

Minutes of Shul Board Meeting October 20, 2015

Present: Menachem Zer Kavod, Avraham David, Alexis Rodgold, Michael Gillis, David Olivestone, Bob Rosenschein, Tzippy Benmelech.

Absent: Yaakov Besthof, Pinchas Shiffman.

Guests: Howie Kahn, Simcha Edel, Alex Pomson.

1. Several shul members protested the sub-committee's decisions regarding who received aliyot on the Yamim Nora'im. It was agreed that at the next board meeting the criteria for selecting those who should receive aliyot will be discussed, in order to facilitate the list for next year, and also to involve the gaba'im in the selection.

2. The board approved the transfer of the shul bank accounts from the Emek Refaim branch of Bank Hapoalim, which is closing, to the Derech Chevron branch. David Olivestone was approved as an additional signatory.

3. Two members of the board, Ziona Avitsur and Aharon Rivlin have resigned. In their place, the board appointed Devora Preiss-Bloom and Simcha Edel and wished them "blessing and success in all their endeavors, and may HKB"H amply reward them."

4. Several shul members have taken on new tasks as follows:

- Irv Cantor, the weekly emptying of the charity box and depositing the cash in the bank;
- Marty Weisberg, depositing shul revenues, issuing receipts, and handling bank deposits;
- Kal Feinberg, managing the computing systems including the Gabbai or Hashavshevet software;
- Rabbi Nachman Winkler, care of the aron kodesh, preparing the Sifrei Torah for the various readings, and changing the Torah covers and ark curtains according to the chagim. As a sofer, he is also able to make corrections.

The board wishes each of them "blessing and success. . . ."

5. Donations to the synagogue and the charity fund should now be given to Marty Weisberg or Kal Feinberg, or by placing checks marked “beneficiary only” in Menachem Zer Kavod’s seat box, or by sending them to Bet Knesset Emek Refaim, PO Box 8334, Jerusalem. Please write your e-mail address on the back of the check so that a receipt can be sent to you.

6. In light of the security situation, we have renewed the rota of guards at the synagogue on Shabbat, and we ask additional members to volunteer for this. Various suggestions have been made to improve the efficacy of the shmira, and we will discuss these at the next meeting together with those who have been involved in organizing the shmira up to this point.

7. We will hold a discussion with the gaba'im regarding how to bring the end of the Shabbat morning service closer to 10:15 am, as has been the custom; the dvar Torah will also be discussed.

Submitted by Menachem Zer Kavod.

Translated by David Olivestone.