

Volunteering at *Temple B'nai Or*

There are many ways to get involved at *Temple B'nai Or* – all of which are greatly needed, appreciated, and highly rewarding. Lend your expertise or learn something new, while meeting people and making friends in our *Kehilah Kedoshah* (Sacred Community). In addition to the opportunities in this flyer, you can find out what's happening at Temple, and how to volunteer on our website, www.templebnaior.org, our Facebook page, the weekly *Chai-Lights* e-mail or our quarterly *Or-acle* newsletter.

Here are a few to consider to get started:

Adult Education

The Adult Education Committee works with the clergy to coordinate programs of interest to adults in the congregation. This includes Jewish-themed movies and lectures, as well as long-running programs, such as the Sunday morning educational programs with the rabbi. We are always open to new ideas.

For more information on getting involved in the Adult Education committee please contact Mary Ellen Albin at maryellen125@yahoo.com

Caring Community

Caring Community is at the heart of our *Kehilah*. The helping hands of our congregant volunteers, and the generous donations made to the Caring Community Fund enable this dedicated group to reach out to congregants who have lost a loved one, are lonely, or are experiencing health or aging-related issues. The warm embrace from our Temple family is a source of great comfort to the congregants in need.

Volunteers may be called upon to deliver *shiva* items to a grieving family, to assist an elderly congregant with errands, or to bring a home-cooked meal to a family dealing with health-related issues. Each mitzvah is guaranteed to lift the spirits of the person who generously gives of his or her time.

If you'd like to learn more about this sacred work, please email Susan Aidekman at smaide219@optonline.net

Cemetery

Beth Israel Cemetery is an independent, non-profit association. *Temple B'nai Or* is one of its three member congregations. Volunteers help place flags at veterans' graves on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day. Additionally, volunteers that wish to walk the cemetery and help pick up litter, or do some light weeding, are always welcome.

For more information on helping out in the cemetery, please contact Alise Ford at maf88@msn.com.

College Connection

It is very important to keep our college kids connected to *Temple B'nai Or* while they attend college. We are shameless in our attempt to woo them with candy and gifts. We send cards with a honey stick for *Rosh Hashanah*, a bag of goodies for *Hanukkah*, and something to make them laugh during Passover. We are always looking for volunteers – especially if you have kids in college – for fresh ideas, help packing up parcels, and managing the address list.

If you are interested in helping out with College Connection, please contact Alise Ford at maf88@msn.com.

CONNECTIONS

B'nai Or CONNECTIONS is a group for adults wishing to connect through social, cultural, and intellectual activities. CONNECTIONS offer an opportunity to stay connected to Temple, whether you have children in high school, college, or beyond, whether married or single. Our events are interesting, stimulating, fun, reasonably-priced, and always provide an opportunity to share a meal together along with conversation and friendship. Recent activities include visits to museums, theater, outdoor gardens, walking tours, and of course Temple programs. All of our events are "pay as you go" - we don't collect dues. We welcome your ideas and your energy.

If you've been part of CONNECTIONS, you know how much enjoyment we've shared over the past years– if you haven't, we've missed you!

For more information and/or to suggest an idea for an event, contact Marcia Schran at marcia.schran@gmail.com or Beth Hyre at bethhyre@gmail.com.

Finance and Budget

Our group oversees the financial operations of the Temple. Volunteers in our area have made a big, direct impact on Temple operations, and we need to continue the momentum and tradition of using our expertise to safeguard and sustain our community. We often need high-level volunteer help for special projects. For example, we currently

need a volunteer experienced in purchasing systems to help implement a new process in Spring 2015. Another area of need is for a task force/short term project we are launching to research market salaries and benefits for staff and clergy. We always need volunteers in the office for administrative tasks like filing, scanning, and coding of bills.

We welcome your help! For more information please contact Dan Rudd at danrudd@outlook.com

Gallery Committee

The Linda Grandis Blatt Gallery of *Temple B'nai Or* was made possible in 2009 by a grant from Bill Blatt in memory of his beloved wife, Linda.

Bill's vision was to create a welcoming portal into the sacred space of the Temple, to beautify the building, and whenever possible to be a source of income.

The Gallery committee plans and manages a series of four to five exhibitions each year. The annual Members show, installed prior to the High Holidays, presents work by Temple members and their families. Other exhibits include the work of solo artists, group shows, and an annual exhibition that invites artists from the greater Morristown community. 20% of the sale of displayed artwork goes to *Temple B'nai Or*.

Committee members help recruit artists, install the exhibit, organize a reception, maintain records, and create educational programs based on the arts.

To get involved with the Gallery Committee, please contact Shari Leviss at shari.leviss@gmail.com

House and Grounds Committee

The House and Grounds Committee has the very important and challenging charter of ensuring that physical needs of Temple are as well-maintained as the spiritual needs. The committee must approve and bring forward to the Board of Trustees any proposals for physical changes to the building or grounds. The committee also works with the executive director to manage annual maintenance contract engagements, security, and building and room rentals. It approves use of the Building Fund for extraordinary repair and improvement initiatives as well. If you have experience in building maintenance, have great local connections, or are handy around the house and in the garden, this is the place for you.

For more information please contact Greg Pine at pinegreg@gmail.com.

Judaica Shop

The Gift Shop offers an array of Judaica for congregants' homes, provides a selection of bar/bat mitzvah and other life cycle items, and produces is an important source of revenue for the Temple Sisterhood. The challenge, as with any retail operation, is being able to be accessible to customers as many hours as possible. The Gift Shop is open during Religious School hours on Sunday mornings and Thursday evenings. We are always looking for volunteers to help us inventory the stock, to assist with special occasions and to just keep the door open.

To volunteer in the Judaica Shop, please contact Alise Ford at maf88@msn.com

Marketing

So many great things are happening at B'nai Or and yet not enough people know about us, our mission, and our activities. The Marketing Committee, a small cadre of marketing-oriented Temple members, helps apply modern marketing to the efforts at TBO. Recently, we spearheaded refreshing the Temple's tagline and logo, assisted with the launch of the new www.templebnaior.org, and assisted with the launch of the *Kehilah* Membership program. We had a blast doing it, and yet have just scratched the surface of where we can contribute. Help us produce richer content for the website, for social media, and in printed materials so that members understand how they can take full advantage of all that the Temple offers, and to help prospective members get a great impression about TBO as they evaluate membership. We have a great story to tell at TBO, and look forward to working with other "marketing-pros" to help us accelerate this effort.

For more information about participating on this committee please contact either Paul Gottsegen at paul.n.gottsegen@gmail.com or David Fields at djtfields@aol.com

Membership Committee

Membership Committee volunteers welcome new members into our community and work to ensure that the existing members' needs are being met. Serving on this committee involves delivering welcome baskets, making phone calls to new members, hosting the Prospective Member Barbecue and the annual New Members Shabbat Dinner, meeting with existing congregants to understand their needs, providing feedback to other Arms of the temple, and helping maintain the *Kehilah* Volunteer database, to name just a few. Engagement is our goal – if you enjoy connecting people and having fun, this is the committee for you.

For more information on helping the Membership Committee please contact Michele Murray at shelzy45@gmail.com.

Men's Club

The *Temple B'nai Or* Men's Club is a service-driven organization composed of men of all ages and interests. We provide service to both our TBO community as well as the secular community in the Morris County area.

In addition to our service aspect, we are all in for various forms of social gatherings and FUN. From our famous softball team, to our game nights, football nights, dinner outings, bowling, and Sunday morning breakfasts, we provide a varied schedule of events for every interest. We invite you to try us...you'll like us!

If you are interested in joining our member mail list or getting more information, please send an e-mail to TBOMensClub@gmail.com

Religious School Committee

We are always looking for individuals interested in working with the religious school director to strengthen the religious school and to keep our kids engaged in Jewish activities starting in Kindergarten and culminating in ORIM in 12th grade. If you have a passion for Jewish education and youth programming, this could be the place for you.

For more information about the Religious School Committee, please contact David Iskovitz at davidiskovitz@templebnaior.org.

Renaissance Group

Members of *Temple B'nai Or's* Renaissance Group are active, vibrant mature adults who come together at least once a month for outstanding lectures on a wide variety of subjects, music, dine-a-rounds, parties, trips, camaraderie and simply celebrating life. Visitors have likened the membership to that of an extended family. We share milestones of life, and support one another through the down times. We are a warm, open group that embraces newcomers and makes them feel as if they had always belonged. Old customs have been maintained and enriched by new ideas. Born 25 years ago here at *Temple B'nai Or*, there are now Renaissance Groups in many Reform Temples in the New Jersey Metropolitan area, as well as nationwide.

For more information about Renaissance please contact Stuart Rayvid at srayvid@aol.com

Shabbat Committee

The Shabbat Committee's primary mission to act as a sounding board for the Clergy. In addition, we provide volunteers to lead services when no Clergy will be present, and do research for innovations proposed for services. Committee members are most often chosen from among congregants who regularly attend Friday night services.

For more information about the Shabbat Committee please contact Don Piermont at dpiermont@optonline.net

Social Action

The Jewish Commandment of *Tikkun Olam* means "healing the world." *Temple B'nai Or* has a long history of social action, as well as acts of *mitzvot* of *Tikkun Olam* aimed at helping each other, our neighbors and the world around us. The Social Action Committee has many opportunities for people of all ages to engage in meaningful activities and programs designed to help those in need, and to achieve social justice. There are many benefits to getting involved in the Social Action at TBO! You will meet new people, you will have fun, and you will feel good knowing that you have helped to make the world a better place, one person at a time.

We hope you will join us as we endeavor to make our community and the world better. If you have an idea for a mitzvah project, please let us know and we will help you make it happen.

For more information, please contact Tanya Simon, Social Action Committee Chair at [973-879-4464](tel:973-879-4464), or at vebtls@gmail.com

Soup Kitchen at Church of the Redeemer, Morristown

Temple B'nai Or takes turns with other synagogues and churches in the area to cook and serve hot lunches to homeless and working poor men and women (and sometimes children) every day of the year. We serve on the first Wednesday of every month from 11:15 AM to 1:00 PM. The soup kitchen provides a multi-course hot meal to any and all people that want one every single day of the year. Our volunteers can serve food "on the line," or if specially trained, prepare food in the church's kitchen prior to meal time. This much needed service provides just as much fulfillment to the server as it does to the people who eat there.

For more information about volunteering at the Soup Kitchen, please contact Nadine Milberg at nadinemilberg@gmail.com

Technology Committee

Can you help us to improve our use of technology at *Temple B'nai Or*? Can you build databases? Do you know how to use technology to streamline processes? Up to date on the latest apps and what's going on in The Cloud? We are always looking for

individuals who can take their expertise in this area and help us improve cost, effectiveness and efficiency at Temple.

If you are interested in helping out with Technology, please contact Paul Gibilisco at gibilisco.paul@gmail.com

WRJ Sisterhood/Women's Network

The WRJ Sisterhood/Women's Network of *Temple B'nai Or* is a community for women of all ages and stages in their Jewish journey. We open our doors and our hearts to all who seek friendship and an opportunity to grow as individuals, as volunteers and as leaders. Together, we make an important difference in our synagogue, our local and global Jewish communities through support of Jewish education, social action initiatives, innovative programs and celebrations.

Programming kicks off with an annual Fall "Paid Up" event. We host a Book Club with monthly meetings, a special educational event, a cozy winter gathering, as well as Spring and early Summer events. Social action activities are also part of our mission.

We invite you to chair a committee, lend us your tech expertise, help with PR, lead a workshop, help decorate and prepare for events and more! We have fun schmoozing and preparing fabulous recipes in the kitchen, and much, much more! Our fundraisers support our TBO community in so many ways.

For more information about how you can get involved contact sisterhood@templebnaior.org