

## The Ritual Committee Annual Report: Year end June 2022

The Ritual Committee met 6 times this year. All meetings were via Zoom.

Highlights of the year include:

- We welcomed five new members to our committee: Bob Fishman, Tamar Margolis, Richard Goldberg, Karen Schlossberg, Hazzan Daniella Risman, and Emily Lebovitz-Miller.
- We continue to support Zoom, Streaming and outdoor services. Streaming services are available for Shabbat and Holidays. Zoom is available for all services. Our remote participation remains high.
- Onsite daily minyanim have resumed. Attendance is limited, but we hope to continue to improve onsite participation.
- Shabbat kiddushim have resumed after a brief shut-down at the beginning of the year due to pandemic surges. Special thanks to Regina Miller and her kiddush committee.
- At the High Holidays we welcomed our new Hazzan Daniella Risman.
- The in-person services for the High Holidays were very well received. It was terrific to be back in the sanctuary for these services. Reservations were required and attendance was limited.
- We provided new editions of Megillat Esther that were well received.
- We said good-bye to our student rabbi Jessica Dell'Era who was with us for 3 years. She has taken a pulpit position in Medford, MA.
- We are grateful for the assistance of an angel donation that is allowing us to pursue a contract with a new student rabbi.
- We approved the decision to move ahead with electronic yahrzeit boards. There will be one in the main sanctuary and one in the chapel, replacing the existing yahrzeit boards.
- We have selected a vendor to come to Emanuel and inspect our sifrei Torah and provide up-to-date appraisals. We will limit the amount of restoration to the available funding.
- We continue to support:
  - a. The work of clergy and lay leaders
  - b. The World Wide Wrap and the ongoing practice of b'nei mitzvah using tefillin in their Sunday morning minyanim.
  - c. The work of the Cemetery Committee and the inclusion of an interfaith burial area for members and their partners.
  - d. The review and approval of the daily minyan schedule
  - e. The review and support of all holiday services, including Yom HaShoah and Tisha B'Av.
  - f. The Emanuel Board of Trustees with regular reporting
  - g. Shiva minyanim

Respectfully submitted,

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