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The Little Minyan Kehilah changes name to Sukkat Shalom

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The Little Minyan Kehilah, a Reconstructionist/Jewish Renewal congregation in the Clintonville neighborhood of Columbus, will now be known as Sukkat Shalom.

The 13-year-old congregation, which meets at the First Unitarian

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Universalist Church, changed the name to better reflect its mission and values. It was decided as part of a strategic planning process, funded in part by JewishColumbus.

“The Little Minyan Kehilah is a sweet name, but it wasn’t an intentional name,” said Rabbi Jessica K. Shimberg, the congregation’s spiritual leader. “It came from this ‘little minyan that could’ and it wasn’t something that we deliberately selected for ourselves. And given we are in our b’nai mitzvah year and we are becoming a kind of grown-up community, there should be some intentionality in what we call ourselves.”

She also said “little” became a “self-fulfilling prophecy” for a growing community, which now has about 50 family units as congregants. Moreover, “minyan” could be confusing, as some assume it refers to more conservative prayer, where the congregation is progressive. Additionally, interfaith partners – which the congregation often works with on social justice matters – didn’t often understand the term.

A sukkah is a non-permanent, outdoor shelter built for Sukkot and is referenced in Jewish liturgy as a canopy of sacred peace. Shimberg said the new name better reflects the congregation’s connection with the earth. Sukkat Shalom often has services outside and “very much a part of our ethos is our connection with the earth and how we live in harmony with it,” Shimberg said.

Shimberg said the decision to rename the congregation was discussed among members and they aimed to build consensus. Moreover, two young adult members of the congregation spoke in support of the name and their connection with it prior to a vote.

“A sukkah represents the spirit of our kehilah,” said Tova Seltzer, the congregation’s first bat mitzvah who is 23 years old, according to a news release. “It is a structure that starts out (as) a little makeshift built in a backyard by a family or community, not by a fleet of heavy machinery.

“It is a space of intentionality and inclusivity where friends, neighbors and the divine are welcomed.”

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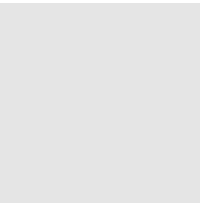
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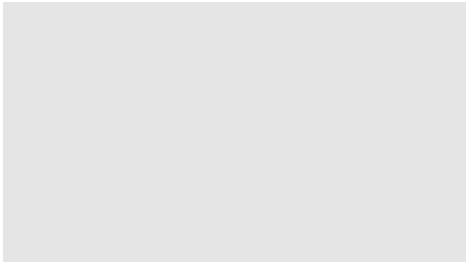
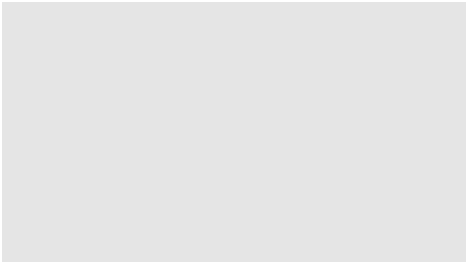
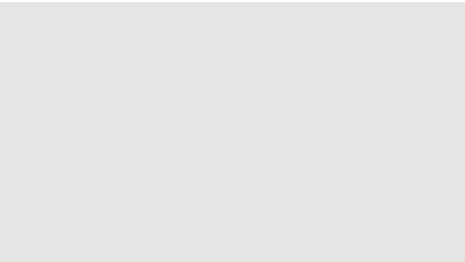
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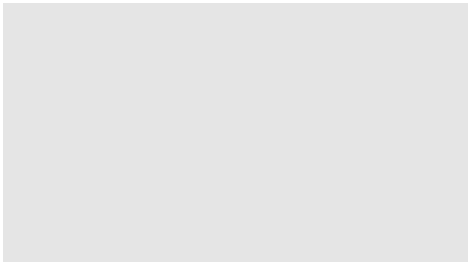
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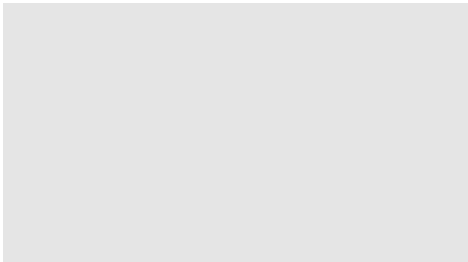
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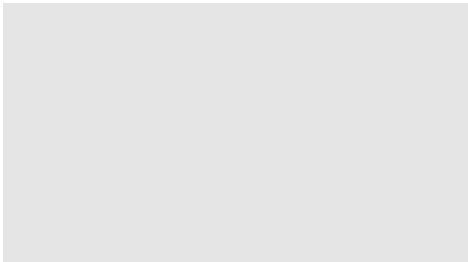
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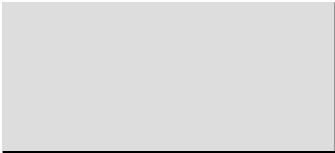
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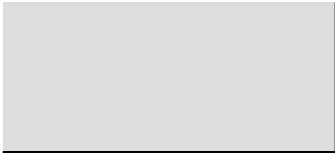
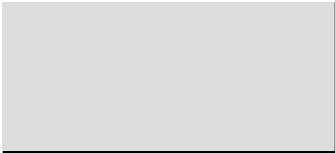
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