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**Developing connections, interests,
and finding value in our
congregation.**

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GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Temple Beth El offers many opportunities for involvement.

Adult Luncheons are held on a Thursday once a month at noon and feature a catered lunch and an interesting program. Planning Program and speaker procurement volunteers are Carol Umbehocker, carolumbe@comcast.net or (253) 719-8040; Pam Mayer, pamelarmayer@aol.com or (253) 627-2325; and Joyce Newman, (253) 588-8554. Cost is \$13, due at the door. Contact Rebecca Kendziora at rebecca@tbetacoma.org or (253) 564-7101 to RSVP.

Gesher and Alumni Group plans get-togethers, events and strategies to build social and business networks. Helps keep past members and congregants of Temple Beth El connected with each other and TBE. This group is just beginning development and is working hard on outreach to build our alumni database. Contact Paul Wohlberg at freeberg8@msn.com.

Jewish Book Club meets in the social hall on the first Tuesday of each month. Do you like to read good books about Jewish subjects or by Jewish authors? Join the book club. Contact Adria Farber, adfarber@mac.com or (253) 565-1131; or Carol Umbehocker, carolumbe@comcast.net or (253) 719-8040 for more information and to be added to the Temple Beth El Jewish book club email list.

Meet, Greet & Bon Appétit is a fun, informal way to get together with other temple members in the comfort of members' own homes. Participants are rotated so that by the end of the season, you should have met and dined with everyone else in the program. Contact Lin Spellman at lin.jim@comcast.net.

NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) supports Reform youth at a synagogue level. TBE's NFTY-affiliated youth group BETY (Beth El Temple Youth) for grades 8-12 has monthly meetings to discuss activities of interest, plan events, and develop leadership within the congregation. Contact Leslie Bright at leslie@tbetacoma.org or (253) 564-7101.

Shir Simcha Choir performs at Shabbat services once a month and during the High Holy Days. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings, and members learn new music as well as revisit old favorites while enjoying each other's company. Contact Cantor Geoffrey Fine at cantorfine@tbetacoma.org or (253) 564-7101.

TBE Sisterhood coordinates fundraisers, social and holiday events throughout the year, and runs the Judaica Shop, which serve to bring the temple community together. This includes the support of TBE Religious School so that Judaism may flourish in our community. Email sisterhood@tbetacoma.org for more information.

Soundboard Team coordinates the sound, video and hearing assistance devices during services, holidays and other events. Contact Jordan Harris at ritual@tbetacoma.org.

Temple Hikers enjoy Jewish fellowship by hiking the trails of Western Washington. Outings are usually held a few times a year. Contact David Wheeler at templehikers@comcast.net.

TEMPLE COMMITTEES, PROGRAMS & TASK FORCES

Much of the work of Temple Beth El is accomplished through committees, programs, and task forces, most of which are led by members of the all-volunteer board of trustees. Our current committees, programs, and task forces are listed below, along with the name and contact information for the chairs—all welcome your involvement!

Adult Education: Each fall and spring, Temple Beth El offers a wide array of adult education courses dealing with topics chosen by the rabbi, cantor, religious education director and the Adult Education Program. Please see the adult education catalog (available online or in the office) for course offerings. Contact Carolyn Elsey at adulthoodeducation@tbetacoma.org.

Brotman Early Learning Center BELC Oversight: This committee's mission is to oversee the continuing development of BELC. Its function is to oversee, provide support, and general guidance to the BELC Director on matters of center policy and management. It also assists with planning social and community building events, family activities, presentations and fundraising. Contact Patti Steinfeld at belcoversight@tbetacoma.org.

Budget and Finance: This committee proposes an annual budget and assesses the financial needs of the temple. Contact Jim Friedman at budget-finance@tbetacoma.org.

Caring Community: Coordinates meal trains, rides, visits to the sick and provides various other short-term needs for those within the Temple Beth El community. Email caringcommunity@tbetacoma.org for more information.

House and Grounds: This committee maintains the temple building and grounds, arranges for any needed repairs, improvements or maintenance, and coordinates volunteers for improvements and beautification. Contact Jani Doctor regarding the building and contact Lin Spellman regarding the grounds at building-grounds@tbetacoma.org.

Fundraising: This committee aids in the sustainability of the temple by organizing exciting events such as the biennial auction and the biennial Ner Tamid honors dinner. Contact Stacy Van Wagoner at fundraising@tbetacoma.org.

Investment Policy: This committee assesses and analyses temple funds investment. Contact Bruce Mann at investment@tbetacoma.org.

Innovative Programming and Groups: We are always excited to create new programming or groups that come from your interests and special talents to enhance our community. Some talents could be promotion, media, graphic design, web design, marketing, outreach, hospitality. Contact Bernice Gorkin at caringcommunity@tbetacoma.org or text her at (235) 495-3361.

Leadership and Nominating: The Leadership and Nominating Committee is devoted to identifying and nurturing future temple leadership. Contact Brad Steinfeld at leadership@tbetacoma.org.

Legacy: The Legacy Program coordinates a planned giving donation program at TBE. Contact Stacy Van Wagoner at fundraising@tbetacoma.org.

Library: This committee shall make recommendations for the use, administration, financing, physical plant and resources for the library. Contact Aaron Petersen at president@tbetacoma.org

Membership: This committee interviews and greets and helps to connect new members to the community, hosts new member events and reviews the materials provided to new members. Contact Sarah Rumbaugh at membership@tbetacoma.org.

Personnel: This committee hires temple staff and oversees human resource policies and practices. Contact Stacy Van Wagoner at personnel@tbetacoma.org.

Religious Education: This committee oversees religious school policies and coordinates education programs with the religious education director. Contact Dan Miller at religiouseducation@tbetacoma.org.

Ritual (T’Filah): This committee synchronizes ritual practices—which consist of Friday night, Saturday morning and holiday services—with the rabbi, cantor and choir. Contact Jordan Harris at ritual@tbetacoma.org.

Scholarship: This program receives scholarship requests and assists families with scholarship needs for religious education or summer camps. Contact Dan Miller at scholarship@tbetacoma.org.

Security: This committee is made up of individuals dedicated to assessing safety and security needs at temple including risk management, trainings and facility security assessments. Contact Charles Piatok at security@tbetacoma.org.

Tikkun Olam (Social Action): This committee studies Judaism's historical position on social interest issues and coordinates social action programs, including the Jackson Street Food Bank, volunteer painting teams for Paint Tacoma-Pierce Beautiful, periodic food drives for the hungry, and clothing and supply drives for the homeless. Committee members also assist individual temple members by making hospital visits and condolence calls. Contact Sarah Rumbaugh at tikkunolam@tбетacoma.org.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Temple Beth El relies on its volunteers to keep Temple Beth El running smoothly.

Community Celebrations: Volunteers organize events or celebrations, help with Shabbat services and other holidays and also take pictures, market an event, help prepare for the event and clean up after. Contact Aaron Petersen at president@tbetacoma.org.

Religious School: Volunteers are welcome to help teach classes on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings, to help students who need extra assistance, and to work behind the scenes. Contact Leslie Bright at leslie@tbetacoma.org or (253) 564-7101.

LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY GROUPS

Hadassah is part of the Women's Zionist Organization, supporting health and education programs in the United States, Israel, and the world, including Youth Aliyah and Hadassah Hospital. Contact Barbara Aqua at baquapta@outlook.com or (253) 565-8955.

Home of Peace Cemetery is an autonomous membership organization that maintains Tacoma's Home of Peace Cemetery for all Jewish residents of our community. Contact Deb Freedman at debfreetacoma@gmail.com or (253) 377-4157 or Jim Friedman at jrf1910@comcast.net or (253) 377-3421.

Jewish National Fund (JNF) is the caretaker of the land of Israel on behalf of its owners—Jewish people everywhere. Contact Josh Kay at joshkay@harbournet.com or (253) 759-5844.

Tacoma Jewish Community Fund, a network community of the Jewish Federations of North America raises funds for Jewish philanthropy, supporting Israel, Jewish organizations, and projects locally, regionally, and worldwide. Email tacomajcf@gmail.com for more information.

Tacoma-Kiryat Motzkin Sister City plans several activities each year. Past activities have included a film and food festival and the sponsorship of a visiting group of Israeli dancers. Future activities may include a tour of Israel and a music festival. Contact Jack Warnick at j.warnick@comcast.net or (253) 752-5841.

ACTIVITIES

We all have activities we would like to share with others. Here are a few that congregants have shown interest in and some that have organized events.

- Mahjongg
- Adult Education
- Speakers
- Lunch & Learn
- Theatre
- Kids Events
- Business Networking
- Foreign Language
- Choir
- Band
- Cooking
- Judaic Traditions
- Judaic Cooking
- Rock Climbing
- Hiking
- Cycling
- Fitness
- Running
- Event Setup
- Movies
- Gardening
- Travel
- Crafts
- Knitting
- Fine Art
- Yoga/Meditation
- Health & Wellness
- Book Club
- Other?

Please use the space below to identify committees, groups, programs and activities that you may be interested in. We will use this information to help link individuals with similar interests in acts of loving kindness to help grow and enrich our community. If you have interests or skills that are not represented above, please include them. Our hope is to promote *Chesed*, making our congregation a place where each and every person finds value.

Please complete the information below, tear away this page and drop it off at the temple office or contact Bernice Gorkin at caringcommunity@tbetacoma.org with any questions.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Interests: _____

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