

Learn More About Our Community's Committees and Organizations

Adult Education

This committee works with their Chair to develop and promotes educational programs of interest for the congregation. Examples of classes include the weekly Torah study, Conversational Hebrew, and the Bilingual Multifaith Exodus study with St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church.

Finance and Budget

The Finance and Budget committee works with the Treasurer to review the financial operations of the congregation and reports its findings to the Board of Directors periodically, and to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. It also prepares the proposed budget for the Board of Directors' approval for presentation to the Congregation.

House

The House committee works with the Executive Director to manage the upkeep and maintenance of the synagogue building and grounds, coordinate and supervise repairs, as well as capital improvements as ordered by the Board.

Long Range Planning

This committee works with the Long Range Planning Chair to develop strategic planning for the congregation such as looking at planned growth and the impacts of changes in the surrounding community.

Membership

The membership committee works with the Membership Chair in outreach efforts for welcoming new and prospective members. The Committee also works on understanding the keys for member retention as well as communicating with members to help facilitate formation of groups of members who share like interests.

Men's Club

Men's Club is a group of men of all ages and a variety of backgrounds who gather to learn, have fun, and support our synagogue and the Jewish community. We are a member of the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, whose mission is to involve Jewish men in Jewish life.

Religious School

The Religious School committee works with their Chair to support the school by helping to organize events, coordinate with room parents, and volunteer as needed. One does not need to have a child enrolled in the religious school to be part of the Committee.

Ritual

The Ritual committee oversees all religious services of the Congregation, including lifecycle events. While observing the Conservative tradition, we adapt to meet the needs of our congregation. We also provide guidance to the rabbi regarding the character and tone of the various services. Finally, the Ritual committee is responsible for training and appointing gabbaim and ushers. You don't need to be an expert or attend every service to help guide the services process!

RUJEC (Preschool)

The RUJEC committee works with their Chair to represent our littlest congregants. They work with the other Chairs and committees to integrate other congregational activities with RUJEC.

Security

The Security Committee works with their Chair to promote a safe and secure environment at the synagogue by establishing communal security best practices to be prepared for, and respond to, natural and man-made threats and reduce or eliminate crimes, accidents, and injuries.

Sisterhood

Our mission is to bring together women to serve our temple, support our community and enrich our lives through social events, educational and spiritual programs, and community service.

We are a diverse group who draw strength from each other in our commitment to our Jewish ideals. Whether you have a little time, or a lot, we know that your time will be well-spent and that you will strengthen your connections to your Jewish heritage, to your sisterhood of friends and to your family by giving your time and involvement with our Sha'are Shalom Sisterhood.

Social

This committee works with the Social Chair to coordinate and implement a year-round program of social activities and holiday events aimed at furthering fellowship and sociability among members of the Congregation.

Social Action

The Social Action committee works with their Chair to provide the members of CSS with opportunities to engage in Tikkun Olam (repairing the world) through social justice and mitzvot. The activities, events, and projects aim to put Jewish values into action through supporting our larger community, helping our members in need, and advocating for justice everywhere. Examples of past activities include food and clothing drives, annual participation in the worldwide Good Deeds Day, and supporting the monthly dinners for our local homeless shelter.

The Social Action committee and their Chair also support our Chesed committee, which focuses on Acts of Loving Kindness such as meals, transportation, calls, shiva support, and personal visits to congregants. Our goal is to acknowledge the joyful moments in our lives, comfort the bereaved in meaningful ways, and provide support amongst our congregation. Each situation is personal and unique; we operate under the guidance and confidentiality of Rabbi Tow.

Ways and Means

The Ways and Means committee lead the efforts for developing fundraising programs for our synagogue to support all the great programs we run. It explores the possibilities for generating income from various sources and upon approval from the Board of Directors, implements specific plans.