

ONE STEP: BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE STEP AT A TIME

These Days of Awe offer each of us a wonderful opportunity to examine our everyday lives and set new directions and goals for ourselves. As part of that endeavor, we can look at our participation and commitment to Sinai Temple. Wherever we are in our individual Jewish journeys, this is a great time to commit to taking “One Step” forward – great or small. In the spirit of our mission statement, we can take this New Year opportunity to determine where we stand in the areas of prayer, life-long Jewish learning, social justice, and community. Please consider making a personal commitment to try at least one NEW thing during the coming year. Take a look. Take a step. And, make a personal pledge.

Please place a check mark beside your “new” commitment(s).

PRAYER:

- Learn basic Hebrew or improve your Hebrew language skills.
- Attend services more frequently or try out one of the services you have not yet attended.
- Come to one monthly weekday-morning service.
- Try out the October 19th Synaplex.

LIFE-LONG JEWISH LEARNING:

- Participate in some of the Adult Education programs.
- Try out Torah Study on Saturday mornings.
- Attend Lunch and Learn events with the Rabbi.
- Attend one Scholar in Residence event (October 19-21).

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

- Bring a non-perishable food item to a Shabbat service.
- Support the Temple’s Chanukah collection of toys or books for the needy.

COMMUNITY - SHORT AND SWEET

- ART SHOW: Hundreds of pieces of Israeli art will be shown at the Temple from Nov. 15th – 18th. Help set up the art, bake, be a cashier, etc.
- BROTHERHOOD BREAKFASTS: Cook up a storm with us.
- CHANUKAH: Cook and serve food at a Temple Chanukah celebration.
- COOKING FOR CONGREGANTS: Sometimes congregants are ill or unable to take care of themselves. If you would like to cook a meal, let us know.

DRIVERS: Some of our congregants need rides to services or occasional events. Can you lend a hand?

EMPTY NEST: Kids gone? What is the role of the Temple now? Let’s talk.

GREETERS: If you like people, there is a role for you on Friday evenings. Welcome congregants into the sanctuary before services.

LOAVES AND FISHES: Cook or serve a meal for homeless people.

PURIM PLAYERS: Actors, singers, set designers are needed for our next Purim celebration.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Volunteer to help at Shabbat dinners, holiday programs, Chanukah, school Seders.

RUMMAGE SALE: Help to organize and sell clothing. A few hours would be great.

SUKKOT: Bring a screwdriver and help assemble or take down the Sukkah.

WORLD CRISIS FUND: Mailings go out several times a year. You can help with the congregational mailings.

COMMUNITY - COMMITTEES

ADULT EDUCATION: Help develop learning opportunities for the adults in our congregation.

BAR/BAT MITZVAH: Help schedule and monitor Bar/Bat Mitzvah program.

BROTHERHOOD LEADERSHIP: Help plan programming for the men in our congregation as well as our families.

- BULLETIN COMMITTEE:** Help with our monthly newsletter.
- ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR:** Sinai publishes a weekly planner every year. The booklet contains ads and is a great fundraiser.
- CARING COMMUNITY:** This committee wants “to be there” for congregants in times of sorrow and joy. They are working diligently to increase the sense of belonging at Sinai.
- CHOIR:** The choir rehearses on a regular basis and has a terrific social time making music! Warning, you have to be a singer for this one.
- CEMETERY COMMITTEE:** Help manage the care and finances of Sinai’s Memorial Park.
- DOCENT COMMITTEE:** Take visiting groups of different faiths on a tour of Sinai Temple before Shabbat services.
- FUND RAISING:** This committee thinks of enjoyable ways to increase funds and fun in the congregation.
- HOUSE COMMITTEE:** This committee oversees our building.
- Israel 60th:** Help plan for various activities to celebrate Israel’s 60th birthday this year.
- LIBRARY:** Help promote Jewish literacy—be a librarian.

- MEMBERSHIP/SYNAGOGUE COMMUNITY:** Concerned with outreach and the retention of existing members.
- PUBLICITY COMMITTEE:** Write press releases and articles to let the public know about the great things done at Sinai.
- RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:** This committee is involved with the policies, curriculum, and personnel of our Religious School. Parents, you might consider this one.
- RITUAL:** Interested in matters of the spirit or anything having to do with services and the holidays? The Ritual Committee touches all of this and more.
- SHALOM:** This committee welcomes new members into the congregation.
- SOCIAL ACTION:** Organizes efforts to make the world a better place. There are many opportunities to become involved.
- TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** Ensures that our computer systems and software are working well and serving the needs of the temple.
- YOUTH:** This committee oversees informal programming for youth from Grade 7 – 12. The Temple groups SPFTY and JOY are affiliated with NFTY and are very active in the New England Region.

If you have made any “Community” selection(s)—“Short and Sweet” or a Committee—please fill in your name and address below and drop off the entire form or mail it to Sinai. We will follow up with you. If you have not been contacted regarding your volunteer interest by November 15th, please contact any Board Member or email Dave Roberts at Droberts65@cox.net or call Dave at (860) 763 3902. **WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERS IS CONTACTED.** Thank you for your support.

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