

Jewish Public Library
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 16, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
Plotnick Board Room #406

Present: Gerald Soiferman, Chair. Rivka Augenfeld, Jeff Bicher, Matthew Davidson (recording secretary), Linda Gold, Trudis Reber Goldsmith, Rita Guindi, Ronit Amsel Jacobson, Adriana Kotler, Alain Murad, Marilyn Nayer, Danielle Pollack, Eva Raby (Executive Director), Ira Robinson (President's Council), Jewel Sarna, Jennifer Solomon (JPL staff), Mia Swartzman Barsheshat, and Jason Yudcovitch.

Regrets: Talia Bensoussan, Claire Berger Fagen, Andre Elbaz, Edmond Elbaz, Sophie Jama, Alice Lehrer, Janis Levine, Nitza Parry, Lisa Mashaal Steinberg, and Bernard Stern, and Liane Taran.

Remembering Issie Nachshen, z"l, Past President of the JPL. Ira Robinson delivers a moving tribute to Issie Nachshen, z"l, in which he describes a member of a generation that worked for a living and who understood the main lesson of the JPL: formal schooling is not the only form of education; an education is within one's grasp whether or not one can afford to go to school. Issie was not a shadowy figure from the past, but one who was always intimately involved with the Library. His symbiosis with the JPL - through which he educated himself - lasted a lifetime. When he retired he recognized that his time had come, and went back to school to acquire university degrees. He became the president of the Library, an institution that was made for him and for people like him. He led the institution well, and remained connected to the end.

1. **Adoption of the agenda.** Gerry asks that the Agenda be amended to switch numbers 5 and 6 with each other. The new #5 is to read "Treasurer's Report." The agenda is then adopted on a motion by Jeff Bicher, seconded by Jewel Sarna.
2. **Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held on October 12, 2010.** The minutes of the meeting held on October 12 are adopted on a motion by Marilyn Nayer, seconded by Danielle Pollack.
3. **Business arising from the minutes.**
 - Gerry announces that the By-Laws Committee has been struck, and its members are Alain Murad (chair), Rivka Augenfeld, Rachel Cohen, Nicholas Kasirer, Hillel Rosen, and Bernard Stern. The committee is unanimously approved on a motion by Gerry Soiferman and seconded by Danielle Pollack. Alain presents an overview of the first meeting held November 1. He is currently gathering precedents from other organizations in order to fill current gaps in the existing JPL by-laws and hopes to circulate a draft of the revisions at the February 14 Board Meeting.
 - Gerry reports that a Search committee has been struck, consisting of himself, Peter Jacobs, Adriana Kotler, Ira Robinson, and Eva Raby. Ira has agreed to chair the committee. The committee is unanimously approved on a motion by Gerry Soiferman and seconded by Rivka Augenfeld. Gerry details the following timeline: (i) End of November / beginning of December: create the