



TEMPLE BETH AM

Temple Beth Am is an inclusive Reform Jewish community pursuing joyous worship, engaged learning, and social justice.

Board B'rit

The Temple Beth Am Board is a working board, and Trustees are committed to being all of the following:

Responsible Representatives. Trustees rarely miss meetings and come prepared, having done prereading and any necessary study. They ask key questions in advance of meetings, in person, via phone, or in email. They are prepared for informed discussions on pressing Temple matters. They can explain key Temple policies and Board decisions to members of our congregation and support Board decisions once votes have been held.

Willing Leaders. Trustees model leadership and good governance as Board representatives on Temple committees or as liaisons to committees. They accept Board task force appointments and complete work when promised and needed. They are not expected to work for Temple to the detriment of their careers or families but accept that Board membership is a privilege that does require time and energy. They promote attendance at events and participation in the Temple's financial development efforts.

Visible Ambassadors. Trustees attend Temple events, embrace being identified as Board members, and model audacious hospitality to everyone who walks through our doors. Every Trustee does not need to be at every event, but each Trustee makes the commitment to attend a variety of worship services and other events throughout the year because they are intentional about being visible in the community. They volunteer to be the official Board greeter at their fair share of Shabbat services; and at services or events when they are not the official greeter they warmly greet and engage with visitors and congregants alike. They understand that visible Board representation is important not only at Shabbat and High Holy Day services, but also at festival services and celebrations, adult education events, donor events, new member events, the annual gala, congregational meetings, and so on. They also agree to reach out to individual congregants, contacting members as assigned during the High Holy Days as well as meeting one-on-one during the year with members who have concerns and potential members who have questions about TBA.

Meaningful Supporters. Trustees are committed to paying dues and participating in other giving opportunities at a level meaningful to them and their families. Trustees understand that 100% Board participation is a critical component of asking the congregation for support for the Annual Campaign, Gala, and occasional multi-year campaigns, and willingly support Temple Beth Am as they are able. Trustees are also expected to be table captains for the annual Gala.

Forward-Looking Advocates. Trustees celebrate the rich history of our congregation, keep themselves informed of issues facing Temple Beth Am and the larger Jewish community, and are comfortable discussing these issues with congregants. They are optimistic about Temple Beth Am's future and share their enthusiasm with our members.

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