

Windows of Opportunity

Quarterly Edition: Winter 2010

Upcoming Opportunities

Shabba Together

Join other families as we celebrate Shabbat with a family friendly service followed by Shabbat dinner and activities. Volunteer opportunities include staffing activity tables and serving dinner.

Time Commitment: 30 minutes to 1 hour shifts on the following dates: Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 26, Apr 23, & May 21

Contact: Diana Coben Einstein at deinstein@tedallas.org or 214-706-0000 x.126

Purim Celebration

On February 28th, 2010, the congregation will be celebrating Purim. Join us as our Temple families come together to hear the shpiel, and enjoy our Purim celebration dinner and activities for kids of all ages. Volunteers will definitely be needed for lots of different components of the events: publicity, food service, decorations, registration tables, and managing activity stations throughout Temple.

Contact: Diana Coben Einstein at 214-706-0000 x126 or deinstein@tedallas.org

Passover Celebration

On March 30th, 2010, the congregation will be celebrating Passover as our Temple families come together to participate in a 2nd night Seder, led by Rabbi David Stern. This wonderful evening will undoubtedly be a special and memorable one where congregants of all ages will participate in the reading of the Haggadah, delight in traditional Pesach foods, and take part in various activities at Temple. Volunteers are needed to help with various aspects of the Seder celebration including, publicity, decorations, registration tables, food distribution to the tables and helping to supervise children's activities.

Contact: Diana Coben Einstein at 214-706-0000 x126 or deinstein@tedallas.org

NEW!! TE Connect-A-Thon: Calling All Congregants

We are embarking on a wonderful initiative and we need your help! On Sunday, April 18th we will be making calls from the Temple to every member to say hello and to connect. We need at least 100 callers to accomplish our goal.

Time Commitment: 2 hour shift on 4/18

Contact: Beverly Blumenthal, bevbrand@sbcglobal.net or 214.361.5631 or Edward Stone, edward@stonetexas.com or 972.661.1840

Preschool & Religious School

Pre-School Library Aide

One fish, two fish, gefillte fish.... Assist librarian and read to the children.

Hours: 1-2 hours/week

Contact: Shelley Sender ssender@tedallas.org or 214-706-0000 ext.141

Pre-School Office Help

Assist in the office with general administrative duties – telephone answering, filing and computer input.

Hours: Weekdays. Hours flexible between 9am-4pm

Contact: Shelley Sender ssender@tedallas.org or 214-706-0000 ext.141

Sunday Noshery Chaperones

The seventh and eighth grade students meet each Sunday for a nosh and socializing with their friends. We are looking for volunteers to chaperone while the students are hanging out to ensure their safety and the cleanliness of the Weiss Youth Wing as they leave. The Youth and Religious School Parent Association is currently looking for volunteers for January through May.

Time Commitment: This is a one time commitment on Sunday morning from 10:15 until 11:15.

Contact: Cindy Hirsch at (214) 351-3739 or cindy.hirsch@yahoo.com

Religious School Carpool

Plan and direct Sunday Religious School carpool

Hours: Sunday mornings

Contact: Frank Rosenbloom, frank@classicce.com

**Additional volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. Contact each school's parent association for more information.*

Monthly Opportunities

Temple Emanu-El Careline

Where do Temple members turn in an after hours crisis? To you, if you are a careline phone volunteer! Do a mitzvah by screening situations and referring calls to Clergy. The Temple phone line is routed to your phone after business hours and the caller will not know your name or phone number. You can choose which day you prefer! This is an easy volunteer project that won't disrupt your routine.

Time commitment: generally once a month, Mondays-Thursdays from 5:00pm to 9:00am the next morning.

Contact: Madelyn Rosenbaum at 214.692.7944 or Peggy Papert at 214.706.0000 x151, ppapert@tedallas.org

Challah Angels

Do you want to make a difference at Temple in a very pleasing way? Join Challah Angels as an occasional baker to provide fresh challah for the bimah on Friday nights in the Olan Sanctuary or for blessing after the Saturday service in Lefkowitz Chapel. Bakers provide challah as scheduled. Scheduling for January through April 2010 will begin as early as December. If you would like to learn how to bake challah to become a member of the group, call Jo-Sandra. She can easily be talked into lessons.

Contact: Jo-Sandra Greenberg, 972-495-1630.

First Sundays at The Bridge

In memory of Rabbi Gerald Klein

Join members of the Temple Emanu-El Team at "The Bridge" - Dallas' new homeless center on the first Sunday of each month when the team serves approximately 800 dinners to homeless men and women. Jobs range from serving food, preparing trays, taking trays to tables, and serving water.

Time Commitment: First Sunday of each month from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Contact: Nancy Lubar, 214.363.0074 or nlubar@sbcglobal.net

Jill Stone Elementary Fun Saturdays

Play with the kids while their parents attend classes.

Appropriate for school-aged children with their parents and teens!

Time commitment: 1:30-4:00 p.m. on any of these dates: 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, 4/17, 5/15

Contact: Karen Naseck, 214-234-7548, ksn90@aol.com

Jill Stone Elementary Parent Workshops and Tutoring

Help plan classes for these neighborhood parents while our Temple members play with their children. Each month, while we entertain children during our Fun Saturdays, we help the school by planning the parent workshops. Bring ideas, plan the calendar, help with Saturday dates, translate, coordinate speakers – all help is welcome.

Time commitment: 1:30-4:00 p.m. on any of these dates: 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, 4/17, 5/15

Contact: Alyson Ray, 214.373.3729, alysonrx@aol.com

Judaic Treasures Gift Shop

Volunteers are needed at the Judaic Treasures Gift Shop. The shop provides the bulk of the money that WRJ uses to fund projects for Temple. We need sales people, website expertise, display people, advertising, and a 'merchandise bar coding committee' for improving the shop.

Time Commitment: minimum of 3 hours per week for the sales positions during gift shop hours

Contact: Kay Schachter 469-230-5195
www.judaictreasures.com

Knitters needed

Celebrating the birth of a new baby is a joyous occasion. Caring Congregation volunteers knit adorable baby booties which are sent to our new parents. More knitters are needed to knit these sweet gifts of love. If you would like to contribute a few pairs of booties to the cause, please contact Peggy Papert at 214.706.0000 or ppapert@tedallas.org.

Meals on Wheels for VNA

Continue the connection between Temple Emanu-El and the Visiting Nurses Association (started by Sadie Lefkowitz, the wife of Temple Emanu-El Rabbi David Lefkowitz in the 1930's). Deliver meals to homebound seniors and those with disabilities. Pick up meals at one of four locations: Northway Christian Church on Northwest Highway, Spring Valley UMC at Spring Valley and Coit Road, White Rock UMC near Dallas Arboretum, and in Bachman Lake area near NW Highway and Webb Chapel.

Time Commitment: One hour once a month (multiple days appreciated). Deliveries are Mon- Fri and must be picked up and delivered between 9:30am-1pm

Contact: Lotty Brodsky, lottyeb@sbcglobal.net, 214-739-6167

Mitzvah Cooking Program

A group of 10-12 volunteers, through Brotherhood, prepare 3,000 meals each month for various community programs, Tobian Kitchen is the place to be at 6 am for a very tasty mitzvah as 10-12 volunteers, through Brotherhood, prepare about 3,000 meals for the residents of Jonathan's Place, Chai House and Bryan's Place. If we did not cook these meals, the

homes would have to raise funds to buy food and hire people to cook it. This allows them to focus their resources on helping people in need.

Time commitment: 6am-8:30am, usually the first Sunday of each month

Contact: Stephen Shore shore@tebrotherhood.org

Need a local Bubbe or Zady?

Caring Companions is a project of Caring Congregation that matches congregants with our elderly members who are either in nursing facilities or homebound. Compassion, patience and listening skills required. Good for Bar and Bat Mitzvah students and their families.

Contact: Peggy Zilbermann pzilbermann@gmail.com

Reading is Fundamental

RIF, Reading is Fundamental, is co-sponsored at the Jill Stone Elementary School by Temple Emanu-El. We assist the school librarian three times a year with the book distributions that allow each student to pick a book free of charge at each distribution.

Contact: Syl Benenson 972-620-2212 or sylben@sbcglobal.net

Senior Center Havdalah

Help lead a Havdalah service at a nursing facility. CD and service are provided. No experience is necessary. Perfect for families with all ages including Bar and Bat Mitzvah students. Time Commitment: Once or twice/month or every other month
Contact: Audrey Falk, audreyfalk@sbcglobal.net, or Ellen Lasser, ellen.lasser@gmail.com

Shabbat GreeTEr

Join other Temple members in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our current, new, and potential members as we transition from busy weeks to connecting with worship on Shabbat.

Time Commitment: Before Friday night services (5:45pm-6:25pm) or before Saturday Morning Services (10am-10:40am)

Contact for Friday Night Greeters: Carla Strauss, straussf@swbell.net or 214-750-7445

Contact for Saturday Morning Greeters: Sarah Yarrin, sarahyarrin@sbcglobal.net or 214-361-0486

Vickery Meadows Food Pantry/Distribution

Temple Emanu-El has partnered with Vickery Meadow Neighborhood Alliance (VMNA). In this new effort, our food pantry will have one location in Vickery Meadow. We are committing to staff the VMNA Food Pantry. If you are physically active and have a few hours a month to volunteer, this might be the project for you.

Time commitment: 2-3 hours once a month

Contact: Rose Watel 214-363-0484 or romarfa@sbcglobal.net

NEW!! Temple VolunTEer CHEERS!

We have a new opportunity for members who enjoy working with others on small projects. If you are interested in committing on a regular basis for a couple hours on a weekday morning or afternoon this volunteer opportunity is for you! The tasks may include sticking labels in prayer books, stuffing envelopes, library help, collating, making new member bags, making calls for event RSVPs, or other similar tasks. We will train you!

Contact: Linda Kahalnik at 214.706.0000 or lkahalnik@tedallas.org.