Emanu-El in the Neighborhood
Related Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for ways to get involved in your own neighborhood but only have limited time available? Below, we have provided you with a list of volunteer opportunities designed to work with your schedule. Want to participate in one of these opportunities? Let your Neighborhood Liaison know or contact Jennifer Goldstein, Community Engagement Professional at jgoldstein@emanuelsf.org.

BECOME A NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON:
Neighborhood Liaisons are the cornerstones of our Emanu-El in the Neighborhood program, and are trained to communicate with members in their zip codes, connecting congregants to one another and to the synagogue. Communication will be through a combination of email, snail mail, and phone calls.

Specific responsibilities are:
- Contacting congregants to cook and deliver meals for those in need by using www.mealtrain.com
- Contacting congregants to attend a neighbor’s shiva
- Contacting congregants to host and celebrate Jewish holidays and Shabbat
- Emailing monthly neighborhood newsletter
- Emailing personal welcome letter to new members

PARTICIPATE IN A NEIGHBOR’S MEALTRAIN:
The idea that “acts of compassion” are a mitzvah, a responsibility of being God’s people in the world, is still a part of Judaism. To us, a meal train is the act of organizing meal giving around significant life events as an illustration of our compassion. What does this mean?

When a congregant is in need, our hope is that everyone will say, “What can I do?” And when many congregants give a meal, this is a meal train. An organized meal train gives neighborhood congregants a way to show they care about an Emanu-El member in need. If you are willing to deliver a meal to a neighbor who is dealing with loss, birth, surgery, illness or surgery, please let your NLS know today.

SEND A WELCOME EMAIL, MAKE A PHONE CALL OR HAVE AN IN-PERSON COFFEE DATE WITH A NEW CONGREGANT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD:
Each new congregant receives at a minimum a welcome email from their neighborhood liaison or a congregant in their neighborhood. Additionally, congregants are encouraged to invite new congregants to coffee or a Shabbat dinner in your home.

WRITE A CONDOLENCE CARD:
Hand write a condolence card to a fellow congregant upon notification of a death in the family. 1-2 times each month.

WRITE A BIRTHDAY CARD:
Hand write a birthday card to a fellow congregant upon notification of a birthday for those 85 & older. 1-2 times each month.

HOST A NEIGHBORHOOD POTLUCK EVENT:
- Break Fast
- Havdalah
- Chanukah
- Shabbat
- Passover seder

HOST A "FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN" EVENT:
Meet other Emanu-El families experiencing the joys and challenges of raising small children. The Temple will provide an event host with a congregant list once you have selected a date and activity.

JOIN OUR CHILDCARE REGISTRY:
Whether you are a teen, parent or grandparent, our congregants are looking for childcare help and we wish to connect them with you! If you are dependable, responsible, have a special interest in young children, and are safety conscious we would like to add you to our registry. We will try to make introductions, whenever possible, between available babysitters and parents in need by neighborhood. So please add your name to our Temple-wide registry by contacting Kathryn Tullis at ktullis@emanuelsf.org.