

Har Shalom Committee Meeting of October 2015.

Har Shalom Operating Committee Meeting, October 13, 2015

Agenda

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam. Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu La'asok b'tsorchey tzibbur.
Blessed are you, our Eternal God, ruler of the Universe. You have sanctified us with your Mitzvot, and commanded us to occupy ourselves with the needs of the community.

Committee Reports:

Education/Social Action, Sheehan

Position is open

Finance/Operations, Sherry

Annual Meeting November 22

Ruach, Barb

Begin prep for Channukah party December 12 @ 5:00

Membership, Toba

Transition to Historian

Building, David Jolles

New Business

Reschedule Leadership Renewing Vision Retreat. See Doodle Poll

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Present: *Holly Kingsford, Barb Gross, Sherry Kolenda, Ari Margo, Bert Chessin, David Jolles*

Topic	Discussion	Action
Education / Social Action	Education chair has resigned. Position is open.	

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Finance	<p>Next finance meeting to be scheduled. Finance committee to prepare for annual meeting.</p> <p>Marc Steinberg has agreed to participate with the finance committee.</p> <p>It's time for another fund matching campaign. We need to find donors to put up the money to match. We are aiming for donations totaling \$10,000 to be matched by the community to raise a total of at least \$20,000.</p>	

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Building	<p>Sign needs to be cleaned, lawn needs to be mowed, island needs to be painted, bushes need to be trimmed, and the bird presence needs to be discouraged. The outdoor carpet could be replaced too. Outdoor lights need to be repaired or replaced. This Sunday, October 18th, will be a work day, as will Sunday October 25th. Skilled volunteers to be gathered in the coming days.</p> <p>Tenant wants to know who is responsible for ongoing hands-on building maintenance. Committee suggests inviting someone to have that responsibility to work as a project manager to function as a liaison between the building committee chair and the tenant. Barb volunteers to act as a liaison.</p>	

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Membership	Toba to transition from Membership chair to Historian. Membership chair position is open.	

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<p>Ruach</p>	<p>Report attached.</p> <p>Pat, Barb, Laurie and Bert will be planning the Chanukah party. Paul and Ilana have also volunteered to help with planning.</p> <p>Someone needs to be assigned to be responsible for Oneg. Perhaps those that have brought in food in the past can take turns providing food according to a Calendar arranged by the Ruach committee.</p>	

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<p>Leadership Retreat</p>	<p>Retreat had to be rescheduled since Laurie was sick. Doodle poll was sent to leadership to choose a date. November 1st or November 8th? Committee chairs in attendance today are available on the 8th.</p>	

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<p>October Minutes</p>	<p>Minutes approved.</p>	

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October 2015, Ruach report:

Begin prep for Channukah party December 12 @ 5:00. This is news to me. However, I like it. It will give us time to do some really wonderful things for the Channukah party this year. I like the idea of playing Jewperdy, but this year I want all the questions to be very easy, Not like last year where you had to literally memorize the whole Torah to answer a question right. Also it will let us make some decisions such as – do we want to have a Latke Contest this year or just bring your own and bring enough latkes.

Service leaders for the month of October have already volunteered. They are: Friday, October 16, Bert Chessin; Friday, October 23, Laurie Franklin; Friday, October 30, Holly Kingsford.

Pat Cohen and I will be working on finding the November leaders. I want to say that Lisa Carter's service on October 9 was excellent. She was trained by Kate Soukonnikov to lead. I wish Kate would train more of us. I don't want to put Laurie down for her excellent interpretations of the prayer book service, but Kate actually gets people to stand up in front of her and makes them feel good about it. With Lisa, I just have to work out a few glitches on getting someone to remain in the synagogue on Fridays from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm while I drive to her apartment and pick her up. She has stopped driving at this point.

Onegs are very indecisive and "iffy" at this point. I try to check on Thursday to see if we have enough Challah and wine. Whether someone is bringing more food for after the blessings is an unknown factor. Your guess is as good as mine. The sign up sheets on the glass table are just not working. Basically, no one is signing up for Oneg food each week. Occasionally someone signs up for a few weeks in advance. Maeta did in September and she brought Oneg last Friday, October, 9. Thank you Maeta.

We have tried announcing in the Friday Service that we would appreciate people who will bring food for the Onegs. It isn't working. The announcement goes in one ear and out the other. We have two or three choices for Oneg at this point. We can go along as we have been and say to ourselves "Oneg? Who is bringing food for the Oneg? We know that we don't know." Or we can make a decision to line people up who are capable financially of bringing enough food. This would require making several phone contacts throughout the week to make sure these people have not forgotten to bring food before the Friday service. It would also mean someone would have to be here to receive the food if it was brought after the hours of Montessori classes.

In the future, I would like people who bring food for the Oneg to NOT feel obligated in any way to attend the Friday night service. The bringing of food for the Oneg would be a single Mitzvot that has nothing to do with attending the Friday Night Service. The same thing would apply to the Saturday Service Pot Luck after the service.

I would be in contact with these generous people and receive food from them throughout the week. We could then thank them in the Weekly or Newsletter. The bringing of food would not involve an obligation to attend the services.

Another idea would be to do away with the idea of the Oneg, for now.

We would just announce at the end of the service that we have coffee, tea or juice for those wishing to stay and enjoy each other's company. If anyone would like to bring chips and dip at this time we would be glad to take donations. However, there would be no "Oneg" with more than one type of food - as we know it today.