

LC Meeting: January 12, 2015

In attendance: Nicki Bodner; Eytan Apter; Daniel Havivi; Natalie Lascar Lefkowitz; Shira Broms; Aaron Malinoff; Jeremy Kadden; Dena Roth (via ipad); Beth Tritter; Rebecca Gerr; Josh Nason

2 Minute Updates

- **Daniel:** Thought community candlelighting went well. Got positive feedback. Low response rates.
- **Shira:** Mystery guest Shabbat is 6 weeks away (Feb 27). Would like feedback re. how to include families (Friday nights not popular for families)
- **Aaron:** Doing tax letters in next few weeks
- **Rebecca:** Had a ton of people Rosh Chodesh Davening. We need a new Gabbai! She will now be approaching people because no one has approached DCM. Purim is coming and we will be reaching out to megilla readers. We traditionally reach out to people who have done this in the past. On February 21, children will be leading Ashrei in responsive style.
- **Natalie:** Excited that we. emailing new and renewing members worked out well. got some volunteer responses, should do again
- **Beth:** We have a new tot shabbat leader starting Saturday (Rachel Rabinowitz). On Saturday we will be splitting into 3 groups instead of 2. Rachel is taking on grade-schoolers. Message will go out to parents sometime this week. Beth is interested in transitioning out of parents and kids.
- **Josh:** SC Luncheon 2/7. Registration will go live once shulcloud issue gets worked out
- **Jeremy:** Friday lunch and learns going well. Some people are taking Shai held divrei torah. We can add something about taking them in the verbal announcements.

New Committee Chairs:

- **Oneg:** Josh Klein has signed on to oneg. Nicki is waiting to have further discussions with Ross Broms and Sam Greenberg
- **Kiddush:** Nicki has transitioned off of kiddush committee. Shira Margol, Laura Tomes, Colleen Grant and Luisa Moss are filling that position as a committee.
- **Community Relations:** Sarah Blumenthal is CRC. There is a committee who will be expanding their role. They will be reaching out to people to address survey responses (so people feel welcome / impromptu meals / etc). Sarah has called a meeting for next week where committee will discuss how best to work. Committee is Meira Ellias, Jesse Rabinowitz, Justin Epner and Stephen Kallus. There is going to be an alumni coordinator to reach out to ppl have left the minyan. They will be working closely with hospitality

Tfillah Institute:

- Last night was 2nd tfilla institute meeting. Meeting 1 was what ideas were for what tfilla institute should be. Two that came to top were some type of experiential shabbaton on tfilla and have speakers come to minyan to do lunch and learns on tfilla.
 - Shabbaton: Discussed “what does a shabbaton look like”. We would love to have 1-2 community shabbatons outside of 16th and Q for 30 - 60 people. Came up with a list of 5 potential themes to focus on an aspect of tfilla (yoga and meditation, nature, etc). Participants of that shabbaton would need to bring takeaways back to DCM. Also Shabbaton in DC - full shabbat of programming focused on tfilla.
 - Most of the grant money will be going to the shabbatons.
 - Question about potential cost: Zvika has a list of how much places lost. DCM can subsidize fairly heavily.
 - Thematically focused shabbatons will potentially draw people from a broader DCM community.
 - Traditional Lunch and Learn Speakers: Should not be the traditional experience of a lunch and learn. It should have an operational element. If a person teaches about a certain tfilla and a suggestion on how to operationalize that into someones life.
 - JCC would be willing to cosponsor/ give us space if speaker or session fit a model of learning.
- LC should take a look at budget for these events and approve. If these are events we are promoting, should LC approve them as well?
- Suggestion not to lose sight of people who are newer to DCM to understand as to why we do Tfillah.
- Next meeting will be within the next month. Next steps are to narrow down to concrete ideas
- Jonathan Groner will be teaching a leyning class. Consider thinking about a “regular shlichei tzibbur davening workshop”.

Survey Committee

- Survey committee came to a conclusion
- Comprehensive report was sent out.
- Community Relations committee all read report in order to take ideas and frame understanding.
- Data is available behind shulcloud login wall
- There has not been a huge request to change what is already going on re. liturgy/davening
- Report reflects that people feel disconnected to leadership.
- For future surveys committees: There needs to be clear leadership.

Purim

- Purim is in the middle of the week this year.
- Megilla will take place on Wednesday night/ Thursday morning

- Open question: Do we want to move seudah and shpiel to a nearby Sunday?
 - 3 years ago there was a pizza and beer event in the gym that was not successful. Megillah was in the morning.
- CRC mentioned the idea of doing a Saturday night party around Purim time
- We have JCC for the evening. Need to confirm space for the morning.
 - We will definitely have morning davening (7:00) so Rebecca needs to confirm space.
- Early morning davening, followed by bagels for seudah.
- Shpiel after megillah on Wednesday
- Daniel will put an announcement for a purim coordinator. Rebecca will ask for megilla readers (they begin by asking people who have already read).

Shavuot

- Shavuot is memorial day weekend
- CSS and Ariella Bock is coordinating. Rebecca Murow Klein is going to be in charge of programming. She will be reaching out to different people to work with them.
- Capital Camp Price:\$295 per person for 3 days
- We are working on lowering the price: Possibilities include: No bus, different food allocation (lighter last meal)
- SC needs to discuss budget and work with Chana and Ariella
- Kids Camp: Strict drop-off for certain amount of hours. This will allow parents and nonparents to enjoy the retreat together without kids in every activity. Also alleviates kids programming.
- Scholars in Residence: Focus on Tfillah
 - Question to make Shavuot institute kickoff of Tfillah Institute
 - Jeremy wants to ask Elie Kaunfer