

Transition committee meeting August 27, 2015.

Present: Joan, Davis, Michael, Naomi, Jeff, Rabbi Ruhi Sophia

Regrets: Reut, Pearl, Karrie, Julie.

Meeting starts at 7pm

1. Checking in with Rabbi Ruhi Sophia (RRS)

- Things are going well.
- RRS is prepping for high holidays.
- There are pastoral emergencies and other distractions.

2. High Holidays Help

- Rabbi Ruhi Sophia is looking for volunteers to help run the High Holidays services - to call out page numbers, call members to open the Ark, etc. They will stand at the lectern with a microphone, next to RRS.
- Need a total of 9 people to facilitate services slivers of about 90 minutes each - no more than 2 hours.
- RRS will provide a very detailed outline - what needs to be called out and when.
- RRS will handle any questions ahead of time to ensure the assistants are prepared and are comfortable with their tasks.
- Tfilah and Minhag committee's Evelyn can't do it this year. But Shavach, Tova and Sabina may be available.
- Naomi will lead the search for six additional people who are familiar with holiday services at TBI.

3. Meet & Greets Events

- In general, RRS and the community has positive feedback on the events.
- August 16, 12-2pm picnic was sparsely attended. Fewer than 20 attendees.
- Other events have been well attended.
- Friday services have been unusually busy mostly because of several Bnei Mitzvah.
- Jeff recognized several non-regular members at services. So people are coming out to check the new Rabbi and are excited.
- Schedule another meet & greet for after school starts. Perhaps PJ Library.
- Sukkah Meet & Greet event is already scheduled. Saturday October 3 - Story telling in the Sukkah. Need to reach out to kids to families with elementary school aged kids.
 - Who's going to tell the story? Naomi will check with RRS, who may want the opportunity to connect with the kids. If not, we'll need to find a storyteller for the event.
- Perhaps Challah baking event, as part of Tot Shabbat. Kids come 1/2 hour early, bake the Challah and take it home.
- Sunday October 4, 6-8pm. Community can visit RRS at her Sukkah. Pot luck / BYO dinner. Michael will be the reporter.

RRS leaves meeting at 7:30pm

4. Installation Ceremony

- Joan sent a rough draft of installation events sequence to Nina, Davis and RRS.

- Nina is ok with the ceremony.
 - Rabbi Yitz will have a role presenting the Yad to RRS.
 - Nina will help with the invitations to the community. Event video / sound.
 - Tasks that need to be coordinated by the committee:
 - Setup - the Brotherhood group can help Wade moving benches.
 - Clean up.
 - Food - perhaps facilitated by TBI member Judy Boles.
 - Other tasks that can alleviate some pressure off the TBI office.
 - Michael will reach out to Nina to check what we can help with
 - Joan is coordinating with the musicians, florists, non-Jewish clergy.
 - Perhaps we can use the large Chanukiyah fro the basement.
 - After discussing with Nina, the installation event will not be open to the community at large, but only to TBI members. Reason: We need room in the back of the hall for food and socializing. There won't be room if the seating extends out to the social hall
 - This is a serious ceremony primarily geared to adults, like a wedding.
 - Both RRS's mentors, as well as RRS's parents, will be traveling to TBI to attend.
 - Budget: the TBI board approved \$2500 for the ceremony.
 - Will need to buy a ticket for one of the mentors.
 - The other mentor received a donation of airfare miles from a TBI member, so TBI doesn't have to pick up the cost.
 - Hotel / housing arrangements for the mentors - TBD.
5. Previous Meeting Minutes
- Previous meeting minutes were reviewed by committee members and we approved for publishing on the TBI web site.
6. Next Meetings
- September 8 or 10: start planning small forum meetings for after the holidays. For committee members only.
 - October 8 or 15: check with RRS how were the holidays.
 - Michael will float the dates with committee members and RRS.
7. Interfaith Breakfast
- New mayor is hosting this event.
 - September 21.
 - RRS is attending
 - Tickets are \$5 or \$10.

Meeting adjourns: 8pm.