

Upcoming Events:

- **Memorial Day activities are described below and in Commander's Shabbat Notification**
- **23 June 2024 – Post Meeting – ZHC – 10 AM w/ Dept Mtg & Election at 1100 Hours. The May Post meeting is cancelled!**
- **Trip to Michigan Heroes Museum, Frankenmuth, TBD (in the Fall?)**

Minutes of the 21 April 2024 JWV Post 135 Meeting at ZHC

Commander Schenk called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. In attendance were Alan Agauas, Miles Berkow, Larry Berry, Michael Breshgold, David Cuttner, Barbara Davis, Otto Dube, David Feldman, Ted Gittleman, Steven Haas, Kenneth Jacobs, Barry Kaufman, Thomas Lebovic, Arnold Levitsky, David Lieberman, Richard Polk, Lee Schostak, Donald Schenk, Eugene Shaffer, and Simon Warshawsky. The newest members introduced themselves. Rather than reading the most recent minutes of 24 March, Cuttner moved and Breshgold seconded a motion that those minutes be accepted without being read. QM Berry then gave the QM report, noting that the Post remains solvent and liquid. He reviewed the Poppy Action Plan for 2024. This is Post 135's major fundraiser. He projected that we would raise at least \$5,000 by 30 June 2024. Each member of the Post would send at least 15 letters of solicitation. A draft of the letter, a poppy, mailing and return envelopes will be provided to each member. The list of names are to be submitted to QM Berry by **26 April 2024** (berry.larry@gmail.com). The letters must then be mailed by 6 May 2024. If you want to solicit funds at a collection site, contact Schenk or Berry in advance. The campaign will be in May.

Commander Schenk then recapped Post operations since the March meeting. Several of us attended the JWV-MI archives exhibit opening of "the People Behind the Posts" at Temple Beth El on 25 March, the JWV-MI By-Law changes are in their final stage of review, we placed an ad in the JSL "8 over 80" program book (two of our members – Cook and Kaufman – are among the eight). We have a full-page ad for ½ price! Schenk met in Ann Arbor re: a potential new Post with Lichter, Marjorie Levine, and Larry Harris (formerly of Post 202). The Dept. needs a new Adjutant. No one volunteered from Post 135. Mark Segel (Post 510) has volunteered to be the DOM QM this June. Schenk/Haas visited Centenarian Al Zack on 28 March. Upcoming events include: Perry Ohren of JFS to speak at 21 April 2024 DOM meeting, Weiss to be delegate at Michigan Veterans Summit 1-3 May, Yom HaShoah (ZHC) on 5 May (assemble in uniform at 1300 Hours), flagging of graves at Machpelah on 6 May at 1045, attend Jewish Historical Society of Michigan exhibit: "In the Neighborhood" at the Detroit Historical Museum 10:00 AM on 9 May, meeting with IDF soldiers in Ann Arbor on 16 May, and then we have Memorial Day activities. Machpelah and Hebrew Memorial Cemetery services (arr: 1015 and 1245 respectively), Royal Oak Memorial Day parade on 27 May at 0800, and Military Appreciation night at Comerica Park 28 May.

Under Membership and Public Relations, Schenk noted that we have 55 Members and eight Patrons as well as the birthdays for April (2), May (3), and June (6). The New Business involved our Post 135 Elections. With no nominations from the floor, Schenk and Breshgold were elected as Commander and Senior Vice Commander by acclamation. Breshgold was then sworn in by Commander Schenk. The JWV Department of Michigan elections will occur at the Annual Meeting of 23 June 2024 which will follow the quick Memorial Home Association Annual meeting at 1100. The Department's slate of Officers running are Weiss, Glogower and Schenk. Of course, nomination can also be made from the floor.

After a few jokes in Good and Welfare, Commander Schenk adjourned the meeting at 10:52 AM. Otto Dube then gave a brief presentation on flag retirements noting that they can be buried below the frost line or burned. He is planning a retirement even at Hebrew Memorial Cemetery on June 16 (Father's Day)

Respectfully Submitted,

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