

MITZPE RAMOT

Minutes of Vaad Meeting

פרוטוקול ישיבת ועד

Amutah no. 580040012

Date: 30 August 2026

Meeting: Regular meeting of the Vaad, ahead of the Yamim Noraim

Present: Ronnie Joss (Chairperson), Jonathan Hoffman, Dani Abell, Matt Brenner (Treasurer)

Absent (with notice): Daniel Alweis

Quorum: 4 of 5 members present; quorum (3) satisfied

The Vaad met with the Yamim Noraim under a fortnight away and with membership registration closing the following night. Its attention was given principally to the shul's financial arrangements — the banking, the recording of income and expenditure, and the preparations that must be settled before the coming season — together with the work of Keren Chesed and the arrangements for reaching every member of the kehilla. The decisions formally adopted are recorded first, followed by a summary of the matters the Vaad reviewed and the work now underway.

Decisions adopted

1. **Recording of the shul's activity within the Amutah.** The Vaad resolved that the activity of the Hashiveinu minyan be recorded within the Amutah's donation-receipting arrangements on the same footing as every other part of the shul's activity, a position that had not been revisited since it was altered by a previous Vaad. Mitzpe Ramot is one kehilla and one Amutah with two operating minyanim, and its accounts should reflect that plainly.
2. **Financial recording.** The Vaad resolved that the shul's activity be conducted through a single operating account, with every item of income and expenditure recorded against the part of the shul's work to which it belongs, so that the Vaad, the shul's accountant and the membership are working from one clear picture. The Keren Chesed account continues separately as at present.
3. **Bank signatories and access.** The Vaad resolved to appoint three of its members, the Chairperson (Ronnie Joss), Treasurer (Matt Brenner), and Jonathan Hoffman, as signatories at Bank Leumi, King George branch, on a two-of-three basis, and to attend the branch in person for this purpose. Viewing access to the shul's accounts is continued for the shul's administrator, and viewing access to the Keren Chesed account is continued for Dina Barnett.
4. **Banking details published by the shul.** The Vaad resolved that the shul's banking details as published on the website be corrected to the current branch and account numbers, this having been noted as outstanding. Members are asked to use the details now shown on the site for any transfer.
5. **Membership and seating registration.** The Vaad resolved to issue a further reminder ahead of the closing date, and to offer direct assistance to any member who finds the online form difficult to complete. Any member who has not yet registered, or who is unsure whether their registration has been received, is asked to be in touch with a member of the Vaad, who will gladly complete the form on their behalf.
6. **Annual operating budget and review of the year past.** The Vaad resolved that the operating budget for the coming year be prepared following the Yamim Noraim, and that the Vaad first review together the shul's financial position over the year past, so that the budget and the plans that follow from it rest on a clear understanding of what it costs to run the shul.
7. **Roof repairs.** The Vaad resolved to repair the shul's roof before the rainy season, following past leaks. Menachem Sreter, chair of the building committee, obtained quotes from several roofers, and the Vaad selected the roofer judged to be the most professional. The repairs will be carried out in the coming weeks under his oversight and reported back to the Vaad.

Matters reviewed and work now underway

Keren Chesed

The Vaad gave time to understanding the work of Keren Chesed, which is provided for in the Takanon and forms part of the Amutah. It has grown over more than twenty years from a single act of assistance into a substantial operation serving families across Ramot Bet, taking considerable care to preserve the dignity and anonymity of

those it helps. The Vaad recorded its respect for those who carry this work and its intention that the shul continue to support it, and is reviewing with them what arrangements best serve it going forward.

Financial systems

Work continues on the shul's financial administration. A single form is being introduced through which every request for payment or reimbursement is made, with the invoice attached at the point of submission. Each request is recorded automatically, stored with its supporting document, and made available to the shul's accountant, so that expenditure is properly evidenced and can be followed from request through to payment. Sponsorship and the expenditure it funds will be visible against one another, so that the Vaad and those who give can see how funds have been applied. Members who purchase on behalf of the shul will be asked to use this form.

Preparing for the Yamim Noraim

Seating will be arranged from the registration responses received, which is why registering by the closing date genuinely assists the arrangements. The Vaad reviewed the level of interest in a netz minyan, which at present remains modest, and confirmed it will take place.

Reaching every member

The Vaad is bringing the shul's communications into a single structure, so that every member receives shul-wide announcements and may also follow the particular parts of the kehilla they belong to. A new arrangement for the shul's email is being put in place, a number of members having been found not to be receiving the shul's emails at all. Any member who does not receive them, or is unsure whether their details are current, is asked to be in touch so that no one is left outside the life of the kehilla.

Committees and volunteers

The work of establishing committees continues. Menachem Sreter, who has for years attended to the upkeep of the building has agreed to serve on the building committee, and the Vaad records its thanks. Work on the kiddush committee continues. The Vaad's role is to set direction and provide resources; the day-to-day work of the shul is best owned by committees of dedicated members, and members from every part of the kehilla who would like to contribute are warmly encouraged to be in touch with any member of the Vaad.

Youth programming and administration

The Vaad is settling the arrangements for youth programming in the coming year and is committed to its continuing through the present period of change. The Vaad is likewise preparing a clear description of the administrator's role, so that the position may be filled properly rather than in haste, and will consider it in full once the Chagim have passed.

The Vaad thanks members for registering promptly, so that seating and arrangements can be made properly for everyone, and wishes the whole kehilla a ketivah vachatimah tovah.

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