

Member Participation Survey

As we begin a new year we appreciate you taking the time to fill out this survey. Even if you completed one in the past, updated information is important for us to keep current. We appreciate your effort in doing this.

We're proud of our members' active participation in making our Temple a welcoming, lively, and stimulating place for people to gather. Our congregation is a tremendous reservoir of energy, skills, and community spirit.

In looking for ways to further broaden participation, the Board of Trustees is introducing a system intended to allow members to contribute their effort to the congregation in ways that they find satisfying and enjoyable.

We've created a list of some of the ways you can make a contribution. We'd like every adult member of the Temple (children, too, if they're so inclined) to pick out the things he or she can do for the congregation. In the course of the Temple year, anyone organizing an event or exploring a new activity may draw from the list of members whose interests match up with what they are doing. Of course the member will be free to decide when contacted whether the activity suits their circumstances.

A member who gives time and effort to the Temple contributes to the health and well-being of the congregation and helps to enrich the shared experience of all the members. At the same time the member experiences the pleasure of deeper connection to other congregants and gains the satisfaction that comes with making a difference in the world.

Here are some ways a member can make small but important contributions to the community. Which of these seems right for you? Feel free to pick several; we'll spread the work, so no one gets overloaded.

Please fill in your phone numbers so we can contact you easily, then circle the numbers of the areas where you can contribute. And add to the list if there's something we've overlooked.

Name (please print) _____ Phone Numbers (Home) ()

(Work) ()

(Cell) ()

1. Warmth and Friendship

- 1001 Make/bring food to people in need (in our community)
- 1002 Lead a social service project with other Temple members
- 1003 Transport a non-driver to/from a Temple event
- 1004 Visit a hospital patient
- 1005 Telephone seniors to chat
- 1006 Visit a shut-in
- 1007 Join the Temple Sisterhood
- 1008 Join Hadassah

2. Services

- 2001 Open/close Temple for scheduled events
- 2002 Offer music during services
- 2003 Usher at services
- 2004 Participate in services
- 2005 Read (or chant) a little Torah, 1-3 verses
- 2006 Be part of a mourner's minion
- 2007 Bring flowers for Shabbat service

3. Hospitality

- 3001 Host a family Shabbat dinner (set up/clean up)
- 3002 Invite other members to your Seder
- 3003 Host a Temple event with coffee, cookies, etc.
- 3004 Host a seniors' card game/mahjong/luncheon
- 3005 Host a study session in your home (with or without the Rabbi)
- 3006 Clean up after an event
- 3007 Help run a fundraising event
- 3008 Create a fundraising or social event

4. Membership

- 3101 Invite a prospective member to a Temple event
- 3102 Welcome/introduce new members to the Temple (with the Membership Committee)
- 3103 Invite a new member (individual or family) to dinner

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5. Education

- 4001 Tutor Hebrew
- 4002 Teach what you know to adults
- 4003 Teach what you know to children
- 4004 Create/lead a choir

6. Supporting our Youth

- 5001 Take a group of teens on an outing
- 5002 Help with Bagels and Blocks playgroup

7. Building Care

- 6001 Garden or yard work at the new Temple
- 6002 Minor repairs/maintenance on building

8. Running the Temple

- 7001 Write a grant proposal
- 7002 Help update membership addresses
- 7003 Run an errand for someone working at the Temple
- 8004 Help stuff envelopes, label or sort for mailings
- 7005 Shop for supplies for the Temple kitchen
- 7006 Serve on the Temple Board
- 7007 Serve on a Temple committee: Religious School (Education); Cultural; Finance and Budget; Adult Education; Ritual; Membership; House (Bldg. Operations); Cemetery; Development

9. Community Service

- 8001 Cook/serve/set up/clean up at Dover Soup Kitchen
- 8002 Organize Temple members for a project in the community

10. Communicating

- 9001 Write an article for Keshet
- 9002 Write advertisement for a Temple event
- 9003 Edit/proof Temple mailings
- 9004 Photograph Temple events for publication

Anything we didn't think of?