

KESHER COMMITTEES 2023-2024

- **Adult Education** sources new guest speakers on topics current to the Jewish calendar, social issues, or the intellectual climate. Chair: *Abigail Gross*
- **Building/House** committee ensures the building is maintained, repaired and new equipment is ordered when necessary. Chairs: *Joseph Feldman*
- **CSS** provides lay leader led protection of the building and members on shabbat and holidays.
- **Decorum** committee is tasked with identifying ways to improve the overall organization and cleanliness of the shul, along with encouraging appropriate behavior in shul during services. Chair: *Evan Sohn*
- **Directory** committee produces an annual book of profile information and photos of our growing membership. Chairs: *Jordana Merkin, Rich Solomon*
- **Finance** committee offers financial oversight, budgeting, financial planning, reporting and strategic fundraising. Chair: *Miri Lipsky*
- **Hachnasat Orchim** committee members coordinate family Friday night dinners and shabbat lunch to afford opportunities for members to socialize and connect in informal settings. Chairs: *Rebecca Tobin, Ephrat Orgel, Susie Smedresman*
- **Kayama** is a member run committee dedicated to organizing synagogue-wide social events, as well as women's events and coordinating new member and prospective member parties and initiatives to incorporate families into the community. Chairs: *Batya Nadler, Kayla Scheinman*
- **Mishloach Manot** coordinates the annual Purim fundraiser. Chairs: *Michelle Sohn*
- **New Member/Prospective Member** committee sends a welcome basket to new families, collects information for a new member profile email and connects new families with other member families. Chairs: *Sharon Rosen, Rebecca Weinberg*
- **New Parent Meals** coordinates meals for up to 2 weeks for families after a new baby is born. Chairs: *Eileen Hod, Amanda Eis*
- **Religious Affairs** is tasked with continually assessing the religious direction of the shul and the day-to-day operations relating to services and holidays. Chairs: *Noam Ohring, Jon Stein*
- **Shiva/Bereavment & Chevra Kadisha** committee responds to the needs of members in the event of the passing of a close family member, setting up a shiva space, coordinating meals or other chesed for the bereaved. Chairs: *Rebecca Gordon, Mike Dube*

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- **Social Action** committee organizes internal and inter-organizational programming to raise funds or resources for the disenfranchised including, a Mega Food Drive in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of northern New Jersey, School Snack Packs with CFA (Center for Food Action), Meals for the Homeless, Blood drives with the New York Blood Center, a Thanksgiving food and gift card drive, and Never Alone Again toiletry kits for victims of domestic abuse. Chairs: *Ariella Levy, Leslie Teicher, Ilana Hendlish, Harley Ungar*
- **Social Events** committee coordinates one-time events, such as Friday night dinners, a winter event, a spring event, and the Labor Day BBQ. Chair: Rebecca Tenzer
- **Spirituality** committee responds to the interests of members to find deeper spiritual fulfillment through prayer, song, and meditation. Chairs: *Ariella Levy, Aaron Levine*
- **Youth** committee oversees the work of the youth director and coordinates shabbat curriculum and special events. Chairs: *Deena Kestenbaum, Jordana Merkin*