

President Board Report: 4-18-19

2019 Julie Silver Event, Wednesday, May 15

Julie Silver will be performing on Wednesday, May 15, at 7:00 pm here at Temple Beth-El. The Rabbi said he would do the Publicity for the e-Blast, The Bulletin, the LC Sun-News, and the Jewish Federation's Jewish Voice; possibly a radio spot. I would appreciate if Board members would bring refreshments and help with set up and clean up. We also need board members at the admission table to collect the entrance fee of \$10, get people to sign in, and to hand out the surveys that need to be completed and collected, and to be greeters and ushers to make people feel welcome and to help seat them. We would appreciate if the Rabbi would open the event with a brief welcome and introduction. In addition, we need you all to attend and participate in the supporting roles I've mentioned, if you're in town. Who can help and what are you willing to do?

Security Concerns

Mark Saltman organized the event with the Las Cruces Police Department that took place here at TBE on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm. LCPD personnel presented information on how to respond during an Active Shooter situation.

TBE Annual Congregational Meeting: Thursday, May 9

We need all Board members to attend the Thursday, May 9 Annual Meeting. We will prepare a booklet, like we have for the past couple of years. It will include an Agenda, the Minutes from the May 10, 2018 meeting, President's Report, Rabbi's Report, Annual Committee Reports, and TBE Programs and Accomplishments. The Program for the night will include a Welcome by the President, the Rabbi's Invocation, review of last year's Minutes by the Secretary, the President's Report and Recognition of the Board, the Rabbi's Report, the Treasurer's Report, an update on our Financial Situation with help from Patrick Quinn, the Introduction of the Board of Trustee Candidates, Voting, and Announcement of Results. It is possible that our phenomenal Secretary, Jeff Brown, may not be able to attend due to his wife's upcoming knee replacement. In that situation, we will need someone else to review last year's minutes and to take accurate minutes of this Annual Meeting that will be save and read at next year's 2020 Annual Meeting.

IFFF

The 6th Annual Jewish Food and Folk Festival had the biggest turnout ever, with a much larger profit as well. This was another phenomenal event! We are going to recognize Rose at the Annual meeting with a bouquet of flowers. Francine will be out of town. I have asked Rose to be present and to give a small thank you to the volunteers and an update on the results. I will get the flowers, but would like Board members to give a few dollars each towards the purchase.

Passover

The first night Passover Seder is tomorrow, April 19, and the TBE Sisterhood is again sponsoring the second night Seder at Picacho Hills Country Club on Saturday, April 20. The flyers and sign-up sheets have been mailed to all congregants. This is always a well-attended, wonderful event each year.

Financial Concerns and the Rabbi

As you know, a letter was sent to the congregation regarding our financial situation and rabbinic changes. At our May 9 Annual Meeting, we will address the changes with you, and explain that the Board—in partnership with the Rabbi, made a fiduciary decision to maintain Rabbi Karol's role as our Rabbi, albeit part-time. It was the best decision we could make, considering the financial position we are in. We have created a Transition Committee that includes the Rabbi to help us move forward. The purpose will be to consider important decisions that need to be made in the administration of Temple Beth-El.

End of My Term

As you know, this is the last Board meeting that I will oversee as President. I was the Board Secretary for one year, and then President for three years. I appreciate all of your dedication and involvement and will miss presiding over the Board. But I know you will all do a great job as you continue to be leaders of Temple Beth-El. I am only a phone call away, but I'm sure you will be fine. I look forward to having a few less obligations, but I will miss our discussions and occasional bantering. I wish you all the best of luck as you navigate through these next couple of years.