

Caring & Inclusion Initiative

TASK FORCE VOLUNTEER FORM

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I would like to take part in the sacred work of the following task force(s):

_____ Chesed (Loving Kindness)

_____ Education

_____ Nefesh (Healing of Mind, Body and Soul)

_____ Technology

Please share with us any of your **specific** skills or training that may benefit this initiative:

Please share with us any additional information, thoughts or feedback that may be helpful as we further develop this initiative:

Please return this form at your earliest convenience to:

Eva Steen and Helayne Pfeffer, Co-Chairs
The Reform Temple of Rockland: C&II
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Below you will find a working description for each of the task forces.

Chesed- Reach out to members of our sacred community in moments of need and times of celebration, providing support and assistance when needed.

- Make personal visits, phone calls, etc. to reach out to the sick, homebound, etc.
- Participate in *shivah minyanim*, coordinate a meal of condolence, organize meals when needed, etc.
- Reach out to families celebrating a *simcha* (e.g. birth of a child/grandchild, *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*, etc.) or a bereavement.
- Provide a hand-knitted comfort shawl to congregants who have suffered the death of an immediate family member.
- Provide a handmade MiShebeirach bear to congregants who are suffering from a serious illness or surgery.

Education- Offer support and resources to Religious School Faculty as they strive to provide the most complete Jewish education possible for all students, regardless of ability.

- Assist with training Religious School faculty, student aids and other volunteers to better understand the needs of students with learning challenges and help them develop skills to achieve the greatest success possible.
- Recruit additional volunteers to assist in the classroom and as tutors to assist students with special needs

Nefesh- Develop and facilitate programs and resources available to our members that meet emotional and mental health needs, in cooperation with other community groups.

- Provide for the needs of those working through bereavement, life transitions, stress related issues, etc.
- Be available as part of a crisis intervention and support team, if needed.
- Serve as the liaison to AA and other recovery and support groups.
- Maintain and update resource manual of local mental health services, available on our website.

Technology – Acquire and develop technological resources that will provide greater access to Temple worship and programming for those with physical impairments.

- Past projects included: installation of hearing loop in partnership with Hudson Valley Audiology, installation of new video system in the sanctuary that allows for streaming and production of DVDs for lifecycle and other programming, installation of television welcome videos in the lobbies, and tablets for use in the Religious School.
- Determine whether there is additional technology that would advance the vision/mission of the Caring & Inclusion Initiative and, if appropriate, implement use of relevant technology.