

Men's Club Shabbat – Dec. 12, 2020

Preparation

Proposal to clergy for a virtual Kiddish following Sat. morning services
Meeting with clergy to include the Cantor, Rabbi and Men's Club committee
Discussion of the purpose
An Excel Spreadsheet defined each committee member's duties

Purpose

1. To help members of the congregation, reconnect
2. Invite new congregational members to introduce the Men's Club
3. Open the virtual Kiddish to the community

Procedure

Pre-registration of passcodes to avoid zoom-bombing
Include an administrative assistant monitor the internet for technical issues
During the session, each family was asked to introduce themselves
Summary of the Men's Club activities
At the end, a request for recruitment for new members by the Rabbi
At the end, there was a prayer by the Rabbi

Presentation of Prompts

Prompts to be supplied in a follow-up email

Follow -up

We received correspondence with new members requesting to join the Men's Club
As a result of the success of the first virtual Kiddish, a second took place a month later
It was hosted by the Cantor to raise awareness of speech and language disabilities
On Feb. 27, there will be a third virtual Kiddish related to JDAIM
Going forward, this program sets a foundation for future virtual Kiddishes and the
opportunity to include those in the community who are home bound or who live
in a distant geographic location
Emails were sent to market the program to each congregant with details on how
to join the service and Kiddish **Note** – do you have a copy of that email?
How many new members joined SPS and Men's Club following the program?
SPS has joined the New York Metro FJMC as a new member club.
Multiple telephone calls and emails were received after the programs indicating
appreciation and thanks
Men's club members participate and lead programs, both for the synagogue

And social services for the larger Jewish community
Our program showed the members of our community the values of commitment
to our Jewish heritage
The SPS Men's Club will donate large print prayer books to the congregation
As a gift from the Men's Club

Suggested Plans for the future

Break-out sessions to include young professional, parents of young children, seniors