

IFC Meeting on Jan 23rd at PTBE in the Fireside Room

Thanks to all who attended. It was a very good meeting and we look forward to sharing all the good deeds we can do to bring our community together and learn about each other. Remember to mark your calendars for Friday March 30th at 6:15 when we will welcome Transfiguration Episcopal Church to our PTBE, to worship and share a Shabbat dinner!

Attended:

1. Joanne Aviel
2. Michele Epstein
3. Blair Fingerhut
4. Wendi Gansen
5. Ingrid Jonas
6. Ron Kardos
7. Ryan Lewis
8. Judy Maller
9. Joel Miller
10. Judy Miller
11. Ana Maria Peres
12. Nancy Schneider
13. Dan Sharoni
14. Florence Snyder
15. Nicole Sorger
16. Phil Strause

Michele E. talked about the **social action meeting** hosted by Rabbi Dennis E.

- 70 people attended
- protest with purpose
- Anti-Semitism
- IFC committee
- Know your neighbors
- Preparing our teens
- Schools and government, freedom of press and gun violence
- Look at Rabbi Dennis's article in latest Kolenu
- Phil Strause talked about a one day a week paid coordinator job for the program.
- Phil said they are interviewing candidates for the position now
- Because of the social action meeting, PTBE has started a "safe place" discussion group for various issues of concern in the community.
- Go to <http://www.ptbe.org/newsletters/> and select the Kolenu from Jan. Feb. 2017 for more specifics on the Rabbi's message and "Call to Action" resources.

MLK Day and Peninsula Multifaith Coalition (PMC)

- Another type of small group meeting concept will be discussed at the next PMC meeting on Feb. 6th.
- The small group concept contact is Lisa Striebing of St. Paul's Episcopal.
- 82 PTBE members and family members signed up for the PMC MLK Day of service

- More details are available at the PMC website: <http://www.peninsulamultifaith.org/>

Peace Village upcoming on the last week of July

- Interfaith camp started 5 years ago
- Coming again this summer end of July.
- There is a charge, but there may be scholarships
- Ages 7 - 12
- Older teens can be counselors and can get paid.
- Olga Poole from Congregation Beth Jacob is the coordinator. olga@villagerelations.com

Faith house exchanges

- Transfiguration Episcopal church clergy met with Judy Maller, Judy Miller & Michele E.
- Then Judy Maller, Nancy Schneider & Michele E. met with Father Eric at St. Matthews Episcopal Church. Both churches represent the liberal and conservative expressions (even though both are Episcopalian)
- Transfiguration Church congregation will come to PTBE Shabbat service on March 30th at 6:15 to meet with one of our rabbis for a brief orientation about the service.
- IFC members will sit with them during the service and answer questions
- Then we will share a catered dinner from Tannorine Restaurant (*middle eastern food*) (This is the dinner plan for both groups.
- We hope to get invited to Transfiguration for a service there.
- Trying to get the April 28th date for St. Matthews Episcopal to come to PTBE.
- More to follow on this.

Dialog Group

- Interfaith Education now meeting at Pacifica in Burlingame. The group meets once a month usually on Tuesday evenings. (**philip@auerbach-intl.com is the coordinator**)
- Judy Maller spoke about scholar-in residence Reuven Firestone meeting with Pacifica Institute representatives about current issues in Turkey with Erdogan. It was a closed meeting.

Other

- Next meeting TBD