

G'MACH REPORT

Last August we organized a Zoom meeting with the clergy and OZ members involved with G'MaCh (caring) to start Imagine 2025 detail planning on how G'MaCh will work in the future. A few days after that meeting, we realized that it was important to let the synagogue leadership know that we intend to end our role as G'MaCh co-chairs by December 31, 2021. We do intend to continue volunteering on Social Justice and G'MaCh projects. We hope that the August notification to the President, the clergy, and the Imagine 2025 leadership has allowed adequate time to help OZ to find a successor, who could join the effort to define the future. We would be more than happy to help with any transition needed. In this article, we are now communicating this decision to step down at the end of the year to the entire OZ community. It is always great in an organization to periodically have new leadership which allows for fresh ideas and new priorities to be explored and accomplished.

It has been our pleasure to have led G'MaCh for three years and to have led the Interfaith Social Action committee for the previous four and a half years. The last almost two years have been very busy trying to help during the COVID era, which unfortunately is not yet over. We are proud of the work we did in these years but feel we need to step back for awhile at the end of this year. Thanks to all of you for your support and friendship over the years!

The internet tells us that our timing is consistent with the concept of a *Shmitah* year. The last sabbatical year was 2014/2015 (when we started) and the next one will be 2021/2022 (when we are going). We thank the Ohavi Zedek community for trusting us with leading these important efforts!

This will be our last article in *The Voice* as the co-chairs of G'MaCh, but we look forward to being active participants at OZ in the exciting days ahead!

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