

John Peiser named interim president of Bnai Zion-Texas Region



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John Peiser has been appointed by the Bnai Zion-Texas Region board to serve as interim president. Peiser, who was the Texas Region's first board president, will hold this position until a new president is appointed.

"We are so excited to have John back on our board," said Debbie Tobias, director of development-Texas Region. "As our first board president, he was instrumental in building the Texas Region from the ground up. We are incredibly lucky to have his expertise in business and consulting, his strong history of community involvement and his strategic vision to guide us in growing Bnai Zion even further."

Peiser is an active member of the Dallas Jewish community and contributes to its communal and charitable initiatives. Currently, he is on the boards of Levine Academy, where he once served as chairman, and Congregation Shearith Israel. Peiser initiated the startup of the Texas-Israel Alliance

(formerly known as the Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce), where he currently serves as vice president. Past positions include board member and honoree for Dallas Area Torah Association (DATA), first president and board member for Yavneh Academy of Dallas and president of Texas Zionist Movement.

As one of the founding partners of Goldin Peiser & Peiser, LLP, a Dallas-based CPA and strategic advisory firm, Peiser provides specialized services in business strategy and consultation as well as business valuations. His experience in the business and financial arena extends more than 30 years. Known as a visionary and strategically focused, his creative consulting methodology is motivated by his sincere desire to see his clients abundantly grow their businesses. He brings this same energy and drive to finding solutions for the nonprofits and community organizations he serves.

"We are looking forward to all of the incredible ideas that John

will bring to the table," said Bnai Zion CEO Cheryl Bier. "He has an immense talent for bringing out the best in every company and organization that he works with. I know that when he applies this gift to our Texas Region, the results will be amazing."

A Taste of Israeli Wine: Savory programs feature Hebrew University expert

Last weekend of Jan. 25-27, members of the Dallas community participated in Israeli wine-tasting events organized by American Friends of the Hebrew University's Dallas Office, led by Jane Larkin. The featured speaker, Professor Zohar Kerem, is a viticulture expert and food chemist at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Kerem heads Israel's first international M.Sc. Degree Program in Viticulture. He shared his extensive knowledge of subjects ranging from successful grape growing to the unique characteristics of Israeli wines, which have become popular



Submitted photo

From left, Hebrew University's Professor Zohar Kerem and Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood President Charlie Redden.

exports.

On Friday, the Temple Emanu-El Brotherhood welcomed more than 35 guests for a wine tasting following Shabbat services. Folks learned about Kerem's research and viticulture program graduates who are establishing careers in the

industry. Participants sampled libations provided by Pogo's Wine & Spirits.

The Saturday program, "Uncorked, A Taste of Israeli Wine," was cohosted by Total

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