

**TIME SENSITIVE
RESPONSE REQUIRED BY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018**

Join the Beth Judea Board of Directors!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Congregants,

Have you ever considered being on Congregation Beth Judea's Board of Directors? It is that time of year when our Nominating Committee convenes to fill the seats of retiring Board Members, and we're looking for you!



Why did I become a Board Member?

After I retired, I started looking at volunteer opportunities. I realized that my family and I received so much from being a member of Congregation Beth Judea, that it was time to give back.

My favorite part of serving on the Board has been working on committees. In these smaller groups, I have made friends, I have gained transferable skills, I have learned more about Judaism and I have had my voice heard and valued. Why should you become a board member? It is my hope that Congregation Beth Judea means something special to you- a house of worship, a house of learning, and a home where you can share your joys and sorrows. As a board member, you would be giving back to this community that has so much to offer you. Involvement can also be a gift to yourself. It can provide an opportunity for personal growth and exploration. As Hillel said, *"If I am not for myself, who will be for me? If I am not for others, what am I? And if not now, when?"*

Our constitution allows all members in good standing to be eligible for service on the Board of Directors. The Board has the authority for guiding many aspects of our congregational life; some of those include oversight of our professional staff, budgeting, finance matters, and establishment of policies related to Synagogue operations - all while serving as goodwill ambassadors to our greater community. Board members are also required to serve as an active member of a standing committee, usher at services, and be an active participant in our synagogue's programs.

Please, if you are interested, we ask that you simply answer the following questions to begin the process and assist the committee:

1. How long have you been a member of CBJ?
2. On which committees have you previously or currently served, at Beth Judea or another synagogue?
3. Why do you have a desire to be of service as a member of the Board of Directors?
4. What areas of the synagogue are you most interested in? How would you envision participating in pursuing that interest?

Your response should be sent via email to me, Sid Mathias, at bethjudeapresident@gmail.com, by **Wednesday, February 14, 2018**. If you have any questions, I can be reached at (847) 254-3640

Sincerely,

Sid Mathias, President