

## Hamishpacha Minutes, December 5, 2011

Present – Jamie Farrell, Laurie Mulman, Heidi Rubin, Karen Rosenberg, Ariel Wallen, Heidi Chait, Sarah Chait, Barbara Tanger, Jennifer Bookman, Elisa Zimmerman and Ariela HaLevi

1. **Shabbat Dinner** – A Shabbat dinner open to all families is December 16. Laurie is organizing. Help is needed after school to prep, and during the dinner to serve and clean up. Marla will be charging \$125 to make meatballs; we'll be making pasta and salad. We'll need some pareve cookies for dessert, too. Ariela, Karen and Jennifer can help set up, Heidi can help shop. Barbara will contact Penny Schuler about making a sign board to publicize.
2. Ellen Lodgen approached us about a **Passover Expo** that CHA is hosting with Temple Sinai. She asked us to take on running children's programming for the event which is on Sunday March 11. It was felt that while it sounds like a wonderful event, creating and running a kids activity isn't something we will be able to do. Issues raised included being able to manage a drop-off program for the general public; a lack of skills in creating and running a kids' activity on this scale; a lack of man power; and the timing of the event with Purim. If one of the CHA art teachers wants us to try to help solicit volunteers for something they organize, we'd be happy to help with outreach in our newsletter (and would plan on promoting the event anyway
3. **Chanukah**
  - a. Wednesday, December 21 is the menorah lighting and canorah assembly. We'll be serving cookies and need volunteers to pick up at Trader Joe's and order from Newman's. Sarah is willing to pick up at Newman's.
  - b. Teacher gifts – Not all room parents have sent out their letter. There is also confusion as to whether parents should donate to a communal gift or purchase on their own. Another letter will go out to parents explaining in more detail what the money is being used for, such as gifts and the teacher meal.

- c. Thursday, December 22 is Latke Day. We need help serving to students and staff at morning snack., approximately 9:30. Jamie will get a list of classes and snack times and will ask Bari to order latkes.
  - d. T-shirts – Julie Levy and Larissa Rudfeld have offered to fold and sort the shirts at home. Heidi C. can show them how to fold. The shirts will be distributed to classes on Friday, December 23.
4. **Mom's Night Out** – Infinity will be hosing us on an evening in March. There will be refreshments, discounts and possibly an image consultant. We also discussed reaching out to K and 1 parents about hosting class get togethers in order to build community.
5. **SCRIP and Box Tops** – We still need volunteers to coordinate these programs, especially to publicize. When publicized, they do well and earn money for the school. Colin is willing to help with SCRIP, Laurie is contacting him about it and preparing an email to go out to parents explaining the program, possibly to be attached to Ken's Besorot.
6. **Volunteerism** – In an effort to increase volunteerism at the school, Heidi and Jamie will approach Sandy about exploring new ways to solicit volunteer time from parents. Other private schools have a range of models. One model could be for each grade to take on a certain activity.