

Temple Israel of Northern Westchester  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 1, 2018

**Call to Order:** At 7:35 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:** Lynn Bogin delivered the D'var Torah.

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

**Good and Welfare: Refluah Shleimah:** Joe Dropkin and Paul Fried; **Deaths:** Annette Squire, mother of Eric and Nancy Squire; Saul Levine, father of Phillip Levine; Jeremy Rice, friend of Steve and Linda Samuels. **Mazel Tov to:** Ethan Lewis on his scholarship to Tulane; Peter and Julie Auster on the marriage of their daughter Tracey to Jeffrey Grimes (March 17<sup>th</sup>).

**Estelle Liz Award:** Sue Feir spoke about the absolute delight she has in introducing Norman Newman as the next recipient of the Estelle Linz Award.

**Civil Rights Trip:** Rabbi gave a preview of the Civil Rights Trip that she ran. A presentation will follow on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Rabbi addressed that we live in a time that many people are in danger of thinking that there are such things as “alternative facts”. Rabbi addressed that it is important to meet people who were a part of history. Rabbi discussed how the group met: (i) Graham Williams, who worked with Dr. King to de-segregate the schools; (ii) Joanne Bland (Selma), who told the group the story about how racism killed her mother because the hospital didn't have any “black blood” to give to Joanne at the “colored” hospital. Joanne, as an ; and (iii) Bishop Calvin Woods (Birmingham), who talked about how music gave people courage to face biting dogs and fire hoses. The group asked themselves, “what would we have done?” Rabbi spoke about the large housing project that the group was in the middle of. Joanne walked everyone to the place where the leaders of the protest, including Dr. King, stood as they got ready to march across the bridge. Everyone is invited to Rabbi's discussion on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Yorktown Property/Campaign for the future:** Glen provided a brief update. We have started the process of reaching out to potential counsel.

**Finance Report/Budget Process Update:** We are at 354 pledges. 6 more than budgeted. We are \$12K above budget in pledges. We budgeted for 200 students. We have 199. We have 23 new members. We had 357 pledges last time this year. Hanukkah-Thon brought in \$35K. If Spring Fundraiser brings in \$18K, we will finish the year with about a \$30K surplus. We sold \$31K in cemetery plots this year. We are in good shape financially. The finance committee will have a meeting on 3/14, at

which time a planned budget will be created. That budget will be transmitted before the next board meeting and reviewed at the next board meeting.

**Cantor Search Update:** Glen provided a brief update. We have 3 candidates coming in for auditions over the next week and a half. We are enthusiastic about the people that we are going to meet.

**Nominating Committee:** Norman announced the names of the 2018 Nominating Committee members: Norman Newman (Chair); Laura Kivel; Jim Kramer; Amy Smith; and Carol Levin. A motion was made to accept the slate as presented.

**Spring Fundraiser Update:** Lori addressed that we will be celebrating the temple's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will have a wine and whiskey tasting. This is going to be a fun party. Invitations will come out shortly. We will have sponsorships for the event. We are missing "big ticket" items.

**Website Update:** Glen provided the update for our website. We will go live within the next 30 days with our updated website. Glen thanked Steve Samuels for the huge amount of work he has done.

### **Reports:**

**Rabbi Pein – Education Report:** We were so fortunate that CJL's classes fell on Purim. 8th graders led activities for our Tots in the community room. 9th-12th graders led activities for Sixth and Seventh graders; We had our first ever Purim photo booth with a photo printer. TIPJY had a great hamentaschen bake-off before our February break. Over the February break, on Monday, February 19th, we sent 13 volunteers to the HUC-JIR Soup Kitchen in NYC. This was a very positive experience. Teens reached out to Rabbi Pein to ask when TINW can participate again. Weather permitting, we have the multi-generational service with Gan Aleph Bet participating on Friday, March 2. The Education Committee is discussing having an Open House on Sunday, May 6th. Rabbi Pein advised the Board that she has been accepted into HUC-JIR's Executive Master's program to receive her Executive Master's in Jewish Education.

- **Ethan's TIPSYP Report:** We had a skating event at Bear Mountain Park in January that was attended by 8 people. In early February, we had the Shabbat Scout Service, and after the service the TIPSYP members in attendance watched The Frisco Kid. Soup Kitchen – opened our eyes to the problem of hunger and homelessness in NYC and the Jewish response. Tomorrow, we are having a Shabbat in Ossining to the Center to host a Shabbat and bring in some challah and dessert. We are planning to have 1-2 more events before closing the school year. We seek to choose a new TIPSYP board within the next month and have the new board plan the next event. There is a gap in the amount of 11<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders and we may not have more than 1 student. Therefore, we need to bring the 9<sup>th</sup> graders into the fold now. We have two people who have expressed interest in serving on the board.

- **Rabbi:** Rabbi announced that one week from Monday she will be going to Albany to represent teens and adults. Rabbi discussed that she was so impressed watching how Purim came together.
- **Cantor:** In February, the biggest project was Purim. It was a big experiment and it was an integration of our entire community across the board. Cantor addressed that he is amazed and impressed with how we set goals for ourselves and meet such goals. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, our temple band is participating in services and it will be a great service.
- **President:** Glen announced that we have a new member family, Stacy and Steven Shapiro and their adult children, Rachel and Jacob. A motion was made to accept the Shapiro family as our newest members.

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