

## SOLOWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE OF OTTAWA MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**APRIL 1, 2025, 7:00 pm**

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1. Call to Order – Jack Shinder welcomed everyone to the SJCC Annual General Meeting and called the meeting to order.
2. D’var Torah  
Rabbi Erin Polansky delivered the D’var Torah.
3. Greetings from Jewish Federation of Ottawa  
Adam Silver, CEO of the Jewish Federation offered greetings.
  - Welcomes Sarah to her new role as President of the SJCC
  - Congratulates this evening’s award winners
  - Congratulates staff member achievements
4. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2024 Annual Meeting – Jack Shinder  
Jack made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 AGM. Seconded by Randy Greenstone, the vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
5. Financial Overview – Larry Hasson (Treasurer)  
Larry Hasson presented the financial overview.  
Total revenue: \$5,373,037  
Total expenditures: \$4,896,911
6. Appointment of Auditors – Larry Hasson (Treasurer)  
It was moved by Larry Hasson, seconded by Gail Lieff that Ginsberg, Gluzman, Fage & Levitz be re-elected as auditors for the Soloway Jewish Community Centre for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025. Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.
7. Report of the Nominating Committee – Jack Shinder (Chair)  
Jack thanked last year’s board members and officers and welcomed new board member Joseph (Yossi) Bokhaut.

Jack recognized and thanked the outgoing board directors, Ilana Goldfarb, Michael Aronson and Allan Shefrin for their dedicated service on the board. Jack recognized Allan Shefrin’s many years of outstanding service to the board including in his final term as Past Chair (Allan was unable to attend the AGM).

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of Directors:

- Randy Greenstone - Chair
- Larry Hasson
- Karen Stanger
- Jack Shinder
- Dana Shiff
- Trevor Shannon

- Ari Aronson
- Dorothy Stern
- Harold Feder
- Jon Fuller
- Joseph Bokhaut

Jack asked for a motion to approve the slate; seconded by Jonah Shinder- Greenbaum. Motion carried.

8. Motion to pass new by-laws – Karen Stanger (Secretary)

Karen presented a summary of updates to the corporate bylaws, focused on modernizing governance and membership structure.

Karen asked for a motion to approve the updated bylaws; seconded by Randy Greenstone. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

9. The Grossman-Klein Family Teen Leadership Awards

Presenter: Gail Lieff, SJCC

Awarded to: Natalie Stewart

Gail touched on some of Natalie's accomplishments.

- Prominent member of Temple Isreal and has helped lead Havdalah night
- Founder of the Jewish Student Union at Woodroffe High School
- Engaged member of the OCDSB Model UN representing Jewish values
- Teaches cross-country skiing and performed at last year's NAC Cappies Awards for musical theatre

Natalie accepted her award.

10. The Ben Karp Volunteer service award

Presenter: Sarah Beutel

Awarded to: Inbal Marcovitch

Sarah highlighted Inbal's important role in spearheading the HaKibbutz program, an educational program for Hebrew-speaking youth focused on connecting Israeli heritage and Hebrew language, and building leadership skills.

Inbal accepted her award.

11. Staff Service Recognition – Sarah Beutel (SJCC President)

Sarah thanked all the staff for their accomplishments and hard work and remarked on their dedication to the JCC. Sarah highlighted a current priority of her first year in the job – setting a strategic plan for the next 5 years. This will help to set the direction of the center and the staff for the years to come. Sarah thanked the board for their support and highlighted retiring board members Allan Shefrin, Mike Aronson, Ilana Goldfarb.

Sarah congratulated the following staff milestones:

- Ella Dagan – 10 years
- Nick McGunigal – 10 years
- Gale Kardish – 20 years
- Bernadine Eckensviller – 20 years

#### 12. President Report – Jack Shinder

- This is the 78<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Ottawa JCC. The JCC was founded in 1948 when Ottawa's Jewish community was ~3000 people. Today we are Ottawa's largest Jewish member-based organization
- Jack highlighted many accomplishments of the SJCC over the last year
- Our membership is strong and has rebounded from Covid, now with more members than pre-covid
- We are proud to have launched our Saturday opening, which allows for the development and grow Shabbat programming
- We have hired a fantastic new President to lead our center moving forward, Sarah Beutel
- We completed building renovations of the main floor, and continue to plan for future renovations (and fundraising!)

#### 13. Adjournment

Jack Shinder moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Steven Morgan. Meeting was adjourned.