

## Minutes for Wed., Nov. 28, 2018 meeting of the RCA Executive Committee

### Attendees:

Gershon Albert, Daniel Alter, Hanan Balk, Shalom Baum, Mark Dratch, Elie Eleff, Ilan Feldman, Josh Flug, Yaakov Gibber, Raphael Glickman, Zev Goldberg, Seth Grauer, David Hellman, Shlomo Hochberg, Yisrael Isaacs, Daniel Korobkin, Doniel Kramer, Ira Kronenberg, Uriel Lubetski, Andrew Markowitz, Leonard Matanky, Yechiel Morris, Elazar Muskin, Ariel Rackovsky, Yechiel Shaffer, Chaim Strauchler, Reuven Tradburks, Brahm Weinberg, Michael Whitman, Howard Zack, Ari Zahtz, Michael Zylberman

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Rabbinical Council of America, held by conference call, on **Wed., Nov. 28, 2018**, President Elazar Muskin in the chair, and Reuven Tradburks acting on behalf of the secretary, the following items were decided:

The minutes of Oct. 10, 2018 were approved.

Elazar Muskin, President, reported on: The concern of the officers that members comply with the resolutions of the RCA, in particular with the resolution that RCA members not hire women clergy. As such, the President had a conversation with a member concerning his intended hiring of a woman rabbinic intern and the member clarified his intent to conform to the resolution and to not hire her as a rabbinic intern but with a title that would be compliant.

We urge our members to support our initiatives in advocating for availability of kosher bread (related to the decision of Bimbo Bakeries USA to discontinue kosher certification on many popular brands), of the boycott of Airbnb over its BDS attitude to Yehuda and Shomron, and to support the use of halakhic prenups.

We are actively engaged with Chief Rabbi Lau concerning the batei din that are recognized for gerut and gittin.

The website of the RCA is being refreshed and the new format will soon be launched.

A series of conference calls with major Jewish leaders is underway. 7-10 Executive Committee members are invited each time to join along with a few officers. The purpose of these is to engage these leaders with our leadership.

The process of choosing a new editor of Tradition is progressing.

The RCA Siddur Avodat Halev by Koren has been published. Members are urged to bring these siddurim into their institutions. The old RCA Artscroll siddur is no longer available for purchase.

The RCA Convention will take place May 20-22, 2019 and will be chaired by Noah Chesis and Yaakov Trump. The Convention theme will be "The Healthy Rabbi". Executive Committee members are expected to attend.

Motion to approve new RCA members Mendy Stern, Jason Weiner, Adam Winston passed unanimously.

Motion to approve as Masmichim, Rabbi Eliyahu Ben Chaim, the 2 year semicha program of the Yeshiva leRabbonus, Pretoria, South Africa and Rabbi Leib Kelemen, Rosh Kollel of Center for Kehillah Development of Yerushalayim passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.