

BATTY Leadership Board Application

Beth Ahabah's Teens and Temple Youth, also known as BATTY, is Congregation Beth Ahabah's Temple Youth Group (TYG). BATTY is designed to bring Jewish teens together with the goal of building a stronger local community of Jewish youth. In the 2019-2020 year, BATTY held events at the Temple, like the BATTY Movie Night Lock In and the First Friday Teen Takeover, went on Field Trips to local Escape Rooms, and held Virtual events like weekly hang outs and a Virtual Teen Shabbat.

To ensure that programs are teen-focused, engaging, and providing growth, we need teen leadership to drive BATTY decision making in the 2020-2021 year. We need YOU!

We invite you to apply for BATTY's 2020-2021 Teen Leadership Board!

All applications can be emailed to Programs@BethAhabah.org with the subject line "BATTY Board Application." Deadline for submission is Sunday, June 25th at 11:59pm. Selected candidates will be notified on Friday, July 10th.

ELIGIBILITY:

To apply, each applicant must:

- Be entering grades 10, 11, or 12 in the Fall of 2020.
- Have a membership or Family Membership with Congregation Beth Ahabah.
- Read and agree to the BATTY Teen Board Promise expectations for the 2020-2021 year upon installation.
- Submit the below application to programs@bethahabah.org by June 25, 2020 at 11:59pm.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Read each of the BATTY Board position descriptions and responsibilities in the pages below. Determine which position(s) appeal to you, your skills, and your interests.
- Submit the completed application pages 1 and 2 (below) to Programs@BethAhabah.org by June 25, 2020.
- Submit the completed Essay prompts (below) with application pages 1 and 2 to Programs@BethAhabah.org by June 25, 2020.

Questions about BATTY, the BATTY Board, or the BATTY Board Application? Email Programs@BethAhabah.org.

APPLICATION Page 1

Applicant's Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ # Years at Beth Ahabah _____

Address _____ City _____

Email _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone _____ Secondary Phone _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____ Phone _____

Please indicate which BATTY Board position(s) you are applying for and would be willing to fill by writing/typing "First Choice," "Second Choice," "Third Choice" and "Fourth Choice" next to each position below. Board position descriptions and responsibilities are described in the pages following the application.

BATTY Board Position:	Your Rank:
Board President	
Programs and Communications Vice President	
Religious and Cultural Chair	
Social Action Chair	

What are three qualities/traits you will bring to this leadership role:

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

List 2-4 personal or professional goals you'd like to work on this year:

APPLICATION Page 2

Help us get to know you outside of Beth Ahabah! What are some of your interests, hobbies, extracurriculars, places you've travelled or would like to visit, favorite foods, movies, etc.

List one unrelated personal or professional reference that can attest to your leadership experience, skills, or personal qualities:

Reference Name: _____ Relation: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Essay Questions

Essay responses can be sent as attachments with the application.

A: Please describe why you are applying for your first choice role on the BATTY Teen Board. What skills/qualities will you bring to the position and the Temple? What does a successful youth group at Beth Ahabah look like to you, and how will you make that happen? Maximum 750 words.

B: Describe a project you saw through from inception to completion. What obstacles did you face and how did you overcome them? What did you learn? OR

Describe a situation in your life where you stood up for something you believed in, especially when it was difficult. How did you know it was important enough to go against the grain? What did you learn?

Maximum 300 words.

BATTY BOARD POSITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

BATTY President

The President is the link that binds all parts and people of BATTY together - the teens, the board, the adults, the budget, the community, and more. The president delegates most responsibility. At the same time, the president is aware of all that is happening, and makes sure everything gets done. The key to being a good President is maintaining a balance between the delegation and supervision while keeping the future of BATTY in mind.



This position is for you if you:

Have some leadership experience • Tend to see the big picture of a project versus the details • Can energize and motivate a group • Like to start conversations with new people • Take detailed notes and stay organized • Are good at keeping people on task • Feel comfortable talking in front of a group • Are a strong collaborator • Wants to hear everyone's opinion • Is comfortable making judgement calls • Has a vision for the future

The responsibilities and expectations of the BATTY President is to:

- Set goals for the BATTY year.
- Be aware of all BATTY affairs and program details to properly relay information.
- Delegate work and responsibilities to Board Members, Temple Leadership, and BATTY members.
- Be responsible for ensuring that work is done properly by other board members, event chairs, etc.
- Serve as a representative of BATTY to the entire Temple and community.
- Prepare an agenda for and leading monthly BATTY Board Meetings.
- Take, disseminate, and maintain Board Meeting notes.
- Promote regional NFTY events to BATTY and the greater Temple Community.
- Drive a positive and collaborative BATTY culture, ensuring BATTY is open and accessible to all Beth Ahabah teens.
- Attend monthly BATTY Teen Board meetings in person or virtually.

As the BATTY President, you are not alone! The Beth Ahabah leadership and Teen Advisor will support you to make sure that you feel prepared and empowered to do this job. We do not expect you to have every skill on the first day of youth group and want to help you grow as a leader to make BATTY and Beth Ahabah a better place for teens.

Programs and Communications Vice President

The role of the Programs and Communications Vice President is twofold – the Vice President both oversees BATTY programs and events in partnership with the Social Action Chair and the Religious and Cultural Chair, as well as coordinates communication and messaging to BATTY members and all Teens at Beth Ahabah. This includes writing and editing email messages, managing the social media presence, and designing flyers for events and initiatives.



This position is for you if you:

Like planning events • Are creative and inspired • Feels very comfortable talking on the phone and sending emails • Likes to collaborate with others • Enjoys designing graphics, flyers, etc. • Loves posting, promoting, and being active on social media • Isn't afraid to ask for help

The responsibilities/expectations of the Programs and Communications Vice President is to:

- To oversee BATTY Programming, including:
 - Serve as a programming resource for all BATTY Board positions that are involved with programming
 - Prepare programs (when needed) for social events, weekend retreats, overnights, or other BATTY events
 - Create and maintain a template for program planning for BATTY use and standardization
 - Supervise and edit all programs to be executed at BATTY events
- To manage BATTY communication and promotion, including:
 - Managing and promoting BATTY social media pages that engage teens
 - Create and send program invitations, communications, and advertisements to BATTY teens
- Attend monthly BATTY Teen Board meetings in person or virtually.

As the BATTY Programs and Communications Chair, you are **not** alone! The Youth and Teen Advisor will support you to make sure that you feel prepared and empowered to do this job. We do not expect you to have every skill on the first day of youth group, and want to help you grow as a leader to make BATTY and Beth Ahabah a better place for teens.

Religious and Cultural Chair

The BATTY Religious and Cultural Chair is what makes BATTY more than just a social teen group. By bringing Jewish education, rituals, traditions, and cultural practices to meetings and events, the RCC helps define the Jewish experience for Beth Ahabah teens and helps bring them together through a shared community.



This position is for you if you:

Want to be a Jewish leader • Know or is willing to learn common prayers • Feel comfortable leading a group or discussion • Likes to do research • Are a strong teacher • Wants Jewish practice to be inclusive and accessible • Loves Jewish holidays • Follows through on commitments

The expectations and responsibilities of the Religious and Cultural Chair is to:

- Promote and encourage Reform Jewish religious and cultural activities at BATTY.
- To stimulate knowledge of Jewish culture, religion, Reform Judaism's "Choice Through Knowledge," history, and Israel.
- To support members of BATTY who want to take an active role in religious and cultural activities, such as song leaders, dance leaders, Israel representatives, etc.
- To be responsible for t'filot at events or holidays when needed.
- To create or lead inspiring worship services (using Beth Ahabah the prayer books, NFTY supplements and resources etc).
- To prepare and present benedictions, d'verei Torah, invocations, and other spiritually uplifting statements at Teen Board Meetings.
- Attend monthly BATTY Teen Board meetings in person or virtually.

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Social Action Chair

The role of the Social Action Chair is to engage BATTY Teens in Tikkun Olam – repairing the world, by educating teens on global and local issues, planning projects to help the community, and working with the BATTY Board to ensure that social action is a pillar of the BATTY Program. An important part of your role this year will be not only leading your own initiatives, but also empowering fellow BATTY teens to pursue social action. A good Social Action Chair balances fighting for justice outside of the Jewish Community while being there to support people within the youth group and temple.



This position is for you if you:

Are passionate about issues in your community and the world • Are creative • Feel comfortable talking on the phone and sending emails • Are a strong listener • Like to follow current events and know what's going on • Are good at keeping people on task • Feel comfortable talking in front of a group

The responsibilities and expectations of the Social Action Chair is to:

- Teach the five “A’s” of Social Action: Awareness, Assessment, Action, Alliance, and Advocacy throughout the year
- Help participants be aware of the world and the community needs around them
- Act as a liaison between BATTY and organizations in need
- Pursue issues and causes relevant to you and your group
- Enable all BATTY Teens to understand and question issues they deal with
- Coordinate Social Action programs and events
- Help others, and accept their help, in order to make Social Action programs and drives run smoothly
- Before events, meet with all group leaders and make sure they understand their job
- Attend monthly BATTY Teen Board meetings in person or virtually.

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