

LC Meeting 10/27

In Attendance: Jeremy Kadden, Aaron Maniloff, Dena Roth, Shira Broms, Jessica Torch, Daniel Havivi, Rebecca Gerr, Danny Alpert, Natalie Lascar Lefkowitz, Beth Tritter, Adina Alpert (via Skype) Eytan Apter & Elizabeth Chipkin

2 minute updates

JK - upcoming chinuch events: Sara Labaton dt this week. Rabbi Avi Killip will be our scholar in residence for the lunch and learn on 12/6. We have started to put out Rabbi Shai Held D'var Torah handouts each week - suggest that we make a donation to Hadar.

AM - Dues payment update: We sent out account statement emails before RH. Out of 213ish accounts, 64% have paid and this includes people on an installment plan. There are some overdue accounts from 2013-2014. Several people cancelled their membership this year giving the reason that they would not be attending HH.

JK notes there were some empty seats. NL points out we actually did not turn anyone away this year.

DR - save the date for Rosh Chodesh Kislev davening Sunday 11/23, which we hope to pair with a family friendly service project. Looking for a space - it does not look like the JCC will be available. Breakfast will be served.

AM suggested using part of EJJ grant for service project. SB points out that service projects are limited near the Tday/Christmas chagim. EA suggests that Stacey Apter may have good contacts. BT notes it's hard to incorporate young kids especially with Thanksgiving type activities.

EA and EC join from DCBM. Introductions.

NL - Membership drive over. 36 new signups, nets out even with cancellations. New faces dinner upcoming. Directed emails going out to new members and faces.

BT - successful HH babysitting program. Went over budget, but well spent. BT received many compliments. Babysitters were happy too. Next year, we will have significant number of kids who will age out of babysitting - what will we do with them? Parental opinions vary from constant supervision to let them run free.

DH - Simchat torah worked out ok, after some difficulties

EA - there were some issues with JCC space for Simchat Torah. At this point, we have improved our communication with JCC and JCC assures us that it is on top of what spaces we get at what times and dates. In January, we will cross-reference with several people at

the JCC. EA requests that all space requests for DCM go through him so we can centralize them.

SB - meals are going swimmingly. Winter MGS has a date, but is likely Jan/Feb and can be flexible. Number were low in August - suggest something of a revamp to make new people and old members more interested. Looking for ideas.

EA - we had three shabbat meetups this summer and they all went well. Wants to say at new faces dinner that people should request hospitality! Also more info on hospitality guests is always better. DA suggests new members just be matched with LC members, everyone agrees this is a good idea. Can make volunteering signups be sent to all relevant teams.

AA - sukkah hop was moderately successful. Numbers were down from last year. Dena Feldman and AA discussed ways to reinvigorate for next year. Three day yontif plus Columbus Day could explain why numbers were low, along with shul fatigue as a possible factor. AA did get good feedback from those who participated. New faces dinner next week will have sushi! AA plans to resign as Special Events Coordinator at end of the year.

Tefilah Institute Coordinator - EA: want to treat it like a special event, get one or two coordinators. Also looking for someone on LC to oversee coordinators. Dates TBD. RG proposed that she and JK split responsibilities for overseeing/finding people. JK is willing to look into it. EC says she is interested in involving DCBM. EA says if beginners are involved, JCC would also be interested in sponsoring. BT says make it a leadup to Shavuot, maybe if someone goes to all the events, give a discount on the retreat. Siyyum on the Shavuot retreat. DR suggests that Rivka Friedman lead an advanced leyning workshop. EA suggests that Shavuot scholar could be Tefilah related. DA says that six months might be a short lead time to put together something of this magnitude.

Survey update - Survey committee recently submitted a draft report and recommendations to SC, awaiting their review and action. JK: not yet a finished product. DA - will send some data to LC and ask them to divine some cuts of data which might produce specific interesting data points.

Membership update - NL will share new members doc with whole LC. SB wants a shulcloud form for people to sign up to host people.

DCBM - EC: Happy to be here! I don't actually have strong feelings about DCBM's continued place on DCM's LC. My understanding of DCBM is that it does not have much overlap with DCM, and there are not a lot of DCM people going. EC sees that as a lost opportunity, she wants to build a bridge between. Whatever we do, EC would like to strengthen the connection between DCM and DCBM. If DCBM is not on the LC, EC requests a clear structure as to how

DCBM relates to and is represented on the LC. Most people coming to DCBM now are not looking for chevruta. Usually roughly 15 people attend.

EA - we do highlight DCBM in DCM announcements and emails.

DR - DCBM used to have a stronger connection with DCM, and was considered "the place to be" on Monday for downtown Jews. We have missed opportunities to reinvigorate.

EC - we are looking at bringing in names from Philly/NYC

BT - I think if someone is willing to "pump up the volume" then I'm all for it.

DA - I would take that even further and say that if that person is not an LC member, then that will probably not happen.

LC agrees by unanimous consent that DCBM should retain its seat on the LC.

Solicitation of SC selection committee members - Will be announcements soon. Need three LC volunteers for the committee. Email JT for selection committee or to nominate.

AM - the buttons on top of announcements still don't work! DA - we will take care of it as part of the announcements overhaul.