

## Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

October 18, 2007

In attendance: Bluma Field, Anton Friedman, Sylvia Friedman, Bernice Kastner, Donna MacDermot, Louise Miller, Victor Neuman, Claire Osipov, Richard Rosenberg

Minutes: Louise Miller; typed by Donna MacDermot

### *Corrections to previous minutes:*

Addition: Louise Miller will be the third person to call when building alarm goes off (after Carl Rosenberg and Dena Dawson). Motion to accept the minutes: MSC: Victor, Claire.

### *Business arising:*

None

### *Items of interest*

#### *New Business*

- Should we sponsor cultural events? For example, book launch. Sylvia feels we should not sponsor, we need the rental fee and we incur expenses. All agreed.
- Re August 21 false alarm: Someone armed the building but didn't get out in time. The alarm rang for a few minutes and then quieted but was still triggered, so when Dmitri Perreira (UBC Dancers) entered, it went off immediately. Caution that we should all be careful in future.
- Rentals report (Sylvia): Renting to Russian events once a month, and two for the auditorium. Also, possible concerts with Svetlana in the future. The gymnastic rental is going well. Not sure if they will stay with us once they can go back to Talmud Torah, but they have expressed the desire to.
- Status of Yiddish speaking group: Al Stein reports it is expanding. Twelve participants now, meeting twice a month. Al feels we should include this as an outreach program—an official Peretz program. But membership in the Peretz should not be an issue at this time—let's let the program become solid first.
- Casino wish list: we will table this, as we don't apply until Feb. 08.
- Rentals phone line: Ruthie had a separate line (special ring). Donna feels we need this, as Sylvia's message machine says Outlook Office. Donna will get this.
- Rites of Passage email: Claire and others received, quite a lengthy document. (We need to start a committee to find burial plots for our members. We have spoken about this before, but nothing has happened yet.) Donna should make copies for the Board members who don't get email.
- Jewish Wedding evening: Claire suggested a Jewish Wedding as a fundraising evening. People could renew their vows. Richard could preside. Chupah, klezmer band, breaking the glass—the whole thing.
- Fraytik tsu Nakht: the last one was a great success.

Next meeting: Nov 22, after AGM, to vote on the new Exec.