

Am Shalom Congregation Article Number 2: Standing Committees' Make-up and Duties

Article 2 - Committees

Our congregation is built on a solid foundation of volunteers who give of themselves, in time and in effort. We invite all members to become involved as a volunteer. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, help others and contribute to the strength of Am Shalom's community.

Volunteer leaders guide many of Am Shalom's activities, as chairs and members of numerous committees and as participants and contributors to special projects, task forces and event planning. Volunteers lead activities and efforts in everything from education to religious practices, from social action to social celebrations, from welcoming new members to supporting members in times of illness and sorrow.

The following standing committees shall be appointed by the board as described

- A. *Ritual.*** The Ritual Committee, in cooperation with the rabbi, shall consider and establish observances for the synagogue and promote practices in the home that will enhance the values of Jewish living. It will be involved in High Holiday preparation and fulfil other duties as designated by the board.
- B. *Religious Education.*** The Religious Education Committee shall develop the education programs for children and adults in cooperation with the rabbi and teachers. The committee shall aid in the supervision and operation of the school and fulfil other duties as designated by the board.
- C. *Membership.*** The Membership Committee shall recruit new members for the congregation and develop programs for their orientation, integration and retention. It shall promote the congregation, foster positive public relations and fulfil other duties as designated by the board.
- D. *Building/Physical Plant.*** The Building/Physical Plant Committee shall keep the property of the congregation in good order and repair. The chair of the Building/Physical Plant committee will work closely with and communicate with the Board and Administrator. The Committee will fulfil other duties as designated by the board.
- E. *Security.*** The Security Committee shall ensure the safety of the members and property by the installation of appropriate security measures, both equipment and

procedures. The chair of the Security Committee will communicate regularly with the board and fulfil other duties as designated by the board.

- F. *Youth.* The Youth Committee shall promote the interests of the congregation's younger members, promote social and community events for them and foster their understanding and interest in community, national and international Jewish issues and culture. The committee will work closely with the rabbi and fulfil other duties as designated by the board.
- G. *Social.* The Social Committee shall be responsible for providing events of entertainment and interest for the adult members of the congregation and promoting Jewish culture. The committee will work closely with the Fundraising Committee and fulfil other duties as designated by the board.
- H. *Fundraising.* The Fundraising Committee shall be responsible for raising the funds necessary to achieve the goals of the congregation. The committee will work closely with the Social Committee and fulfil other duties as designated by the board.
- I. *Chesed.* The Chesed Committee shall support Am Shalom congregants by coordinating and maintaining a community of "friends" to help celebrate support and comfort those in need within our congregation. Through education the committee will enhance and nurture the spirit of community. The Committee will work closely with the rabbi and fulfil other duties as designated by the Board.
- J. *Volunteer.* The Volunteer Committee shall support Am Shalom's mission and goals by providing guidance, oversight, and support to the volunteering members and leadership. The committee will work closely with the Board and Administrator. The committee will also fulfil other duties as designated by the Board.