

## **President Board Report: 1-17-19**

### **2019 Jewish Federation Grant Results**

The Rabbi, Michael, and I met with Robert French at the Temple on Thursday, December 20 to discuss the grant funding results. The Granting Committee decided to fund us in full for the Julie Silver performance and not to fund the Ken Kanter presentations on Jewish Influence on American Music. We will have to ask him to come in 2020. We asked for \$7,300 for Julie Silver and \$6,000 for Ken Kanter. Julie was going to perform here in March but had some scheduling conflicts, so she will now be coming in mid-May. At least the grant is written if you want to submit it next year for a Ken Kanter presentation.

### **Security Concerns” “After Pittsburgh...What We Need to Know”**

When Robert French was here meeting with us, he offered to set up a town hall question and answer session on Wednesday, January 23, with Michael Masters of Secure Connect Network. He will also hold a town hall in El Paso the following day. We took him up on his offer, and we highly encourage all Board members and congregants to attend that upcoming town hall on security issues.

### **LCPD Security**

Mark Saltman is also following up on the security training offered by LCPD, and he will get back to us soon on what they are willing to do to train us to be more prepared.

### **Batkin Scholarship Funds for 2019**

The Irving Batkin Memorial Scholarship Fund at Temple Beth-El will again be available in 2019. Our members can apply for funds for Jewish educational opportunities. Please talk with the Rabbi to find out more about it and to get an application. Last year we were able to give scholarships to three of our religious school students for Jewish educational programs that they wanted to attend. In order to fulfill the mission of this scholarship fund, the foundation must continue to grow its asset base so that the distributions we receive increase. We will remind our members to please consider making contributions to the Batkin Scholarship Fund so that this goal may be accomplished. Our continued support helps direct the earnings of the fund to care for the vulnerable, sustain Jewish life, educate our students, and to serve as an advocate for Jews in need.

### **Nominating Committee**

A big concern we have at this time of year is finding dedicated members who are willing to step up to Board of Trustee positions. If you know of anyone interested, please let us know. Jim Rosenthal is here tonight to talk about this. We also need to ensure that we have qualified Board members who can fill Executive Committee positions.

## **Finances**

Michael will be talking more about our finances in a few minutes, but I also want to state that we are at a point of depleting funds due to members not paying their quarterly or monthly payments, necessary expenses (i.e., the alarm pad that we need to purchase for the main entry due to sticking numbers and numerous alarm mishaps), etc. I would like the Board to consider us writing another letter to our members requesting a one-time donation to assist in paying for some necessary expenses in light of our limited reserves.

## **Please Join Us for our New Fundraiser: “A Night at the Auction”**

On January 26, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Temple, we hope you join us for “A Night at the Auction,” a new addition to our fundraising efforts, sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Dee Cook, Cheryl Decker, and Joanne Turnbull. For an entry fee of \$5.00, this festive night will include a light supper, entertainment, and two auction opportunities—a silent auction and a live auction—where we will have the chance to bid on an amazing array of events, services, learning opportunities, and some pre-planned party packages. Join us for some fun, **TBE community engagement**, and support a great, innovative fundraising effort!

## **Our Next Leadership Workshop—3<sup>rd</sup> in Our Series**

On Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the TBE Social Hall, Sue Brown and Ann Berkson will present a workshop on “Exploring our Temple.” This event will be an informative and engaging workshop on the details and history about Temple Beth-El. Refreshments will be served. Please join us!