Committee: Social Justice/GCC

Chairs: Lee Markowitz Chair, Deby Auerbach-Brown Vice Chair

Responsible Officer: Theresa Markowitz

Staff & Their Role:

Staff	Their Role(s)
Jay Ross	Administrative Support
Diane Dronzek	Administrative Support

Committee Purpose:

Provide a way for BJC congregants to participate in social justice initiatives.

Areas of Responsibility:

Participate in Social Justice initiatives sponsored by Greater Cleveland Congregations, such as criminal justice, gun safety, color of health, and voting rights.

Participate in non-GCC sponsored initiatives such as climate change, education, housing, etc. Initiatives to be determined by a congregational survey.

How does it support the Synagogue?

Provides a way for BJC to engage in social justice to improve our community;

2022 Goals:

Short Term:

Broaden our mission to go beyond GCC initiatives

Conduct House Meetings and a congregational survey to decide which social justice areas to pursue

Long Term:

Create teams with team leaders to focus on the social justice areas we choose

Establish BJC's as a leader in social justice in the Cleveland Jewish community

Budget Expectations, if any:

Will depend on the social justice areas selected
Paid media such as the CJN
Outside speaker fees

Potential available funds from endowments:

We have permission from Norma Geller to use money from her social justice fund

2022 Work Plan and Timing:

Initiative or Project	Results	Responsible Person	Target Completion Date
Monthly Tidings articles		LM/Core Team	Ongoing
Webpage/social media		DA-B	Ongoing
Participate in GCC criminal justice teams		Multiple people	Ongoing
Participate in GCC actions		Congregants	Ongoing
Create new mission statement		Mission Team	1/2022
Conduct House Meetings		LM/TM/Core Team	3/2022
Find chair successor for 5/2023	DA-B is successor chair	LM/DA-B	6/2022
Congregational survey		LM/Darby Steiger/Jay R	7/2022
Select focus areas based on survey		Core Team	8/2022
Begin first projects based on survey		Congregants	10/2022
Determine role between Social Justice and Chesed		LM/RS/HRL	10/2022

Committee Members and Tenure on Committee:

Committee Member	Board Member?	Committee Member Since
Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria	N	2012
Lee Markowitz	N	2016
Deby Auerbach-Brown	N	2017
Ethan Cohen	N	2020
Diane Dronzek	N	2022
Norma Geller	N	2022
Marilyn Klein	Y	2012
Jeff Lazarus	N	2021
Theresa Markowitz	Y	2016
Rabbi Melinda Mersack	N	2012
Larry Novikoff	N	2021
Lois Novikoff	N	2021
Michael Rabovsky	Y	2012
Rachel Schwarz	N	2012
Jeanne Shatten	N	2012
Tami Wolf	N	2021