

G'MACH REPORT

In August we had the first G'Mach Zoom meeting in response to the Imagine 2025 call to relook at how the G'Mach (Caring) Committee should function going forward.

The following attended and contributed to the meeting: Rabbi Amy, Cantor Steve, Imagine 2025 liaison Jeff Potash, OZ board liaison Suzanne Brown, co-chairs Eric and Karen Corbman, former G'Mach chair Roz Grossman and pastoral care team member Pat Doherty.

The discussion encompassed the history of G'Mach and pastoral care efforts at OZ, focusing on what worked and what could be improved.

After the meeting Roz shared the excellent pamphlet that was produced when she served as chair. This will give us a great start in creating up-to-date communication about G'Mach to the OZ community. Eric and Karen took a shot at trying to lay out a possible conceptual design of how G'Mach and pastoral care could interact in creating their lists of members needing services.

Rabbi Amy and Cantor Steve plan to look at this and any additional proposals that come forward in the near future. Roz remains an OZ member, even though she now lives in Florida, and she has graciously offered her time and expertise in helping to get this process off the ground. We will be touching base with her sometime after the High Holidays. Once the clergy and core committee agree to a process, our intention is to share it with the entire OZ community, with the hope of encouraging other members to join us in making it a reality.

We also discussed providing input on this year's G'Mach accomplishments so that this could be communicated in some way to the congregation during the High Holidays.

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