

Temple Israel of Northern Westchester  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 2, 2017

**Call to Order:** At 7:34 p.m., Glen Wolland called the meeting to order. The names of those in attendance are included by reference within the list of attendees.

**D'var Torah:** Lori DePaolo delivered the D'var Torah. January, Steve Krisky, February, Helen Lynn

**Acceptance of Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and all were in favor.

**Good and Welfare: Deaths** – Seneca Degraw, father of Jeanette Chizzick; **Refuah Shleimah** – Fran Glass; Irwin Speyer; Carolyn Kunin

**Spring Fundraiser:** We are looking at the Peekskill Central Market as a venue for an event on either May 5th or May 9th. The event will entail a Beer, Bourbon and Bourdeau tasting theme. We are going to heavily target CJL parents for involvement in this fundraiser.

**Learning Tool Update:** Evan provided an update on the Learning Tool Survey. Glen handed out the four-page “dashboard” overview of the results. A discussion ensued regarding the next steps that will be taken. A copy of the complete survey results will be available in the Temple Office.

**Social Justice:** Rabbi addressed the fact that we have had a Social Justice Committee that has not been functioning. Rabbi raised the question of whether we should have a Social Justice committee because social justice work should be spread across our temple community. That is the case now if you look at the social justice projects that Brotherhood, Sisterhood, the CJL and other individuals within TINW work on. Rabbi Jaech's goal is to give people an opportunity to connect to opportunities for social justice engagement. Identifying a social justice leader could help with that effort.

**Hannukah-thon:** Our annual fundraiser is kicking off tomorrow with letters that are going out to our community. We are looking for complete board participation.

**Rabbi's Report:** We are hosting our homeless guests in December for two weeks. Robin Safarowic is organizing breakfasts and dinners for our guests. Holy Name of Mary church is donating the lunches. Rabbi has been visiting people in the hospitals. Rabbi went to see Fran, who did not know she could stream TINW's services, and she was able to be with TINW during a recent Shabbat service. Rabbi spoke at the JCC Engage program. Rabbi is also teaching in the “Night of Jewish Learning” on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Carol Levin is volunteering to capture some oral histories of our older members. Audrey Miller, our oldest member, will be the first to have her history captured. Amy Hersh, the chair of the Caring Committee, wants to start a “Welcome Table” for Friday night Shabbat services. Rabbi is working with two members of the Croton Clergy to help a law abiding and contributing member of our greater community who has an Order of Deportation.

**Cantor's Report:** We are getting ready for a Shabbat on November 10<sup>th</sup>, which is the 79<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kristallnacht. There will be a Sh'ma Na Na worship on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Cantor was impressed with the visual tefilah service for CJL students that Rabbi Pein has been leading, which is a very exciting recent development for TINW, and, specifically, the CJL.

**Education Report:** On Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have a Multi-Generational Service with Kitah Hay. Teens from the youth group will help with the “Nosh” food tasting event is on November 5<sup>th</sup>. On December 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a CJL Hanukkah Shabbat with Josh Nelson. The first meeting for TINW program for junior youth was held and was a success.

**TIPSY Update:** Ethan provided the update. There is an upcoming pizza and bowling event on 11/12. The Apple Picking event at Stewart Farms was a successful event.

**President’s Report:** Larry and Stacy Ruck of Yorktown Heights, and their children Julian and Lucas, were voted in as a new member family. On November 19<sup>th</sup> we have three interviews set up for the Director of Community Engagement. Glen spoke about the Biennial and the fact that we qualify as a delegation with 10 people in attendance, including our entire clergy. The December Board Meeting has been cancelled.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded. All were in favor. The meeting concluded.