

UVJC Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
4 January 2017  
7:00 pm – Roth Center for Jewish Life

**Present:** Sue Berg, Bill Brown, Debbe Callaghan, Thomas Cochran, Felix Eskey, Gloria Finkelstein, Matthew Henken, Robyn Jacobs, Jeff Lubell, Laura Rosenthal, Rusty Sachs, Lynn Schwartz, Robert Shumsky, Stephen Woloshin

**Regrets:** Deb Kaplan, Rachel Kleinbaum

**Guest: Ex-Officio:** Rabbi Boraz

1. **Call to Order & Welcome:**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** BOT meeting 2 November 2016 minutes approved with one correction: 9a— Jewish Film series is in Jan and Feb.
3. **Reports:**
  - a. **Hanukkah party:** great success. Thanks to Rachel Kleinbaum & Hilary Ryder
  - b. **Education Director:** Melissa Herman has signed a contract for next year
  - c. **Major Donor Committee:** Discussions have begun with likely prospect
  - d. **Ruach:**
    - i. Havdalah service Jan 7. Learners service Jan 28 (rescheduled from Dec).
    - ii. Opera North will host a Jewish themed concert at the Roth Center on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> following Havdalah service. Plan is to charge admission with UVJC and Opera North splitting any profits. UVJC will advertise to our members – will not share mailing list with Opera North. Concert beneficial to both groups – get people to walk in the Roth Center as well as publicity for Opera North.
    - iii. Guest Cantor – Discussion about possibilities. Jeff will follow up.
  - e. **JFNH:** Gloria will be away in March and April so is unable to organize. Debbe volunteered to chair. Susan Israel has shared information from previous years. In 2016, the movies cost \$1833 and donations raised \$700. We can use the Adult Education restricted fund for this. Will also ask for sponsorship--Debbe will write request for the weekly Update.
4. **Old Business**
  - a. **Signage & Name:** Discussion about adopting a Hebrew name in addition to UVJC to give us a stronger identity as a Jewish Religious Congregation. Plan is to ask community for name suggestions. The BOT will then offer a short list of potential names for members to vote on. The new name will be announced at the Annual Meeting.
  - b. **Annual Dinner: May 7.** A chair is needed to organize both the logistics of the dinner as well as how to meet our fundraising target of \$10,000.
  - c. **Interfaith Group:** Will revisit at next full BOT meeting
5. **Treasurer's Report (Bill): Financial statements were distributed in advance.**
6. **New Business:**
  - a. **St. Barnabas:** Rob Gurwitt was approached about doing an interfaith project with them. Jeff offered to talk with Rob to learn more.
  - b. **Lebanon Baptist Church:** Robyn suggested the UVJC offer some assistance to this community who lost their church due to arson. Lynn will speak with Carolyn Gordon of the social action committee to develop a plan.
7. **Next Meeting & Events**
  - a. Jan 26 – Women's night out organized by Hilary Ryder and Lisa Silbert
  - b. Feb 2 - Next BOT executive meeting (moved from Feb 1 due to film festival)
  - c. March 5 - BOT Retreat
8. **Adjourn 8:25 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Berg, Secretary