

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

Present: Sue Berg, Bill Brown, Debbe Callaghan, Thomas Cochran, Felix Eskey, Gloria Finkelstein, Robyn Jacobs, Jeff Lubell, Laura Rosenthal, Rusty Sachs, Lynn Schwartz, Robert Shumsky, Stephen Woloshin
Regrets: Matthew Henken, Deb Kaplan, Rachel Kleinbaum, Rabbi Boraz

1. **Approval of Minutes:** BOT meeting 4 January 2017 minutes approved as written.

2. **Reports**

a. **Ruach Committee**

- i. **Learners Service:** Good turnout. Some members of BOT felt it was at too high a level for those with limited knowledge. Next time may consider a “deep dive” for a small section of the service. Suggestion to offer an Adult Education event, not on Shabbat, about the service. Send Jeff any additional feedback or suggestions.
 - ii. **Havdalah Service held Jan 7:** > 30 people attended, many young kids. Next one is May 7.
 - iii. **Opera Schmopera:** Saturday April 8 at 7:30 at the Roth Center. Opera North (ON) will be performing songs by Jewish composers. ON and UVJC will split any profits. Buy tickets via ON. (UVJC members - \$20, general public - \$25, students - \$10) Gloria will coordinate publicity for Opera Schmopera & the Film Festival.
 - iv. **Friday night Reform Services:** March 17 and May 19
- b. **JFNH Film Festival:** Committee headed by Debbe chose 4 films. Dates: 3/23, 3/26, 3/30, 4/ 2. A guest speaker will attend 3/26 to discuss “Harold and Lillian: A Hollywood Love Story”. May arrange for a babysitter and kid friendly movie that evening. Posters have been printed. Some distributed to BOT members to put up. Debbe will send a PDF of the poster to all BOT members to distribute to their email lists. Hoping to cover most of cost through donations and sponsorships. Sponsors will be offered opportunity to introduce a film. Have 3 sponsors so far. Money also available in the Adult Education Fund. Expect total cost (films, popcorn, posters) to be ~\$2,000.
- c. **Treasurer’s Report: Financial statements were distributed in advance.** All is good. We have increased cash compared to last year.
- d. **Ad Hoc Committee for Czech Scroll:** Thomas Cochran and David Hoffer will coordinate refurbishment activities. Awaiting price estimate from the sofer (scribe). Fundraising ideas: “sell” letters, words, parsha, and/or book.
- e. **Major Donor Committee:** Plan to meet with a Jewish fundraiser expert in the Spring.

3. **Old Business**

- a. **Hebrew Name:** >30 names submitted in response to announcement in the Update. 4 chosen: Bet Shalom, Bnai Shalom (these are felt to have a familiar feel); Kol HaEmek (voice of the valley), Or HaEmek (light of the valley). BOT tested draft survey that includes the option: I don’t want a Hebrew name. Participants will be able to submit comments. All members of Bat/bar mitzvah age or older may vote. Information about voting will be sent via email, the Update, and in the Connection. Voting through the end of April. BOT discussed whether vote to be binding vs. a recommendation to the BOT. By 11/2 vote it will be a recommendation. Rank ordered voting will be utilized. Comments will allow us to address any issues identified when the announcement is made. By 12/1 vote BOT agreed to go ahead with conducting the vote to choose a Hebrew name.

- b. **Annual Dinner: May 7. Led by Gloria, the Mishpacaha** Award process is underway, the invitation has been drafted and the entertainment contracted. Still need to arrange for catering, decorating, and fundraising. Rob will talk with Maddie to see if there are any parents who may be willing to step up.
- c. **Seder: Tuesday April 11 Deb Kaplan and Felixa** are coordinating. Catered by VT Kosher Catering. Announcement will be in the Update and also a separate email blast. Creating a PayPal link. \$36 – members, \$45 – non-members, \$18 – member child, \$20 – non-member child.

4. **New Business**

- a. **Shofar Gifts to thank Gary Schwartz and Nathan Margolis for their High Holiday service to the UVJC:** Sue is ordering. Wording for plaque on holders agreed upon.
- b. **Mishpachah award committee:** Gloria is heading, Lynn agreed to join.
- c. **Complaint from neighbors:** sanctuary light on all night. Rob will speak with Claudia about how to address with Dartmouth facilities.
- d. **Carol Clarke plans to retire in early summer:** Discussion re: changing duties of the position to include more community coordination as well as administration. Rusty, Bill, Laura & Robyn to meet to refine job description and start search process. Nice send-off for Carole to be discussed.
- e. **Update:** Consider sending it earlier in the week so members aware of weekend activities sooner.
- f. **Benefits for UVJC employees:** Discussion about considering offering benefits. Laura will check with the NH Jewish Federation to see if we can offer benefits through them.
- g. **National rise in anti-Semitism:** incidents have occurred in several states. An article for the Connection and the Update is being prepared. Rob will speak with Maddie about reestablishing the policy of locking the doors during Sunday and Tuesday school hours. The back door has never locked. Rob will speak with Claudia about having this fixed. Discussed possibility of getting members swipe cards. Laura will speak with the NH Federation about what other Jewish organizations in the state are doing.

5. **Next Meeting**

- a. Sunday, March 5 - BOT Retreat at Rockefeller Class of 1930 Room. Amanda Silver to facilitate workshop about community engagement.
- b. Wednesday, March 29 – EXEC BOT. All are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

6. **Adjourn 9:00 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Berg
Secretary