

UVJC Annual Meeting
June 4 2017
6:30 – Roth Center

Present: Over 40 members of the congregation. Rabbi Boraz.

- 1. Call to Order & Welcome (Rusty Sachs):** Shared that we are an increasingly vibrant community. If a member has an interest we can make a program happen. One example is the newly formed women's group with its monthly activities.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Last year's Annual Meeting minutes approved as written.
- 3. Nominating Committee (Lisa Silbert)** Committee members: Deb Kaplan (chair), Lisa Silbert, Robyn Jacobs. BOT Slate presented for approval
President: Rusty Sachs **Vice Presidents:** Laura Rosenthal, Jeff Lubell, Rob Shumsky **Treasurer:** Bill Brown **Secretary:** Sue Berg
Continuing Members: Debbe Callaghan, Felixa Eskey, Gloria Finkelstein, Matthew Henken, Thomas Cochran, Lynn Schwartz, Stephen Woloshin
New Members: Alice Berliner, Paul Etkind
Terms Completed: Robyn Jacobs, Deb Kaplan, Rachel Kleinbaum

Motion: Accept the slate as presented (Passed)
- 4. Rabbi Remarks:** This year marks our 20th at the Roth Center. There is no doubt about the future of our people at this community. We are building Jewish identity one soul at a time. Our Social Action Committee and others are also involved in caring for the larger community. Our Hebrew school students are developing strong Jewish identities as exemplified in quotes the Rabbi read from the 7th grade student exams. The UVJC and Dartmouth College have an 1861 Czech Holocaust scroll on permanent loan via an agreement with the Memorial Scrolls Trust based in England. The scroll was probably written in Jerusalem. The scroll is currently being repaired. Its rededication will be part of our 20th year celebration highlighting that all we do as a community is grounded in Torah.
- 5. Treasurer Report (Bill Brown):** No dues increase this year. Planned ~\$4,000 deficit budget. We have a good amount of money available (~\$300,000)in restricted funds (cemetery, school events, adult education) This is separate from the general operating budget. Members are encouraged to ask for funding if they'd like to host a special event.
Our membership is aging with fewer young families. Each family brings in about \$2,000/year. We need to attract more young families with students for the school.

Motion: Accept the budget as presented (Passed)

6. **Call for donations to offset the budget deficit (Rusty Sachs):** Rusty shared that an anonymous donor has pledged up to \$1,000 in a matching gift. Urged members to meet this challenge. Several individuals pledged \$100 or \$200 each for a total of \$1700 thus reducing the planned deficit by \$2700.00.
7. **Mishpacha award:** Karen Manning presented the award to Kathy Parsonnet for her dedication to our community as a Hebrew School teacher, singer, provider of Shabbat Kiddush, administrative help and more – whatever needs doing, Kathy will volunteer.
8. **High Holiday Dedication Recognitions:** Rabbi Boraz thanked Gary Schwartz and Nathan Margolis for their selfless dedication to ensuring that our many High Holiday services run smoothly. For many years they have both sacrificed their own prayer time to ensure the rest of us can celebrate these sacred days. Nathan was presented with a gift. Gary was unable to attend the annual meeting so will be presented with his gift at another occasion.
9. **Ruach Committee (Jeff Lubell)** We are trying lots of new things, stance is to say yes to people who have ideas. ~2-dozen participated in a Shavuot hike led by Shira Hoeffler. Upcoming events: June 17 – Pot luck & Havdalah service, June 24 – Contemplative service with guided Jewish meditation. Let the committee know if there are things you want to do.
10. **Addition of Hebrew Name (Jeff Lubell)** A recent community vote elected to add a Hebrew name to the UVJC. A system was used to maximize votes. The top 2 choices were Kol HaEmek (63%) and Beit Shalom(37%). 8% indicated a preference not to add a Hebrew name. Our new name will be *Kol HaEmek, The Upper Valley Jewish Community*. Kol HaEmek means “Voice of the Valley”. Those in attendance expressed satisfaction with the name choice and liked the connection with Dartmouth’s “Voice in the Wilderness” The legal name will remain the Upper Valley Jewish Community.

Adjourned 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Berg, Secretary