

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OF THE
RABBI ISAAC ELCHANAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

OCTOBER 14, 1976
AT THE JEWISH CENTER
131 WEST 86TH STREET, N. Y. C.

Mr. Herbert Tenzer, Presiding

Present: Mr. Charles Bendheim, Mr. Marvin Bienenfeld, Mr. Max J. Etra, Dr. Norman Lamm, Rabbi Israel Miller, Mr. Hyman Muss, Mr. Seymour Rosenblatt, Dr. Alvin I. Schiff, Rabbi Israel Silverstein, Mr. Max Stern, Mr. Irving I. Stone, Mr. Max Wagner, Mr. Herman J. Zwillenberg, Rabbis Zevulun Charlop, Herbert C. Dobrinsky, Morris Finer, Robert S. Hirt, Mr. Sidney Schutz, Dr. Sheldon Socol, Mr. Abraham Zeitz.

The dinner took place in the Succa of The Jewish Center and was followed by a business meeting in the congregation's Board Room. Mr. Herbert Tenzer, Chairman, opened the meeting with a greeting of warm congratulations to Dr. Norman Lamm, member of the RIETS Board on his recent election as the third President of Yeshiva University. He pledged the full cooperation of this Board to meet the challenges ahead shared by RIETS and the institution. Mr. Tenzer expressed the thanks of the Board to trustee Max Stern, who as President of The Jewish Center was the gracious host in the synagogue's Succa and Board Room. Mr. Charles Bendheim recently elected member of RIETS Board and a trustee of Board of Yeshiva University was welcomed to his first meeting. Special occasions as noted later were recognized with appropriate remarks by the chairman.

As the first item on the agenda the nomination of Rabbi Norman Lamm, a musmach of RIETS as the new President to succeed the late and revered Rabbi Samuel Belkin was placed before the Board of Trustees by Mr. Herbert Tenzer and was seconded by Mr. Max J. Etra. Rabbi Lamm was elected as President of RIETS by unanimous acclamation.

Rabbi Norman Lamm was asked to greet the members of the Board in his capacity as President of RIETS. He thanked the Board for the confidence they had expressed in him by investing him with this major responsibility and pledged to strengthen RIETS so that it could continue its illustrious role as the spiritual fountainhead of orthodox and rabbinic leadership in the world. He earnestly invited the cooperation of all Board members to join him in this effort and thanked them for their attainments of the past as well as for their concern for the future of the institution.

The minutes of the June 9th, 1976 meeting of the RIETS Board of Trustees had been circulated and were moved approved as presented by Mr. H. Tenzer and seconded by Mr. Marvin Bienenfeld. Mr. Tenzer called upon Mr. Marvin Bienenfeld to report on behalf of the Nomination Committee which had met in Mr. Tenzer's office on Wednesday, September 22, 1976. Mr. Bienenfeld presented the biographies of the following nominees who were recommended by the full membership Nominations Committee (Messrs. Tenzer, Etra, Rosenblatt, Bienenfeld and Rabbi Dobrinsky) as follows:

Matt Baker, a Sephardic communal leader who resides in Lawrence, N.Y. His nomination for a one year term was moved by Mr. Marvin Bienenfeld and seconded by Mr. Max J. Etra. It was unanimously approved by the Board.

Herbert Berman, who resides in Queens, N.Y. His nomination for a one year term was moved by Mr. Max J. Etra and seconded by Mr. Seymour Rosenblatt. It was unanimously approved by the Board.