

DC Minyan Community Meeting: Monday, August 31--7:30 p.m.

Agenda:

Highlights for 2014-2015:

Tefilah Institute - planning is ongoing. Chevruta study portion beginning through Project Zug. Shavuot/Children's Programming--Added a new component of babysitting for children throughout the retreat. Very positive feedback

Kiddush Committee - Has instituted a new volunteer program that promotes everyone from the community pitching in.

Tot Shabbat--have hired a professional to teach older kids and continue to provide Shabbat programming for 3 distinct age groups

Torah reading class

Singles Event

Community Relations

Rosh Chodesh w/ breakfast

Working with the greater Washington Jewish community

- EntryPointDC oneg
- Singles Event
- Baseball
- Keshet Chanukah event
- met with new Rabbi of Keshet
- Baseball event with Rosh Pina and JCC of Greater Washington

Upcoming Programming for 2015-2016

Chanukah Gala - Will start planning details within the next month

Social action--working with Parents and Kids to organize sandwich making for the homeless in the greater DC Community

Discretionary social programming

Educational programming for kids on Shabbat

Alumni relations - Have created an alumni list and working on outreach

Jewish Veteran's tour--organizing a 5th Shabbat program and the American Jewish Military Museum on October 31

Suggestions for Improving/Enhancing DC Minyan

--Adding a component on Shabbat to announce simchas (anniversaries; birthdays; other good/welfare)

--Creating more aliyot for Friday night

--Creating programming to bridge the gap between the Friday night and Saturday morning attendees

--Adding tables for Kiddush, to enhance social interaction

- Have greeters during Rosh Hashana point out empty seats
- Creating time during announcements in shul to let people introduce themselves to people
- Organize a Shabbat dinner in DCM leadership homes one night
- Reframing the mission statement for DCM
- Adjusting the start time for Friday night services
- More informal community lunches
- Doing more than one community dinner a year
- Adding more 5th Shabbat programming
- Potentially meeting on 1st days of Pesach and/or Shavuot for those who are not on the retreat