

# GET INVOLVED!

## GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Temple Beth El offers many opportunities for involvement.

**Sisterhood:** TBE Sisterhood's primary goal is to support and maintain our Temple Beth El Religious School so that Judaism may flourish in our community. The Judaica Shop is one of Sisterhood's many projects. *Contact Patricia McCloy Ross at (253) 310-4836 or [sisterhood@templebethel18.org](mailto:sisterhood@templebethel18.org).*

**Temple Teens** is a group of 6th-8th graders that creates and participates in monthly activities with parent support. *Contact Tovah Ahdut at (253) 564-7101 or [tahdut@templebethel18.org](mailto:tahdut@templebethel18.org).*

**North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY)** is open to youth in grades 9-12. *Contact current NFTY president, Colin Gorenstein, at [NFTY@templebethel18.org](mailto:NFTY@templebethel18.org).* There are local, regional and national events available to participants year-round. Please visit the website for more details about this wonderful organization for youth at [www.nfty.org](http://www.nfty.org)

**Shir Simcha** adult volunteer choir: If you love to sing, please join us! We practice once a week and participate in services once a month. *Contact Brad Smith at (253) 564-7101 or [bsmith@templebethel18.org](mailto:bsmith@templebethel18.org).*

**Temple Hikers** enjoy Jewish fellowship by hiking the trails of Western Washington. Outings are usually held monthly. *Contact David Wheeler at (253) 460-7110 or [templehikers@comcast.net](mailto:templehikers@comcast.net).*

**Dinners for Seven at Seven** is an informal way for three Temple couples and a single (or four couples) to get together, meet each other, and share wonderful dinners in the comfort of their own homes. Each party will share rotating duties with varied food responsibilities for the four dinners scheduled on Saturday evenings. *Contact Cheryl Michaels at (253) 566-6500 or [cgm138@comcast.net](mailto:cgm138@comcast.net).*

**Lunch & Learn** is our once-a-month adult Jewish text study and lunch group. It meets the second Thursday of the month at noon. The group selects texts to study and meets for lunch either at Temple or in a private room at a restaurant of their choice. *Contact the temple office at (253) 564-7101 or [info@templebethel18.org](mailto:info@templebethel18.org).*

**Adult Luncheons** are held on a Thursday once a month at noon and feature a great lunch and an interesting program. *Contact*

*Barbara or Herman Kleiner (253) 565-3939 or [barbherm@msn.com](mailto:barbherm@msn.com).*

**Friendly Poker Night** is a fun way to spend a Thursday evening once a month with other adult members of Temple. *Contact Mert Rosenberg at (253) 380-2505 or [mertski39@comcast.net](mailto:mertski39@comcast.net)*

**Mah Jongg Night** is the first Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. at Temple. This is a lively group of Temple and community women who have enjoy the game and good conversation. Lessons for beginners and newcomers to the game are held occasionally. *Contact Amy Stegman at (253) 565-8686 or [rastegman@comcast.net](mailto:rastegman@comcast.net).*

**Temple Stitchers** meet the third Thursday of the month at a member's house from 5-8 p.m. Anyone who does hand crafts and wants to visit with other like-minded people for a few hours is welcome. *Contact Amy Stegman at (253) 565-8686 or [rastegman@comcast.net](mailto:rastegman@comcast.net).*

**Jewish Film Festival** has a showing once a month at Temple on a Saturday evening. Genre is varied to appeal to a wide audience. Films are followed by discussion and snacks. These films are free and open to the Tacoma community. Check the Bulletin or the website for the current month's showing. *Contact Rona Cantor at (253) 564-7101 or [rcantor@templebethel18.org](mailto:rcantor@templebethel18.org).*

**Jewish Book Group** meets once a month to discuss that month's selection. The group selects the reading material as well as where and when to meet and the format for the meetings. *Contact Rona Cantor at (253) 564-7101 or [rcantor@templebethel18.org](mailto:rcantor@templebethel18.org).*

## TEMPLE COMMITTEES

Much of the work of Temple Beth El is accomplished through committees, most of which are led by members of the all-volunteer board of trustees. The current standing committees are listed below, along with the name and contact information for the committee chairs, and all welcome your involvement!

**Tikkun Olam (Social Action)** studies Judaism's historical position on social interest issues and coordinates social action programs, including the Jackson Street Food Bank, volunteer painting teams for Paint Tacoma Beautiful, periodic food drives for the hungry, and clothing and supply drives for the homeless. Committee members also assist individual Temple members by making hospital visits and condolence calls. *Contact Natalie Fingeroot at (253) 584-1535 or [tikkunolam@templebethel18.org](mailto:tikkunolam@templebethel18.org).*

**Religious Education:** The Religious Education Committee oversees religious school policies and coordinates all education programs with the religious education director. *Contact Ellie Sternquist at (253) 564-1095 or [reledchair@templebethel18.org](mailto:reledchair@templebethel18.org)*

**Ritual:** The Ritual Committee synchronizes ritual practices with the rabbi, the cantorial soloist, and the choir. *Contact Jeff Freedman at (253) 566-9086 or [ritual@templebethel18.org](mailto:ritual@templebethel18.org).*

**Membership:** The Membership Committee interviews and greets new members, hosts many new member events, coordinates greeters on Erev Shabbat, and reviews the materials provided to new members. *Contact Jodi Herchold at (253) 861-4222, Dan Rosner at (253) 861-4222 or [membership@templebethel18.org](mailto:membership@templebethel18.org).*

**Scrip:** The scrip program is a major part of Temple Beth El's fundraising activities. All major grocery stores, restaurants, retail stores and gas scrip is available on hand or by order. *Contact Lois Benedetti at (253) 531-8376 or [scrip@templebethel18.org](mailto:scrip@templebethel18.org).*

**Budget and Finance:** The Budget and Finance Committee proposes an annual budget for board approval, collects dues, and deals with other financial issues related to Temple. *Contact Joe Mayer at (253) 531-0977 or [budgetandfinance@templebethel18.org](mailto:budgetandfinance@templebethel18.org).*

**Personnel:** The Personnel Committee hires and supervises Temple staff, and oversees human resource policies and practices. *Contact Lin Spellman at (253) 851-6661 or [personnel@templebethel18.org](mailto:personnel@templebethel18.org).*

**Building and Grounds:** The Building and Grounds Committee maintains the temple building and grounds, arranging for any needed repairs, improvements, or maintenance. *Contact Chuck Burget at (253) 631-4348 or [building-grounds@templebethel18.org](mailto:building-grounds@templebethel18.org).*

**Nominating:** The Nominating Committee nominates Temple members to the board of trustees. *Contact Adria Farber at (253) 565-1131 or [adfarber@qwest.net](mailto:adfarber@qwest.net).*

**Legacy:** The Legacy Committee Coordinates a planned giving donation program at TBE. *Contact [Legacy@templebethel18.org](mailto:Legacy@templebethel18.org).*

**Adult Learning:** The Adult Learning Sub-committee plans and coordinates adult education programs, opportunities, and classes. *Contact Rabbi Kadden at (253) 564-7101 or [bkadden@templebethel18.org](mailto:bkadden@templebethel18.org).*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Temple Beth El relies on its volunteers to keep Temple running smoothly.

**Temple Office:** Volunteers help answer phones, mail out the newsletter, and perform a variety of other vital tasks. *Contact temple administrator Andrea Mauer at (253) 564-7101 or [amauer@templebethel18.org](mailto:amauer@templebethel18.org).*

**Religious School:** Volunteers are welcome to help teach classes on Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings, to help students who need extra assistance, and to work behind the scenes. *Contact Tovah Ahdut at (253) 564-7101 or [tahdut@templebethel18.org](mailto:tahdut@templebethel18.org).*

**Special Events:** Watch your monthly bulletin for special events and programs that need a little extra help. *Contact Rona Cantor at (253) 564-7101 or [rcantor@templebethel18.org](mailto:rcantor@templebethel18.org).*

## LOCAL JEWISH COMMUNITY GROUPS

**Tacoma Jewish Community Fund/UJA** raises funds for Jewish philanthropy, supporting Israel, Jewish organizations, and projects locally, regionally, and worldwide. *Contact Herman Kleiner at (253) 565-3939 or [barbherm@msn.com](mailto:barbherm@msn.com), Henry Haas (253) 752-8594 or [henkat@harboret.com](mailto:henkat@harboret.com), Michael Wax (253) 984-0633 or [mwandsw@hotmail.com](mailto:mwandsw@hotmail.com).*

**Hadassah** is part of the Women's Zionist Organization, supporting health and education programs in the United States, Israel, and the world, including Youth Aliyah and Hadassah Hospital. *Contact Karen Bloustine at (253) 565-4394 or [kbloustine@aol.com](mailto:kbloustine@aol.com).*

**National Council of Jewish Women** engages in national Jewish philanthropy supporting organizations, and projects locally, regionally, and worldwide. *Contact Herman Kleiner at (253) 565-3939 or [barbherm@msn.com](mailto:barbherm@msn.com).*

**Home of Peace Cemetery** is an autonomous membership organization which maintains Tacoma's Home of Peace Cemetery for all Jewish residents of our community. *Contact Herman Kleiner at (253) 565-3939, or [barbherm@msn.com](mailto:barbherm@msn.com) Fav Witenberg at (253) 759-0539 or [fewlfc@aol.com](mailto:fewlfc@aol.com), Bill Lehman (253) 581-1615 or [bglehman@juno.com](mailto:bglehman@juno.com).*

**Jewish National Fund (JNF):** The Jewish National Fund is the caretaker of the land of Israel on behalf of its owners—Jewish people everywhere. *Contact Josh Kay at (253) 759-5844 or [joshkay@harboret.com](mailto:joshkay@harboret.com).*

**Tacoma-Kiryat Motzkin Sister City Committee** plans several activities each year. Past activities have included a film and food festival and the sponsorship of a visiting group of Israeli dancers. Future activities may include a tour of Israel and a music festival. *Contact Jack Warnick at (253) 752-5841 or [j.warnick@comcast.net](mailto:j.warnick@comcast.net).*

**Parents and Me** brings children ages 0-2 and their parents together for fun, friendship, and networking. *Contact Rachel Fine at (253) 566-6604 or (253) 222-4425, or by e-mail at [rachyfine@yahoo.com](mailto:rachyfine@yahoo.com).*

**B'nai B'rith Youth Organization** is open to youth in grades 9-12. Local, regional and national events are held year-round. *Contact BBYO president, Chelsea Wood, can be reached at (253) 952-8766 or [chelc45@hotmail.com](mailto:chelc45@hotmail.com)*

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