

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2011 MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR CONGREGATION ANSHEI ISRAEL**

Present: President Madeline Friedman, 1st Vice-President Dan Jurkowitz, 2nd Vice-President Richard Fink, Secretary/Treasurer Paul Kahn, Immediate Past President Vicki Pepper, Life Trustee John Gellman, Life Trustee Steve Spitzer, Life Trustee Chuck Whitehill, Past President Phil Bregman, Jennifer Cassius, Jami Gan, Tedd Goldfinger, Marc Goldsen, Jonathan Green, Allen Langer, Mary Marcus, Ron Meyerson, Dawn Moriarty, Keith Singer. Staff: Rabbi Eisen, Rabbi Herman. Guests: Phil Pepper, David Plotkin.

Not Present: Life Trustee Jane Kivel, Eric Spitzer.

- President Madeline Friedman called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.
- Approval of minutes. Motion and 2nd to approve the minutes as submitted from the October 24, 2011 meeting passed unanimously.
- Rabbi's Report. Rabbi Eisen delivered a D'var Torah and reported that a service in the Northwest is upcoming. Young families did not attend a later time for Shir Hadash, so the service may be offered twice a month at different times for greater accessibility. Scholar-in-Residence Neshama Carlebach will be here December 16-17th.
- JETCO Appeal. Vice-President Dan Jurkowitz reminded everyone to make their contribution to JETCO prior to the end of the year.
- Financial Report. Secretary/Treasurer Paul Kahn submitted a financial report. Board members were assigned to contact individuals who have not yet made High Holy Days Appeal gifts.
- Building & Grounds Report. Chair David Plotkin reported that the plans for the sanctuary ramp were approved by the City of Tucson and all bids are in. The low bid is Environmental Strategies headed by Ken Goodman. Construction can begin January 17th and will take four weeks. Bids are also being solicited for insulating the stained-glass window. A separate fundraising committee with co-chairs has been established to fund these projects. Motion and 2nd to approve both projects subject to sufficient funds being raised passed unanimously.
- President's Report. President Madeline Friedman reported that on April 29, 2012, there will be a city-wide board retreat with the costs paid for by the Federation. January 8th from 3-5 p.m. will be a Shomrei Torah thank you event at the Bregmans' house. Board members are urged to attend services.
- Synagogue Life Council. Chair Mary Marcus reported that a High Holy Days review was conducted and the Ritual Advisory Committee will follow-up with identified issues.
- Executive Session. The Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters with Human Resources Committee Chair Phil Pepper.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Dan Jurkowitz