

## HOUSE REPORT FEBRUARY 2024 BY ARLEN LASINSKY

1. Need to research and acquire new scissors lift. Current lift is old and cannot obtain parts
  - A. We are researching three vendors to ascertain the most cost-efficient way to proceed.
  
2. New Sound System for Synagogue
  - A. A donor has agreed to donate \$30,000 for a new sound system
  - B. Research and vet three vendors
  - C. Still in embryonic stages
  
3. Decision was made to use Houston Security as was before December 2023
  - A. The increase of security was due to the email CBS and 200 other synagogues received a threatening email.
  - B. Michael Garlin monitors threats on a daily basis and he will adjust security personnel as needed
  
4. Ad Hoc Security Committee Update
  - A. Initial meeting
  - B. Working on general plan
  
5. Parsonage
  - A. Cantor Stoehr's Residence-Nothing to report
  - B. Rabbi Melman's House
    1. New lighting in his den
    2. Received two quotes
  - C. Rabbi Chapman's House
    1. Needed to replace toilet and replace tub waste and overflow
  
6. New RTU's Needed

(House Report C'tued)

A. Received a quote from Emcor for a new 3-ton unit on the east side of the school. Cost is \$16,422.

B. Received a quote from Emcor for a new RTU over Beth Midrash. Cost is \$7,600.

## SCHOOL REPORT FEBRUARY 2024 BY CHARLOTTE STERN

- Mechina Shabbat was held on February 3rd. They did a wonderful job with the Torah and Musaf service.
- 7th grade Holocaust museum Fieldtrip was on Feb 4th. Parents were invited to join.
- World Wide Wrap was on February 11th involving the 6th and 7th graders along with parents.
- February 23rd is the 4th grade shabbat service and the congregation was invited to join with the dinner.
- A competition between grades for Tzedakah money to JNF was held.
  - o Gan/Kindergarten - 3 trees + 8 from families
  - o Aleph/1st Grade - 2 trees + 4 from families
  - o Bet/2nd Grade - 2 trees + 5 from families
  - o Gimmel/3rd Grade - 3 trees + 1 from families
  - o Dalet/4th Grade - 3 trees
  - o Hey/5th Grade - 1 tree
  - o Mechina/6th Grade - 0 trees
  - o Zayin/7th Grade - 0 trees
- Special 4 week program through CBS High but open to all 8th -12th graders on difficult situations especially regarding anti-Semitism and the situation in Israel
  - o Classes taught by Rabbi Melman and Rabbi Chapman
  - o During 2 of the classes parents have a separate class with the Rabbis
  - o First class was on how to have difficult conversations/arguments “arguments for the sake of heaven”
  - o Lunch included
- Purim is not too far away. Purim baskets are being ordered. Theme is Dr Seuss this year. Everyone should participate in this as this is our one and only fundraiser for the school. The baskets will be passed out during the carnival on March 17th and the Monday and Tuesday following.
  - o Call the school if you need help with ordering
  - o Prices went up February 15th
  - o All School board members should participate
  - o Emails are frequently going out to those congregants that have not bought.

(School Report C'tued)

- Approved the School Calendar for 5785 (2024/5)
- o Meet the teachers will happen Aug 25th after teacher orientation with ice cream at the end
- o 25 Sundays and 30 Tuesdays scheduled for the year
- March 8th is 3rd grade siddur ceremony Shabbat service and Dinner. Congregation is invited to join.

## **SOCIAL ACTION REPORT FEBRUARY 2024 BY ROBYN ROSENGARD**

Drop off food for PADS is March 11<sup>th</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup>. Need more information reach Out to Sara Weinstein at saraweinstein55@gmail.com

Hungry Free Northbrook. Thank you to those that have signed up already!! We still need volunteers! If you are not comfortable shopping, I'm happy to do it for you! You can send me a check for \$30. Please reach out with any questions to me at leatteg@gmail.com. Thanks! Lette

Northfield Food Pantry is in need of food. Please drop off non-perishable, non-expired food to CBS.

## YOUTH REPORT FEBRUARY 2024 BY RACHEL LAVEN

Let there be Play: Huge turnout for our first Shabbat program for kids ages 5-9. Jonathan Schmidt Chapman led this program for almost 30 children and some of their parents. Ark Adventures was on the same day and at the end of the main service in the sanctuary, there were close to 50 children on the bima for the children's prayer that we started doing at the end of services.

Shabbaton update:

We currently have over 20 families registered.

We have some staff committed to the weekend including some of the Ark Adventures cast members as well as high school students.

Examples of some of our programming:

A mini children's choir that will practice and perform at the end of the weekend

An adult book club that will read a book prior to the weekend and then have a discussion at the retreat

Sports and nature activities

Age appropriate shabbat/havdalah programs

A communal art project to be exhibited at CBS

Focus Group: parents of school-aged children

We are meeting later this month at Rachel's house to discuss concerns, ideas, and barriers and how to get more engagement from this demographic

Purim Carnival: Justin Kaplan is working with the Sisterhood and Men's Club to help with planning/preparing.

Please consider donating a prize for our Purim Raffle Prizes. More info to be announced at BOT.

FUNDRAISING REPORT FEBRUARY 2024 BY ELLEN GROSSMAN

Our event was attended by over 220 of CBS family and friends. We had great food, music, and most importantly we enjoyed time together.

We had 33 sponsors at 3 different levels; 44 silent auction donors and a GREAT 50/50 raffle. The winner's part was over \$2,200!

The evening started with a wonderful pre-party for our sponsors. We then had appetizers and drinks and wonderful music while looking at the Silent Auction items, buying raffle tickets and socializing.

The fundraising committee were wonderful to work with. Thank you to: Becky Becker, Diana Lewis, Sara Weinstein, Jill Olefsky, Annie Goldman, Alyssa Weisbach, Robyn Rosengard, Tanya Solomon, Jackie Zelkowitz, Bobbie Simkin, Darlene and Norman Padnos, Roz Mokhtarian, Lawrence Levine and Judy and Michael Balter. The kitchen staff headed up by Maria G. and the maintenance staff lead by Edgar did phenomenal jobs of making our event even more successful.

The end result was a wonderful, full of good feelings, great seeing one another and delicious food event!

No final total yet but it takes a few weeks to compile all the expenses. We know we hit our budgeted mark and the final number will be presented at the March BOT.