Jewish Life and Foundation New Directors

Jewish Senior Life announced the election of the following officers and directors to its Board for 2014-2015:

Ted Axelrod was elected chair.

Axelrod has served on the Jewish Senior Life Board for four years, most recently as vice chairman. He is the owner of TME Insurance, LLC. Honorable John J. Ark was elected vice chairman. Ark is a National Guard Staff Surgeon, justice and has served on the Jewish Senior Life Board of Directors for many years.

Sharon Underberg was elected secretary. Underberg is an experienced general counsel and vice president of the legal department at Eastman Kodak. Michael Cooper was elected treasurer. Cooper is first vice president of UBS Financial Services and also serves as vice president on the Jewish Senior Life Foundation Board of Directors.

Mark Kolko is the previous chair. Kolko has served on the board of Jewish Senior Life in various roles since 2004. In addition, Lawrence M. Becker and Steven B. Green were newly elected to the Jewish Senior Life Board of Directors. They will join 19 existing board members who are continuing their terms of service.

The Jewish Senior Life Foundation also elected officers and directors to its board for 2014-2015:

Michael Haymes was elected board president. Haymes is a real estate broker and partner in ReMax Realty Group. He has served on the board of the Jewish Senior Life Foundation for many years. Michael Cooper was elected vice president. He also serves as treasurer on the JSL Board of Directors for several years.

David Ross was elected secretary. Ross is a partner of Ross and Gould-Ross, and practices law in Rochester and Monroe County. Ross is the former chairman and chief executive officer of the Rochester Regional Health System. Ross has served on the JSL Board of Directors since 2008. Ross is also the former chairman of the Monroe County Bar Association.

The election results were announced at the semi-annual meeting held at Temple Beth Am. The meeting was attended by approximately 200 members of the Jewish community who were invited to participate in the discussion of Temple Beth Am’s goals, budget, and strategic initiatives.

Temple Beth Am

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On Sunday, France added another shameful date to its history book, but this time to Europe: The National Front, now led by Marine Le Pen, won 25 percent of the vote, quadrupling her result from 2009. This was not merely a victory in a local election (shameful), or a cantonal election (shameful), or succeeding in the weeds; that the National Front had become an alternative to an already powerful and growing extreme Right was not a failing grade. It was clear all along that the National Front was a battle cry of the day in June, Temple Beth Am also prides itself in its ongoing cooperation with other small congregations of it. It was originally built in the 13th century. Despite the fact that the building, Temple members of the month at 10 a.m. The decision to relocate was not an easy one to make, nor was it made lightly. After nearly 50 years at the current location, and notwithstanding the emotional attachment of the community, and plans to continue with other small congregations the month at 10 a.m. Temple Beth Am is thrilled to have a host so dedicated to creating a space that fulfills all of its needs.

The final Shabbat service in the original 3249 East Henrietta Rd. facility will be Saturday, May 31 at 10 a.m. and is open to community members who wish to join in saying goodbye to the building and share their memories of it. It was originally built in 1970, it was rebuilt with a new section featuring a distinct architectural style. The property has been purchased by Christians House of Prayer, a Ukrainian religious group.

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As a member of the Conservative Movement from its inception in 1960, Temple Beth Am has always sought innovation within Jewish tradition, being an early adopter of egalitarianism. More recently, it has become one of the first congregations in the world to revive the sequential triennial Torah reading cycle which was in use in the land of Israel and nearby areas up through at least the 13th century. Temple Beth Am also prides itself in its ongoing cooperation with other small congregations of it. It was originally built in the 13th century. Despite the fact that the building, Temple members

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