



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2018 11:00 A.M.

To discuss and vote on amendments to the constitution regarding size and composition of the Board of Trustees.

In a survey of like-size Congregations both local and around the country, it has come to light that the size of operating boards has been shrinking over the last two decades. Our Board of Trustees has been becoming larger; we have seven officers, five representatives of the various arms of the synagogue, eighteen trustees, and as many past presidents as choose to attend. This often results in Board meetings of as many as forty people. As a result of the Board's own analysis regarding size, as well as productivity, and discussions conducted over the past year, during its September 4th meeting, a Board motion was passed to call a special meeting of the Congregation for the purpose of voting on the Board's recommendation to amend the Constitution to:

1. reduce the number of Trustees from 18-12. This would be accomplished by not filling the expiring terms of two Trustees in each of the next three years; and
2. removing the entitlement of past CBI presidents to sit on the Board of Trustees indefinitely after their term as president. Instead, the immediate past president would act ex-officio as a member of the Board of Trustees during the term immediately following his/her term as President. Additionally, all past presidents would sit as members of the Past President's Advisory Council for so long as they are members in good standing of CBI, and such Past President's Advisory Council shall be part of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The motion to take effect January 1, 2019.

The date for the aforementioned meeting is **October 14th at 11:00 AM in the Social Hall**. There will be a short period prior to the vote for any questions. This recommendation will only pass and take effect if two-thirds of those CBI members in good standing at the meeting on the 14th of October vote to do so. Please plan to attend.

The following are the details of the changes to the constitution:

Whereas, pursuant to Article X of the Constitution of Congregation B'nai Israel of Millburn, New Jersey (the "Constitution"), the Constitution may be altered, amended, or repealed at any annual or special meeting of the membership upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in good standing present at such meeting; and

Whereas, Article X subsection 3 requires any alteration, amendment or repeal must be initiated by the Board or Trustees as a result of its own action duly taken.

Now therefore, it is resolved that the Board of Trustees moves to call a special meeting of the membership, and take any other necessary action in anticipation of, and to effectuate, such meeting, for the purpose of amending:

1. Article III, Section 1. of the Constitution to:
 - a. Strike subsection a.(4) in its entirety and replace it with the following:
Twelve elected Trustees; and
 - b. Strike subsection a.(1) in its entirety
 3. Article IV, Section 2.a. of the Constitution to:
 - b. Add a new subsection (6) stating:
To act ex-officio as a member of the Board of Trustees during the term immediately following his/her term as President; and
 - b. Add a new subsection (7) stating:
To sit as a life-time member of the Past President's Advisory Council
3. Article III, Section 4. of the Constitution to:
 - a. Delete the first sentence in its entirety and replace it with the following: There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, which shall consist of the Past Presidents' Advisory Council and the elected Officers of the Congregation.

It is further resolved that if the members in good standing vote to approve 1(a) above, such change shall be implemented over a three-year period by not replacing the expiring terms of two members of the Board of Trustees in each of three successive years.

We look forward to seeing you at this important Special Meeting.