

## LC Meeting: May 26, 2014

Attending: Rebecca Gerr, Laura Tomes, Eytan Apter, Jessica Torch, Elizabeth Chipkin, Shira Broms, Dena Roth, Josh Nason, Daniel Havivi, Sarah Blumenthal, Natalie Lascar Lefkowitz, Dari Pogach, Nicki Bodner, Aaron Malinoff, Jeremy Kadden (on phone)

### Membership Dues

- Discussion came up as a result of Shavuot retreat regarding how much one should pay for a partial year
- Proposal by Sarah & Aaron
  - Prorated Partial Year Dues (December 1, March 1, July 1 cut-offs)
  - Shavuot Retreat
    - When should the cutoff be?
      - Vote is in favor of making the opening of Shavuot retreat registration the cutoff for being considered a member for early registration and subsidized pricing
    - Whole document is approved
- Dues have not been raised in the past 4 years, question of whether to raise dues for kids
  - Aaron and Eytan are of the opinion, based on cash on hand and current budget, that there is not a reason to raise dues
  - Natalie & Dari will put together a proposal to bring back to the LC. Proposal would include ideas for additional programming for older kids that that dues would cover.

### Setting Up Budget Conversation for June

- Aaron will get back to us with what everyone has spent thus far
- Different committees should attempt to build in flexibility for new programs that come up
- Rebecca: Proposal to get new machzorim (approximately \$20K)
  - Discussion included the cost and paying for Machzorim
  - Dari proposed a donation/sponsorship idea to raise the funds

### DC Beit Midrash

- Low attendance (5-7 on average, 15-20 when there's an out of town teacher)
- Willing to change, but not sure what that would look like
- Is there a way to advertise it better to the DC Minyan community?
- Do we need to look outside of the DC Minyan community?
- Does DC Minyan want to continue supporting DC Beit Midrash?
- What happens if we do targeted recruitment for 6 months and it fails?
- Elizabeth needs at least 1-2 other people who can help lead, and 7 other people who will consistently attend
- Proposal to help with matching havruta (discussion of whether people are more attracted to shiurim or havruta learning)

- We will announce that DC Beit Midrash is on hiatus for the summer, and make a concerted push for people in September. Re-evaluate in 6 months.

#### Noise in Services

- Tremendous amount of noise in services (more from adults than kids)
- How do we make a culture change in services?
- Needs to be informal
- Suggestion of an announcement by the Gabbais before Torah reading and Musaf

#### Kiddush Committee

- Kiddush Committee has shrunk from 5 to 2
- Shira and Luisa are going to send out emails to the DC Minyan members to ask members to sign up for set up and clean up for one week
- Rachel Levitan has also offered to help with organizing volunteers in the kitchen
- Suggestion that people have to sign up quarterly
- Still need more people (1-2) to head up Kiddush setup and cleanup