

## Help Temple Emunah Members Find Jobs

Support other synagogue members in today's challenging economy. If you are a member of LinkedIn, join our Temple Emunah Network at <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2063795> to help our unemployed members widen their professional networks. (LinkedIn is a business-oriented social networking site mainly used for professional networking.) Or, join us in identifying other opportunities to help synagogue members who are looking for new employment.

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## Emunah's Second Harvest

Every week our sanctuary is blessed on Shabbat with beautiful flowers, and food is often leftover from the Shabbat kiddush and other functions. By occasionally delivering flowers and leftover food to Sandra's Lodge (in Waltham, only 10 minutes from the synagogue), our bounty continues to benefit others. This can be done on a Sunday - a great mitzvah for a parent to do with a child, or while your children are at Religious School.

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## Family Table

Family Table is the Jewish community's response to our fellow Jews in need. Monthly, congregations throughout Greater Boston bring kosher food to Jewish Family & Children's Services in Waltham where it is sorted and distributed to over 400 individuals in 40 communities. Temple Emunah maintains a collection box in the main lobby. Volunteers are needed to take responsibility for emptying the box, storing the food at home, then delivering it to JF&CS on the designated Sunday morning. Drivers are needed to deliver groceries to one or two families on one Sunday each year. Workers are needed at JF&CS to sort and shelve items on the Sunday mornings when the food arrives. This is a great opportunity for families to work together knowing that they are truly performing a mitzvah.

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## Lend a Hand at Temple Emunah

Many hands make light work. We need volunteers for a variety of synagogue projects such as beautifying our landscape, helping in the kitchen, welcoming new members, helping in the office, and helping with building upkeep and minor repairs. We have opportunities for virtually any interest or skills. Let us know how you would like to help, and we'll help connect you to the project, time and place that's right for you.

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## Israel Action Committee

Get involved with Israel. Our mission is to increase members' awareness of and engagement with Israel. We organize celebrations, cultural and educational events, encourage travel to Israel, and work with Temple Emunah constituencies to strengthen our ties with Israel. We look forward to your ideas and help.

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## In a Pinch

The "In a Pinch" category enables us to call upon you for one-time opportunities, and when the greatest or unexpected needs arise. May we call on you when an ongoing project needs another volunteer or two? The opportunities for service and action through "In a Pinch" are time limited and you will only be called upon where there is a need.

## The Social Action Committee

The Social Action Committee encourages, facilitates, and provides seed money for members of Temple Emunah to work together and with others for Tikkun Olam, the repair and completion of the world.

Many of our ongoing projects are listed in this pamphlet. Other projects include sponsoring a Havdalah Happening for adults with special needs, blood drives, book collection, volunteering through Project Ezra on December 25, activities at a local homeless shelter, and action in response to the situation in Darfur.

Our projects engage our community in social justice initiatives and acts of lovingkindness. Please turn down the committee tab if you'd like to participate on the committee or have ideas for new projects.



# TIKKUN

## MITZVAH PLEDGE PROGRAM



***We can make a difference***

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**"You shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand against your needy."**

*Deuteronomy 15:7*

The TIKKUN Mitzvah Pledge program provides opportunities for you to join other Temple Emunah members as we, together with our community, contribute to Tikkun Olam, the repair and completion of the world. Through the Mitzvah Pledge, we help connect our members with opportunities to address Social Justice concerns and to help individuals in need.

Unlike other pledge programs, the TIKKUN Mitzvah pledge does not request a financial contribution. Rather, at this time of reflection and renewal, the TIKKUN Mitzvah pledge asks you to consider a contribution of your time. All of these mitzvah opportunities enable us to experience for ourselves and to teach our children the valuable lesson that the generous heart is enriched and those who satisfy others are satisfied themselves.

This pamphlet lists specific ways you may volunteer during the course of the year. You are free to choose to what extent you feel you can participate, but we encourage each member to make a commitment to at least one of these mitzvah opportunities. After reading this pamphlet, please turn down the tab(s) on the enclosed Mitzvah Pledge card corresponding to the area (s) in which you would like to volunteer. There are separate tabs for each adult member of your household. Attach your name label to the card, and either give it to the ushers or drop it in the Mitzvah Pledge box at the synagogue. You will be contacted by the coordinator responsible for the project. If you are reading this pamphlet after the High Holidays, or if you would like more information, please feel free to contact the coordinator of any of the programs.

On behalf of the Social Action Committee of Temple Emunah, thank you for your generosity of spirit.

**Rabbi David Lerner**  
**Rabbi Marci Jacobs**  
**Lois Bruss, President**  
**Barbara Posnick, Social Action Chair**

**"Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy."**

*Proverbs 31:9*

## Ofanim Partnership

Ofanim is an Israeli organization which retrofits used buses and turns them into state-of-the-art mobile classrooms and labs. Through its mobile classrooms, Ofanim brings supplemental science and technology education to children in remote areas where educational opportunities are limited, including small villages and moshavim. In this exciting new venture, Temple Emunah volunteers, based locally, will partner with Ofanim to design and install a new mobile classroom. We will also have support and assistance from CJP for this project. Please contribute your skills and energy to this new joint venture of the Israel Action and Social Action Committees.

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## Hineni (Here I am)

A kind word, a friendly visit, a ride to the doctor or hospital, a family meal or grocery shopping can mean a world of difference to a congregant who is ill or lonely. A home-cooked meal can provide a welcome break to a family with a newborn baby. The Hineni program, through a generous group of volunteers, makes life easier for those in need. As our community grows, so does our need for more assistance with this program. If you know of someone who could benefit from Hineni, please call Rabbi Lerner. Please consider volunteering to help other Temple Emunah members experiencing these needs.

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## Hekhsher Tzedek Working Group

"The mission of the Hekhsher Tzedek Commission is to bring the Jewish commitment to ethics and social justice directly into the marketplace...and the home. The Commission's seal of approval, the Magen Tzedek, will help assure consumers that kosher food products were produced in keeping with the highest possible Jewish ethical values and ideals for social justice in the area of labor concerns, animal welfare, environmental impact, consumer issues and corporate integrity." Join the Temple Emunah Hekhsher Tzedek Working Group as we identify ways to bring these principles more fully into our practices at Temple Emunah and in our homes. To learn more about Hekhsher Tzedek, please visit <http://magentzedek.org>.

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**"Let all who are hungry come and eat."**

*Haggadah*

## Help a Child Advance in School

Do you enjoy working with school age kids? Would you like to help urban youth who need academic assistance? Temple Emunah has been tutoring youngsters in several locations since 1997. This year, as in the past four, we are helping at the Sullivan Middle School (grades 5 to 8) in Lowell. We volunteer on Monday afternoons from 1:10 to 3:10, and we each work with one student during the school day and a second after school. We help in math and English. Our pay is the satisfaction of seeing a student succeed.

We could always use more regular tutors, and we currently also have a need for substitutes. You must be available at least twice a month to participate as a regular tutor; substitutes are only asked as needed. Teaching experience is not necessary.

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## Temple Emunah Hesed Week

The Temple Emunah community will be spending February school vacation week in 2010 engaged in acts of hesed (lovingkindness) and related Jewish study, locally and around the world. A delegation will be travelling to El Salvador, for a week of hands-on Social Justice work. It's not too late to join! Locally, we will be engaged in a variety of local mitzvah projects. And, this year, a delegation of teens will participate in a Habitat for Humanity project. Please join one of the delegations or help us plan and build this exciting and meaningful week.

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## Helping the Bereaved

All of us will have a need in this area at various times in our lives. We know very well what the need is and how much a little help and caring can mean. Our Bereavement Committee is in need of volunteers to house sit, set a meal, lead home minyan services and serve as monthly chairpersons.

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