

2026: A Fine Time to Volunteer

Through the efforts of our outstanding volunteers, the RJC offers a diversity of programming and activities to create and support a rich, exciting and vibrant life for Jewish residents. Our events, programs and services are all designed to build community by providing ongoing opportunities to learn, socialize and make new friends. Come volunteer, meet new people and help make exciting things happen in our community!

Here is a list of the committees that make RJC's engaging activities possible. We invite you to join us by serving on or leading any of these committees. Please contact the current committee chair (name given at the end of each committee) if you are interested in participating.

Contact information for each person can be found in the Resident Directory on My Erickson as well as in the printed Riderwood Resident Directory that can be picked up at each Front Desk.

Arbor Ridge Liaison: visit RJC members living in Arbor Ridge; help coordinate activities including Passover seders and High Holy Days meals. (Ann Joseloff)

Archives: maintain a storage area with important RJC written materials and other miscellaneous items. (Marian Zaner)

Art: organize and mount exhibits of Jewish ritual objects and other Judaica for display throughout Riderwood. (Barbara Appelbaum and Janice Marcus)

Audio-Visual: participate in a team that provides audio/visual and other technical support for RJC programs and services. (Bob Phillips)

Book Club: organize the monthly discussions of books of Jewish interest. (Amy Greenwood and Ellen Simsohn)

Book of Remembrance: create, produce and distribute at the High Holy Days the RJC's Annual Book of Remembrance that memorializes the names of loved ones and includes special prayers and readings. (Harriet Cobern and Leslie Montroll)

Bulletin: write, edit and distribute RJC's monthly newsletter, informing RJC members and others, of upcoming religious services, programs, activities and additional items of interest to the RJC. (Loretta Vitale & Connie Block - compilation; Bob Bradus, Harriet Cobern and Janice Green - distribution)

Calendar: prepare a monthly calendar of RJC's activities and submit to the RJC Bulletin, the RWV Reporter and RWV Community Resources.

Choir: participate in the RJC four part a capella choir that helps lead the congregation monthly at Friday evening services and High Holy Day services. Rehearsals on Sunday mornings. (John Planer)

Communications: maintain the RJC page on the RiderwoodLife.com website. (Leslie Montroll)

Education Forums: arrange for programs, generally twice monthly, of Jewish educational, cultural or philosophical interest to RJC members. (Marsha Bokman)

Finance Committee: Oversee and make recommendations regarding the RJC's financial systems, reporting processes and strategic opportunities. (Diana Glockner)

Good & Welfare: receive and acknowledge donations for the RJC's General and Special Purpose Funds, Oneg Sponsorships for Friday evening Shabbat services, and other RJC special events. (Arlene Bennof)

Holiday Meals: plan and coordinate large-scale meals for RJC's Erev Rosh HaShanah dinner, Yom Kippur Break Fast and Passover Seders. (Regina Cohen and Martha Lott)

Membership Records: maintain a computerized data base of membership information in support of various tasks such as managing the distribution of the monthly RJC Bulletin and the RJC Annual Book of Remembrance as well as receipt and acknowledgement of dues and other donations. (Harriet Cobern)

New Member Welcoming: welcome and inform new Jewish residents about RJC programs, activities and services. (Terrie Manchester)

Oneg Shabbat: plan and serve refreshments following RJC's Friday evening Shabbat services and other special programs. (Sharon Blinder Hill)

Publicity: prepare posters to be displayed on RWV bulletin boards publicizing RJC events. (Vic Suben)

Ritual: manage multiple aspects of RJC religious and holiday observances; coordinate activities with the RJC rabbi; send information through the Bulletin, RJCFlash, Riderwood Reporter and Pastoral Ministries. (Sidney Kirschner, Annette Weinshank & Ellis Robinson)

RJCFLASH: maintain an email group informing subscribing members about timely information of general interest to RJC members. (Harriet Cobern)

RJC Presents: oversee the planning and delivery of programs, generally monthly on Sunday afternoons, for the purpose of entertaining and enlightening Riderwood residents. (Joan Bardach)

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