

How Can I Help Temple Beth Shalom?

There are wonderful opportunities to get involved at Temple Beth Shalom. We have many enriching ways to participate in temple life and make friends. Our committees are how we get things done and make the temple a caring community. Wouldn't you like to help? Please check the areas below that interest you, return this sheet with your membership information or drop by the temple office. Please add comments, questions or ideas.

Remember, participation is fun for you, whether it is on a regular basis or occasionally throughout the year. Please come enjoy the life at Temple Beth Shalom, and help make it better.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Membership

The Temple Beth Shalom Membership Committee consists of a cross section of congregants to ensure that the needs, concerns and ideas of the entire membership base are properly addressed. The Membership Committee focuses on the following three important aspects of Temple membership:

- 1) Reaching out to prospective members through special events and gatherings and communicating information about the temple to others (marketing);
- 2) Welcoming new members and helping to integrate them into our temple community; and
- 3) Working with other committees to assist in the retention of existing members.

We strive to make your volunteer experience both meaningful and enjoyable. By working with the Membership Committee you will have the opportunity to learn more about our synagogue and share your enthusiasm about the temple with others. You will also meet both new and longtime members through making telephone calls, helping with or even hosting events and attending occasional meetings.

I am interested in joining or assisting with membership _____

Social Action

This committee works to educate and involve volunteers who are interested in making a difference to our community. The social action committee works on a number of projects throughout the year. Currently the ongoing projects are

_____ My Brother's Pantry – Temple is a drop off point for food all year. The High Holy Day drive requires volunteers and we regularly help deliver food to the pantry and distribute food to the recipients.

_____ Bello Machre – Temple members visiting developmentally delayed residents in the numerous homes run by this non- profit organization.

_____ Light House Shelter – Temple members help by working with the Pumpkin Patch which benefits this organization.

_____ Volunteer drivers for temple members unable to get to events themselves

_____ Mitzvah Day coordination and planning needs volunteers to make the day possible. April 25, 2010. This committee is often asked to help with meaningful projects happening in the community: Earth Day, Interfaith Thanksgiving Services, Christmas time coat drives and others. Please consider becoming an active part of the group.

Fundraising

Fundraising is vital to the health of our synagogue. Approximately 13% of our budget comes from fundraising.

I am willing to help with a fundraiser

I am interested in joining this committee

Religious School Committee

This active committee makes decisions and policy that affect our religious school. It is vital to the success of our synagogue. They meet once a month to plan and oversee.

I am interested in joining the committee

I am interested in helping with religious school special events

Ritual Committee

I would like to serve on this committee. I have expertise I would like to share.

I am interested in greeting people at the door and serving as an usher at some Shabbat services or during the high holiday services. This is the way we make Temple Beth Shalom a caring community.

Buildings and Grounds

I am interested in helping to keep the temple facility and grounds in good order and safe. I am willing to help maintain and improve our building and grounds.

Social Programs

I am willing to help with temple events planned for members to spend leisure time together.

I would attend programs planned by the temple for social fun rather than Jewish content.

Occasional Volunteer

I am willing to help provide and set up an oneg or reception for a special event at temple

I am willing to bake or bring food to the temple for an oneg or reception in addition to my regularly scheduled oneg.

Know you want to help, but are not sure where?

Add my name to the email list for special opportunities during the year