

1. Brief discussion that making a “Friends of Chatam” USA tax deduction which will make it easier for foundations to donate (versus PEF.) This is important in light of an upcoming building renewal campaign and in the future can help with things like building a high school(s)
2. We would like to take on a more structured building campaign using Asher Kassel’s email as a template. (see key points copied and pasted from his email below). Committees need to be made to get a price quote for each of these items. **Note committees were not set up nor was anyone appointed to make committees.**
3. Bedek Habayis fund- **Rabbi Agishtein** would like to start a Bedek Habayis fund to cover the overall cleanliness of the shul.
 1. There is someone who can serve as a librarian and the funds have been donated for this purpose. **Rabbi Agishtein** will work on this.
 2. **Rav Ashenberg** and **Mrs. Kasser** are working on finding someone to work on basic cleanliness, light maintenance and upkeep as well as taking out shamus. (two possible candidates). The shul will pay in cash at the beginning and if we feel it is a good shidduch, we will move over to atzmai payments. (setting up an atzmai account for the person)
4. There was discussion on how to re-engage the older community. Following were some ideas:
 1. Set up a whatsapp group of younger people that might be able/ willing to invite older people in the community **Mr Waitman**
 2. Set up Chavrusa Shops between younger and older members **Rabbi Agishtein**
 3. Redo a mystery meal (problematic with davening times in summer) **Mrs. Kasser**
5. Recruitment was on the agenda, but it was not discussed in depth. Instead a discussion insured about how to make Chatam a place people wanted to daven by standardizing the davening so it would not be “shleppy”. **Dr. Joel, Mr Waitman** and **Rabbi Block** will be making a whatsapp group to address standardizing times and what will be sung.
6. Finances update. Doch 2020 is done and hopefully we will get a nehul takin soon.
7. Elevator Update- Elevator is working but there is a suspicion it is working because they took out the Halprin mechanism and put in a tzomet mechanism. Details to follow by **Rabbi Block** and **Rav Ashenberg**
8. Water Update- still evolving, we need to make a decision knowing we are paying for the BY water but not our own. Details to follow by **Mrs Kasser** and **Rav Ashenberg**
9. Lag Baome Bonfire- the shul will have a small one near the BBQ, the Joels will have a large one that people can visit if they want. **Dr Joel** will handle this.

Below are items that were on the agenda, but that were not addressed due to time constraints

- Recruitment- social media policy/ strategy and community profiles

- Updating the newsletter (mailchimp, diff formats, straight emails and straight whatsapp)
- Can we buy a chatam camera?
- Screen/projector?

Asher Kassels Email excerpts:

The shul and hall have reached the stage where major maintenance and/or upgrade have almost become a necessity, as opposed to a luxury. I have noted the following items, there may be more:

- 1.The air conditioners in both the shul and hall are old, noisy, and use a lot of energy.
- 2.The furniture in the shul is old; we do not weld shul chairs that break, as the cost of the repair is almost the same price as buying a new plastic chair. Many of the chairs are crooked. The tops of some tables are broken.
- 3.The shul and hall need to be painted (exact areas for painting to be defined).
- 4.The light fittings in the shul and hall need to be replaced with LED lights embedded in the acoustic ceiling, like they did at PAI.
- 5.The big fridge in the hall has rust inside, is old, and will need to be replaced at some stage.
- 6.The “tables” in the hall are old; some are chipped or partially broken.

As the repair to the sukka porch has already been approved, I have not listed it; however we are almost in May. By the time the repair is done, there will be only a short time before sukkot, and then the roof will need to be removed and then reassembled.

My feeling is that due to the many items that need attention (see list above) and due to the expense and content of these items (some of which will change the “look and feel” of the shul radically), the board should prioritize the items and then present the prioritization to the kehilla for review and a vote.