

Congregation Beth Am

TNT Mitzvah Project: Synagogue

Shalom. There is a tradition at Congregation Beth Am that every student perform *one mitzvah* after every TNT program. Mitzvot allow us to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors and our fellow community members. It is our hope that these mitzvah projects will open your awareness to the Jewish community and Jewish world. As students who are about to accept responsibility for the destiny of the Jewish people and for families who are about to create a space for this new task, we hope these projects will heighten your awareness of what is involved in maintaining a holy community, a Kehillah Kedoshah.

For each project we ask you to take a picture, write a brief paragraph about what you did, and what you learned.

This project will focus on Mitzvot related to the Synagogue.

Please have your mitzvah done prior to next event.

Remember for each mitzvah take a picture, and write a one paragraph summary!

SYNAGOGUE

An Israelite in his/her relationship to the synagogue may be likened to a branch growing on a tree. As long as the branch is still attached to the tree, there is hope it may renew its vigor under favorable conditions, no matter how withered it may have become. But once the living branch falls away, all hope is lost (Or Yesharim p. 96)

1. Help find ways to beautify your Synagogue.
Examples: buy flowers to adorn the bimah; buy flowers or shrubs for planting; offer your time to help clean around the synagogue. (Check with CBA's Executive Director before doing this!)
2. Meet with one of the synagogue's professionals. Learn more about them and why they chose this challenging but rewarding career.
3. Volunteer as a Greeter, contact Rabbi Earne (**rabbi@betham.com**), or his assistant Bonnie Cohen (**bonnie@betham.com**) the week before you are interested and work with one of our "Professional" greeters who try to make shul a nice and safe place for prayer.
4. For girls who are 12, and boys who are 13 come help make a minyan three times. Either Sunday morning at 9am, Tuesday evening at 6pm or Wednesday morning at 7am.
5. Come and help our wonderful Shabbat Lunch Bunch, coordinated by Rachel Selk and Angela Lapin. This is a group of women who help make lunch for our fellow congregants on Saturday morning. If you are free on Friday to prepare they can use you, and they can also use your help in setting and cleaning up on Saturday morning! Please contact Angela Lapin at **alapin@gmail.com** if you are interested.