

Library Minyan Annual General Meeting

2/15/2025

The meeting was called to order by outgoing Rosh Joel Elkins in Hirsch Hall at approximately 12:40.

- I. Address by TBA President Jacqui Jacobs
- II. D'var Torah by Rabbi Kligfeld
- III. Outgoing Rosh Joel Elkins thanked everyone for making his term such a pleasure and introduced Rachel Rubin Green as the new Rosh Minyan, voted in recently by the Steering Committee. The decision was endorsed unanimously by acclamation.
- IV. Introductions
 - A. Gabbais – Howard Fredman (Coordinator), Russell Cohen, Norm Garr (absent), Michael Shimansky (absent), Rachel Burwald, David Novoseller. Howard thanked everyone, especially Rachel B., for stepping up when he was sick. We are also looking for gabbai “interns” to work under the tutelage of an experienced gabbai.
 - B. Thank-You Gifts - Rachel presented thank-you gifts from the Minyan to two individuals who are not on the Steering Committee but do more work week-to-week than anyone: the Webmaster, Bob Roosth and Treasurer, Dale Bodenstein.
 - C. Coordinators
 1. Torah reading – Stan Goldstein, who had filled that role for over 3 years has stepped down and replaced by Alisa Shudofsky.
 2. Haftarah reading –Russell Cohen has stepped down and been replaced by Miriam Prum-Hess.
 3. Mishna study - Zwi Resnik
 4. Drash –Susan Laemmle and Mickey Rosen have stepped down and been replaced by Diane Herman.
 5. Megillah Coordinator – Tove Sunshine
 6. Kiddush Coordinator – (currently open)
 7. Simcha coordinator – Fran Grossman

8. Chesed coordinators – Lori Harrison, Sandra Braun
 9. Ohel Patuach – (currently open)
- D. Committee Chairs (and members of the Steering Committee)
1. Ritual – Rabbi Ben Richards is stepping down and we are currently looking for a replacement
 2. Education – Rabbi Jim Rogozan is stepping down and being replaced by Sandra Braun
 3. Membership – Russell Cohen
 4. Communications – Rachel Bernstein
 5. Finance– Jules Kamin [An overview of the Library Minyan finances was included in a Weekly Update email last month.]
 6. Social/Hospitality – Fran Grossman
- V. Projects for the Coming Year
- A. Torah Morsel is being replaced by Weekly Wisdom, allowing for a broader range of subjects and for more people to contribute
 - B. Outdoor services – Construction on the field does not take place on Shabbat, and so once the weather improves, we will work to resume occasional outdoor services
 - C. Chapel renovations – Discussions are ongoing about potential improvements to the Chapel, including refurbishing the pews and carpet.
- VI. Issues/Questions: The floor was opened for questions or comments.
- A. It was mentioned that some of the pews and walls in front of the pews are wobbly and need immediate attention.
 - B. The issue was raised about the memorial plaques. Joel Elkins reported that many alternative solutions were presented, discussed and rejected for various reasons. It appears that the Chapel is the only acceptable spot for them, but we are discussing ways to mount them in a more aesthetic manner. Jacqui Jacobs said that the plaques deserve a respectful home but she understands that the current placement is not optimal. She will continue to work with Rachel, as she did with Joel, to see if a better permanent solution can be found.