

September 5, 2024  
TJC Board Meeting

President Heidi Joseph called the meeting to order.

Present:

Heidi Joseph  
Leah Boustan  
Jeremy Spiegel  
Jane LeGrange  
Lynne Ross  
Jennifer Black  
Rachelle Simon  
Lew Gantwerk  
Michael Goldin  
Abigail Rose  
Polly Strauss  
Judy Kutin  
Adam Pechter  
Riva Levy  
Moshe Margolin  
Ari Meisel  
Roberta Sternthal  
Pam Zaifman  
Suzanne Esterman  
Abbye Cornfield  
Harry Cummins  
Jerry Neumann  
Melissa Hager  
Louise Sandburg  
Jesse Treu  
Rabbi Merow  
Joel Berger

## Dvar Torah

RAM shared reflections on the sad events of the week.

Ari made the motion to accept the minutes from April, May, and June. Moshe seconded and the minutes were approved.

## Budget Update

Leah presented her slide:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2021</u>
Membership dues thru 7/31	397,852	363,443
Member Families	489	487
School enrollment	102	91
Annual fund	302,336	288,738

There was also income from unexpected rental of the meat kitchen arranged with CJL at PU. We hope to net \$5000/month for the next 6 months or possibly longer. There are new ovens from PU and a new dairy dishwasher, and the electrical in the meat kitchen has been upgraded.

Heidi said there are about 40 restricted funds. Randy Brett is working to determine what they are for, so they can be used properly. This was prompted by a fund for needy seniors that was not being used and now is starting to be disbursed after the donor asked about it. It was suggested that the Finance Committee organize the funds so they can be used.

Joel explained that the fiscal year starts June 1. 45% of the budget is from dues. Tickets are not mailed out for High Holidays until some payment is made. There is a \$1.9 million budget.

## Membership

Suzanne said there were 14 new members over the last few months, with 8 welcome baskets delivered. We are trying to engage people and make them feel welcome. The goal is to deliver a basket to a new member within a month of joining. Suzanne is asking for volunteer deliverers. RAM and Heidi each made

phone calls to the new members. RAM also encouraged approaching new members at services and events and making them feel welcome.

### Programming

Lynne talked about Friday night 9/6 being Sha-bar-b-q. 185 people are signed up. There is a Welcome event on Sunday 9/8. There will be tables for committees to give information and enable recruiting of members to committees.

The first Jewish Center Community Table met already. It is a potluck dinner for 20 people. The idea is to socialize in smaller groups. The next one is 9/22 and it is filled. The dinners will happen 4x/yr.

The movies over the summer were well attended.

There is a speaker for Sukkot Pizza in the Hut event and an art workshop coming up.

RAM talked about the four programs planned to commemorate 10/7.

- 1) 10/6 with worldwide Masorti community Zoom
- 2) 10/7 Federation communal event at Beth Chaim
- 3) Shmini Atzeret day expanded Yizkor service
- 4) 10/24 45 minute ceremony memorializing day planned by Israel & Us committee

### Religious Affairs

Jane reported on the redesign of the inside of the Ark to keep the Torahs safer. First a model was made and then tweaked and it should be done in about one week.

Shabbat across TJC idea had been discussed for this year and the committee will start working on the project.

RAM and Abbye are starting work on a Yom Kippur break fast at TJC. Joel will be included in the plans. There will be dancing.

Yom Kippur afternoon Eleni will offer Shma Yoga.

Yom Kippur forum will host PU president Eisgruber.

On Sukkot there will be a board Havdala and snack 10/19 at TJC.  
There will also be an event for big donors.

Jeremy reported that Religious school starts Sunday. Enrollment is targeted at 145. There are a few new teachers. Class parents are being recruited to get families more involved.

### Strategic Plan

Heidi explained that at the last meeting we talked about our plan. Sixty congregants were interviewed over two years to get data. Edye will present the findings at our next meeting. One finding was that the congregation felt it was important to have flexibility in our spaces. The Teen Lounge was redone and now is also used for Shema Yoga. The downstairs Ritual Affairs office was cleared out and will become a new crafts room. The outside lobby has become the Java Nagila Cafe.

Heidi thanked Ari for fixing so many things on the campus.  
All the parking lot lines were repainted over the summer.

Jerry addressed security. There was a \$150K budget. Approvals were obtained and a contractor hired for boulders which were placed around the property. The second phase is bollards, which is in process. They are waiting on planters and benches to be added to block vehicles. There will also be an intercom system for communication between buildings. There is a separate grant for a security vestibule extending out 15-20' from the current entrance. Construction won't start until after the holidays. A security assessment was done by JFed security and found other areas for improvement.

Heidi asked people to sign up to give gifts to B'nai Mitzvah children at Shabbat services.

A new board contact info list was passed out to everyone.

Heidi talked about high holiday calls. 10-15 names will be given to each board member who is asked to make the call the week that they are given their list saying on behalf of TJC we wish you a happy and healthy new year.

TJC is hosting Selichot this year sponsored by Federation. It's a four year rotation. 9/28 is Selichot services followed by a concert. The concert was advertised on Fb and many people registered.

### Good and Welfare

Lew said that at the Tisha B'av community service at Beth El, TJC was well represented.

Meeting Adjourned 8:17