

MEMBERSHIP: 263 households

New members since last Board meeting

Jim Raffel & Maria Favorito

Resignations since last Board meeting

- Konstantin & Susan Merson
- Heidi & David Estrada (were new members at start of school, decided Beth El not a good fit for them.)
- Jaime Brody & Meghan Todd

STATUS OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Full: 144 (12 making add'l commitment)
3%: 26
Adjustment: 64
Free: 6

Still unresolved: 22

HIGH HOLIDAY GUESTS

Over both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, there were 93 people who requested 173 tickets. Of those 93 people, we know for sure that 66 of them came to at least one service, representing potentially 123 individuals. There were many different ways that people heard about Beth El, and about our free HH ticket offer. Of those who replied to these two questions, in general, people tended to have known about Beth El through more relational paths, while social and print media were more frequently the source of information about the specific HH ticket offer. Here is the distribution (these numbers do not separate Beth El from HH ticket offer):

Website: 13
Facebook: 5
Mosaic: 1
Jewish Singles MW meetup: 2
Print media: 6
From current/former member: 24
Is former member: 16
Lives in area/drove by: 7
Rabbi Breindel: 3
Called office: 3

Followup emails were sent to everyone who requested tickets 2 days after Yom Kippur. Followup phone calls are in the process of being done now.

BUILDING ISSUES – Jim Billings will be reporting on status of Capital budget progress.

Recently completed items:

1. Beth El sign on front of building was sandblasted, repainted, and remounted.
2. Men's room faucet repaired.
3. New spray head for rinsing station in kitchen ordered
4. All damaged window screens in building have been replaced.
5. Usual summer sprucing up of inside painting was completed prior to High Holidays
6. Exterior repairs and painting completed
7. Various minor upgrades/replacements/improvements to lighting fixtures around the building

8. RE: Leak in storage room off Social Hall – steps that have been taken to seal source of leak have improved, but not completely fixed the leak yet. Dave Waldman has ordered a higher quality sealant, and is working on scheduling its application with our HVAC company. Repairs to the ceiling will be scheduled only after we are sure that the leak is fixed.

TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

1. Listserves

Our listserves (bboards, yachad, sanctuary, bethelgeneral, specialannouncements, tzedakah hevra) have been down since the day after Rosh Hashanah, when we transferred our DNS registration from one company to another. Initially, the website and staff emails went down, but they were back up within less than a day. After **many** hours being spent (by Jeff Alexander) on trying to fix the listserves with the new hosting company, we have concluded that their customer service and tech support is unsatisfactory, so we are in the process of switching back to the company where our domain had been registered with our old website. If the process goes smoothly, which it has yet to do, we should be back up, possibly in a week, but I don't expect us to experience the best case scenario. In the meantime, as was in last night's weekly email, I will collect posts that our members feel are crucial to post now, and include them in a version of the weekly email that will only go to Beth El members.

2. Beth El's server hit by virus

Over this past weekend, our server was hit by a ransomware virus that affected all the files on our server, rendering them all inaccessible. Dave Tursky (with Unlimited Links, our IT support) responded immediately on Columbus Day, spent the day here, working on restoring our files from our backup. He was also able to identify with what he described as 90-95% certainty that the virus had come in through the bookkeeper's computer. The good news is that our shared files (the server) are backed up, and access was restored by Tuesday morning for everyone except the bookkeeper. The virus affected everything on her computer – not just data, but software as well, and so far, there doesn't appear to be a way to retrieve it. Neil Frieband is/will be talking with Dave about how best to restore the software, but there will be challenges in dealing with some loss of financial details. Neil may have more up-to-date info on this at the meeting, but it may be too soon still.

I have asked Dave to evaluate and make recommendations, if indicated, about whether we need to put more/different security measures in place.