

Beth El Synagogue

Volunteer Interest Form

There are many ways to get involved at Beth El - everything from baking for the High Holidays to planning a program, to serving on one of our boards. Please take your time to look over the list below, fill out this form, and send it to the Beth El office. Thank you.

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Best phone # (s) to contact: _____

E-mail address(es): _____

Special skills & talents you would like to share: _____

There are so many ways to get involved at Beth El! Check out this list of committees and let us know where you'd like to join in!

Chevra Kadisha Beth El's Chevra Kadisha is charged with the responsibility of ensuring a 'proper' Jewish burial for our members as well as helping to train members of other local synagogues so that their congregations are also able to provide appropriate rituals for their members.

_____ **Community of Caring** No meetings to attend; only wonderful mitzvot to perform: occasionally providing a meal for the bereaved, ill or new parents in our community; bring community members to Beth El for services; help out those in need in a variety of ways.

_____ **Development** The Development Committee raises funds for the short and long term financial strength of the synagogue, through the Annual Fund, special appeals, and the Legacy campaign.

_____ **Greeting and Welcoming** This group is committed to creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere during Shabbat services, holidays and other important events throughout the year. Serve as an ambassador of Beth El.

_____ **House & Grounds** The House Committee oversees the maintenance of the Beth El buildings, landscaping, and upkeep of the Durham Hebrew Cemetery.

Kol Koloteinu An alliance of Beth El members with the goal of including representation from all sexual orientations and gender identifications to promote equality, support, and full welcome inclusion in our synagogue community. Programming can be collaborated with established committees: Social Action, Synagogue Life, Lifelong Learning, Membership, etc.

Lifelong Learning The Lifelong Learning Committee is made up of Beth El members committed to bringing a variety of Jewish learning classes and programs to the Beth El and greater Triangle Jewish communities.

Membership The Membership Committee actively seeks and supports new members. This includes providing prospective members with information, facilitating their participation in events and welcoming them as they join the Beth El community. In addition, the Membership Committee promotes a sense of community among Beth El members.

_____ **Men of Beth El (MoB)** The MoB provides synagogue men the opportunity to have fun, perform community service, and enrich the social and spiritual life at Beth El.

_____ **Ritual** The Ritual Committee, together with the Rabbi, determines policies regarding religious services and other ritual concerns. These include issues relating to liturgy, Gabbaim, service leadership, Torah reading, B'nai Mitzvah, and rules for Kashrut in the synagogue and in the religious school. Committee members also provide supervision to the gabbaim, service leaders and Torah readers.

_____ **Ritual Participation** Beth El's services have a strong lay led history. Please let us know if you would like to join this cadre of service leaders, Torah readers, Gabbaim and other roles.

_____ **Sisterhood** The Beth El Sisterhood connects you to a group of interesting, energetic women who care about creating community at Beth El Synagogue through events, philanthropy, synagogue enhancement projects and learning.

_____ **Social Action** The Social Action Committee provides a wide breadth of activities to allow participation in projects and programs that will positively affect the lives of others, and will at the same time build and expand the community that is Beth El.

_____ **Synagogue Life** The Synagogue Life Committee provides special services and programming to the Beth El community. including the Beth El Member Photo Directory, organizing Chavurot, and coordinating holiday meals, the High Holiday Community Card, the Sukkot Open House tour, and the Torat Kehillateinu/Torah of the Elders.

_____ **Va'ad HaChinuch** The Va'ad HaChinuch, also known as the Board of Education, supervises and makes policy decisions for the Talmud Torah and for Family and Youth Programming.

_____ **Young Adult Programming** The Young Adult Programming group is responsible for planning programs for our young adult cohort. Recent events have included Shabbat dinners and a Tu B'Shvat seder at the West End Wine Bar.

Other areas of interest:

Please mail this form back to Beth El along with the rest of your membership packet. Beth El would not be the wonderful institution that it is without your help!