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Dear members of the Brandeis community,

I am writing to inform you of a change in the leadership of our presidential search committee. Stephen Kay, a past chairman of the Board of Trustees and present member of the search committee, will now lead the search. Trustee Meyer Koplw has stepped down after learning that a faculty member has nominated him for president.

Meyer said, when he became aware his name had been submitted, "It is only appropriate that I step down from my position as chairman, and I will not serve the committee in any capacity."

I understand and respect Meyer's decision to leave the search committee, and want to thank him for the outstanding job he has done to get us to this point in the process. He will continue to serve as chair of the Board's budget and finance committee and as a member of the executive committee.

I am very grateful to Steve for his willingness to serve in this vital role. As a past Board chair and current member of the search committee, he is uniquely suited to lead this effort.

The search committee is concluding more than two dozen interviews with students, faculty, staff, trustees, donors and alumni that have been conducted to inform the process of finding a successor to President Reinharz. Those meetings have been invaluable, and I want to thank members of the committee for their participation. A significant amount of work has also gone into other aspects of this search. We now have a strong foundation of knowledge to take our next steps, and can be confident in our ability to select the eighth president of Brandeis.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Sherman  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees