

TBI Board Meeting November 13, 2004 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

In attendance: Maram Epstein, Justine Lovinger, Geraldine Moreno-Black, Bruce Kreitzberg, Scot Fellman, Mindy Schlossberg, Alan Leiman, Hap Ponedel, Amy Steckel, Rabbi Boris, Michael Griffel

Absent: Marsha Ginsberg, Nathan Philips, Aura Solomon, Craig Starr, Richard Shugar, Nina Korican

Rabbi Boris led a teaching on the shmita year.

There was no one present for Public Forum.

Maram reminded everyone to attend the Congregational meeting on Thursday, November 20th at 7pm.

Deborah Waxman, the head of the RRC, will be in Portland on February 22. Let Maram know if there are issues you would like discussed.

October's minutes were approved.

Maram presented the following items on behalf of Nina:

There is a proposal to use TBI for the Egan Youth Warming Center – it is run the same way as the regular Egan shelter. The proposal was unanimously approved.

The Jewish Genealogy Project is looking to scan all yartzheit plaques to create an online database. There was a discussion whether or not to allow volunteers to photograph TBI's plaques. The proposal was approved.

RRC Plenary Meeting - Rabbi Boris discussed the upcoming RRC plenary meeting. There was supposed to be a discussion about removing the language that states that Reconstructionist rabbinic candidates cannot have non-Jewish spouses. This discussion has been postponed. Rabbi Boris pointed out that an important part of this decision is how the movement handles to process.

Finances – Amy reported that our finances look good. So far this year we have brought in \$426,000 spent \$275,000. Amy questioned whether the Finance committee needs to meet monthly if there are no pressing issues. She suggested that the committee meet quarterly. She said that it is sometimes difficult to look at the finances monthly because income and expenses tend to run cyclically.

We have fewer members this year and because we are not having an auction, we will need to find a way to make up for that shortfall.

ED Report – Nina submitted her report online.

Rabbi Report – Rabbi Boris said this has been a quiet month.

The Board went into Executive Session.