

**Congregation Beth David Congregational Meeting to Accept  
Rabbi David Kunin as our new Senior Rabbi  
MINUTES:  
March 26, 2023  
(Approved)**

The Secretary determined there was a quorum present as required by our bylaws to hold a Congregational meeting.

**1. Welcome & Opening Remarks** (Nathan Handelsman) **10:30**

**2. Pulpit Committee Presentation** (Michael Leitner) **10:35**

The complete set of slides presented are in Appendix A.

Thank you to the Search and Pulpit committee members who worked so hard to find us great candidates to choose from and concluding a successful contract with Rabbi Kunin.

**Search Committee**

- Leah Newman
- Michael Leitner
- Elizabeth Batson
- Barbara Green
- Nathan Handelsma
- Gerry Daniel
- David Hoffman
- Bill Beyda
- Rivka Shenhav
- Irene Spector
- Margie Pomerantz
- Lee Gavens

**Pulpit Committee**

- Rivka Shenhav
- Bill Beyda
- David Hoffman
- Michael Leitner
- Margie Pomerantz

**3. Motion 1: Rabbi Kunin's selection to serve as our Senior Rabbi** **10:45**

The membership of Congregation Beth David approves the selection of Rabbi David Kunin as our Senior Rabbi and a member of the clergy of Congregation Beth David for three years starting July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2026.

The Congregation voted to approve this motion by more than the 2/3 required. The motion is passed.

**4. Adjourn** **11:00**

# Board Meeting Summary

## Action Items:

None.

## Summary of Board Actions Taken at Meeting:

### a. Summary of Motions Passed:

1. Motion 1: Acceptance of Rabbi David Kunis as our new Senior Rabbi

### b. Policies Adopted:

None.

### c. Charters Adopted:

None.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Bierman  
Recording Secretary

# Appendix A

## “Slides”

## Selecting a new Senior Rabbi – Key Dates

- 11/3: Rabbi Alpert announces her decision to resign effective 6/30/2023
- 11/9: Board establishes a Search Committee
- 11/10 – 12/7: Search Committee develops responses to RA placement questions
- 12/7: Job posting accepted by RA Placement Services
- 12/8: RA Job Fair for rabbis to meet congregations looking for rabbis
- 1/5 & 1/8: Congregational Focus Group meetings with Search Committee
- 1/5 – 1/10: Video Interviews with candidates
- 2/10-12: Rabbi Rachel Safman interview weekend
- 2/17-19: Rabbi David Kunin interview weekend
- 2/19: Congregational feedback meeting on our two candidates
- 2/21: Search Committee recommendation to the Board to select Rabbi David Kunin as our next Senior Rabbi, Pulpit Committee established
- 2/22 – 3/10: Pulpit Committee negotiations with Rabbi Kunin, terms agreed
- 3/12: Board approves contract pending congregational vote
- 3/26: Special meeting of the Congregation to select Rabbi David Kunin as our next Senior Rabbi

## Selection of Rabbi David Kunin as our next Senior Rabbi

As a reminder, here are the steps defined in the bylaws

- The Search Committee is authorized by the Board to conduct a search
- The Pulpit Committee negotiates all terms and conditions for any clergy contract
- The Board of Directors must approve the terms and conditions of any clergy contract
- The Congregation must approve the selection of any member of the clergy by a 2/3 vote

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