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Congregational Meeting at Temple Hesed — Rich Mates Congregation Votes to Approve JCC Proposal

**—EXTRA—
 —EDITION—**

One of the largest turnouts of membership in recent memory approved the construction of a new sanctuary to be built adjacent to the JCC. The vote was done by written ballot, March 5, following a question and answer session that lasted 90 minutes.

The proposal will still need the approval of Temple Israel before it can be implemented.

Plans call for construction of a 9,000 square foot sanctuary in the JCC parking lot. The sanctuary building would contain two rabbinical offices, a cantor's office, space for Temples' office staff, kosher and non-kosher



JCC
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kitchens, a lounge that can be used as overflow for the 80-seat sanctuary could be built on grade or as a two story building, which would preserve 12 parking spots in the normally-congested JCC lot.

Plans call for both syna-



Architect's drawing

gogues to pay \$1 million each of construction of the building. One of the big questions voiced at the meeting was what would Temple Hesed get in return for its \$1 million payment. Dan Cardonick, JCC executive director said the Meyer Davidow Foundation, a part-owner of the JCC would have to be brought into the discussions but said that he is sure things can be worked out.

Temple Hesed President Dr. Ken Miller said the money would be raised through the sale of the present sanctuary and the surrounding undeveloped land.

March 27 is the deadline for both congregations to act on the JCC proposal.



JCC Now

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Layout of shared synagogue

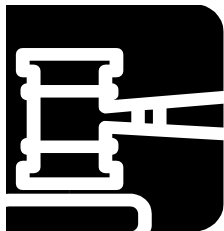
President's Message — Ken Miller

Doing What is best for the Jewish Community



Last night we had a great turnout at Temple Hesed to discuss the future of our congregation and the proposal of jointure with Temple Israel at the JCC.

For those not present there was a lot of discussion both pro and con as to the jointure and all were respectful of those present.



The vote was overwhelmingly for the jointure and now this project is up to the vote at Temple Israel, as to whether or not we move forward. It is clear that there are many fine legal points to be resolved between the entities, Temple Hesed, Temple Israel, JCC and the Davidow Foundation. While the legal matters can be daunting to those of us who are not lawyers, I do feel that all parties are interested in fairness and want to establish a Jewish Campus in Scranton. In addition I believe that both temples have the same interests and that both temples are well represented on the JCC Board.

There are concerns voiced by our congregants about how things would be done at the JCC in accommodating our move and I feel that Dan Cardonick spoke to the assembled group as both a member of

Temple Hesed and as Executive Director of the JCC. There was no doubt as to his sincerity and commitment to this project and his willingness to be fair to all parties. In this vein; in my conversations with the Executive Committee at Temple Israel they have expressed the

same willingness, they are prepared to accommodate our needs to make this a positive for all.

In some sense it is a union between three related entities and I am confident that in my dialogue with all concerned we are all committed to make the whole greater than the sum of the parts. If we proceed with this in mind we will realize that this is what is best for the Jewish Community of Scranton.



Dan Cardonick, at left, and Ken Miller take questions at meeting

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