

## Makom Report- November 2018

### Safety:

The first of two community discussions about defining our values to make Havurah safe and welcoming was held on December 2. Ten people (outside leadership) attended (including a representative from Neveh Shalom) and actively engaged in thoughtful discussions on topics such as: what we have already done to improve our security, what safety means, trade-offs on openness vs. safety (is there really such a trade-off?), and how to approach improved security (e.g, first define our goals and priorities). The second meeting is on December 13 at 7:00 pm. The comments from both meetings will be reviewed by the safety committee, who will propose a plan to be approved by steering.

Rachel Pollak is providing safety tours. Rachel has given two safety tours so far. The goal is to raise everyone's awareness of and competency with Havurah's safety resources and procedures. It also lets us be in dialogue with members who have feedback for us. The plan is to schedule at least one safety tour per month, or by appointment.

There has been renewed concern about people camping outside our Kearney exit. One suggestion is to put a gate on that entrance, but more discussion is needed. Several members of leadership are signed up to attend an Adult Mental Health First Aid training provide by Multnomah County.

### Building:

The first meeting of the Building maintenance committee will be on December 18 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. a template for a building care/budget guide is being drafted. The guide will cover routine maintenance needs, dates of service, estimated lifespan, capital replacement costs, etc...

Other Building Issues:

- The sidewalk on Kearney is being re-laid. This will remove trip hazards and make more room for tree roots to grow. Work should be complete this week.
- The sanitizer in the kitchen is out of order as of this writing, but repairs are scheduled for this week.
- Robert Toomim has donated and installed a water filter device for us to use in the handsink in the kitchen.
- There is still on-going work to on getting a second quote for the LED Replacement project.
- We have learned that the city plans to install parking meters around Havurah. This will affect us greatly, so we're working to see whether we can lobby for specific exemptions that may lessen the burden on members who need to drive to Havurah.

### IT:

A meeting will be scheduled in the near future to discuss an update on our use of Sharepoint (project progress—especially the education documents-- and usefulness check-in), future IT hardware and software needs and IT security.

**Design:**

Dan Reid will be reviewing the gate design with the city to verify that it will be approved. This was decided after Warren Hirsch brought up that a gate was considered many years ago, but the city said it was not allowed. Thus, progress on the gate is stalled until the city meeting occurs.

**Garden:**

The outside water has been turned off.

**Kitchen DTF:**

The kickoff meeting for the Kitchen DTF will be upcoming. Member recruiting underway.