

Minutes from Board of Director's Meeting
February 6, 2006

Meeting called to order by President Danny Greenberg 8pm

In attendance: Arie Behar, Gary Bergman, Arthur Biderman, Bobbi Binder, Ed Birch, Jeff Cadoff, Larry Cohen, Marc Dillman, Al Garten, Joyce Gerbman, Cindy Gittleman, Danny Greenberg, Mark Kasdin, Ruth Anne Koenick, Linda Kohn, Allison Nagelberg, Aaron Rosloff, Gary Warner, Paul Zankel, Hadas Elami, Cantor Rockman

Motion to approve minutes by Linda Kohn, seconded by Ruth Anne.
Vote: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstain

Danny apologized for meeting in classroom 11, renovations going on in kiddush room and social hall is being used by another group.

Welcome to Aaron Rosloff, new rep for 50 plus group.

Frank Waltzer has resigned as assistant treasurer. Mark Jiorle has stepped up to take that position. Mark's term expires at end of this year. Frank will fill in for Mark's position until the end of the year.

Danny starting up new committee planned giving, with an eye towards looking for the future. Mitch and Keith Zimmerman will head this up. Asking for people to think of BT when doing their wills. This could take 5 to 7 years to get this to work.

Litigation update. Sent out notices to Chris and his brother. Received certified mail back from one not the other. They have 30 days to respond, and then we have right to file for full judgment. We will have more information by the next board meeting. Not sure what will happen if one of the brothers does not accept the certified mail.

Construction bond - still items that need to be completed for us to get the bond back. we do not agree, meeting at North Brunswick city hall to figure this out.

Gary Bergman and Hadas were thanked, building has looked very good these past few weeks, thanks to them.

New business:

Motion by Cindy Gittleman:

The existing policy specifying that no outside rental contracts be allowed in the school wing during religious school hours be changed to allow rental contracts, on a case by case basis, access to the set up only in the designated rented space during religious school hours. Names of all

parties entering the building during school hours must be provided ahead of time, and security identification tags worn by said individuals.

Seconded by Jeff Cadoff.

This is in reference to someone who will hold a meeting once each month, a card dealer. Vendors need to be able to come in at 10:30am. They would enter through the back door and come right into the multipurpose room. There could be over 30 people setting up tables. Concern about monitoring their comings and goings.

Vote: 12 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstain

Motion passes

Motion by Ruth Anne:

Authorize the use of up to \$600 from the Torah Restoration Fund to purchase 4 sets of T'fillin for congregational use.

Seconded by Bobbi Binder.

Vote: 16 for, opposed 0, abstain 0

Motion passes

Larry Cohen presented Shabbat room rental policy.

Motion by Larry

Seconded by Al Garten

Bobbi raised questions about dealing with Ed. Change to maintenance supervisor.

Motion withdrawn.

Status of programming revenue, report by Cindy Gittleman passed around. Marc Dillman questioned whether the money cited on the report is a gross or net amount. Cindy was not sure whether maintenance was included in the amounts or not. Marc Dillman pointed out that the costs need to be included in these events, not the general use of the building.

Nursery school fundraiser: Jeff Cadoff. In reference to motion two months ago for pavers fundraiser. Need to work with decor committee and sell enough to make up a complete paving unit. That would be 108 for the initial piece in front of the door. Initial brochure being worked on, Noah's ark idea is still alive, as something that would go on the wall. Issues surrounding not doing that, the base piece runs close to \$7000. The current students would never see this. It's also on a wall that the parents would not be able to see because they typically do not come into the building. Committee wants to stick with the pavers. We can start right away, need to sell \$3000 to \$4000 to get started and they feel it's a more realistic project and can be marketed to business that congregants own. Still don't have all of the numbers, need to talk to contractor who did the caterer's paving. This needs to be done. Anticipate this being done this year, by the end of this month, ribbon cutting by the end of August.

Old business: none

Cantor gave d'var torah in the absence of Rabbi.

Reminded us all of Shabbat shira lunch and sing. Then Saturday night is our annual concert. He is also working with the USY to have a regular USY service. Difficult to get the kids together. They are having a Friday night dinner and service. They will lead the service similar to what they do at conventions. This is for the entire congregation. Caterer will charge \$18 for full service or \$12 if we do the set up and clean upon ourselves. Cantor feels that we should each help out one another's groups. He reminded us about how contemporary the 10 commandments are to us.

Financial secretary - Mark Kasdin:

436 members, 286.5 fdpe, 82 on special arrangement.

Considering asking people for proof of finances.

Treasurer's report was handed out. Marc Dillman reviewed the highlights.

Money is starting to get tight now. Sited specifics with regards to utility costs rising significantly. Just paid for the roof.

Mark Kasdin questioned whether anyone approached the caterer about the rising heating bill.

Rabbinic search committee report: Arie. 16 resumes received. We are starting to eliminate based on the resumes. Eliminated 7, invited 8 for phone interviews. 16 synagogues our size are looking for Rabbis.

VP reports:

Gary Warner casino night report. Things are moving along nicely. 157 people have paid to attend. We are ahead of previous years. We have a lot of great gifts. 4 day carnival cruise to stay in a suite. sporting events, watches. We have a corporate sponsorship. Ashley furniture has given us \$750 to have his name advertised throughout the night. Asked for board help to possibly be a sponsor of a table or even chip in with some other families to donate a gift. Spread the word. Princeton Jewish center is having their big fundraiser the same night, so we are in competition with them.

Auxiliary reports:

Sisterhood: February 12th book review, Song of Hannah, author will be here.

Wine sale for Passover being sent out. Encouraged everyone to purchase their wine through sisterhood. Purim basket sale. Several people who have yet to renew their golden grogger status. Ruth Anne will be calling those people who have not sent their money in.

Men's club. February 5th was international world wide t'fillin wrap. had 50 people in attendance. There are at least a dozen pictures of our members on the website for men's club.

February 12th men's club meeting. Executive director of Jewish sports hall of fame. Bringing a video tape of last year's event and a tour of the hall of fame. Cost is \$4. Ed approached caterer to do a bar mitzvah showcase. He was met with resistance by the caterer.

Rabbi report: Bible people has been a successful program so far, there are a few weeks left. Paperclips will be shown at the next movie installment. Hadas and colleen had a chance to see the display in person and they will talk about it. Still room for people to attend the tu b'shvat seder.

Good and welfare

R'fuah Sh'layma – speedy recovery

Elise Sheinman Chiola; Jan Handelman, Bashe Rockman, Susan Rosenzweig Hamakom Y'nachem – Condolences:

Michelle Greenfield on the death of her father, Hyam Aroughetti; Mitch Rucko on the death of his father

Yeeshar Koach to:

Ed Birth for helping to facilitate breakfast and capture the BT worldwide wrap in photo

Mazel Tov to:

Bob and Sheree Berk on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Samantha; Mitch Rucko on the Bat Mitzvah of his daughter, Tamara; Joel and Jamie Rothfus on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Talia; Andy and Susan Shapiro on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Daniel; Greg and Jodi Garyn on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Corey

motion to adjourn by bobbi binder
seconded by Ed birch.

Vice President for Membership

February Report
Ruth Anne Koenick

I continue to talk to prospective members on the phone and through email. I sent out a mailing inviting people to our three major events this month, lunch and sing, the seder and the concert.

I also sent out 10 copies of the latest HaKol to what I think are the best prospects. This was Alan Kane's suggestion and I will contact Paul Zankel to discuss printing more copies so that I can do this on a regular basis and distribute more than just 10. The prospect list needs some cleaning up before I mail to a larger group.

I delivered two more welcome bags and am still trying to do this in person, even if I give it to one of the children in our religious school to give to his/her parents.

Contacting the designated gift presenters is going well and people seem appreciative of the help. I feel like the presentations are more concise and relevant so I will continue to do this. Almost everyone listens and then follows my suggestions.

The membership committee discussed a proposal to give current members a financial reward/amount off their dues, for bringing in new members. Although it was a small meeting, people felt that some other reward, other than money, would be better. The discussion will continue.

When he returns from Florida, Mark Roller will talk with the congregant who lives in the development in Somerset about hosting a program and inviting the residents of this over 55 community to attend. The development is one of several in that area and far closer to us than some of the other senior developments. We'll be reaching out to other members who live there.

School & Youth Vice-President Report

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Nursery School

- The new playground is complete.
- Nursery School began "Mommy & Baby" and "Mommy & Tykes" yoga classes.
- The Friday Toddler Fun Club has been re-instituted due to increased enrollment.

Camp Program

- Registration began last Tuesday January 31st. Four children have already enrolled.

Religious School

- The Religious School is running smoothly.
- One of the teachers resigned due to his school workload and has been replaced.

Kadima

- "Name that Video" and "Lemons & Latkes" programs went well in January.
- February programming includes a Movie Night and Bingo. The Purim Carnival planning is going well. (SEE YOU ALL MARCH 19th)

USY

- USY held a movie night w/Chinese food in the Youth Lounge.
- USY events have been well attended.
- The Purim Carnival planning is going well. (SEE YOU ALL MARCH 19th)

Youth Lounge

- The Youth Lounge dedication ceremony is being planned concurrently with other dedications.

Administration VP Report

February 2005

Storage areas in the new and old wings have been reorganized, allowing the Administrator's office (and the office in general) to be free of clutter resulting in a much improved appearance.

Plans are being made to install an LCD monitor in the lobby to serve as a sign-board replacing the various easels placed in the lobby. The monitor and accompanying equipment are being donated by the caterer and various congregants.

A gate was installed for the new kitchen to help insure it will not be "trailed" by visiting guests and rental clients. The gate was donated by Ben Shapiro. The thermostat which controls both the kitchen and the library was moved to the library where it will always be accessible.

23 6' folding resin tables were purchased at a bargain price from Target's clearance sale. The Religious School is paying for 17 of them from their fundraising efforts. Ann Kanarek personally located the sale and brought them here after purchasing the entire inventory of the Lawrenceville store. After hearing from Ann, Gary Bergman cleaned out the inventory from the store in Menlo Park. Jeff Schwartz donated the carts used to move and store the tables.

House & Grounds

Almost all of our electrical problems have now been repaired. Many thanks to Andy Jackenthal who helped identify some the problems. The switches for the high intensity lights in the multi-purpose room were rewired to help prevent confusion which occasionally caused the system to overload.

All the bulbs in the parking lot were replaced and all the bulbs in the multi-purpose room will be replaced this week.

The replacement of the roof is completed and awaiting inspection by the manufacturer.

Religious Activities Committee

The Chanukah party was attended by about 60 adults and children. The event ended up making money. We held a 50/50, the proceeds were donated back to the RAC. We also collected \$95 from sponsors of boxes of donuts.

Plans are set for the Tu B'shvat seder for Sunday, February 12, 2006. The rabbi will review what will occur at the seder and provide a list of foods for the committee to obtain. Jeff Schwartz offered to get whatever food he could. The cost for adults is \$8, children are \$5.

Purim: Ben Gottesman will be working on this and still needs a committee.

Reminder that Rabbi needs to advertise both the change in time and location for Friday night services during Pesach. Rabbi will have minyan at his house for both the first and second night of Pesach.

Ben Gottesman is working on a program for Yom Hashoa and Marci Oslick offered to investigate a speaker for next year.

A few more (about 20) Atz Chaim chumashim are needed for the sanctuary. Bobbi will get in touch with Hadas to see if there are any dedications that need books. Cantor will get a price.

A decision was made to cancel the Shabbarbeque since we have added a Family Shabbat dinner and service just 2 weeks later when we will honor Moshe and Malka Moosekowitz and celebrate their 9th wedding anniversary. This will also give congregants with children an opportunity to say goodbye to the Rabbi and his family.

The committee discussed a few topics without any conclusions made regarding 1) the Halachik requirement that women wear a tallis when they do anything with the Torah, i.e. G'lillah, Alliyot, etc. 2) rules surrounding the use of both of our kitchens. The rabbi handed out some initial guidelines. The document is a work in progress.

The construction plans for a new ark for the beit midrash were presented to the RAC. The décor committee was present. The ark was approved with some minor changes and a few questions for the artist. This is being donated by Aaron Rosloff and Arie Behar.

There was further discussion about decorating the beit midrash. Jodi Garyn will be painting a mural of Jerusalem on one of the long walls. She will donate her time and the supplies are being paid for by a congregant.

There was a discussion about installing stained glass windows in the beit midrash. This was originally going to be a congregational project, since the meeting the Rabbi was able to have the project funded by Martha Rotter.

Plans are underway for Shabbat Shira on February 11, 2006. We will hold a lunch and sing after services. There is no fee to attend, we are asking for rsvp's so we know how much food to make. Stacey Rockman will be preparing lunch. We are also looking for people to co-sponsor the lunch for a donation of \$18 or more.

Members of the RAC have been checking the school wing on Saturday mornings to make sure that no children are just wandering around.

VP ACTIVITIES REPORT FEB. 2005

ADULT EDUCATION:

JAN - FEB WEDS. EVENINGS - BIBLE PEOPLE SERIES with visiting area Rabbis.

MARCH - 22nd and 29th "The Curious History of the Biblical Passover"
Presented by Azzan Yadin.

Sunday, April 2nd - Spice up your Seder - For Young Families

Sunday, April 23rd - Special Multimedia presentation on The Harmonists
Co-sponsored by Men's Club & Chai Member's Club

WITH MORE TO FOLLOW.

BT ATHLETICS:

Men's Open Court Basketball continuing in February. Tuesday nights 8-10 pm. Non-competitive pick-up game.

Volleyball Equipment is here and ready for use!

Thanks goes to twelve BT families for their generosity. Thank you to:

Smith Family, Weiss Family, Teicher Family, Lassin Family, Eisenberg Family, Suttner Family, Gittleman Family, Jackenthal Family, Wolf Family and the Blackin Family, Cohen Family and the Shindler Family

ADULT COED BEACH VOLLEYBALL:

Fun evening of volleyball and fun on Saturday, February 18th 7:30 -10:30pm

WEBMASTER /HAKOL:

1. Synagogue Calendar is posted on the website along with Nursery School closings.
2. "Programs" Page added to keep everyone updated on activities scheduled by Lisa, our Programming Director.
3. Sending out announcements by our webmaster for non-synagogue events will be reviewed by the Office and approved by VP Activities first.

JCC PROGRAMMING:

NEW JCC ACTIVITY BROCHURE coming out in February for spring.

Sign ups in classes for Yoga and Jazzercise, with certified instructors.

AND NEW: Weight Watchers classes, Defense Driving Classes & more!

FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE:

A Father/Daughter dance will be held **Sunday, March 26th at 5-7pm**. It will be open to all fathers/daughters but recommended for girls 11 and under (down to the stroller) Looking to form a planning committee of moms. Cost will be kept low.

RECOGNITION OF LARGER EXPANSION DONORS:

We will be inviting the congregation to join us in recognizing our larger donors of the expansion very soon. The event will be centered around the recognition of their naming plaques throughout our building.

THANK YOU, Cindy Gittleman

VP of Ways and Means
February 6, 2006

Supermarket Scrip: Rachel Shaneson and her committee are working hard. They have already sold just under \$100,000 worth of scrip which will raise almost \$5000. They are continuing to do a great job. Please think of using script for gift and charitable donations.

The Event: Less then a months and a half until the big event that will take place March 11, 2006. We have over a 140 responses. Auction items include Mavado watches, 4 day Cruises, sporting tickets, signed pieces of art etc. Allison Nagelberg is doing a great job leading the solicitation. We can use everyone's help. **ANYONE** who knows **ANYONE** just asks them to donate. Buy something to donate. Please call Allison, Gary Warner or myself for packets.

Rabbi's Dinner: We had our first meeting and we a large turnout. Cantor and Mrs. Rockman will be co-chairing the event. Please contact them or myself if you can help.

Printer Cartridges : We are collecting ink jet cartridges. There is a box in the office please just drop them off. We have sent in a box and are sitting on several new boxes to be sent out. CBT will receive \$2.00 per cartridge. We have received several hundred dollars so please keep on bringing in the cartridges.

E-Bay: We have many items listed from old magazines to new Judaic items. Bonnie Kudwitt is our point person at this time. If anyone is willing to help we would appreciate your efforts. Start looking around to find anything that would be sellable on E-Bay. Look in your cabinets, garages and draws for item you do not want any more. Please bring it into the office. Thanks VM for your support! We have made over \$750.00 and many things are listed. Please keep donate your unwanted and unneeded items.

Entertainment Books: The books are here and cheaper then ever. Just \$25.00 with a free popcorn and movie rental from Blockbuster video what a bargain Remember we can get all counties. We have sold about 75 so far. We still have several books available at a 20% discount.

HomeNews: Working with the Home News on a new fund raiser \$17.00 a subscription. Contact Susan Blake at Sblake@thnt.com 732 565 7432 Ref ASBBTNC

Giants Raffle: I have Irwin Millinger looking into it. He needs your help. Please call him!

Please help with all of these programs!!!!!! Help balance the Budget!!!!!! Keep our dues as low as possible!!!!!!