



Panel 5a Meeting 2 Summary 11.16.2014

Meeting: Panel 5a, Twin Cities Jewish Community Cooperation, Meeting 2

Location: St. Paul JCC

Time: November 16th, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Goal: Develop a realistic plan for gathering information about the history and current state of affairs as it pertains to cooperation between the greater Minneapolis and St. Paul Jewish communities.

1. Scope of Panel Work

a. Phase 1 of Panel 5 will focus on the historical and present context of collaboration in the Jewish communities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Phase 2 will focus on researching and developing specific recommendations for enhancing cooperation. When phase 2 begins, additional panel members will be considered.

b. Definition of Success

The panel agreed that the overarching purposes of enhancing cooperation were three-fold (in no particular order): 1) achieving greater economic efficiency, 2) enhancing the programmatic aspects of the particular project, and 3) enhancing the “community” aspect of the project.

c. The panel identified 6 areas of cooperation to focus research on:

- a) teen programs, b) young leadership, c) adult education, d) Israel advocacy, e) Federation, especially bi-city agencies and f) JCCs

2. Action Plan

- a. Generate a list of individuals to interview with timeline and responsibilities.
- b. Compile catalogue of areas where the Jewish community pursues goals together and where it does not.



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- c. Convene community listening sessions in each city
- d. Present and do focused listening sessions at regularly scheduled meetings of agency professionals and the Minnesota Rabbinical Assembly (MRA.)
- e. A survey would be developed to be handed out at listening sessions and distributed to those who cannot be there in person.
- f. Complete interviews and listening sessions by January 15th, 2015
- g. David and Nora will develop interview scripts and survey for the listening sessions.