

## Tribal Council Responses

### **What are 3-4 things you have done that you have found successful?**

- Use ABQ curriculum, supplemented curriculum with additional readings
- Encouraged co-ownership/sharing of responsibilities
- Regular communication through email and Google doc, delegate, fixed schedule
- Success getting members to take ownership and responsibility to plan a meeting theme or focus of learning
- Saying the blessing for meeting as a tribe before every meeting – everyone really needs this together
- Tribe is very open and responsive, listening skills, varied programs
- Helped spread word when a member faced illness or loss and as a tribe helped with food
- We set the precedent that the host picks the wine, discusses where it came from, and describes the wine – the host also leads the discussion of the Big Jewish Question
- Asking members to take turns hosting, socializing time each meeting, developing discussion topics everyone can participate in
- Track interest in the tribe (new members)
- Preparing for the group getting together with a specific prompt for writing and sharing our thoughts with each other
- Be flexible
- Created a structure for our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting; forced (!) group to pick dates on first night: all stayed and everyone shared
- Regular communication plus reminders = good turnout for meetings
- Showed up, commitment, perseverance, determination, overcame negativity, flexibility
- Sharing good events since the last meeting, delegating responsibility for planning meetings
- Commitment, positive outlook, interest, flexibility
- A diverse group now friends, be there for each other for happy and sad events
- Personal calls for friendship development and attendance, including members to be coordinators of events
- Interesting research for topic discussions
- Listen to my tribe's vibe
- Open to adding new committee members, annual mixer, committee shares planning responsibility, delegate, have a strong committee, hiked to some challenging and inspiring places
- Good snacks, meeting in each other's homes, "check-in" with each person attending before we start a topic
- Strongly encouraging and supporting rotation facilitation. Keeping consistent opening ritual to officially start each meeting, regardless of who is facilitating. Having a regular meeting time each month.
- Using email and text to be in touch with tribe members, using Doodle to find dates that will work
- We have been conscientious about meeting regularly – on a monthly basis; we have been inclusive and make sure all members are part of the decision making as to what Culture and Arts events we attend

## What are a few highlights of your TriBE gatherings?

- Havdalah service to start the evening
- All members take accountability
- Wine and Geography – each host has done a presentation. There have been projected presentations and presentations that followed a handout
- Wine and Geography – there have been deep discussions of big Jewish questions by members of our tribe
- Everyone (couples) has been so creative in picking their games
- Wine and Geography – a group of us went up to Shelton Winery, did tasting, ate dinner there, and stayed overnight
- We are planning trips to wine tasting venues
- Best is having meaningful time to explore topics and listen to others, not just small talk
- Pre-documentary socializing, post-documentary discussions, interesting discussions
- The honesty and stories about how each member shared about religion
- Just lots of good solid chatter and laughter
- Learning friends we had in common
- Food! Getting to know people we wouldn't otherwise
- Sharing intimacy, respect, strong bond over specific topic, there was vulnerability
- How 12 strangers can come together and really like each other
- Getting to know each other in a meaningful way around discussing Jewish learning or through discussions generated by Ask Big Questions
- Tour of Duke Mansion, walking tour of Columbia S.C.
- Sharing, intimacy, respect, common interest
- Getting to know each other – grandparents and great-grandparents photos and stories, genealogy program
- Sharing artifacts, photos, etc.
- Big questions
- Great attendance, respectful, desire for outside-of-tribe friendship
- The tribe member writings are almost always powerful and often intimate. When Tim Martin led he used his interest in music to create our writing prompts for the afternoon
- Shabbat dinners/gatherings seem to be the most successful; food is a common bonding activity
- We have a great time going to events; getting to know each other on a personal level; we also do a meal as well...dinner before/after etc.; friendships have been made
- Great conversations among the group – driving, hiking, driving; brief reading and discussion during hike