

## **President Board Report: October 19, 2017**

### **Review of our Board Goals:**

At our May 7 Board Training, we took the day to do some needed self-reflection through engaging in a variety of activities and discussions. We established important goals and an action plan for this coming year. At the training, we committed to accomplish the following:

1. We will assist the Rabbi in establishing an administrative task force—Jeff Brown has met with the Rabbi about this. We can also look at possibly consolidating some of our more administratively-oriented committees and consolidate their tasks under this umbrella.
2. We are sharing personal stories and Board profiles in the Adelante that we hope will encourage congregants to become involved in leadership roles—Need a writer for November Adelante.
3. We will facilitate a leadership development training program to encourage congregants to become more involved in leadership opportunities—Jim Rosenthal, the Rabbi, and I are working on this. Jim is here to speak about this. We need some of you to participate in our new Leadership Development group, and ad hoc part of the Nominating Committee, which will help develop and support leaders for TBE now and in the future. We need you to step up and join this program, which will meet periodically and will also set the tone for leadership and governance into the future.
4. We made calls to recognize and thank our Temple volunteers and our members in general (in addition to the FestivUS event).
5. We will establish focus groups to discuss people's concerns—Renee Frank said she would work on this.
6. Our Norms, which we've written at the beginning of the past two fiscal years, represent a Board Covenant or Brit Avodah to clarify expectations and responsibilities of Board members.

### **Jewish Federation of Greater El Paso / Grant 2018 Update:**

In order to continue receiving grant funds, we have agreed to participate in the annual Jewish Federation fundraising campaign to help raise funds to underwrite these projects. While voluntary, we hope the congregation will respond positively to these upcoming calls and support the Jewish Federation's fundraising efforts. I will need your help with the calling campaign. We have selected Sunday, November 19 at 5:00 pm to meet here at Temple to make calls to our congregants. Sue Bendalin, the Federation Campaign Director, is plans to join us to support our efforts. In order to get through our membership directory, we will need most of our Board and a few additional people to make the calls. I need a commitment from you to do this. We have chose that weekend since it is the weekend after the Tina Wasserman event, and we can refer to that when we talk about the benefits we've received from Federation grants.