Transition committee meeting August 27, 2015.

Present: Joan, Davis, Michael, Naomi, Jeff, Rabbi Ruhi Sophia
Regrets: Reut, Pearl, Karrie, Julie.

Meeting starts at 7pm

1. Checking in with Rabbi Ruhi Sophia (RRS)
   - Things are going well.
   - RRS is prepping for high holidays.
   - There are pastoral emergencies and other distractions.

2. High Holidays Help
   - Rabbi Ruhi Sophia is looking for volunteers to help run the High Holidays services - to call out page numbers, call members to open the Ark, etc. They will stand at the lectern with a microphone, next to RRS.
   - Need a total of 9 people to facilitate services slivers of about 90 minutes each - no more than 2 hours.
   - RRS will provide a very detailed outline - what needs to be called out and when.
   - RRS will handle any questions ahead of time to ensure the assistants are prepared and are comfortable with their tasks.
   - Tfilah and Minhag committee's Evlyn can't do it this year. But Shavach, Tova and Sabina may be available.
   - Naomi will lead the search for six additional people who are familiar with holiday services at TBI.

3. Meet & Greets Events
   - In general, RRS and the community has positive feedback on the events.
   - August 16, 12-2pm picnic was sparsely attended. Fewer than 20 attendees.
   - Other events have been well attended.
   - Friday services have been unusually busy mostly because of several Bnei Mitzvah.
   - Jeff recognized several non-regular members at services. So people are coming out to check the new Rabbi and are excited.
   - Schedule another meet & greet for after school starts. Perhaps PJ Library.
   - Sukkah Meet & Greet event is already scheduled. Saturday October 3 - Story telling in the Sukkah. Need to reach out to kids to families with elementary school aged kids.
     - Who's going to tell the story? Naomi will check with RRS, who may want the opportunity to connect with the kids. If not, we'll need to find a storyteller for the event.
     - Perhaps Challah baking event, as part of Tot Shabbat. Kids come 1/2 hour early, bake the Challah and take it home.
     - Sunday October 4, 6-8pm. Community can visit RRS at her Sukkah. Pot luck / BYO dinner. Michael will be the reporter.

RRS leaves meeting at 7:30pm

4. Installation Ceremony
   - Joan sent a rough draft of installation events sequence to Nina, Davis and RRS.
• Nina is ok with the ceremony.
• Rabbi Yitz will have a role presenting the Yad to RRS.
• Nina will help with the invitations to the community. Event video / sound.
• Tasks that need to be coordinated by the committee:
  ◦ Setup - the Brotherhood group can help Wade moving benches.
  ◦ Clean up.
  ◦ Food - perhaps facilitated by TBI member Judy Boles.
  ◦ Other tasks that can alleviate some pressure off the TBI office.
• Michael will reach out to Nina to check what we can help with
• Joan is coordinating with the musicians, florists, non-Jewish clergy.
• Perhaps we can use the large Chanukiyah from the basement.
• After discussing with Nina, the installation event will not be open to the community at large, but only to TBI members. Reason: We need room in the back of the hall for food and socializing. There won't be room if the seating extends out to the social hall.
• This is a serious ceremony primarily geared to adults, like a wedding.
• Both RRS's mentors, as well as RRS's parents, will be traveling to TBI to attend.
• Budget: the TBI board approved $2500 for the ceremony.
  ◦ Will need to buy a ticket for one of the mentors.
  ◦ The other mentor received a donation of airfare miles from a TBI member, so TBI doesn't have to pick up the cost.
  ◦ Hotel / housing arrangements for the mentors - TBD.

5. Previous Meeting Minutes
• Previous meeting minutes were reviewed by committee members and we approved for publishing on the TBI web site.

6. Next Meetings
• September 8 or 10: start planning small forum meetings for after the holidays. For committee members only.
• October 8 or 15: check with RRS how were the holidays.
• Michael will float the dates with committee members and RRS.

7. Interfaith Breakfast
• New mayor is hosting this event.
• September 21.
• RRS is attending
• Tickets are $5 or $10.

Meeting adjourns: 8pm.