

Report of the Vice-President
of
Beach Hebrew Institute

Sunday, June 19, 2011

Has it been a year already? What a year it has been! With our acclamation on June 13, 2010, we all, Jack, Jerry, Rosalee and myself, hit the ground running. And “What?” “I asked, rather naively, “are the duties of the Vice-president?”

Well...there were membership renewals (134 member households, almost equally divided between families and singles), High Holiday tickets to be printed and sent (315 sent or picked up), Sunday School promotion, cancellation and tenuous resuscitation in late October, under the marvellous direction of Susan Litchen, as well as the oversight, scheduling and guidance of Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and other Simchas throughout the year (since June 2010, we have celebrated 10 B’nei Mitzvot, 02 Aufrufs and 01 Baby-naming).

I represent, BHI on the Downtown Jewish Community Council and have attended the ‘Global Day of Jewish Learning’ , as well as a presentation by Camp Gesher at the Miles Nadal JCC, on our behalf.

I revised the Guidelines for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, and submitted them to both the Ritual Committee and the Executive Committee which considered them, gave their recommendations, and then adopted them. I also created an intake form for any future

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Simchas to aid in the recording and tracking of the details of each event for this current and all future Executive Committees.

As well as being the conduit of information from phone calls and Canada Post, I was for this past year the building maintenance contact person, for such things as missing roof shingles, electrical problems, plumbing leaks, appliance repair and replacement, and am presently awaiting the arrival of our new display case for the front of the building. Another project I am working on is the refurbishment of the beautiful photographs of Israel you see around you taken by the artist, Michael Jordana. This series, ‘Carved in Stone’ will be donated to the Synagogue by the Pringle family, and we look forward to a showing, perhaps later this summer. My sincere thanks to Alec Myers who has taken over the essential and demanding job of building manager.

If it weren’t for the encouragement and support of my fellow Executive members, Jack, Jerry, and especially my mentor, Rosalee, I would have buckled under the load. I have a renewed appreciation for the work of Synagogue Executives everywhere.

I hereby submit this report and ask that it be read into the minutes of this meeting.

Sharon Hershenhorn