussion about the COVID-19 Mask Policy Survey results, which found that of 172 respondents, 4.7% were in favor of wearing masks at all times without exception; 20.9% were in favor of requiring masks indoors, making masks optional outdoors, and keeping all food outdoors; 38.4% were in favor of requiring masks indoors except when eating, with masks optional outdoors; 35.5% were in favor of making masks optional at all times for the fully vaccinated, and requiring unvaccinated individuals to wear masks based on the honor system. The Board has reviewed the survey and other factors, and has for now determined that

the [current policy](#) in place will remain in effect. Going forward, the Board may continue to solicit feedback from the congregation through surveys and will review guidance from public health authorities to help shape policy on mask wearing and other issues related to COVID-19.

Kate closed the meeting with a brief discussion about Board members' involvement in promoting the Courtyard Cookout on August 18, and we concluded at 8:45 pm.

Meet the New Board

Lauren Fridling, Daniel Heinrich, Sheri Olstein, and Greg Smestad joined Jon Gelchinsky, Sara Kahn-Troster, Eli Mellen, Joan Levy, Matt Tzucker, Ariel Bernstein, Josh Filler, Josh Rosen, Judy Gatchell, and Sandra Kornblum as Board members last Tuesday at the first Board meeting of Fiscal Year 2022. Get to know them, and the whole Board, by heading to our [Meet the Board](#) page on our new website!



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