



*Gary Schaffel*

*President, Board of Trustees*

Gary Schaffel is an internal medicine physician. He shared that “BJBE has been an integral part of my life growing up and has influenced my beliefs in understanding the meaning and purpose in living a Jewish life.”

Gary is passionate about maintaining the continuity of our Jewish community and his personal involvement in Jewish learning, particularly his love for Talmud study. As an accomplished musician, Gary regularly enhances the spiritual musical environment in Kol Shabbat and Wednesday evening minyan services. “I am devoted to keeping our connection to Jewish music.”

Gary’s responsibilities are to manage the board of trustees, and coordinate all volunteer efforts. “My vision is to see a more solidified community committed to Judaism.”

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*Lisa Wilson*

*Co-Executive Vice President*

Lisa Wilson is a meeting and events manager for NCH Marketing.

“I love BJBE, and literally grew up here along with my twin sister, Lara Kunz. Because of my nearly daily involvement and my deep family roots, people believe BJBE must be part of my DNA.”

Lisa discovered that whatever was going on in her life, whether good or bad, she could go to BJBE and refocus and feel grounded.

“I hope while on the board we are able to help inspire our beloved congregants to find their sense of belonging in our Jewish community.” Lisa believes that by doing so she can help motivate and strengthen lay leadership involvement.

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*Tracy Friend*

*Co-Executive Vice President*

Tracy Friend is a CPA and MBA with 25 years of experience in the corporate world. Currently, she is a managing director at FCM, a private M&A consulting firm.

A passionate board member for more than 20 years, Tracy is appreciative of all that BJBE has meant in her life. “It’s an honor to give back and support my cherished community. I’m grateful for everything BJBE continues to offer to me and my family. My responsibility as executive vice president is to work closely with BJBE’s president, executive committee, and board to move our congregation forward. I especially look forward to mentoring and developing the new leaders in our community.”

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*Ted Belinky*

*Vice President/Treasurer*

Ted Belinky is a corporate financial executive.

“I’m passionate about Judaism and incorporate its values into my life and the lives of my family. Our awesome clergy have been instrumental in teaching and demonstrating these important life values. BJBE is here for my kids and my family, and I am dedicated to help assure that BJBE is here for our next generation. Our community rocks!”

Ted’s board responsibility is financial oversight for our congregation and helping to explore and develop new creative models for dues and revenue.

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*Michael DiCocco*

*Vice President*

Michael DiCocco is a retail director of quality assurance for Bon-Ton Stores, Inc.

“My desire is to help members find their place at BJBE, to help match our member’s particular skills and talents with community opportunities and needs.” Part of Michael’s responsibilities and vision is to develop new membership and find ways to fill our member’s needs.

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*Marti Greenberg*

*Vice President*

Marti Greenberg is the major gifts officer at JCC Chicago and holds a master's degree in social work.

Marti joined the board because of her deep love for BJBE and the opportunity to give back. "Our clergy, staff, and members have made my family feel valued, loved, and cared about—in the good times and the bad."

Marti feels that there is nothing more powerful in life than the sacred Jewish relationship we build with one another. "My purpose is to help strengthen this bond." Her focus this year is on the social action network and caring community. "It is all about healing a broken world one person at a time."

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*Brian Tenner*

*Vice President*

Brian Tenner is the central division sales lead for Willis Towers Watson OneExchange

Brian wants to be on the board so that he “can help ensure the continued success of BJBE. That is my vision.” His responsibilities are to oversee the Israel and ritual committees.

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*Kim Gordon*

*Recording Secretary*

Kim Gordon works as a credit officer of Opus Bank

“I chose to be on the board because I felt it was important to give back to our community. BJBE is like my second home. It’s literally where I grew up, and it’s where my dad is a past president.” Kim feels passionately about being a member of the BJBE community because “it provides our children a valuable learning experience through the example set by the officers on our board.” Kim’s responsibilities are to record all interactions of the board.

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*Bonnie Litch*

*Immediate Past President*

*Chair, Nominating Committee*

Bonnie is a long-term care marketing consultant.

“Building community is a passion with me. I grew up with BJBE. It’s been an important part of my life since I was five years old and has felt like a second home to me. I want others to feel that experience. As chair of the nominating committee, Bonnie’s responsibility and vision is to encourage lay leadership among congregants invested in building a strong BJBE. “It is also my aim to help create the best possible working environment for the staff.”

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*Carol Berger*

*President, Sisterhood*

*Director of Senior Programming, Caring  
Community Committee*

Carol Berger is a retired retail buyer.

“My general focus is to help build a multigenerational BJBE community...a special place for everyone to call home. I am proud to serve as Sisterhood president.”

Carol’s Sisterhood passionately supports our congregation through programming and financial backing and serves the world as members of the Women of Reform Judaism. “It is our task to plan events which provide opportunities to build community through both educational and social programming.”

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*Andrew Abrams*

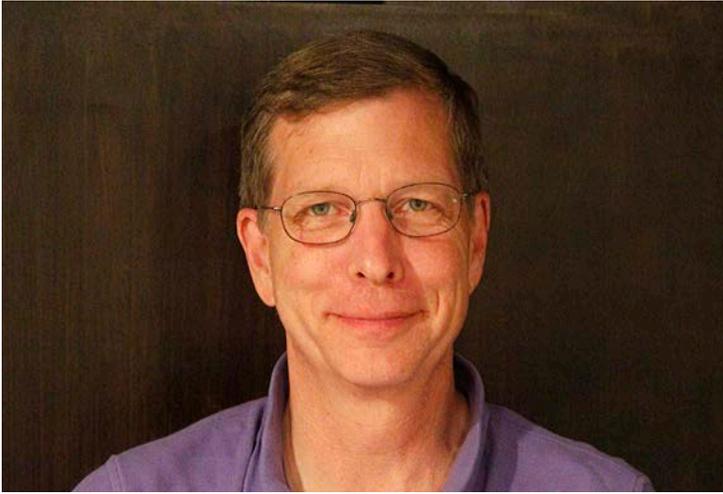
*Chair, Adult Education Committee*

Andrew Abrams is a business attorney in Chicago.

He cares very much about BJBE and is interested in Torah study, history, text-based Jewish learning, and the way the synagogue operates. He wants to contribute to the excellent adult education programs offered here.

“I have the privilege of working with Rabbi Stoller, supporting programming and promoting adult education programs at BJBE. Our purpose and vision is to continue all the engaging adult learning experiences that BJBE offers and finding new ways for members to participate in current and new programs by improving technological access.”

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*Rich Goldberg*

*Chair, Budget and Finance Committee*

Rich Goldberg is a CPA with an MBA from the University of Chicago and a former owner of a FASTSIGNS franchise.

He is very interested in learning and study, is a regular participant in the weekly Talmud study group, and was inspired by traveling to Israel with Rabbi Stoller and the Men's Group. "Now that I have more time, I want to use my years of financial expertise as a way of giving back to BJBE."

The budget and finance committee responsibilities are separate from the capital budget. Rich helps develop the budget and monitor the actual expenses versus projected expenses throughout the year. "The purpose of our committee is dealing with the daily financial operations of BJBE."

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*Beth Chaitman*

*Chair, Building and Grounds Committee*

Beth Chaitman is an interior designer for Walgreens Corporate.

She is excited to be part of the innovative team that will lead our congregation into the future, specifically the opportunity to work with the JLC committee on new approaches of delivering Jewish education.

“My responsibility is to assure the welfare of our building along with Arlene Mayzel and her staff, including maintenance and review of requests specific to the physical space. Our committee’s purpose and vision is to provide a physical environment that enhances the spirituality and safety of our community and congregants.”

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*Dale Busch*

*Chair, Caring Community Committee*

Dale Busch has over 40 years of experience working for Jewish organizations around the United States and is a former executive vice president of the JCCs of Greater Baltimore.

She is passionate about the crucial importance of helping people feel connected to their Jewish community. “When Ted and I were new to BJBE, we were immensely touched by how congregants and clergy reached out to us.” Now she wants to reach out to others, believing that being supportive in this way is holy work.

“Our committee responsibilities include home visits to those in need, delivering meals, arranging for shiva minyan lay leaders, creating support groups, reaching out to area senior centers and nursing homes, raising awareness among congregants about available resources, and generating new ideas for the support of congregants.” Her vision is to connect to BJBE members so they don’t feel isolated and alone.

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*Jennifer Schencker*

*Chair, Communications Committee*

Jennifer Schencker is the coordinating content editor for a global tax and legal publisher.

“Becoming a board member was my way to give back to our amazing community. BJBE has contributed to me and my family finding our Jewish home since we became members four years ago.”

Jennifer’s responsibilities include participation and overview of various BJBE committees’ communications, working in concert with Anne Robbin, membership and communications director and Arlene Mayzel, executive director. “Our purpose is to help implement the strategic plans and goals of committee projects such as the gala, Jewish Learning Center, and the sustaining gifts program, to name a few.

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*Dan Perlin*

*Chair, Constitution and Parliament  
Committee*

Dan Perlin is a commercial real estate attorney with Katten Muchin Rosenman Law Firm who has practiced for 22 years.

In addition to his duties as a voting board member, Don is the board parliamentarian and ensures that meetings are held in accordance with the established rules of order and with BJBE policies, bylaws, and constitution and that any motions are properly vetted, presented, discussed, considered, and voted upon. He also upkeeps and revises the BJBE bylaws and constitution. “It is my honor to draft and prepare necessary amendments and help preside over the BJBE annual meeting.”

Dan has been an active force on many committees. A former executive of the BJBE Men’s Club and 7th grade and Sunday school teacher, he can be found teaching Jewish cooking in the BJBE religious school program.

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*Maureen Chertow Miller*  
*Chair, Education Committee*

Maureen Chertow Miller is the director of technology for Winnetka Public Schools District 36.

Maureen grew up in Huntington, West Virginia, where there were very few Jewish families, but that was countered with a close-knit congregation. “I love being part of a large, vibrant Jewish community now, where my entire family is actively engaged.” Maureen wants to bring creative and innovative direction to the education committee.

“My responsibilities include generating ideas for the JLC, supporting the director of education, teachers, and their curriculum, and recruiting volunteers. The vision of our committee is to help create a school where children are eager to learn about Judaism and connect with other kids, adults, and clergy in the BJBE community.”

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*Jennifer Dubinsky*

*Chair, Financial Development Committee*

Jenn Dubinsky has earned master degrees in Judaic education, Jewish communal services, and education. A former teacher, she now operates her own jewelry company.

After watching her father sit on their temple board while growing up, Jenn wanted to follow in his footsteps and feels she is helping to build the temple for the next generation. “I hope that my sons will see my participation and choose to follow that path as well.”

Jenn’s past responsibilities included co-chairing the gala twice and heading the search committee for a new education director. Today her committee helps with fundraising, raising the communication level, and sustaining a vibrant congregation.

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*Marla Goldberg*

*Chair, Israel Committee*

Marla Goldberg works for Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) in non-profit management, is an “as needed” pharmacist, and has an. She recently completed a master’s in Judaic professional studies from Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership in December 2016.

Marla enjoys being on the board because she is passionate about Israel. As chair of the Israel committee, she is responsible for one of the core values of our community and believes that it is her mission to reinforce that love for Israel in different ways that assure we keep the core value alive.

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*Barry Metzger*

*Chair, Leadership Development Committee*

Barry Metzger has a background in financial services.

Barry is passionate about his family, helping others, and the BJBE community. He wants to set an example for his kids by showing them how to give back and by spending time helping others. He is inspired when he is at BJBE.

“We have a tremendously talented board at BJBE. I consider it a personal learning experience every time we meet. My goal is to help build and guide future lay leaders to successfully lead the congregation.” He wants to help our future leaders understand the values of BJBE and how to serve and grow in this sacred partnership.

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*Abby Agnew*

*Chair, Membership Committee*

Abby Agnew's career has been in project management and in management positions for customer service.

Abby joined the board to be more involved in the synagogue. As she ages she seeks "a more spiritual connection through BJBE ... to meet new people and to learn about the many programs offered here." Her responsibilities include attracting prospective members and retaining our current ones.

The purpose of her committee is to bring about new ideas and ways to engage congregants of various backgrounds and get them more involved.

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*Doris Schyman*

*Chair, Ritual Committee*

Doris Schyman loves numbers. She is a bookkeeper, and her whole career has been making sure that things “add up.”

Most Saturday mornings she can be found worshipping at the Kol Shabbat service and attending the Torah study that follows. Doris joined the board because she wants to make a contribution to the spiritual life at BJBE. “I want to help create an environment where each member can have an individually fulfilling spiritual experience.” She also plans for and organizes the placement of the wonderful ushers that meet and seat us for those special and sacred holidays.

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*Susie Selbst*

*Chair, Social Action Committee*

Susie Selbst is a small business owner of tabletop and giftware.

Susie is passionate about advocacy and BJBE and what it does for her and her family. “Social action is a way to help heal and mend the world.” She believes that “we learn from coming together to do G-d’s work and that these mitzvots teach my kids important lessons.” Susie oversees a network of social action programs, such as Project Nourish, Inspiration Cafe, MLK Day, Maot Chitim, disaster relief trips, PADS, and Nourish Northshore Neighbors.

“My committee’s goal is to continue providing programs that enable *g’milut chasidim*, education and awareness through advocacy, and *tzedakah* for all ages.

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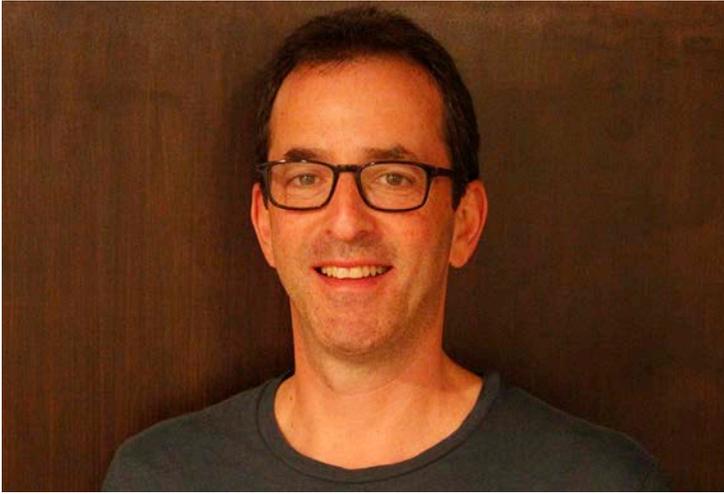
*Margot Andersen*

*Trustee at Large*

Margot Andersen is a social worker and mindfulness meditation therapist.

She has been very engaged with BJBE for a long time and is a past chair of the BJBE caring community. On the board, Margot is involved with the Early Childhood Center and is head of the new Center for Spiritual Growth, where she is working to bring alternative spiritual practice to BJBE.

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*Eric Bluman*

*Trustee at Large*

Eric Bluman is in IT sales and has been on the board for some time.

“I love BJBE and wanted to see how I could help it grow in a meaningful way.” As a member of the leadership committee, Eric is charged with seeking out future BJBE leaders and training them. He is also very interested in exploring ways to get the board more engaged in the everyday life of BJBE.

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*Jennifer Cohen*

*Trustee at Large*

Jennie Cohen has a career in advertising and marketing. She joined the board because she was interested in the life at BJBE and wanted to connect more deeply with our sacred community. Through the years, Jennie has volunteered on many committees such as the popular Purim party. “I want to offer my professional communication and creative skills wherever possible to help implement and enhance the many life changing projects available at BJBE.”

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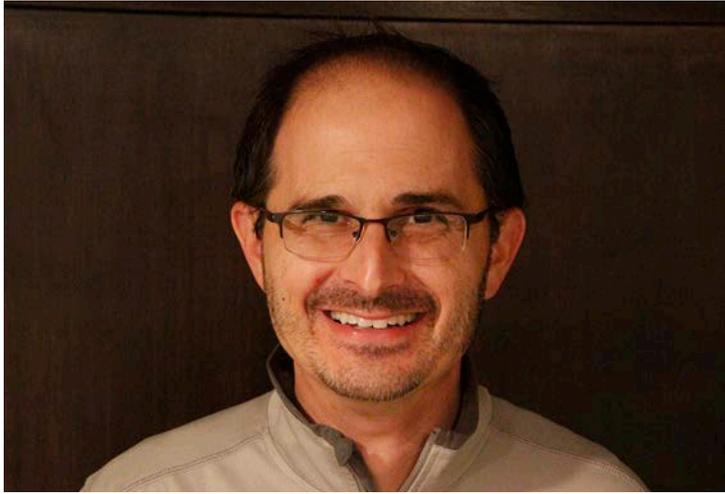


Formerly head of reference at Northbrook Library, Carole earned her MBA in 1980 and has built an extensive background in marketing with both for- and not-for-profit organizations in the fields of publishing, healthcare, strategic planning, and resource development. She is currently the vice president of marketing management for CJE SeniorLife. Carole wanted to be on the BJBE board to aid our community by “answering the call wherever the need arises.”

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*Carole Klein-Alexander*

*Trustee at Large*



*Larry Letwat*

*Trustee at Large*

Larry Letwat has worked in the insurance industry for over 25 years and is currently with an insurance software company that is at the forefront of management systems and data exchange.

Larry has played a major role on the board for nearly 10 years, being deeply involved with the endowment and finance committees, financial oversight and strategic planning, and the sustaining gifts campaign. He previously spent four years as the BJBE budget/finance chair.

“I want to help make a difference and ensure that the synagogue thrives for years to come for the sake of my children. BJBE is a very special place for my family, and I hope other congregants, too, will experience all the advantages BJBE has to offer its members.”

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*Howard Rosenblum*

*Trustee at Large*

Howard Rosenblum is the in-house managing counsel for Walgreens, where he is a litigation director.

As the co-chair of the sustaining gifts committee, working with Lisa Wilson, he feels “We have been given the responsibility to inspire our congregation to support BJBE’s vital effort to meet the needs of our Jewish community through our annual sustaining gifts fundraising drive.”

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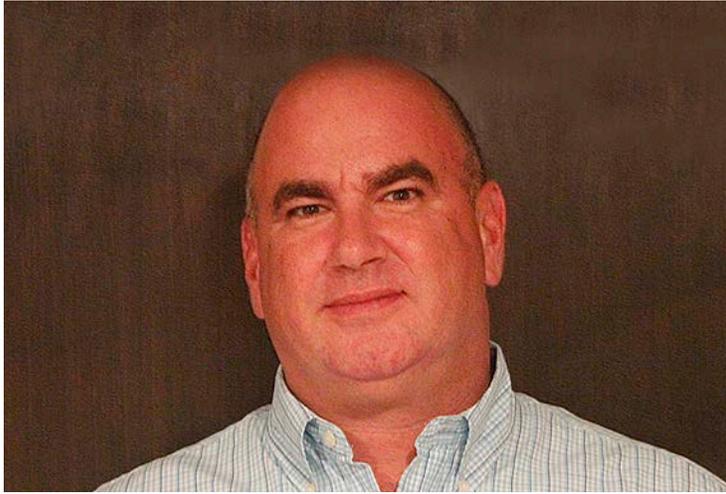


Michelle Shade is a trained high school science teacher and taught for many years before raising a family with her husband Ron in Deerfield. Michelle is very excited to join the board and wants to utilize her mentoring experience to give something back to our community.

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*Michelle Shade*

*Trustee at Large*



*Sid Siegel*

*Trustee at Large*

Sid Siegel is a partner in Natural Direct in Aurora, a food distributor to restaurants and retailers in the Chicago area.

He believes being involved in a temple is all about relationships. After moving to Chicago from Milwaukee 28 years ago, he struggled to find a temple home. That changed four-and-a-half years ago when he and his family joined BJBE and moved to Deerfield.

“We initially thought BJBE was too big but quickly discovered it was *hamish*—we have developed a real sense of community here.”

Sid’s goal is to help make BJBE a better and stronger place and to encourage as many people as possible to get involved, particularly prospective members.

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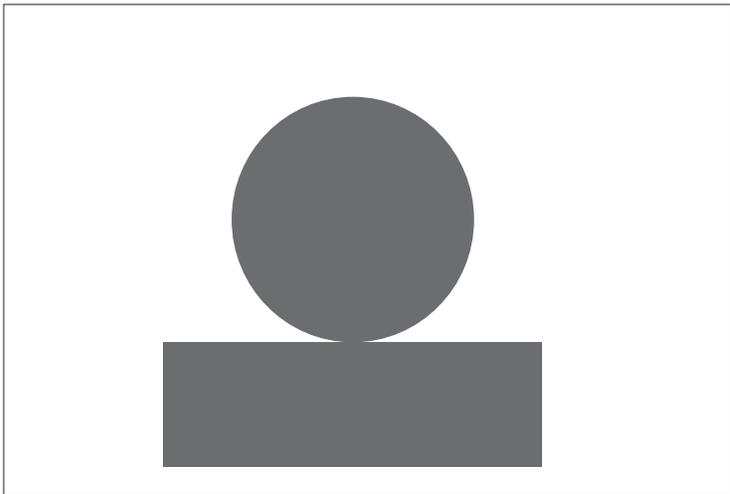
*Benjamin Bluman*

*President, Senior Youth Group*

Benjamin Bluman is a junior at Deerfield High School. Benjamin has grown up at BJBE, and now he is giving back to the temple as president of SYG. “I started getting involved at BJBE in the 8th grade, when I was asked to become a mahonik, and it has been a great experience and fun to be involved. I looked up to the former presidents of SYG and decided I also wanted to be a leader and elevate my leadership skills.”

Benjamin and the SYG committee are working on a full slate of activities for this year, including getting together with the Bright Star Church in the Chicago neighborhood of Bronzeville as well as possibly another Jewish youth group. As a BJBE board member, Benjamin reports to the board on SYG activities.

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*David Hochberg was not available for an interview or photo at this time.*

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