



KOL SHOFAR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Kol Shofar has a host of volunteer opportunities for you to become involved in on an ongoing basis or one-time. We invite you to deepen your engagement with your community by joining us in one or more of these activities. Please feel free to contact Kol Shofar's Volunteer Concierges Laura J. Giacomini at giactakasaki@yahoo.com or (415) 328-3712 or Vanessa Friedman at vmfried@gmail.com or (415) 418-4711 or the volunteer contact person below directly with any questions. Thank you for volunteering your time and energy!

FLEXIBLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

These are one-time volunteer opportunities that come up throughout the year. If you are interested in being contacted as opportunities arise, please contact Volunteer Concierges Laura J. Giacomini at (415) 328-3712 or at giactakasaki@yahoo.com or Vanessa Friedman at vmfried@gmail.com or (415) 418-4711.

ADMINISTRATION

Administration

Assist with such administrative tasks as stuffing envelopes, creating nametags, and entering data as needed. To volunteer, contact Kol Shofar Executive Director Nancy Drapin at (415)388-1818 or at ndrapin@kolshofar.org.

Building Preservation Team

Kol Shofar is beginning the process of reviewing our needs for deferred building maintenance projects so that we can anticipate the expenses in our budget. Volunteers are needed who have knowledge about building systems and vendors.

To volunteer, please contact Michael Rubenstein at (415) 435-0298 or at michael@michaelandmarcia.com.

Emergency Preparedness

If you have a computer and like to do research, this volunteer project is perfect for you. Kol Shofar has a cloud based program that needs data and information so that we have a fully emergency program that can be accessed by anyone who needs information in a disaster. Volunteers are needed to manage the project, help do the research, and enter the information.

To volunteer, please contact Kol Shofar Executive Director Nancy Drapin at (415)388-1818 extension 103 or at ndrapin@kolshofar.org.

EDUCATION

Adult Engagement

Adult engagement goals and policies at Kol Shofar are set by the Adult Engagement Working Group, in conjunction with the senior rabbi.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Welcoming attendees and participants at events and programs
- Providing in-depth feedback on programs and events through evaluation forms

To volunteer, please contact Josette Schwartz at (415)606-2021 or at josyart58@aol.com.

Arts

The Arts Team is working to bring Jewish-based arts to Kol Shofar by drawing on the talents of congregants and others in Marin to teach each other, play/sing together, and build community.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Plan Jewish Arts Salons, events and outings in the community and at Kol Shofar
- Host artists-in-residence and workshops

To volunteer, please contact Illene Serlin at (415) 383-7435 or at iserlin@ileneserlin.com or Diane Yermack at (415) 686-3001 or at DYermack@cpsych.com.

Bridges to Israel

Become involved with our unique programming and activities about Israel. At Kol Shofar we engage conversation and invite you to bring your own perspective, respect for all opinions and a desire to speak about Israel in a safe environment. To volunteer, contact Jeff Saperstein at (415)383-7435 or at sapermktg@earthlink.net.

Youth

The Youth Education Team in conjunction with our education director sets the education goals and policies for the synagogue.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Education Team members: Professional expertise in education is of great value however support for improving the education mission and feedback on the mission is key. Meet once a month. Commitment of 3-4 hours per month.
- Education project volunteers – Parent liaison volunteers and parent class coordinator and teacher support

To volunteer, please contact Vice President of Education/Youth Affairs Edye Corren at (415) 717-7701 or at Edye.mclaw@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING

Capital Campaign

Strategize and plan Capital Campaign 2.0 and assist with implementation. The Capital Campaign becomes a prime outreach vehicle touching every family in the congregation as we work to sustain and provide a bright financial future for our beautiful new building.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Campaign team members: We welcome members with very limited time as well as those who are able to commit on an ongoing basis as team members. Anyone with skills in development, fundraising, solicitation, or finance is particularly invited to join us!

To volunteer, contact Michael and Karen Young at (415) 203-4488 or at mysells@hotmail.com or karenbethyoung@gmail.com or Diane and Howard Zack at (415) 461-7404 or at zack5@sonic.net or dobee@sonic.net.

Development

Oversee, design and implement all fundraising campaigns, including the Annual Fund, Cemetery, Gala, Legacy, and Revenue Generation Projects to meet budgetary needs for Kol Shofar. To volunteer contact, Vice-President of Operations Joan Levison at (415) 328-6588 or joanlevison@yahoo.com or the contact person listed below.

Annual Fund Campaign

An appeal letter is sent to every congregant at the High Holy Days asking them for their support in addition to their membership fees. The campaign runs from mid-September through December.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Campaign members - Fundraising experience preferred but happy to train.
- Project volunteers – Volunteers needed to make follow up calls to congregants about the Annual Appeal one-two nights in early October at the Kol Shofar offices and from October - December from your home.
- Special Project volunteers – Volunteers needed to Input data on our running spreadsheet of donors and to help write two-three letters to congregants who have yet to respond to the campaign.

To volunteer, contact Mark Friedman at (415) 518-2939 or at avjan93@gmail.com or Sandy Stadtler at (415) 464-5464 or at ssadtler@gmail.com.

Cemetery

Assisting families of Kol Shofar members as well as non-members with their purchase of Cemetery plots at Kol Shalom Cemetery. Point person for all other cemetery-related issues.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Team members: No regular meetings. No expertise needed. Volunteers gain an understanding of cemetery workings and congregants' needs.

- Project volunteers – Volunteers are needed occasionally on an at-need basis. No more than 4 meetings a year.
- Special Project volunteers – One or two volunteers needed to assist with the bookkeeping/organizational needs of the cemetery

To volunteer, contact Steve Sockolov at 415-215-4429 or at stevensock54@gmail.com.

Gala

The Gala is Kol Shofar's major fundraiser of the year held every spring.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Gala Team Leader - We're looking for 1-2 co-chairs to oversee gala planning and coordination
- Team Leaders: Volunteers need to serve as Party, Tech (handling all data), Auction/Fund-a-Need, and Sponsorships team leaders. Meet once a month and every 2 weeks leading up to event
- Team Members: Volunteers needed to serve on one or more teams
- Special Projects: Need a graphic designer to design invitation and program

To volunteer, contact Gina Deangelis at (415) 816 5690 or at blueowl18@gmail.com.

Revenue Generation Projects

Devise and create opportunities to raise revenue for Kol Shofar outside of traditional fundraising methods.

To volunteer, contact Rachel Fierberg at (415) 927-4919 or at r.fierberg@comcast.net.

OUTREACH

Communications Team

Create a positive and appealing identity and social vibrancy for Congregation Kol Shofar by guiding the cadence/content of messaging and graphic design aesthetic. The Communications Team is comprised of graphic design, creative strategy and PR messaging professionals who provide guidance to the executive director for the implementation of marketing materials, creative executions and messaging.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Copy Writer: Create brochure and advertising copy that motivates program attendance and membership vitality.
- Public Relations: Create press releases and work with media to generate visibility and stories
- Social Media: Develop strategy and implement ideas to spread news of events and activities
- Graphic Design: Establish creative direction and help create marketing materials in concert with copy writer. Work with other graphic designer as needed.

To volunteer, contact Michael Perman at (415) 891-8324 or at permando@icloud.com.

Membership Team

The primary task of the Membership Team is to oversee and lead Kol Shofar's efforts in the outreach, recruitment, integration and retention of members, affiliates and participants in our community. The team is focusing on these hubs: Young families (preschool and younger), school-age families, families with young adults, and empty nesters.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- School Age Families Hub: Need a co-chair and Hub members. Meet every other month. Opportunity to meet with other families in their age group.
- Families with Young Adults – Need chairs and Hub members. Meet every other month. Opportunity to meet with other families in their age group.
- Membership project volunteers: Volunteers needed to help with such events Perspective New Member Events
- Specific skills based volunteers: Persons interested in helping with specific projects, maybe in the office.

To volunteer, please contact Aly Geller at (415) 459-1960 or alysong1@comcast.net.

Relational Judaism Activities

What's a Relational Ambassador?

A Kol Shofar congregant trained to reach out, share stories and engage with genuine interest in one on one conversations with congregants for the purpose of forging a more caring and connected community.

- Ambassadors and recipients are enriched by the experiences of meaningful connections.
- By connecting more often and more meaningfully with congregants CKS plans to shift from a transactional/business relationship to a more (Tikkun Olam) community-based relationship.
- As CKS ambassadors we represent our shul's values in the broader community as well.

We're assembling a group of trained ambassadors to organize, host, and track (benchmark) the success of building relational social and ritual activities designed to attract and connect members and guests of all ages and like interests.

Join us! To volunteer, please contact Karen Hirsch at karenhirsch6363@gmail.com or Greg Sigel at (415) 464-1802 or at gsigel@comcast.net.

RITUAL

Ritual Team

The primary function of the Ritual Team is to advise and support the rabbis regarding issues of religious law and ritual practice at Kol Shofar. By standard practice within the Conservative Movement, the rabbi is vested with final decision-making authority on these matters. The team also serves as a means for congregants to express concerns and questions regarding issues related to these or areas of synagogue life.

The Ritual Team also has within its mission the implementation of the Ritual Inclusiveness goals of the Strategic Plan. Included in these goals are the following: 1. Make our current service more joyful, accessible and welcoming, especially to youth, families and interfaith. 2. Experiment with new rituals and styles of services to reach out to those who are less involved and seeking alternatives as affirmed by rabbis and expanded and more representative Ritual Team. 3. Improve communication and education so that current and potential members feel included, welcomed, and empowered in Jewish ritual life.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Ritual Team members: The Ritual Team attempts to find members who represent a cross section of the population of Kol Shofar including people of different ages and different experiences with ritual, parents of Beit Binah and Brandeis students, interfaith families, etc. Members of the team are expected to regularly attend monthly meetings in order to be able to represent the viewpoints of those groups.
- Special Project volunteers – Members of the Ritual Team are encouraged to take on special projects to further the Strategic Goals above.

To volunteer, please contact Larry Yermack at (415)453-4175 or at lyermack@gmail.com.

Baking Chavurah

A wonderful and informal way to engage with people who like to create in the kitchen! Enjoy the fun of baking sweets and savorys for upcoming Shabbatot and holiday celebrations. All ages and genders welcome. Meet once a month on a weekday. To volunteer, please contact Baking Chavurah Coordinator Barbara Schwartz at (415) 459-5768 or at shaynapunim@comcast.net.

High Holy Day Honors

Working closely with the rabbi, the High Holy Day Honors' chairs coordinate the honors for the High Holy Day services. To volunteer, please contact Rabbi Susan Leider at (415)388-1818 or at sleider@kolshofar.org.

Participation in Religious Services

Congregants are encouraged to take part in leading services, including leading Psukei d"Zimra, Shoharim, the Torah service, and Musaf. We also encourage people to leyn Torah and chant Haftarah. Arrangements can be made to tutor individuals who wish to acquire new skills in these areas as well. To volunteer, please contact Rabbi Susan Leider at (415)388-1818 or at sleider@kolshofar.org.

Purim Spiel

Bring your acting and musical talents to Kol Shofar's annual Purim Spiel. People of all ages and talents welcome. Weekly rehearsals held from November-February/March. To volunteer, please contact Spiel Director Tracy Rice at teachertracy@gmail.com.

Shabbat Greeters

An easy and wonderful way to make others feel comfortable and welcome is to greet people at Shabbat services. This is an especially wonderful way to support someone's simcha, like being a greeter

at a fellow congregant's B'nei Mitzvah. To volunteer, contact Barbara McEntyre at (415) 927-7531 or at brmcentyre@aol.com.

TIKKUN OLAM

This Rosh Hashana 5775 begins a "Shmita" or Sabbatical year. Every seven years the Torah mandates that the land lie fallow, that debts are forgiven, and that agricultural and economic adjustments are made to ensure an equitable society and a healthy earth. Join Jews around the world in celebrating the Shmita year by rejuvenating our Tikkun Olam program at Kol Shofar and participating in these projects:

Food/Farm/Environment

Kol Shofar Garden

Plant, water & harvest the healthy food we are growing at Kol Shofar to feed our community's hungry. A great volunteer activity for adults and children alike. Ongoing opportunities to participate.

Next event: Sunday, Oct 12 Sukkot Harvest Garden Workday

To volunteer, contact Tikva Farber at hebrewwithtikva@comcast.net.

CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) with First Light Farm

Support a local farmer! Celebrate the biblical Shmita year by making the connection between food, health, the land, our community and social justice by purchasing a share in the First Light Farm and picking up your box of fresh, organic veggies at Kol Shofar each week. To sign up, contact Jonathan Emanuel at (415) 388-1818 ext. 105 or at jemanuel@kolshofar.org.

Golden Gate Recreation Area Trail Cleanup & Repair

Help improve trail conditions in the Marin Headlands. This will be an ongoing campaign to cleanup and repair our trails.

Sunday, December 7th

To volunteer, contact Dennis Klein at (415) 383-5930 or at dklein@boundarysolutions.com.

China Camp Cleanup

Help to maintain beautiful China Camp State Park.

Sunday, Nov 2, 1-4pm.

To volunteer, contact Louise Lipsey at (415) 453-6220 or at louiselipsey@gmail.com.

Shelter/Homelessness/Hunger

Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (REST)

Prepare and serve dinner to men in need as part of our interfaith partnership to provide food and shelter for Marin's homeless people. For five winter months, Marin's congregations open their facilities to homeless people. One Sunday each month, Kol Shofar prepares and serves dinner at Westminster Church in Tiburon.

2014-15 dates to come.

To volunteer, contact Shana Margolis Goldberg at (415) 380-8841 or at shanamargolis@yahoo.com.

Mill Street Shelter

Prepare a home-cooked meal for residents of the Mill Street Homeless Shelter in San Rafael. We ask that you commit to cook and deliver a dish every other month over the course of one year. Sept 24, Oct 22, Nov 26, Dec 24 (ongoing, 4th Wednesday)
To volunteer, contact Esther Rosha-Stadtler at (415) 460-5464 or at rstadtler@sbcglobal.net.

Food Pick-Up and Delivery for Extrafood.org

Help end hunger and reduce food waste in Marin. Pick up excess, fresh food and deliver it to programs serving Marin's most vulnerable populations. You can do pickups/deliveries when and where it's convenient for you, or help build and join a once a month Kol Shofar pick-up from Sunday's Civic Center Farmer's Market.
To volunteer, contact Lynne Simon at (415) 924-7948 or at LynneMsimon@comcast.net.

Panim el Panim Team/Marin Organizing Committee actions

Panim el Panim (Face to Face) is Kol Shofar's branch of the Marin Organizing Committee (MOC). Currently we are working with other faith organizations in Marin on issues of affordable housing, healthcare, immigration reform, and human trafficking.
Join fellow community members to advocate for a permanent year-round emergency homeless shelter in Marin at our Oct 12 action meeting from 3-5 pm at Kol Shofar.
To volunteer on the team, contact Gail Dorph at (415) 389-8741 or at gaildorph@gmail.com.

Food and Supplies Drives

Keep your eyes open for the big barrels in our lobby. Kol Shofar participates in food drives for the Marin Food Bank and Jewish Family and Children's Services, as well as in a winter supplies drive for our community members in need. Please bring food and supplies so they overflow.

Holiday Dinner Drive

Kol Shofar is joining 30 synagogues across four Bay area counties to raise money for our local food banks in time for Thanksgiving. Watch for your chance to participate in November.

Caring Community

Gemilut Chesed

Provide rides to doctors' appointments and meals for the sick or healing. Visit with homebound seniors. To volunteer, contact Rabbi Chai Levy at (415) 388-1818 ext. 119 or at clevy@kolshofar.org or Rhea Brown at (415) 389-9121 or at rheabrown1@comcast.net.

Hevra Kaddisha

Bring comfort or food to those in mourning and help out when there is a death in our community. To volunteer, contact Rabbi Chai Levy at (415) 388-1818 ext. 119 or at clevy@kolshofar.org or Brenda Gates-Monasch at (415) 892-4130 or at brendargm@gmail.com.

Bring Shabbat Joy to Seniors

Bring joy and companionship to elders by joining our monthly Friday night service at Drake Terrace, a community for seniors in San Rafael.
Nov 7 and Dec 5 at 6:15 pm (ongoing, 1st Friday of the month)

Please RSVP to Bonni Schiff at (415) 472-5246 or at loves2sing@collabwork.com if you would like to help with the service.

B'nei Mitzvah Class Tikkun Olam Projects

Our B'nei Mitzvah kids learn about taking responsibility for their community through monthly Tikkun Olam Projects.

Sept 21, Oct 12, Nov 9

To volunteer, contact Jordan Hopstone at (415) 388-1818 ext. 101 or at jhopstone@kolshofar.org.

Tikkun Olam Leaders Wanted!

Get involved in a project or to take the lead on a new one. To volunteer, contact Rabbi Chai Levy at clevy@kolshofar.org or at (415) 388-1818 ext. 119 or Tikkun Olam Team Leader Steven Lee at (415) 843-1488 or at smmarklee@comcast.net.