

## Minutes of the 24 March 2024 JWV Post 135 Meeting at TKA

Commander Schenk called the meeting to order at 9:58 AM. In attendance were Alan Agauas, Larry Berry, Michael Breshgold, David Feldman, Ted Gittleman, Steven Haas, Barry Kaufman, Thomas Lebovic, Sidney Lichter, Richard Polk, and Donald Schenk. Lebovic and Polk introduced themselves to us and we introduced ourselves to them. Rather than reading the most recent minutes of January, Berry moved and Lichter seconded a motion that those minutes be accepted without being read. QM Berry then gave the QM report, noting that the Post remains solvent. We will soon be receiving instructions for sending letters to friends and relatives about poppy donations. The campaign will be in May.

Commander Schenk then recapped Post operations and committee work so far in 2024. He noted that the Detroit Fisher House was topped off on 29 February with hopes for a September opening, a wonderful memorial ceremony was held at the ZHC on 10 March for Guy Stern (z''l), some of us attended the Oakland County Veterans Resource Fairs, and the By-Laws Committee met on 20 March. Upcoming events include: the JWV-MI archives opening an exhibit of "the People Behind the Posts" at Temple Beth El on 25 March. The Michigan Veterans Summit will be on 1-3 May with Schenk and Breshgold representing JWV as participants. Yom HaShoah will be observed on 5 May.

Our Memorial Day activities will include, on May 26, our usual cemetery ceremonies at Machpelah in Ferndale at 1030 and Hebrew Memorial in Clinton Township at 1300 as well as JWV-MI hosting ceremonies at GLNC with Cdr. Schenk and Steve Feldman representing us. Finally, we will once again be participating in the Royal Oak Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 27 at 0900. We were informed that there is a very nice program thereafter. In the area of Membership and PR, the Commander noted that Post 135 has 52 Regular/Life/or in-service members as well as seven Regular or Life Patrons. Two of us (Kaufman and Zack) have birthdays this month with Zack celebrating his 103rd! Cdr. Schenk is talking to the Detroit Historical Society about their honoring Ray Zussman. Any successful effort will require State of Michigan approval. Schenk is also attempting to get a permanent memorial for Zussman placed at Congregation Shaarey Zedek. He then mentioned that JWV-National is transitioning to a DIY system for our data. A Washtenaw County orientation meeting for a new Post on 12 Mar had no attendees. Another is upcoming, with Sid attending, on 11 Apr.

Under New Business, Schenk said that an exhibit created by the Jewish Historical Society of Michigan ("In the Neighborhood: Everyday Life on Hastings Street") will be at the Detroit Historical Museum in April and May (<https://detroithistorical.org/detroit-historical-museum/exhibitions/special-exhibitions/neighborhood-everyday-life-hastings-street>). Are we interested in a road trip to see it? Jewish Senior Life will have a "8 over 80" event at CSZ, on 19 May 24. Two of our members (Kaufman and Cook) are among the eight being honored. We (the Department) may put an ad (1/2 page for \$1,000) in their book. How about the Michigan Heroes Museum (Frankenmuth) in the Fall (followed by a chicken dinner, of course)? Art Fishman has pledged a donation for a "Rabbis Visiting Israel" and would like to include \$100 per post. We voted (Sid/Mike moving) to donate \$100 from our Post to this cause. Elections are coming up in April for Cdr. And Sr. VC. If you would like to run, let Ted know or get yourself nominated at the April meeting. Department candidate nominations must be in by the May meeting.

After a few jokes in Good and Welfare (mostly oldies and groaners), Commander Schenk adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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