

Kol H'Emek UVJC Board of Trustees  
Meeting Minutes - Approved  
7 January 2018 (rescheduled due to snowstorm on 4 Jan)  
At Debbe Callaghan's in Hanover at 10:15 am

**Present:** Sue Berg, Bill Brown, Debbe Callaghan, Felixa Eskey, Gloria Finkelstein, Jeff Lubell, Kathy Parsonnett, Laura Rosenthal, Rusty Sachs, Robert Shumsky.  
**Regrets:** Alice Berliner, Thomas Cochran, Paul Etkind, Matthew Henken, Lynn Schwartz, Stephen Woloshin, Rabbi Boraz (ex officio).

1. **Call to Order & Welcome of Kathy to the BOT (Rusty)**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** 6 December 2017 minutes approved as written.
3. **Treasurer Report (Bill):** All is good. Ahead of last year. Debbe and Rusty doing a great job of soliciting donations for the Sustainability Campaign--donations going into a separate fund. School income down while enrollment and abatements stable. Check with Chris to see if it's a matter timing of tuition payments.
4. **20<sup>th</sup> anniversary & Torah celebration (Jeff):** Scheduled March 23-25. Representative from the Memorial Scroll Trust will attend. He has not requested funding. **Motion: Authorize up to \$400.00 to cover hotel costs** (Approved). The *sofer* (scribe) is not available on Sunday March 25. Discussed planning a school event on Friday 3/23 vs. having him come to the school on 3/18 to complete the scroll with UVJC students. The committee will finalize plans. The Dartmouth community should be invited to this event. Some urgency to finalizing the plans and publicizing.

Hillel is planning a celebration to include the Roth family on 4/21. We will ask for the UVJC to be involved in that celebration. Plan to provide Steven Roth (and others in attendance) with information about the community and the sustainability campaign. Note: Syd Finkelstein is Tuck's Steven Roth Professor.

5. **Sustainability campaign (Debbe):** Need to be able to tell the congregation that 100% of the BOT has participated. Current pledges total 38% of our goal. Once have completed the silent phase(reaching out to potential large donors and BOT members) will ideally create joint publicity for the campaign and the anniversary celebration "continuity of the Torah scroll, the Jewish people, and our community" to encourage full community participation.
6. **New Logo** – deferred for when Matt is available to present options
7. **Security (Rusty):** Sam Zucker is Working with Hillel and waiting for detailed estimate of costs to install safety features. Can either use a private contractor or Dartmouth. Advantage of using Dartmouth is that they will oversee servicing the equipment.
8. **NH Federation Film Festival (Debbe):** Decided not to participate this year due to competing priorities. **Motion: Donate \$360.00 to Federation to show our continued support for their work.** (Passed).
9. **New Business:**  
**Passover:** 2<sup>nd</sup> seder is Saturday, March 31. Rusty & Debbe to discuss with Rabbi Boraz logistics of holding a seder on Saturday. Need to identify people to organize. Jeff will reach out to people on RSC who want to be more engaged, and ask past organizers.

**Shabbat Kiddush:** Yoni Neirman no longer organizing. Have been using Sign-up genius which is great for reminding people that they've signed up but is not useful for making sure all weeks are covered. Jeff will draft an email to regularly go out to all congregants with a list of available dates encouraging them to sign-up as a way to celebrate a milestone including birthdays and anniversaries.

**Immigrant Sanctuary Request re: Level 2 organization:** Carolyn Gordon has asked if we could be designated as a "level 2 organization". The Meriden Congregational Church has become a Sanctuary (provides shelter). We need more information about what this designation means. We would be happy to make UVJC members aware of ways that they can provide financial and other support but need to know more before being listed as a "Level 2 Sanctuary Organization".

**Dedicated Shabbat Services:** Debbe suggested we plan a Friday night service/dinner to honor our high school seniors. Jeff will review the Ruach calendar to see about dates. Also a new member Shabbat.

**Film screening with producer:** Betty Lauer referred the producer of a film "Etched in Glass: The Legacy of Steve Ross" which focuses on the five years Ross spent in concentration camps to his life as a war orphan, his career helping at-risk youths in Boston and his successful efforts to erect the Holocaust Memorial in Boston. He would like to present it followed by a Q&A. Suggestion to consider holding the event at the Lowe or Nugget theatre—Bill to investigate. Debbe will f/u. Doesn't have to be on Yom Hashoah since we are so busy this year.

**Events:** More than 100 people attended the Chanukah Shabbat and 29 attended yesterday's contemplative Shabbat. 1<sup>st</sup> film in weekly winter film festival was attended by over 30 people.

10. **Communications:** Need someone to take on organizing communications. Laura has been reviewing the Update, Website, Facebook, Mailchimp. Suggestion that we create a brochure, business card, or magnet that is available at all events to provide more information about the community and encourage donations. Could also set up a table at events to be able to collect donations of cash, checks, or credit cards. We would NOT solicit donations on Shabbat. Matt's brother-in-law is working on the logo and we could ask him to develop a business card/magnet. Kathy Parsonnett could also potentially help with this after the search committee work is concluded.

11. **Rabbi Search Committee (Jeff):** Thank you to Jeff for his and the committee's time, energy, and guidance in this process. Outreach survey closed on Friday, over 200 responses. ~9% of responses were from non-members. Community forum is being planned for this month, as well as one with Hebrew School parents after school assembly. More than two dozen applications received and a number of strong candidates. Have met with 8 for initial interviews. 4-5 initial interviews planned over the next couple of weeks. 6 second interviews have been scheduled. Will bring up to 3 finalists here for a weekend. 2 candidates have withdrawn as have accepted other positions. Some of the more challenging issues being explored with candidates are their views on conducting marriages and bar/bat mitzvahs for interfaith families, views on Israel, and Torah reading skills. Many are inquiring about the relationship between Hillel and the UVJC.

12. **Next Meetings: Thursday Feb 1.** Moved to Thursday to avoid conflicting with the UVJC-Hillel Film Series on Wednesdays in Jan and Feb.

**Adjourned 11:55**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Berg, Secretary