



חדשות משדה התעופה

News from... *International SYNAGOGUE*

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD ON JUNE 23

The *International SYNAGOGUE* convened the annual meeting for the general membership in the month of June as required by the Constitution and By-Laws of the organization. This year we had a large attendance, more than that we have had in many years. Rabbi Rackman reported on the great strides that have been made in the increased usage of the chapel located in IAT/Terminal 4. Money raised through our annual Chanukah Limited raffle surpassed those funds collected in previous years. A new kosher caterer is providing a greater variety of kosher food in IAT/Terminal 4. And, plans are moving forward in refurbishing the Museum/Conference Room/Library. Joel Zeitlin, treasurer, reported that the *SYNAGOGUE* continues to operate within budget, on a sound financial basis. Several items on the agenda were referred to committees for further action (how to secure the Israel flag in the chapel which has been stolen twice during the past six months, securing liability insurance for *SYNAGOGUE* officers and employees, and the financial status of investments and securities).

Elections were held for officers and Board of Directors:

President: Manny Weiss

Vice Presidents: Melvyn Birnbaum, Allan Gewirtz, Erica Stempler

Treasurer: Bonnie Aidelman

Secretary: Mildred Zagelbaum

We welcomed old and new members of the Board of Directors.

RABBI RACKMAN HONORED BY THE NEW YORK BOARD OF RABBIS

Each year the New York Board of Rabbis selects a rabbi as the Chaplain of the Year. On June 13, Rabbi Rackman was presented with the Mildred Zagelbaum award for his work in re-vitalizing the *International SYNAGOGUE*. In his remarks Rabbi Rackman asked all members of the Board, both rabbinic and lay leaders, to re-dedicate And re-commit themselves to Jewish endeavors. (Rabbi Rackman has also participated in special training, Pastoral Crisis Intervention, in order to have the skills and ability to deal, God forbid, with a crisis situation.)

PLEASE RESERVE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2006, FOR THE CHANUKAH LIGHTING CEREMONY AND PARTY AT JFK. THIS YEAR WE CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF JEWISH PRESENCE AT JFK. WE WILL HONOR OUR THREE PAST CHAPLAINS: RABBIS COHEN, POPLACK, AND HAIT.