

Har Shalom Committee Meeting of May 2015.

## Har Shalom Operating Committee Meeting, May 12, 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.

Review minutes from April meeting

Revisit earlier decision to publish minutes before the next meeting review

Committee Reports:

Education/Social Action, Lauren Weinstock

Potluck picnic in late spring at Boyd Park to celebrate our tree?

Finance/Operations, Sherry Kolenda

Dues restructure

Ruach, Barb Gross

Shavuot Planning

Membership, Toba Winston

Building, David Jolles

New Business

Planning a Leadership Retreat in August

## Har Shalom Operating Committee Meeting Minutes

**Present:** *Holly Kingsford, Barbara Gross, Lauren Weinstock, David Jolles, Toba Winston, Laurie Franklin, Ari Margo*

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Review Minutes from April</b>	<p>Chairs discuss formatting of April Minutes.</p> <p>Minutes approved as amended.</p> <p>Minutes to be approved at end of meetings from now on, and posted to the website the same week.</p>	

Topic	Discussion	Action
<b>Education / Social Action</b>	<p>Report attached.</p> <p>Chairs discuss reaching out to the community individually through phone calls as opposed to relying on impersonal newsletters.</p> <p>Education / Social Action chair discusses plans for Atidaynu, including exercises, stories, etc.</p> <p>How can we create community within Har Shalom using circles?</p> <p>Can we get people that are involved in only one aspect of Har Shalom interested in other programs and activities?</p> <p>Can we use Skype as a tool for education, such as teaching Hebrew?</p> <p>Let's create "additional ways to open the doors to connection."</p> <p>The people that need support should always feel comfortable approaching our community, and to know wholeheartedly that we are here for them.</p>	

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Finance/Operations	<p>Finance committee is absent; will attend Board meeting next week.</p> <p>Monthly dues schedule will create more consistent income.</p> <p>ShulCloud can facilitate a monthly payment program. Next ShulCloud demonstration will be scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00PM.</p>	

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<b>Ruach</b>	<p>Report attached.</p> <p>Toba to lead services May 22<sup>nd</sup>. June 6<sup>th</sup> needs to be assigned since Laurie will be away for 6 weeks—June 1<sup>st</sup>-July 12<sup>th</sup>. Bert suggested for June 6<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Chairs discuss possible plans for Shavuot.</p>	

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<b>Adult Education</b>	<p>Toba is considering teaching a class, and is narrowing down choices between 3 possibilities: The Book of Genesis (24 lectures), The Holy Land Revealed (an archeological study of Israel), and Jewish Intellectual History from the 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> century. There would be a charge for the class, and it was suggested that the temple pay for the materials if possible. The choices should be included in a weekly newsletter. These will be “college level” classes. Once a class is decided upon, a form will be designed. Class tentatively to be scheduled Saturday afternoons after Torah study.</p>	

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<b>Building</b>	<p>The doorbell on the door to parking lot needs to be fixed so that it doesn't ring unnecessarily.</p> <p>Mirror still needs to be hung again.</p> <p>Motion sensor light project is in progress.</p> <p>Water pressure being checked.</p> <p>The sprinklers and lights are plugged into the same power supply—this needs to be split. An electrician is coming.</p> <p>Montessori is approved to paint the play room.</p> <p>Storage in play room is pending Montessori decision.</p> <p>The electrician will also work on the Ner Tamid to connect the electricity.</p>	

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<b>New Business</b>	<p>Leadership retreat in August was suggested. Could be used for planning for the next year.</p> <p>Decision to put Craft Club on hiatus was made by too few people. Craft Club could continue through the Summer for those that want to attend.</p> <p>New track at Aleph for educators was discussed. Education/Social Action Chair would like to attend. The purpose is to get the community involved in education. Chairs discuss possible funding.</p>	

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<b>Membership</b>	Membership team meeting to be scheduled soon.	

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<b>May Minutes</b>	May minutes are approved.	

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Lauren's Report

I attended the Missoula InterFaith Collaborative with Laurie April 30.

Continued contact with Family Promise. Included news on weekly e-newsletter asking community for donations.

Included news on Montana Special Olympics occurring in Missoula, May 19 to 22.

*10 minutes Exercise*

2 minutes; Circle

Inclusion Exercise; (Raise your hand)

if you now or ever change the oil/change tire on your car.

if you have ever attended shiva or made a bereavement call.

if you believe you are a good friend.

if you are Jewish.

if you are left-handed.

if you know anyone [not yourself] who has a disability.

if you believe you are kind.

if you are Jewish.

2 minutes; ReTelling

The Story of the Lamed Vavniks

A story in Kabbalah, of 36 Righteous Jews, do not know each other, do not even know they are themselves a L-Vavnik. "Since nobody knows who the *Lamedvavniks* are, not even themselves, every Jew should act *as if* he or she might be one of them; i.e., lead a holy and humble life and pray for the sake of fellow human beings." [Wiki] Read portion about Lamed Vavniks and inspiration for life

2-3 minutes; Participatory Exercise followed by 5 minutes Talk and Questions

Circles [of Engagement]- Give examples of circles

I'll start; the circle of the seasons; Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring, etc

We here are a circle; a group of concerned Jewish people who for various reasons believe we can help lead this larger group of Jews within this building and without, within Missoula and outlying areas... in order to achieve a continuation of the Judaism we cherish and wish to see continue. We believe through our efforts we are part of the continuation of our people. We are inspired by Torah, in Bereshit; G-d said I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the heavens. 5 minutes;

How can we create community at Har Shalom within circles? Using the model of chavurot, Laurie and I have been wrestling. We would like to bring ideas and action items to you to begin allowing the people who love Judaism as we do, here in Missoula, to join in kindness, action and learning within circles of support, friendship, camaraderie, caring, learning and doing so that we can emulate the Lamed Vavniks in our leadership here at Har Shalom.

Article Laurie sent us; end of #3;The congregation thrives because it matters

Ruach (Spirit) Report Sub-committee Meeting, Har Shalom May 12, 2015

Ruach Committee is pleased to announce its first Davvenology Service.

On May 8, 2015 Barb Gross and Catherine Tucker lead the Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service. It went well and we also learned things to avoid and things to do.

Catherine wrote a plan of when we would sing from the prayer book and when we would speak – who would listen and who would join in. It was the map we used throughout the whole service. This was very useful. We are adding more things to this Davvenology Map, such as: The Omer Prayer and the prayer-songs after the Aleinu. What made it even more wonderful, was the music that Catherine played with her Keyboard.

I was the one who read from this “map” and my voice was getting rocky when I was giving the Dvar Torah. Next time, I want to streamline the direction-giving to the congregation, so I don’t start to lose my voice, or so the next person giving the Parsha doesn’t lose their voice. I still like Laurie Franklin’s paper plate service for this reason. There isn’t as much talking that the Service-giver has to do in terms of directing the congregation. And the service-givers voices are saved for giving the Parsha and Announcements.

All in all we had a wonderful service and I hope many more will be this successful. I had a surprise, after the service, during the Oneg. A congregation member actually came up to me and told me they thought I did a great job with the Parsha Service. It made me feel really good since I had spent time and effort getting the Parsha Service together. Thanks to all who attended and thanks to Catherine for setting up a “map” (outline) for the smooth going of the Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat Service on May 8, 2015.

Next Service Schedules

Friday, May 15, 2015 – Service by Rabbinic Intern Laurie Franklin

Friday, May 22, 2015 – Toba will lead.

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### Next Service Schedules (Continued)

Friday, May 29, 2015 Service by Rabbinic Intern Laurie Franklin

Saturday, June 6, 2015 Saturday morning Torah Service, possibly by Bert Chessin.

Thanks to all our regular Service leaders, Laurie, Franklin, Bert Chessin, Holly Kingsford, Kate Soukkonikov, Lisa Carter, possibly a Co-lead with Joyce Latimer, Dave Jolles, Toba Winston

Next Holiday – Coming up is Shavuot. Sunday, May 24, 2015

We can also do this on Saturday, May 23, 2015 – one day before the actual holiday, but more people will attend, since it is a Saturday. One year Laurie set up a little booth at the back of the Sanctuary and we had a lovely Shavuot service.

It kept the holiness of Shavuot in the holiday. It wasn't just a day to eat Cheesecake and Ice Cream.

Other news – Ari sent out Yahrzeit letters. I received mine. Thank you Ari.

Rosh Chodesh This month RoshChodesh falls on the same day as the Har Shalom Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Does Holly want to get together with the Rosh Chodesh people 1 hour before the Board Meeting? Which would mean 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm.