

Kulanu Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of meeting: October 30, 2023

Members: Ida Ioffe; Anita Miller (chair); Harris Miller; Michael Miller (secretary); Lia Niederberger; Jennifer Oppenheimer; Jeffrey Roth; Eva Sern; Max Weiner

AGENDA items covered

Kulanu is participating and supporting what is a BHBE Academy event – a Hanukkah celebration, 11 am – 12 noon, December 10, 2023. This time is during Academy hours for faculty and students, and regular staffing is therefore available. This was agreed to by Michael during a meeting with Hedva Yitzhak, Principal of the Academy, during a meeting October 11. Hedva mentioned during this meeting that she said this event would be the model for similar Academy events in the future in which the Kulanu Committee can support Academy students in welcoming those with special needs to participate.

- Final preparations
 - Michael mentioned to the Committee that the Rabbi has been very supportive of Kulanu's participation in Academy events – Rabbi Crane sent an email on October 17 to Anita and Michael asking to call by phone that week to finalize the language on the flyer. Because Michael and Anita were out of town, the Rabbi sent a follow up email on October 24 - Rabbi kindly mentioned he would dedicate time to make changes in the language of the flyer (see below) that week.
- Sign up form – being set up by the office
- Flyer – prepared by Barbara Ungar, a draft had been sent for feedback to Kulanu committee members. The Rabbi has told us he will finalize the wording of the flyer, as noted above.
- Volunteering for the event – Once activities are finalized, 1) members will be in touch with Hedva and Michael; 2) Congregation President Cynthia Lerner has offered to announce the event to the Board and ask for volunteers.
- Activities – this list was prepared during the October 11 meeting of Hedva and Michael
 - Hanukkah story presentation by Academy students.
 - Music – this will be coordinated with the Hanukkah story presentation.
 - During their meeting, Michael and Hedva that some children with special needs enjoy participating e.g. with simple percussion instruments
 - Hanukkah themed stations with interactive game(s), art activity – one suggestion from the Committee was a station where children could decorate either a cut-out of a dreidel or an actual dreidel. Michael will discuss this with Hedva.
- Food – Michael and Hedva agreed that the Kulanu Committee will help support food with funds that have come from donations for Kulanu (formerly called the Inclusion Committee). Hedva on behalf of the Academy will also be supporting food (e.g. sofганиyot, latkes, etc). Hedva raised the possibility of personally contributing her justifiably famous Israeli salad!

The meeting ended – for all questions, Kulanu Committee members were asked to contact the Rabbi and Hedva.

Michael Miller, secretary, for the Kulanu Committee