



## Board of Directors Expectations

Members of the Board of Directors of Etz Hayim are expected to:

### **Serve the Community**

- Serve as an ambassador for the congregation to existing and potential members and the broader community
- Be a member in good standing of the congregation
- Play a meaningful role in ensuring the success of the congregation, and be supportive of congregational life such as educational activities, service participation, ushering and programming
- Help identify and nurture emerging congregational leaders

### **Serve the Board**

- Come prepared to the meetings and participate substantively in the meetings; follow through on commitments
- Support the work and decisions of the Board of Directors
- Serve as an officer or committee chair or be actively involved in at least one committee
- Donate funds to the congregation annually in an amount that is personally meaningful
- Meet the responsibilities of a Director, including, without limitation, acting in the best interest of the congregation, exercising reasonable care in all financial and other decisions, avoiding conflicts of interest and being informed about matters to be considered by the Board of Directors.
- Act in accordance with the Congregation Etz Hayim constitution and by-laws and uphold the values of the congregation as an affiliate of USCJ
- Serve as a mentor to newer members of the Board of Directors

### **Be A Mensch**

- Maintain confidentiality
- Have respect for one another, be constructive, and be collaborative
- Let each other speak, listen to each other, learn from each other, and encourage different points of view
- Be precise and thoughtful in remarks