JSU Meeting Minutes 10/20/13

Attendance:

Erin Edwards, President

Jen Wachtel, Vice President

Arielle Erenrich, Social Action Chair

Alexa Kempner

Kayla Cohen

Lena Miller

Meeting began 3:25

Erin: We are talking about a Shabbaton - Orthodox Jews staying w/ us for Friday-Saturday Nov15-16. We are having a week of events -- people who live off-campus will probably want to come.

Ary & Erin talked about having a diversity intern from the Mosaic Center on the Saturday (Mincha service)

Davening - we need a minyan of 10 Orthodox men. This is one of our problems -- we invited Nathan Katz so maybe he can house some. Otherwise they will all have to stay at Dean. Possibly also Chaim. We need to discuss where our guests will stay.

This as much for off--campus as on-campus students - establish a connection and show everyone else how to do a Shabbaton since we have new students.

* 10-20 people, not a massive ordeal. See if we can manage small numbers. We have more housing for women but we must have 10 men.
* Arielle & Kason are planning the event
* Erin emailed Katie Boone, Dir of Residential Life -- matches up w/ Reslife mission. In the future you might have Orthodox students living on campus, room to expand Residential Life. Show that we can accommodate these students means students can be actively engaged on campus.
* (We need a minyan for orthodox men to enroll at UMBC)
* We could ask for space - stay in basement of Patapsco or the HBR multipurpose room. HBR multipurpose room has a dividing wall.
* We don’t have the time to make a large-scale event - one month.
* remember that they can’t swipe
* we need a man to facilitate the male visitors (Kason and Dean)
* Orthodox people would be more comfortable with a non-Jewish person helping them on Shabbos. Kayla could get them in with your key.
  + or tell desk staff that people will be knocking
* Have people sign in 1hr before Shabbos and photocopy their IDs - give desk staff a list with names and IDs before Shabbos
* Guests fill out forms
  + send out an email
  + explain why they need to send a photocopy of their ID (so they can get in and out of Res Halls w/o swipe)
  + we are liable for all of these people
* Jen will send an email to Dr. Osherow about funding for the Holocaust Survivor Shabbat & set up a meeting
  + submitting forms for the Friday this coming Wednesday
  + discussing how this is in line with the Judaic Studies Dept’s goals
* Erin emailed Ben Goldberg
  + OCSS & Hillel Board
  + focus group coming up on Wednesday - talking about Shabbat and possibly Shabbaton
  + Arielle will communicate w/ him directly about goals of the program
* Students would feel more comfortable if there was an Orthodox rabbi on campus
  + Kayla is emailing Rabbi Levin - he and his family will need housing
  + fewer people would come w/o Orthodox rabbi
  + we will need a Torah and people to read from it - send them emails in advance
    - in the sign-up, ask guys over 13 to read

Logistics

* this has the potential to be fun & useful
* a lot of Jewish students aren’t involved w/ JSU
* show that there is a ready and willing community of Jews @ UMBC
* give them a chance to be on campus for Shabbat
* the idea is to do something smaller and perhaps later it can grow to be a larger event
* introduce students to ResLife
* student-led services
* find someone to organize the men - who prays when, calls people up for aliyah (this is called a “gabbai” and/or “shammos”)
  + Kayla’s dad is a gabbi and we can ask him about what that means - he can write a position description for our records
* We need three meals on Saturday
  + post-minyan brunch
  + have some food out during the service
  + check all food allergies

Ice Skating

* at Mimi Pietro twenty minutes from
* 7-9pm
* After Havdalah
* We need to figure out carpooling
* Kayla is figuring out carpooling
  + Arielle will let her know is coming
* $5/person - Kayla will collect money upon arrival

The following will be detailed in an email (rundown)-

Thursday 11/14

* Dr. Barry Gittlen will talk about Bronze Age inscriptions from Israel
* Skylight Lounge 7:30
* email upcoming
* this is part of our Jewish Week

Friday 11/15

* Holocaust Survivor Shabbat
* off-campus Jews will be there
* potential kumcitz (singing circles) - use those benchers
  + one group in Mosaic Center and one group in IFC (smaller group in the Mosaic Center)
* Jen will check on the room capacity (50 ppl for sure)

Saturday 11/16

* 3 services
* discussions during lunch/brunch
* diversity intern from lunch/brunch
* diversity w/in Judaism
* Havdalah
* discuss week’s Torah portion
* pool/ping-pong/board games (don’t use the chalk in pool)
* go ice skating
* no homework will be done ;)

Rooms to Reserve

* HBR/PAT multipurpose room, game room, IFC

Advertising

* we are having a tutorial next weekend thanks to Erin/Joe

Meeting adjourned 4:30