

Har Shalom Operating Committee Meeting, August 11, 2015

Agenda

Baruch atah Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam. Asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu La'asok b'tsorchey tzibbur.
Blessed are you, our Eternal God, ruler of the Universe. You have sanctified us with your Mitzvot, and commanded us to occupy ourselves with the needs of the community.

Committee Reports:

Education/Social Action, Lauren

Food Drive, back to school (Atidanu)

Finance/Operations, Sherry

Follow up Camp, Follow up dues

New Treasurer

Ruach, Barb

Membership, Toba

Building, David Jolles

DaLynn & her alarm code

Front door lock

New Business

Renewing vision for the coming year meeting to be scheduled

Har Shalom Operating Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: *Holly Kingsford, Lauren Weinstock, Sherry Kolenda, Barb Gross, Ari Margo, Bert Chessin*

Topic	Discussion	Action
Summer Camp	<p>Discussion about having more direct involvement from Har Shalom during Summer Camp rather than the entire curriculum being determined by the camp counselors.</p> <p>It is difficult to simultaneously engage younger kids and teenagers. Perhaps next year we can have two separate programs divided by age groups.</p>	<p>Lauren to survey the summer camp families regarding next year's camp.</p> <p>Ari to e-mail Lauren camp families' e-mail addresses.</p> <p>Ari to contact Dev Erricart to follow up on check for Aiden's camp fees of \$100.00.</p>

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Education & Social Action	<p>Honey Gold Autumn proposal attached. Blessings; A Support Group first meeting draft attached. Ways to Welcome New Members bullet point list attached.</p> <p>1 page newsletter/calendar could be physically mailed to inform the community about upcoming events in Autumn.</p> <p>Read and Kibbitz Book Club to be open to non-members.</p> <p>Adopt a yahrzeit program proposed, for yahrzeits that have no remaining family to remember them. An individual could be responsible for remembering the yahrzeit each year.</p>	<p>Ari to contact Marlene regarding updating the "Har Shalom Welcome Home" pamphlet (for free if possible).</p>

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ShulCloud	<p>Accounts have been moved into ShulCloud. They need to be cleaned up before launch. Full launch to occur by the end of August.</p>	

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<p>Finance & Operations</p>	<p>Yard sale will occur on August 30th (9:30-3:30) to raise money for Har Shalom.</p> <p>Camp raised \$585.00 prior to expenses.</p> <p>We have Ya'el as our new treasurer.</p> <p>Finance committee to meet in September.</p>	

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<p>Membership</p>	<p>"Ways to Welcome New Members" could be a useful resource to aid the membership committee.</p>	

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<p>Ruach</p>	<p>Report attached.</p> <p>Annual picnic to be Sunday, September 6th at 4:30 PM at Holly's house, potluck style. Holly to provide the meat, buns, and condiments. David to bring tables.</p>	<p>Barb to create write-up for the newsletter.</p>

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<p>Building</p>	<p>Bookkeeper's alarm code is not working.</p> <p>Side door lock was replaced, but the new lock had an interior key.</p>	<p>Ari to ask Bert to replace the lock again to one with an interior lever rather than an interior key because the existing lock is not to code.</p>

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<p>New Business</p>	<p>Windows 10 has been installed on the office computer. The computer is performing better since the installation, so replacing it is no longer a priority.</p>	

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<p>August Minutes</p>	<p>Minutes approved.</p>	

Honey Gold Autumn at Har Shalom - A Proposal

• **The Nosherei** - First Friday Shabbes Dinner Around the World; a group of people who choose to dine

together; choosing a country, menu items and dishes to cook and bring to a central point in order to eat

and bring in Shabbat together.

• **Read and Kibbitz Book Club** - Meets monthly to discuss and exchange views on the books being read.

• **Toba's class** scheduled and advertised.

• **Folk Dancing with Bert Chessin.**

• **3 months Calendar** to begin with;

Honey Gold Autumn Offerings from Har Shalom; September thru November. Next;

Lighting the Cold Months, Offerings from Har Shalom: December thru February

Each calendar/newsletter would be sent out to all members in advance of the upcoming period with

educational classes and activities sponsored by the Education [department? committee?]

I recommend a mailing to physical addresses, so that each home is assured a copy to hang up, refer to, use

as a reference.

• **The ABC Guide to H.S.;** a simple booklet of couple pages to help members navigate H.S.

A- Ask the Rabbi; Laurie ... contact info, office hours

B- Become a member ... list how to do so

C- Come join us for the most fun in town; the yearly Chanukah party.

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and so on. (I'm guessing Dave would be an asset in completing this alphabetical list.) The booklet could

be designed as a function of membership or the education committee.

• **Blessings; A Support Group** for those in need of healing. Meets twice monthly. I am a credible group

leader, having done so for support groups in the past at Elat Chayyim, a Jewish renewal retreat center,

and through Parents Supporting Parents, North Carolina for family members of a child with a disability.

This support group open to anyone at Har Shalom who is hurt, in pain, dealing with loss, grief, or the

complications of life. Agreement to principles of sacred speech, consideration of feelings, and confidentiality

of shared speech is mandatory amongst all group members and leader[s]. *We will bless ourselves and each other* at beginning and end, allow each to speak their pain. Members encouraged to

provide *supportive, positive statements* in response to the speakers. (Basic outline of group concept.)

• **Zachor** - To remember loved ones who have died. An artistic and respectful remembrance wall.

• **Mishpachah** - An art project containing hand prints representing each member/unit.

I will, with your support and encouragement carry out the above ideas and concepts in order to fulfill

my job duties, my personal needs, and in doing so, hopefully create fulfillment for others at H.S.

It is my intention to gain as many helpers in these tasks as possible within our community.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Weinstock, Chair Education and Social Justice Committee

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Blessings; A Support Group

Two meetings/Month

First Meeting:

Introductions; First name, something about you- one fun fact.

Purpose of group; to share, to learn, to heal, to participate or to listen. Why called Blessings?

Today's word: chesed or lovingkindness and confidentiality. Pass around prayers and recite.

Worry stones, purpose and pass around so each gets one.

Go around the circle; something we struggle with, I begin.

How we soothe ourselves [music, art, smoking, eating chocolate, exercise, friends] - share around circle.

Closing; let's give each other positive statements of our respect, regard, reaction. Positive Only!

Sing together; Hinei MaTov- I lead and variations.

Final prayer.

Next Meeting:

Remind everyone of first names - name tags?

Purpose of group again?

Today's word:

from JewishReCon.org

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Ways to Welcome New Members

"Most people who leave your community will do so within the first year, usually because they

haven't made a friend." - Rabbi Arnie Rachlis

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Compile a New Member folder with a welcoming letter and information about your congregation. Include a new member questionnaire to explore what new members want from your community and what they bring.

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Partner veteran members with new members to keep track of them and keep in touch. Have the current member partners set up a time to deliver hallah, wine and candles to the new members' home.

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Make sure that new members continue to be connected to the community - involved members are more likely to continue to be members.

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Create programs specifically for new members - a special service; or a brunch after Shabbat or on Sunday.

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Create special programs for uninvolved partners and/or families.

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Arrange a regular (monthly) "coffee with the rabbi (or another leader)" focus group for particular constituencies in your community (i.e. seniors, non-Jews, GLBT members, singles, single parents, "class of ...," etc.).

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Share power and leadership.

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Have a committee fair to give new members the opportunity to learn about your congregation's committees, how they work and opportunities for involvement.

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Write an "exit poll" to find out why people leave your community.

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Ruach, Barb - Triple Header by Laurie Franklin, Rabbi Intern – Coming up this week, on Friday, August 14, Laurie will do a Kabbalat Shabbat service. On Saturday morning, August 15, she will do double hitter of both Hebrew and Torah Portion. On Sunday, August 16, Laurie will hit a single with the ushering in of Rosh Chodesh Elul – a prelude to Rosh Hashanah. It's all true!! I checked with her.

Bert leads the service on Friday August 21. Maybe Kate or I will lead Friday August 28. It's up for grabs.

Friday September 4, we will have at home Shabbat that night. The next day September 5, will be Saturday Torah Service and Torah Portion Study. Lead by either Bert or Laurie, probably Bert. On Saturday, August 5, at 8:30 pm Laurie will do the Selichot Service.