



## **SEASIDE COMMITTEES - BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS**

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Seaside Jewish Community is a volunteer organization that operates via member participation in its multiple committees and the Board of Directors. Committees welcome and are always seeking members to volunteer to participate in them. If interested in working on a committee, please contact that committee's chair.

**Find your special interest, and connect with those who share it.**

### **Adult Education**

The Adult Education Committee offers a variety of programs that enrich and enlighten the lives of Seaside's members. Committee members and others create and deliver educational and other programs such as monthly book groups, Haftarah discussions, programs on Middle Eastern issues, explorations into Yiddishkeit, not to mention the annual Alfred Gross Memorial Weekend. It also offers lessons in spoken and biblical Hebrew, and programs in association with other Jewish-centered organizations such as the Jewish History Museums of Maryland and Delaware.

### **Cemetery**

The Cemetery Committee is a subcommittee of the Worship Committee. Seaside has cemetery plots and Yahrzeit plaques available for members. Yahrzeit plaques for the Memorial Wall provide a way to remember departed loved ones by placing their name on a plaque to be displayed prominently in our sanctuary. The wall includes a light for each plaque that will be turned on during the week of their Yahrzeit. Each plaque includes the name of person being remembered, their Hebrew name (if available) and the English and Hebrew date of passing. Contact the committee chairs to reserve a cemetery plot, order a Yahrzeit plaque, or want more information about the SJC Cemetery.

### **Chesed**

The Chesed Committee spreads Tikkun Olam to the members of the Seaside family. It offers temporary support to those ill or grieving with meals, cards, calls and visits. Committee members deliver holiday bags on Rosh Hashana and Purim, and, along with the Rabbi, offer pastoral support to those in need.



## **Communications**

The Communications Committee is responsible for planning, editing, and executing ways of publicizing Seaside and its many events to its members and the community. It oversees a master calendar of all Seaside activities. The team gathers information, designs, edits, and distributes the monthly newsletter and weekly eBlasts, maintains the website, places paid advertising, coordinates press inquiries, and prepares/distributes press releases.

## **Community Service**

The Community Service Committee promotes Tikkun Olam in the overall community through programs and activities that include preparing and serving soup kitchen meals, rescuing food from area restaurants, holding collection drives to assist local non-profit organizations, assisting with the summer International Student Outreach Program, and preparing meals for local shelters.

## **Finance**

The Finance Committee manages Seaside's financial health and advises the Board on all financial and budgetary matters concerning Seaside. It works with all committee chairs to prepare the annual budget and monitors the performance of the current year's budget income and expenditures. The committee does financial planning to ensure that Seaside has the financial strength to meet its mission objectives. This includes reviews of the dues structure and other fees collected.

## **Fundraising**

The Fundraising Committee strengthens Seaside's financial position through charitable giving, fundraising initiatives and activities in coordination with other Seaside committees. It welcomes new members as it explores new fundraising ideas.

## **High Holy Day (HHD) Logistics**

The High Holy Days (HHD) Logistics Committee plans, coordinates, and carries out the administrative management of Seaside Jewish Community's HHD religious services and related activities.



## **House**

The House Committee is responsible for the management and maintenance of Seaside's building and grounds. This responsibility requires attention to all aspects of the building's physical maintenance, supervision of consumable supplies, exterior maintenance and landscaping, maintenance of the operations of the security and audio/visual systems and supervision of all suppliers and vendors providing services to Seaside. In addition, the committee manages the annual move of books and other items to and from the place where High Holy Day services are held, and the set up and take down of the Sukkah. The committee has subcommittees that manage the operation of the kitchen, and the use of the building's audio and visual systems.

## **Kitchen Cabinet**

The Kitchen Cabinet Committee provides oversight of the kitchen facility to ensure that it is maintained to the highest sanitation standards of cleanliness and is fully functioning to meet the needs of the Seaside community. It develops an annual budget and orders supplies as necessary to meet the needs of the community. It educates Seaside members, staff (including the school staff), non-members, and caterers on user responsibilities and our Kosher-style policy. At the Committee's discretion, a member remains on-site to assist and ensure that our Kosher-style policy is followed. It solicits sponsors for Kiddish and Onegs, coordinates the kitchen calendar with administrative staff, and establishes a system to ensure the kitchen has sufficient coverage through general community outreach and in coordination with Committee Chairs and Board Members.

## **Membership**

The Membership Committee develops programs and provides information for the retention of the current membership, and for the recruitment of new prospective members. The Committee makes a welcome call to new members and gives them a welcome packet that includes a letter and several items. The committee plans and sponsors various programs throughout the year and often partners and/or assists other committees with their programs, activities, and events.



## **Safety and Security**

The Safety and Security Committee evaluates, researches, and recommends best practices, procedures, and technologies to ensure the safety and security of Seaside staff members, congregants, and visitors while on SJC property. It facilitates initiatives to protect SJC's building, contents, and property. It initiates outreach on behalf of SJC to local, state, and federal law enforcement and first responders to create and maintain professional relationships. The committee identifies and recommends related safety and security training resources for the SJC Board and congregants, as well as conduct training and drills, as appropriate. It also oversees the Usher and Greeter program.

## **Social**

The Social Committee is responsible for planning and implementing social events. These activities range from all-congregation events like game nights, field trips, online baking demos, and Shabbat dinners, to special interest activities like bowling and mahjonn. It coordinates with other committees to sponsor the Rehoboth Jewish Film Festival, Havdalah on the Beach, and Toys for Tots. It invites suggestions and participation from all members.

## **Social Justice**

The Social Justice Committee promotes programs and activities that affirm and further the moral and ethical values of Judaism by creating and participating with other Seaside committees, other racial and cultural community organizations, and other faith communities, in projects that further social justice and equity. They focus on racial, religious, gender, environmental, educational, economic, and immigrant justice issues. The Committee promotes relationships, understanding and education between and among Seaside and other faith-based houses of worship.

## **Worship**

The Worship Committee, which is open to all members, in collaboration with Seaside's full-time Rabbi, ensures that Seaside offers services tailored to the spiritual needs of its diverse community. The Committee offers a full calendar of Jewish events, and welcomes member involvement in planning and participating in services. For more information, contact the Rabbi or the Co-Chairs to share ideas, special talents and interests.



## **Youth Education**

The Youth Education Committee advises, implements and supports the education, events, and activities for the children of the Religious School and their families. The committee works with the Religious School to establish curriculum, staff the school, and support the Jewish educational needs of the students from ages five through B'nai Mitzvah. Youth Education hopes to instill a love of Jewish learning and prepare students for a successful B'nai Mitzvah.