

TBI Board Meeting December 11, 2014 Minutes

In attendance: Marsha Ginsberg, Bruce Kreitzberg, Craig Starr, Nathan Philips, Nina Korican, Hap Ponedel, Richard Shugar, Michael Griffel, Maram Epstein, Mindy Schlossberg, Justine Lovinger, Rabbi Yitz, Rabbi Boris

Absent: Amy Steckel, Alan Leiman, Geraldine Moreno Black, Scott Fellman

Rabbi Boris led a teaching on Hanukkah.

There was no one present for Public Forum.

The November Minutes were approved.

TBI NOW– Nathan reported that we have raised 87% of our \$1million goal. We have about \$78,000 in the bank, which is not quite enough to make a payment. We have sent out letters to encourage folks to pay their pledges. The financial report is attached.

Life and Legacy – Maram reported that we met our goal of having 12 people sign up for Life and Legacy last year and are 1/3 of the way through the goal for this year. If we meet our 2 year goal, we will receive \$9000.

There will be a donor reception to honor donors to TBI NOW, Life and Legacy, and Circles of Giving on 12/18 from 5:30-7pm. Board members are encouraged to attend.

RRC Plenum update – Craig’s report is attached. The main topic of discussion addresses the question: What are pros/cons of allowing rabbinic candidates to have interfaith partners? The RRC is looking for congregational feedback by April 1. Craig will request that we talk to an RRC faculty to help us structure this discussion. Rabbi Yitz cautioned that this might be a tricky time for our community to grapple with such an emotional topic. Nathan reported that our Board has been invited to a meeting with the new leader of the Reconstructionist movement on February 22 in Portland.

Talmud Torah update – Mindy reported that there are 4 new members on the committee, Matt Streisfeld, Andy Gittelson, Debbie Rose Liebskind, and Libby Botero. The committee is exploring different models of Hebrew school to be more relevant to kids today. There has been 1 visioning meeting with parents, with at least 2 more meetings scheduled in the next few months.

New Board member orientation and retreat – Nathan reported that we will have 2 new Board members, Jeff Kirtner and Richard Argosh. Nathan will meet with them in January. Our retreat will be held on January 25 from 10-3. Our regular Board meeting will be held at that time as

well. We will briefly discuss the issue put forth by the RRC and will have a more in-depth discussion of our by-laws.

Nina's Executive Director report is attached.

Both Rabbi Yitz and Rabbi Boris said this has been a quiet month.

The new Board will be installed on Friday, January 9th.

The Board went into Executive Session.