

Makom Report- August 2018

Building:

Received quote for replacing lightbulbs with LED bulbs. Replacing the overhead florescent bulbs are more complex than just replacing the bulb. The overall cost is approximately \$7200, but this cost will be recouped in 3 years via a lower electricity bill. Next step: receive approval from Steering. Thanks for Steve Birkel for driving this effort.

Also investigating a more energy efficient replacement for the kitchen freezer. This will be considered along with other possible kitchen improvements as determined by the Kitchen DFT (see below). Thanks to Bruce Barbarasch for this investigation.

Painting of the office area, classroom, entryway and hallway walls and doors will begin on August 20. The painting should take about 4 days. Thanks to Bill Kwitman for leading this effort.

The Sanctuary sound system is being improved with updated preset values and a new microphone for the Bima.

There has been great progress on cleaning the basement. Several volunteers have sorted, organized and disposed of a large amount of “stuff” from the basement. The next step is to acquire shelving. A big thanks to Fran Berg, Ben Walters, Charles Green and Rachel Pollak for this effort. Also, thank you to Joan Peck who has already developed a plan for the shelving. The quote for the shelving is approximately \$2000 and requires approval of steering.

Will be forming a building committee to help with short term building needs, i.e. to support Rachel as needed, and assess and guide medium term building requirements. A separate committee will consider longer term building and space requirements. The plan is to start forming these committees after the high holidays.

Design:

The design committee continues to make good progress on developing an architectural plan for a gate to be placed between NW 18th and our courtyard. The design committee provided feedback to Dan Reid, who is working on integrating the suggestions.

The design committee is also working on plaques for the courtyard mosaics artwork. We will need to figure out how to install the plaques.

Kitchen DTF:

A Kitchen DTF is starting to take shape. Several volunteers met to discuss the overall operation, requirements and issues of the Havurah kitchen and catering. The team plans to continue their discussions after the high holidays. Thanks to Nancy Becker for leading this effort.