

Sisterhood Report for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

The members of Temple Beth Shalom's Sisterhood are a diverse group who join together for friendship and study, to further the goals of our synagogue, and to reach into the community for tikkun olam—the repair of the world. Sisterhood creates an atmosphere for members to fulfill their potential within a Jewish arena.

Sisterhood sponsors b'nai mitzvah candidates by giving each one a personal yad they can use to read the Torah and keep afterwards. We have done this for years and continue to do so to support the temple.

Sisterhood donates funds annually to camp scholarships and rabbis' discretionary funds and music funds, to be used for the greater Temple Beth Shalom community.

Looking ahead, in February 2024, we will host our annual Sisterhood retreat in Wimberly, TX which typically draws 50-plus people for a relaxing weekend getaway.

Overall, Sisterhood members are often very engaged with the temple and can be found playing mah jong, knitting, chatting, helping with a shiva, volunteering on different committees and so much more! We are very social and socially responsible. We hope to collaborate with other women's groups this year and also be an active group within Temple Beth Shalom.

Among our activities this year were the following:

- May 30...Brotherhood and Sisterhood met for dinner at the Fareground and went to the Chosen Comedy Show at Sunset Strip.
- May 21...Nine of us gathered for coffee and a planning meeting at Russell's Bakery.
- February 11...About 20 of us went to the Texas Longhorns Women's Basketball game vs. TCU and then went to dinner and played games at Easy Tiger.
- December 18...Sisterhood coffee and schmooze meeting at Russell's Bakery.
- November 4...Sisterhood members travelled with Sisterhood members from CBI and Agudas to the San Antonio Institute of Texas Cultures for a tour and lunch organized by the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El in San Antonio.
- October 15...Over 35 congregants joined Sisterhood and Brotherhood for Sangria in the Sukkah! Everyone brought a dish to share and we supplied sangria and other beverages.
- September 18...Sisterhood coffee and schmooze meeting at Tous Les Jours bakery.
- September 11...Sisterhood and Brotherhood had a happy hour at Juliet Italian Kitchen.

Sisterhood also supported and publicized Rosh Chodesh, numerous Meal Trains, a Self Defense Krav Maga training, Knitzvah, Community First! Village Dinner and Bingo Night, and Austin Jewish Film Festival. For the fourth year, we offered ORT Honey from the Heart to send to loved ones for Rosh Hashana.