

Come Join Us

ADULT ENGAGEMENT AT TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM



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We welcome your participation. Member engagement is what makes TBE such a vibrant community. It's how friendships are formed.

Please check a major category or any specific area of interest, return the form to Susan Karon (info below) and we will make a connection for you. Or, feel free to reach out directly to the contact person listed on this form.

Visit TBWellesley.org for additional information, and check out TBWellesley.org/Involvement to sign up for email communications about communities of interest to you.

Worship Experience • Marni Allen, marnideb@gmail.com

- Greeters – For Shabbat and other worship services
- Holiday and Festival Observance – Planning for community-wide holiday programs
- Shiva Minyan Leaders – Pray with members in mourning
- Shabbat and Holiday Services – Many options!

Spirituality & Wellness • Marni Allen, marnideb@gmail.com or Carolyn Kohlman, clkohlman@rcn.com

- Drum Circle
- Meditation and other spiritual exploration
- Yoga
- Divorce Support Group

Adult Learning • Danny Navisky, danielnavisky@gmail.com

- Adult B'nei Mitzvah
- Classes at TBE – Many options led by clergy, staff, and others on weekdays, evenings, and weekends
- Book Club – Monthly meetings, lay led
- Interfaith Family Initiative – Programs and spiritual opportunities to guide interfaith families
- TBEIle (TBE Lifelong Learning Experience) – Member led, multi-week daytime courses on various topics
- Retreats and Travel

Israel Programs • Seth Stier, seth@stierfamily.com

- AIPAC@TBE – Enlisting bipartisan Congressional support for Israel
- Branches to Haifa – Connecting TBE to Reform congregation *Ohel Avraham*
- Israeli American Outreach – Building relationships with our Boston-based Israeli-American community
- Israel Current Events Program (ICEP) – Monthly, Sunday-morning speaker and discussion series
- Israel Dialogue – Meaningful, guided, conversations on issues related to modern Israel
- Progressive Israel Committee – Programs to expand pluralism within Israeli society
- Travel to Israel – Various TBE groups

Repair the World • Julie Kreiss, jskreiss@gmail.com

- Community of Adult Social Action (CASA) – Connect with TBE members through hands-on social justice activities
- Climate Change Action – Advocacy for climate change
- Community Organizing/Greater Boston Interfaith Organization – Multi-faith organizations work for social justice
- Congregants to Prevent Gun Violence – Speakers and advocacy to prevent gun violence

- Food Drives and Collections – Collecting, sorting, and delivering much needed food and clothing

- Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters – Engage TBE members in befriending and mentoring children in need

- Literacy Program – Read with a child in grades K-4 at the Potter Road School in Framingham

- Mental Health Initiative – Supporting those in our community touched by mental health challenges

- Mitzvah Moments and Mitzvah Day – Planning integrated programs to help repair the world as a TBE community

- Racial Justice – Understand and address racism and racial injustice

- Ronald McDonald Meals – Drop off at TBE home-made Sunday or Holiday dishes, a few times a year

- Syrian Refugee Resettlement Team – Helping Syrian refugee families resettle in the Boston area

- TBE Green Team – Helping to make TBE a 'green' environment, such as with our solar panels

Care for our Community • Carolyn Kohlman, clkohlman@rcn.com

- Aging Together – Free social networking site for TBE members to share experiences and resources for eldercare

- Bereavement – Reaching out to congregants who have lost a family member, offering support and assistance

- Caring Connection (*Lev Echad, One Heart*) – Reaching out to TBE members who cannot come into the temple

- Comforting the Sick – Contacting members with serious illness, evaluating if further support is needed

- Creating Rituals – Developing practices to support us in life's transitions

- Hospice Singers – Bringing comfort through song to congregants with serious illness

- MealMakers – Prepare and deliver meals to families in need of this temporary support

- Soup for Your Soul – Cooking soup for those who could use a lift and a metaphorical TBE hug

- Special Programs – Planning presentations/workshops to address community needs

- TBE Caring Knitters – Creating healing shawls to give to TBE members going through a challenging time

- Welcoming New Grandparents – Sending a Mazel Tov to our congregants' good fortune!

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- Social & Cohort Communities** • Risa Shames, rshames@verizon.net
 - the Bridge – 20's and 30's – Gatherings for singles and couples without children, led by Cantor Shanna Zell
 - Chavurah* (Friendship) – Small groups of singles, couples, or families
 - Hospitality and Events – Plan Shabbat dinners, and other TBE celebrations
 - New and Nearly Empty-Nesters – Learning and social programs for members in this stage of life
 - New Member Welcome Committee – Reaching out to our newest members or being a TBE Buddy
 - Men's Club – Various programs and activities
 - Men's Softball – Multiple teams in a Spring league with 40 area synagogues
 - Sisterhood@TBE – Various programs and activities
 - Student Care Package Connection – Creating holiday packages for students away at college or boarding school
- Youth Jewish Living – Parent Engagement** • Cathy Bueker, catherinebueker@yahoo.com
 - Yaldeinu (Our Children) Parent Committee – Families with children ages 0-5; including welcoming new babies!
 - No'ar (Youth) Parent Committee – Grades K-7
 - Havayah (Experience) Parent Committee – TBE teen community, Grades 8-12
 - Day School Community at TBE – Connecting TBE families with children at Jewish Day Schools (K-12)

- Music** • Cantor Jodi Sufrin, jsufrin@tbewellesley.org
 - TBE Adult Volunteer Choir – Sings during High Holy Days and other services, open to all who like to sing

TBE Board of Trustees Volunteer Opportunities

Joining a committee led by a Board VP is a great way to contribute your skills and feel engaged at TBE. Check areas of interest and we will facilitate the connection. See our website for VP bios and more information.

- Administration – Security, Building Use, and more
- Adult Jewish Living – Learning Experiences, and more
- Caring Community – Caring for TBE members in times of joy, sorrow and transition
- Communications – Looking for people who like to write, edit or design
- Development – Including planning TBE's *An Evening to Remember* fundraiser celebration
- Finance – Supporting our internal teams for TBE's financial health
- Governance – Supporting our leadership structures and processes
- Connecting to the State of Israel (*K'lal Yisrael*) – Many opportunities for learning and action
- Member Engagement – Creating a welcoming and participatory community
- Worship Experience (*T'filah*) – Supporting our clergy, bringing meaningful prayer to our community
- Repair the World (*Tikkun Olam*) – Opportunities for direct service, partnerships, organizing, and more
- Youth Jewish Living – Programs and Parent Support for our children, babies to teens

Are there other ways you would like to take part in TBE life? Please let us know!

Your information, please:

NAME

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PHONE • PLEASE INDICATE: MOBILE OR HOME

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