

Beth Chaim Tikkun Olam Meeting (via Zoom)

Minutes: 11:00 am Sunday, October 10, 2021

Attendees: Holly Singer and Becky Marks (committee co-chairs), Linda Feldstein, Fran Lichtenstein, Gayle Weisberg, Betsy Ie, Mindy Shedler

Agenda items covered:

1. D'Var Torah [Gayle Weisberg]

Genesis chapter 6, verse 9: Noah's Ark, relates to Tikkun Olam including imprisonment from quarantine, people affected by floods, lens of saving yourself and humanity.

2. HomeFront tutoring dinners: monthly – Oct. 27, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 [Holly Singer]

This longstanding program has resumed in-person and onsite at Lawrence Community Center. Our first sign-up blast will go out Wed. Oct. 13th i.e., 2 weeks in advance of the initial dinner for this school year. Deliveries of items in advance and meal prep/assembly will be held in the Beth Chaim kitchen late afternoon the date of each dinner.

3. JFCS Thanksgiving Drive: Oct. 31-Nov 11 [Fran Lichtenstein]

Our sign-up blast will be ready to go live by October 20th. Fran has already shared the flyer with Linda Gerhlein.

4. JFCS LIGHTS – Chanukah Drive: Nov 21-30 [Fran Lichtenstein]

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5. Refugee Resettlement Volunteer training [Betsy Ie]

Betsy is working to coordinate a webinar for this training which has already involved the Jewish Center of Princeton and she will discuss with other committees to work toward a specific plan and scheduling logistics. Tikkun Olam will also send a dedicated blast (pending wording from Betsy) to elicit interest in this program.

6. L'dor V'dor initiative and plans [Becky Marks]

In advance of the current CBC newsletter column (attached), Becky and Holly had a meeting this summer with Anne to talk about how we could pair young children/teens in religious school with elder generations among our congregation and seek to build connections across generations. Our overall concept in this L'dor V'dor initiative is to focus on inter-generational relationships within the congregation. Today we discussed 3-4 areas of focus as highlighted below, with the idea of a wintertime (Jan/Feb) kick-off event in-person or by Zoom or hybrid, depending on demand and public health realities.

- a. Light tech support (e.g., help with use of smart phones, Zoom instructions)
- b. Jokes and conversations, could be called "L'dor V'dor Oneg and Laughs"
- c. Reading by older generations to young children

Betsy Ie suggested potentially pairing this program with Nefesh – she will explore that path.

7. Winter programs – Chai Tea & Knitting, February Diaper Drive, Passover Drive

We will discuss and confirm these programs during our next meeting.

8. Tikkun Olam upcoming meetings scheduled in 2021: Nov. 7, Dec. 12

We decided today to schedule Nov. 7th via Zoom and Dec. 12th in-person.

Note: In-person committee meetings are set up with Zoom, enabling a hybrid meeting format.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Singer 10/10/21