

Attendees: **14 Shimshon brothers plus three Guests:** Bradford Hench, Daniel Frankel, Jody Pollack, Marcus Brodzki, Mark Weiss, Michael Levin, Mike Silver, Neal Drucker, Richard Gay, Ronald Altman, Sid Besmertnik, Steve Kaufman, Steven Kramer, Wayne Greenberg

WB Brad Hench stood in as VP for Brother Scott Scher.

7:48 pm Pres. Dan Frankel opened call and welcomes guests

Lodge Open: Chaplain read prayer – Mark Weiss

Reports lead by WB Brad Hench

Treasury Report – Richard Gay

- a. Bank balance as of today (9/7/19): \$12,385
- b. Matzah Mitzvah Fund: \$3,029 (MBM + Covid (\$1,484) emergency fund combined)
- c. Correspondence from the Cohen Home in appreciation for the donated laptop.

2) Fundraising Report – David Adler / Sid Besmertnik

- a. B Sid reports that 2 disbursements were made in June for COVID assistance, we are awaiting requests for next round from the rabbis.
- b. The Cohen home was very thankful for the laptop we donated.
 - i. Activities Director Allison Maddox will be coordinating video calls for residents to be able to see family and friends remotely.
 - ii. B Steve Kaufman will draft a press release.
- c. Honey sales- are open \$12/jar. HOD will earn \$4.50 / jar.
 - i. Deadline for free shipping is July 22.
 - ii. <https://www.honeyfromtheheart.org/hod/>

3) Membership Report –Brad Hench

- a. WB Brad reports that membership is holding steady, we need to do a better job securing our speakers further in advance of our table lodge meetings so that we can identify prospective members we may wish to invite to the meeting.
- b. Please Continue to propose new members

4) Social (Chaverschaft) Report – Neal Drucker

- a. B Neal reports that the picnic social has been postponed indefinitely.
 - i. If and when it is scheduled will be announced.
- b. Thursday, July 16th Lodge Carmel is hosting a virtual scotch tasting.
 - i. Check your email for the registration info sent by Brother Steve Z.
- c. A review of recent open lodge meetings globally was discussed, including recent open meetings in Houston and London which were attended by some in the lodge.

5) Community Outreach Report – Richard Gay

- a. Cohen Home Ice Cream Events are on hold due to Covid Shelter-in-place.

6) Governing Lodge Report – Dan Frankel

- a. B Dan has been in touch with governing lodge and our web platform provider Wild Apricot on a licensing agreement organization-wide.
- b. The Jerusalem lodge in Israel is hosting their annual raffle.
 - i. A motion was made by B Neal and seconded by B Richard to disburse \$140 from our operating account to support the raffle.

- ii. After discussion focused on the work of the Israel lodge (they run a soup kitchen!) and confirming no issues with funds going overseas, the motion was amended to instead of purchasing raffle tickets that we would instead simply donate the funds directly to the lodge.
- iii. Motion amended by B Steve Kramer and seconded by B Wayne. Both motions passed unanimously.

7) Candles

- a. A virtual candle lighting ceremony was held with B Michael Silver achieving his 7th candle. Congratulations!

8) HOD Meetings

a. On Deck

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| • Mgmt. meeting (8/5/20) | • OLM/TL (8/13/20) |
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9) New/Other Business

- a. none

10) Good and Welfare

- a. Judy Pollack is back home after rehab for fractured hip.
 - i. Special thank you to B Craig Miller who provided a very nice home-cooked meal.
- b. B President Dan is back at work after being furloughed.
- c. WB Jody mentioned that the festival circuit (AJMF, AJFF, AJLF, and the AKBBQF) had a meeting convened by Federation to discuss next steps on the festivals and how to do some programming remotely vs. face-to-face.
- d. B Ron is feeling significantly better after fracturing ribs and collapsing a lung.

Br mark Weiss – chaplain closing prayer

8:47 pm: Lodge closed by WB Brad Hench

Until we meet again

Table Lodge was a virtual social.

- **Those that attended the OLM hung out for a while longer and chatted...mostly about Covid before ending the call.**