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Sherry Doggett

Sherry and husband David have been members of Temple Shalom for over two years. They usually attend the Thursday noon study class, Saturday morning services and Torah study. Once they joined, Sherry was very excited about the multiple volunteer opportunities available to members. She first signed up to learn more about the then newly created program Sukkat Shalom – A Safe Place for Conversations About Israel. The program was recruiting volunteers to serve as facilitators. Given that she had facilitator training in her healthcare career, Sherry jumped at the chance to volunteer. She later volunteered to coordinate the Sukkat Shalom group activities. Sherry and David continue to grow the program and are now looking at next steps. Later, she and David were asked to join the Renaissance Steering Committee. She then volunteered to serve as a member of the Temple Futures Committee, and most recently served on the Interim Rabbi Search Committee. Sherry also enjoys volunteering at the Temple office, assisting wherever needed. Now retired, it is a great joy to Sherry to serve. More importantly, she and David have made so many new friends and are grateful for their Temple Shalom “family.”



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Karen Green

My husband, Bob, and I joined Temple Shalom 11 years ago. Our son Will celebrated his bar mitzvah in 2009. Afterwards I enjoyed assisting other families by serving as a b'nai mitzvah coordinator for six years.

When Rabbi Feshbach called on us to support Syrian refugees, he reached out to me, knowing of my passion for the issue. Through my involvement with HIAS, CEO Mark Hetfield addressed the congregation and the Temple committing to “welcome the stranger,” as the Torah instructs (37 times!). Working closely with Lutheran Social Services, the Temple sponsored a Syrian family of six. Our congregation responded with compassion, donations, funds and untold volunteer hours.

I have found my spiritual home at Temple Shalom with these wonderful people and in this meaningful work. In the refugee family, I have found friends for life. I am pleased (and surprised) to be honored for activities which have brought so much to me. Thank you.



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Betsy Kingery

Betsy's family joined Temple Shalom in 1987. All four of their children participated in the Religious School through confirmation and post confirmation. Betsy started out volunteering as a room parent and helping on the Purim Carnival. From there she taught (with Julie Knoll) Religious Ed in kindergarten and first grade. She chaired the Purim Carnival for many, joined and eventually co-chaired the Religious Education Committee. Betsy has served on the Tikkun Olam, Rabbinic Search and By Laws committees and chaired Membership, Mitzvah Corps and co-chaired the Shalom L'Olam Capital and Endowment Campaign with Steve Eisen, as well as chaired several other major fund raisers.

One of Betsy's treasured activities was as a *madricha*, a guide for B'nai Mitzvah students. Currently she is active in the Refugee Response Team, choir and unofficially as a Temple grounds gardener.

Betsy served on the Board and Executive committees and served as President from 2008 – 2010. From the outset, she has been an active member, believing that contributing time, energy and financially to the Temple was a way to participate in social justice, study, ritual, and prayer and to support a treasured community.



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Vivian Kramer

Vivian's family joined Temple Shalom 35 years ago. Her girls went through the Religious Education program including B'not Mitzvah, Confirmation and Post-Con, and Vivian and her girls enjoyed a temple trip to Israel with Rabbi Kahn about 20 years ago. Vivian recently converted to Judaism with Rabbi Feshbach and Rabbi Ackerman leading her through the process.

Judy Silverman and Vivian have shared the Librarian's job since 1988, with Vivian volunteering until around 2001, when she became a member of the staff. She has loved welcoming classes, our teachers and adult readers into the library for many Sunday mornings & evenings and Wednesday afternoons. Being a keeper of the books for the People of the Book has been a wonderful, fulfilling learning process, and Judy and Vivian are very happy to have contributed to building the collection of over 6,000 books that constitute our temple library. Come in & check out a book!



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Heidi Lovett

A native of Sharon, Massachusetts, Heidi joined Temple Shalom in 2013 along with her husband, Randall Luttenberg, and their sons, Isaac and David. A conversation Heidi had with Rabbi Feshbach about Israel's 2014 Gaza conflict was the germ that helped create the Sukkat Shalom initiative – a safe place for all types of conversations about Israel – at Temple Shalom. Heidi worked with a team of Temple members to develop the program and she is one of the volunteer facilitators. Together they are exploring ways for the program to expand and evolve. Heidi also began volunteering with the Refugee Response Team in 2016 to help a Syrian family of six settle in Maryland. She assisted the family with managing their family budget, and after sampling the wonderful pastries that the family's mother served to Response Team members, Heidi helped her navigate Maryland's Cottage Industry laws so that she could sell her traditional ma'mool cookies and other delicious treats. These have been enjoyed at many Temple events, outreach programs, and private affairs (one taste and you'll know why - ask Heidi for details). Heidi has become an active member of the Temple Shalom Sisterhood and has been appointed Social Chair. She served on the 2015-2016 Interim Rabbi Search Committee and is currently serving on the Settled Rabbi Search Committee.



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Sara Nathan

Sara is proud to be part of a Jewish congregation working with a Christian social service agency to welcome a Muslim family to this country. After Rabbi Feshbach's 2015 Yom Kippur appeal to assist refugees, she became actively involved with Temple Shalom's Refugee Response Team. In partnership with Lutheran Social Services, the team helped a Syrian family of six settle in Maryland by furnishing their apartment, stocking the kitchen, and introducing them to their new community. The Refugee Response Team also worked with HIAS to encourage other Maryland synagogues to sponsor refugees. The Syrian family's story and the children's drawings were published in the book "Our Journey from Syria to America." Available on Amazon, the proceeds benefit the family, LSS, HIAS and Temple Shalom.



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Jessy Smith

Shortly after joining Temple Shalom in 2015, Jessy became actively engaged in volunteering efforts that rallied around her natural talents of design, marketing and event planning. As a formally trained graphic designer, her first endeavor was to work with the Communications Committee to help create an online presence that mirrored the vibrancy of the temple community with the same feeling of warmth, acceptance and togetherness. As her family transitioned over to the religious school, she joined the Religious Education Committee and Youth Group Committee. In doing so, she identified an opportunity to rekindle the younger youth group to help engage the families with elementary school kids in a social setting and kick started TaSTYKids for all Temple 2-5th graders. This year this program has been very well received, averaging about 50 attendees per event. Events have included a Hanukkah party, Movie and Pizza Glow party (with separate parent wine-and-cheese event) and Chocolate Seder. She has also volunteered the past two years to organize the Mitzvah Day lunch-making initiative, which provides about 100 meals to shelters in the area through Interfaith Works. She and husband Troy, who has also helped with all of these events, are always looking for ways to more actively engage their four children in the Jewish community.



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