

**Jewish Federation of Greater Orange County
Annual Meeting 5/19/19**

The meeting was called to order by President Carla Wise. Cantor Prosnitz of Temple Sinai led us in the singing of Hatikvah and the National Anthem.

The D'Var Torah was led by Rabbi Marcus Rubinstein of Temple Sinai.

Minutes: the minutes of the 2018 annual meeting were approved without correction.

Carla recognized the dignitaries present: Judge Carol Klein, Elise Gold, Rabbis Shinder, Marcus Rubinstein, Rabbi Rachel Rubinstein and Cantor Prosnitz. Past Presidents who were present were asked to stand and be recognized.

President's report: Carla reported on the appointment of Rabbi Rachel Rubinstein as Executive Director. She thanked her for her wonderful and seemingly seamless transition into the position. Carla discussed the Zachor initiative and our partnership with the Holocaust Museum and Center for Tolerance & Education on the campus of Rockland County Community College. They have visited numerous school districts throughout the county and are working with students and teachers wherever and whenever incidents of antisemitism occur.

We are partnering with the Orange County District Attorney's Office in a "Hate is Not Welcome Here" campaign. The CRC was helpful in the conviction and sentencing of Eric Carbonaro who was found guilty of desecrating the Jewish cemetery in Florida. Since his release from jail he has been working with the Holocaust Museum staff and will serve an additional five years' probation and community service. A second successful Stop Hate Symposium was held in Washingtonville and students submitted excellent essays to the Stop Hate Essay Contest.

Over the past year the Federation has designated funds for religious school tuition assistance as well as camps and Israel travel. There have been new efforts to expand the campaign through social media and direct mail solicitation. Last year saw a special Levine Speaker when JTS Chancellor Arnie Eisen came to Temple Sinai. The film festival was well attended and PJ Library added PJ Play and PJ Our Way programs.

Financial Report: Rabbi Rachel stated that the campaign has received \$285,275 in 2018 pledges. Funds were distributed to Jewish Family Service (\$75,000) the NJCC (\$7400) scholarships (\$23,000) and local religious schools (\$4,000) as well as JFNA for overseas endeavors.

Executive Director's Report: Rabbi Rachel spoke about new programs the Federation is planning, the enormous interest of new families in the PJ Library programs, and the success of the Endowment Fund. She presented a gift to Sharon Ball who is celebrating 18 years with the Federation office.

Nominating Committee: Steve Rubinsky recognized the retiring board members: Beth Pechman, Risa Neustadt, and the acceptance of Constance Littman and Jonah Mandelbaum as Honorary Board members. He presented the new slate of officers for 2019-2022: President: Harvey Kallus , VP: Rissa Cutler, Treasurer: Jeffrey Harmer, Secretary: Susan Notar.

He thanked those retiring from the board and welcomed the new trustees: Leah Hartigan, Davida Kossar, and Konstatin Zalizyak. All board officers and trustees were sworn in.

Harvey spoke about his goals for the next two years and introduced the Volunteers of the Year.
The meeting was adjourned 11:30 am

Respectfully Submitted:
Susan Notar (Secretary)