

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

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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