

CBS Volunteers

You have made the commitment to be a member of CBS and we value your decision. We want your experience to be fulfilling on a variety of levels. Therefore we strongly encourage you to become involved.

Numerous studies have shown that not only does volunteering help the community but the volunteer as well: measurable social, emotional, and even health benefits have been found in volunteerism. And parents who encourage their children to volunteer will create the groundwork for a lifetime commitment to helping others. We don't expect you to devote hours of each day – but what about committing to a special project or giving an hour or two every month?

Sometimes all we need is a pair of willing hands. Below are some of the volunteer opportunities we anticipate during the upcoming year. Just call the office at (209) 571-6060 or email cbsmodesto@sbcglobal.net for more information.

- **Events:** set-up, ticket sales, ushering, clean-up (one to two hours per event). If you are planning to come to an event anyway, come an hour early or plan to stay after for a short while
- **Clean-up days—gardening, cleaning, painting** (a couple of hours on a Sunday): If you like to putter around the garden or enjoy do-it-yourself projects, this is the thing for you.
- **Enrichment/Adult Ed. Teacher:** On occasion, our Religious School and/or Adult Ed may need a set of extra eyes, ears, hands, etc. for various activities, projects, special curriculum, etc. Or, if you have a special topic you'd like to present or share, this may be the perfect opportunity.
- **Mailing** (one to two hours): When mailings go out, help stuff and label all those envelopes or newsletters.
- **Member Outreach** (one hour): A Mitzvah to support a member during a time of need, special circumstances, visit the sick, ride-share, celebration, etc. Specifics to be communicated by CBS President and/or Executive Director.
- **High Holy Day Greater** (one or two hour shifts): You will help greet and provide the necessary prayer books. You will also be the *shomrim*, or “observer,” helping to report any unusual activity to our security personnel.
- **Help with the Religious School or Preschool** (one to two hours): Our schools can often use some assistance. Your help may be something you can do from home. In addition, assistance with programs and fundraisers is always needed.
- **Cooking, Baking, Food Preparation** (one or two hours): Throughout the year, we need assistance with Kiddush, “Lunch and Learn”, luncheons, baking *hamantaschen*, shopping, helping to prep, serve, or clean-up at congregational events, or even oversee the barbecue. Just like home, the kitchen is a real place for gathering.
- **Purim Spiel:** If you enjoy singing, dancing, and acting, this is the event for you! Our famous annual Purim spiel play is always looking for new participants—no experience (or talent) necessary.
- **Prefer to work at home?** No problem (as needed). Sometimes we need assistance with phone calls, brochures to be folded, mailings to be stuffed, proof-reading, and more that can be done in the comfort of your home... even in your pajamas!
- **Major fundraisers:** It's hard to say how much time you can spend on these very important events. You might only spend a couple of hours one afternoon mailing out invitations or setting up for the “big night.” Or you might want to put in time to make sure these very important and necessary fundraisers reach their goals to support CBS.
- **Want to be part of the Volunteer Corps?** We would like to make up a list of volunteers that we can call to pitch in from time to time as needed. CBS succeeds because of its volunteers.

Do you have special talents – in your professional life or as a hobby – that might help out around CBS? We welcome your suggestions.

Your Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Email: _____