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Andy Besser Appointed Interim General Manager of Beit T'Shuvah

**Board Unanimously Ratifies Acceptance By Board Chair of Dr. Resnick's Resignation On May 15 and
Dr. Resnick's Suspension on May 13**

Los Angeles, CA -- May 17, 2016 --- Andy Besser, JD, who is a drug, alcohol and addiction counselor level 2, has been appointed interim General Manager of Beit T'Shuvah. Mr. Besser had previously served as Director of Outpatient Programming at Beit T'Shuvah.

The appointment came after Beit T'Shuvah's Board of Directors today unanimously ratified the acceptance by its Board Chairman Russell Kern, on behalf of the Board on Saturday, May 15, the resignation of its former CEO Dr. Bill Resnick and Dr. Resnick's suspension on May 13, 2016.

On Friday, May 13, 2016, Dr. Resnick was suspended from his position as CEO of Beit T'Shuvah, to allow for an investigation of and Dr. Resnick's response to complaints made by several Beit T'Shuvah employees to that organization's Human Resources department. On May 15, Dr. Resnick tendered his resignation to Mr. Kern. Mr. Kern accepted that resignation.

"As a result of his suspension, Dr. Resnick did not have the authority to fire any of the individuals listed in his May 15, 2016 email: Harriet Rossetto, Rabbi Mark Borovitz, Carrie Newman, Brandon Berry and Rebecca Share, a spokesman for Beit T'Shuvah said. "Ms. Rossetto and Rabbi Borovitz continue to be the heart and soul of Beit T'Shuvah and, along with these other individuals will continue to be an integral part of the organization.

"Dr. Resnick, on behalf of Beit T'Shuvah, also did not have the right or authority to issue his May 15 email or threaten, let alone bring a lawsuit against Ms. Wagner, Mr. Esformes and/or Mr. Kern. Mr. Kern remains chairman, Mr. Esformes remains Secretary of the Board of Beit T'Shuvah and Eve Wagner remains outside counsel to Beit T'Shuvah," he continued.

"Dr. Resnick's comments about alleged illegal activities by Ms. Rossetto and Rabbi Borovitz, his allegation of malpractice on the part of Ms. Wagner and illegal and unethical behavior on the part of Messrs. Esformes and Kern are entirely his own and those views are neither shared by the Board nor should they be interpreted as being made on behalf of Beit T'Shuvah. Further, Beit T'Shuvah and the Board believe they are completely without merit," the spokesman said.

Mr. Besser said that he and Beit T'Shuvah remain committed to the work they are doing to serve the community and that operations have not been and will not be impeded. "The people working for and with Beit T'Shuvah remain dedicated to helping save and improve lives," he said.

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