

December 5, 1966

Dear B'Nai Israel Member:

I would like to call a special meeting of the B'Nai Israel Congregation for Thursday, January 5, 1967 at 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of voting on the passage of the revised Constitution to our Community Center, a copy of which is enclosed in this letter in its final revised and amended form. The revisions were made by an appointed committee and subsequently unanimously passed by the Board of Directors. I would like to call to your attention the major changes, as follows:

1. The annual meeting has been changed to two (2) semi-annual meetings and various articles and paragraphs amended to conform with this.
2. Article III, Section (a) has been changed to give the Board of Directors the discretion for the percentage of money from dues collected to be used for religious purposes, and no specific percentage is set. Under the original Constitution it is mandatory that 20% be used for religious purposes. This change, in effect, gives mobility to the Board of Directors in case the services were resumed and even discontinued again in the future.
3. Article III, Section (d) has been amended to say that members who fail to pay their dues shall be "subject to suspension" rather than "automatically suspended" as previously stated, which former provision was never enforced anyway.
4. Article IV, Section (e) No. 1 states the number of directors that will constitute a quorum to-wit: seven.
5. Article VI, Section (a) is changed to reduce the nominating committee from seven (7) to five (5) members and that additional nominations may be made by five (5) members rather than ten (10).
6. Article VI, Section (b) has been changed to reduce the number of officers and Board of Directors by eliminating the Second Vice President and Third Vice President and by reducing

At Large Directors from eight (8) to four (4). This reduction in the Directorship shall be in stages, to-wit: By continuing the four (4) elected for a two (2) year term into 1968 and by only electing two (2) this year where there are four (4) whose terms expire in 1967.

7. Article VI has also been changed to allow for secret ballot rather than making it mandatory.

8. Article VII, Section (a) No. 1 is added.

9. Article VIII, Section (b) previously stated that any expenditure in excess of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars should be submitted to the appointed Budget and Finance Committee, and if they disapproved of the expenditure, it could not be authorized by the Board of Directors. This has been changed to submit the question of expenditures over Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars to the Budget and Finance Committee for recommendation, but final approval or rejection remains with the Board of Directors only.

10. Article VIII, Section (d) has been changed to read two (2) successive meetings rather than three (3) successive monthly meetings.

11. Article IX, Section (b) changes the standing committees from five (5) members to a number deemed sufficient by the President and changes the Budget and Finance Committee from five (5) members to at least three (3), not more than one (1) of whom is serving on the Board of Directors.

12. Article IX, Section (c) is changed completely and in effect takes away the power of the appointed House Committee to rent to other groups and clubs and determine the compensation for this rental and returns the question of whether or not the Synagogue should be used by others, to the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. The House Committee is only given the supervision and charge of maintenance of the physical buildings.

At this juncture it might be important to note that although the Board of Directors has this discretion, the Committee and Directors felt it unnecessary to write into the Constitution the fact that the general membership could reverse a decision of the Board of Directors if they felt it necessary. I agree with

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this conclusion, and it is understood that in the event the general membership disapproves of a decision of the Board of Directors, no matter in what area this may be, the general membership can always override that decision, and it is not necessary to spell this out in the Constitution and By-Laws.

This will be a very short meeting, and I hope all of you will be able to attend.

Very truly yours,


Murray I. Horewitz

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Enclosure