

Social Action Committee:

Tasks-

1. We represent BHT at CUSH board meetings and events. We are the liaison between CUSH and the temple. Our role is to support CUSH issues, either by joining a task force or attending county board or community meetings, or lobbying at the State Capitol.
2. We organize the Soup Kitchen and Mitzvah Days.
3. Through our newly formed Mitzvah Corps, we assist temple members in need.
4. We are the liaison between the temple and the Darfur Action Coalition of Wisconsin and actively raise awareness of the genocide.
5. Our goal is to make Tikkun Olam -Repairing the world- an integral part of BHT. This might be through educational forums, films, displays and handouts, or special Shabbat and Holiday services. Our role is to foster Social Justice and Advocacy in our community and the world- whether that is speaking out on behalf of the homeless here in Kenosha, or coffee farmers in Bolivia.
6. We bring issues of social justice to the Leadership Council for consideration for endorsement or speaking publicly on these issues.
7. We do some fundraising either to raise our CUSH dues, or to fund our activities. There is always an educational component to our fundraising.
8. We sponsor various drives to benefit the needy.
9. We support other activities that support interfaith communication and cooperation.

Roles of Committee Members

1. Meet as a group - usually every other month
2. Write articles for the newsletter
3. Serve as representative on the CUSH Board. Serve on CUSH Task Forces. Support CUSH issues. Assist with the CUSH Banquet, Community Brunch and Annual Meeting as needed.
4. Contact members about the monthly Soup Kitchen commitment, as well as the special Mitzvah days.
5. Assist with our events and activities- fundraisers, forums, letter writing campaigns, clothing drives etc.
6. Bring issues of Tikkun Olam before the committee.
7. Organize the Mitzvah Corps and serve as corps member ready to assist temple members in need of help.

Why be a part of the Social Action Committee-

We are a group of people who are committed to speaking out on behalf of the poor and homeless, and under served in our communities. We support issues of social justice such as Fair Trade and farm workers rights, and Tzedekah such as donating to poorly equipped hospitals in South America or warm winter clothing to those in need in Kenosha. We are committed to speaking out for those who cannot speak for themselves, such as the victims of the genocide in Darfur. We believe in educating temple members and the interfaith community about social justice issues, on both a local and global level. We do this in a number of ways, including lobbying or legislators. We follow the model of the Religious Action Center of the URJ, and look to URJ

resolutions for guidance on the issues that we take action on. We believe that justice and repairing the world are core values of Judaism, and central to the Reform movement.

Current Members-

Harriet Lavin- Chair. Bunny Stoops, Ben and Ellie Chemerow, Dorothy Sentieri, Connie Covey, Morey Manyoky, Camille Bluestein, Dick and Linda Selsberg, Bob Poplar ,Susan Remson, Barbara Berg