

IFC meeting on 5/29/18 Held at Peninsula Sinai Congregation (PSC)

Attending:

Sue	Blockstein	PSC
Michele	Epstein	PTBE
Blair	Fingerhut	PTBE
Wendi	Gansen	PTBE
Dick	Heiman	PTBE
Dana	Izenon	PSC
Yedida	Kanfer	PSC
Ryan	Lewis	PTBE
Phyllis	Lippe	PSC
Liz	Lyster	PSC
Judy	Maller	PTBE
Marilyn	Mayo	PSC
Joel	Miller	PTBE
Judy	Miller	PTBE
Karen	Moen	PSC
Susan	Perish	PSC
David	Prager	PTBE
Rabbi Rebecca	Schatz	PSC
Michael	Shifrin	PSC
Davida	Talcove	PTBE

Introductions all around

Brief History of IFC at PTBE

- Started at PTBE in 2003
- A lot of success and interest from other temples
- Book discussion event
- There is a lot of communality between religions
- A variety of events in 15 years
- Different faith houses, some new (Baha'i), some ongoing (Muslim, Catholic, Congregational Church of SM)
- New events, such as the books discussion going on right now with Episcopal church
- We have experienced the communality among religions

PSC members – what would you wish to see?

- Faith & action suggested (a story from an emigrant with communities of different faiths)
- Example of two different religious communities worked together on health care issues
- Members from Azerbaijan came to PSC and indicated that they needed lots of Matzos and could use as much as 3 tons – could we start a matzo drive?
- Rabbi Rebecca
 - education or knowledge-based events

- worked with PMC and MLK day
- do events that would involve children and families

PTBE members what would you like to see

- Freedom Seder with a youth choir
- Iftar dinners at Ramadan

PTBE – IFC experiences

- Need to be selective regarding faith houses
- How to develop sustained relationship
- Not get too big
- Stay small
- One to one
- Starts relation with a small group for coffee
- Will it be interfaith outreach, or will it be social action? Define this directly so we stay on target
- Our success is based more on *one on one* interfaith outreach
- Start simple
- Clergy involvement is very important

Other thoughts and ideas

- Rabbi Corey H. and Rabbi Rebecca will be involved in the PSC IFC committee
- Rabbi Rebecca is the point person
- Really need to get multiple people involved (can't do it with 3 or 4 people)
- Dick H. talked about *Chicken & Egg* where Rabbi was personally involved with a leader of another faith house
- Judy Maller talked about how Rabbi Callie gave the sermon at another faith house on a Sunday for their religious school graduation, i.e. Commencement address
- Rabbi Rebecca talked about how sometimes one holiday ends (Ramadan) and our high holidays start
- Welcome the Stranger event on Dec. 2nd – perhaps PTBE or PSC would speak

Next event for collaboration between PSC and PTBE

- Succoth dinner with PSC and PTBE and another faith house(s)
- Might be better at PSC as they have a bigger courtyard capacity.
- Who should we reach out to
- What are the details
- We need a theme
- Hang artifacts on the Succoth
- Have the other faith house assist in more of the planning
- Afternoon or dinner?
- Every Jewish holiday has food etc. (outside food cannot be brought into PSC)
- Prepare food in PSC's kitchen (a possible sharing opportunity)?
- Cater event?
- Next steps would be to find an appropriate date and then find planning people to help plan

Action item:

- How do we want to partner?
- Discussion topic for both Congregations.

Meeting adjourned