

TIKKUN OLAM

at Temple Shalom

Tikkun Olam – often translated to mean “repair of the world” – is a focal point for Temple Shalom members. We work on social justice, community service, and charitable giving. Some issues, such as immigration and refugee concerns, involve ongoing advocacy, direct support, and other actions. Temple Shalom worked tirelessly towards the passage of the Maryland Marriage Equality Act and Dream Act. Other focuses, such as environmental awareness, criminal justice reform, or gun control, will emerge as members wish to take action around them.

- ❖ Join the Temple Shalom Tikkun Olam Committee or a smaller Task Force focused on specific activities. Some of the Task Forces include:
 - Direct Assistance Team: Support refugee and immigration organizations
 - Advocacy and Legislative Task Force: Coordinate advocacy work, such as writing position papers, phone banks, and email campaigns
 - Sanctuary Movement: Work on efforts that support sanctuary for immigrants

- ❖ Keep up to date on ongoing efforts through the Tikkun Olam email distribution list.

- ❖ Get immediate action updates such as rallies and protests with text message alerts.

- ❖ Ask about efforts for Tzedakah (charity) to help people in need. For example, Temple members make food for *So Others Might Eat*, volunteer time at *A Wider Circle*, and tutor refugees in English.

- ❖ Join the Youth Social Action Team! Children and teens may:
 - Go on trips to Washington, DC, to learn to talk to legislators about social justice
 - Organize activities and events to increase awareness of social justice concerns
 - Help out with charitable work, such as cooking for *So Others Might Eat*

To get involved and for more information, visit Social Action at www.templeshalom.net, follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/warmthdeptbreadth), or contact Temple Shalom by emailing tikkunolam@templeshalom.net or calling 301-587-2273.



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