

MINUTES OF JULY 8 MEETING

Fourteen hardy souls attended, and many more sent their regrets due to other summertime commitments. Prez Bob Feldman ran a tight ship, getting us through the bagels and schmears and the business at hand in about 90 minutes. In addition to discussing the Summer Games Night and Fall Kick-Off Picnic, mentioned above, we formed a Speakers Committee (thanx to Jonathan Palmer, George Badger, Jerry Goldstein and Ken Lande), heard a treasurer's report from interim treasurer Drew Barkley (good news: we're healthy; other news: \$30 annual membership bills are (almost) in the mail!).

We unanimously approved an amendment to Article 10, Section B of our Bylaws temporarily giving Brotherhood the right to incur discretionary expenses to re-start Brotherhood during fiscal year 2007-2008.

We elected Jonathan Palmer as our new Treasurer, and warned him that he has Jeff Newhouse's big shoes to fill. Jonathan declined our offer to double the Treasurer position's salary (which is zero), saying he strongly believed in frugality. We also elected a new Vice President to take Jonathan's old position, but since the elected member was absent from the meeting and has been out of town, he hasn't been told of his amazing victory yet. He'll probably never want to miss a meeting again.

Look forward to seeing you on August 12.

-- Michael Rein, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE August 12, 2007 MEETING

Meeting was conducted by Mike Rein in the absence of President Bob Feldman. 20 members attended.

Game Night 8/25

Good attendance expected, though only 4 RSVP's thus far. Drew Barkley will emphasize RSVP's in Temple's weekly email blast, as many members do not realize that RSVP's are requested. Steve Shapiro will make Costco run that morning for refreshments. John Oppenheimer and/or Dan Iuster to help.

High Holiday Ushering

John Oppenheimer has sent out his annual email to begin assignments for this year. John got a bit of a late start this year due to some confusion over who was going to handle the task. Please reply promptly to John with your availability. If you do not receive his email and wish to volunteer for one or more services, John's email address is jm5843@aol.com.

Membership Dues 2007-08

Jonathan Palmer, Treasurer, will contact Jeff Newhouse, outgoing long-time Treasurer and Brotherhood stalwart, to transition the responsibilities. New signature cards will be completed and invoices for the new year will be sent out. Jonathan proposed a cover letter along with the invoice in response to some negative feedback over just sending out an invoice. Dues payments will be directed to the office and held for Jonathan.

October 14th Brotherhood Meeting

There will be no meeting in September due to the High Holidays and the Temple Picnic on September 30th. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 14th at Henry Cowell State Park in Felton. Ken Lande will lead a nature hike on the loop trail. Carpooling is suggested, as parking fees will be collected. Picnic area will be available.

Shofar Ads

Drew reminded everyone that display ads are due now to Diana Rose

Rabbi Rick

Per Rabbi Rick, High Holiday plans are proceeding nicely.

New VP

Richie Solomon graciously accepted his nomination as First Vice President.

September 30 Picnic Planning Discussion

Event Timing: 9:00 am Assemble and erect Sukkah

10:00 am Early arriving students will decorate Sukkah

10:30 to 11:30 am Temple School Sukkot Programming

11:30 am Temple-wide picnic begins; goes until sundown

Rabbi Shifra attended to share the Temple School plan for the day and offer feedback.

Food: Drew Barkley is in charge of food and Wally Brondstatter is assisting. Hot Dogs/Veggie Dogs/Buns/Condiments/Beverages are planned at this time. Many volunteers will be needed to man the grills and assist with food. Melissa Sunberg attended representing Sisterhood to let us know that Sisterhood will gladly contribute desserts and encourage potluck for side dishes.

Games: Mike Rein is in his element when it comes to games. As an experienced camp and game leader, he has this well under control with a lot of great ideas and energy. The Temple Youth Group is going to help out in a big way. Adult volunteers will still be needed to supervise the action. Mike will keep us posted on his needs, both for volunteers and for game paraphernalia. Mike needs a volleyball net and ball if anyone has one. Jerry Dubin suggested a "challenge" format might help make the games more interesting, e.g. Brotherhood challenges Sisterhood in a 3-legged race or egg toss, 50 year olds challenge 20 year olds, etc. Mike asked about prizes and Dan Seftel mentioned that

we have many shekels left over from the cultural fair many years ago. Shahir El-Shaieb volunteered to help.

Sukkah: Irv Winnick has designed the portable Sukkah that the Temple School will use the morning of the picnic. Dan Seftel will be assisting Irv in a trial run this week and also, Dan will direct the assembly of the Sukkah the day of the picnic, as Irv will be out of town. Richie Solomon will take care of the coverings for the Sukkah – muslin for the sides and palm branches or similar for the ceiling. Richie will also be out of town and unable to attend the event.

Publicity: Jonathan Palmer has submitted a graphic and article to Diana Rose for the upcoming Shofar and to Alice Pennes for the Temple website. Temple School parents will receive a mailing, reminders will be included in the High Holiday packets, weekly Temple email blasts mention the picnic, it's on the website and it will be mentioned at High Holiday Services. Jonathan will send a follow up message to Diana Rose to include 2 additional items in the Shofar article: Veggie dogs will be served and potluck non-dairy side dishes are encouraged. Jonathan will be researching designs for logos for a TBE Brotherhood baseball-style cap.

It is anticipated that 1 or 2 Picnic Committee meetings will be held between now and the picnic. If you are on the picnic committee, watch your emails.

Respectfully Submitted by Steve Shapiro sitting in for Mike Rein as secretary.