

## LM Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – 11/24/24

Attendees: Joel Elkins (chair), Jules Kamin, Russell Cohen, Jim Rogozen, Fran Grossman, Ben Richards, Absent: Rachel Bernstein, Howard Fredman

- I. Call to Order
- II. Update on Rosh Search –Susan Laemmle has been assisting Joel in locating and recruiting a replacement. This person is considering it and has promised to give an answer by Thanksgiving
- III. Reports from members
  - a. Membership (Russell) –
    - i. The Kabbalat Shabbat/Potluck was a huge success, thanks in large part to the Grossmans for stepping in last minute. The Prum-Hesses, who had to back out from hosting for health reasons, have agreed to host the next one.
    - ii. Young Professionals (the new name for 20s/30s so as not to confuse with TBA's 20s/30s) had two events during the High Holidays, RH2 picnic and YK break-fast.
    - iii. Both Russell and Rachel (Bernstein) will be gone during Chanukah, so there probably won't be any LM special event on the holiday itself, but possibly a hike in mid-December.
    - iv. In January, there will probably be a Saturday night Havdalah/board game night for the YP.
    - v. The Oscar-watch party and March Madness pool were both big successes this year, so we are looking to doing those again next year.
    - vi. Because February tends to be rainy, we would like to do an indoor event for Tu B'Shvat, possibly a cooking event or pot-luck based on the Seven Species, and/or a wine/scotch/beer tasting event.
  - b. Ritual (Ben) – A LM member suggested having a formal Ritual Committee to deal with halachic issues (e.g., when to open the Aron). It was generally agreed there was not a pressing need for one at this time. There was also concern that the committee might make a ruling that conflicted with that of the TBA clergy. Fran suggested that these halachic questions could be opportunities for learning, through a Lunch & Learn or 5-minute D'var Tfilah.
  - c. Education (Jim) –.

- i. It is getting harder to find people to do Torah Morsels, so there is a push to get people to sign up.
- ii. Sandra Braun is arranging for the director of a healing center set up in the wake of October 7 to do a Lunch & Learn on 12/14 and has agreed to pay for half of the kiddush if the minyan puts up the other half.
- iii. Jim is working on getting L&L's for the months of January and February.
- d. Social (Fran) – Nothing new on the social front, but this week's All-Joel Shabbat could be the start of other themed Shabbatot.
- e. Finance (Jules/Joel) – Dale was busy with family and so is a little behind updating the income/expense sheet, but she is now houseguest-free and working to complete October and November. Minyan currently has approximately \$16,000 combined among its three funds (general, chesed, outreach).

#### IV. Joint Services

- a. A proposal was brought to officially join the main congregation for Lev Kligfeld's bar mitzvah on February 22 in a sign of unity and kavod. There was no opposition, but the question was raised whether the sanctuary would be opened up in the back and whether there were areas which were out of camera range. Joel will look into this.
- b. In addition, RAK has been encouraging more joint services than the five or six we had this year, as well as joining up for drash and musaf when there is a special speaker. For example, we are having a joint kiddush/Q&A this coming week and a joint drash/musaf/kiddush the following week. Everyone agreed this should be handled on a case-by-case basis but that it should be the rare exception.

#### V. Meeting adjourned