

Congregation Beth Israel Bellingham
Care Committee Charter
Board approved September 16, 2025

Name: Care Committee

Purpose: Practice *Gemilut Hasadim* (acts of lovingkindness) by providing support and education for our congregants and sometimes the larger Bellingham Jewish community.

Role and Responsibilities:

- 1) Identify congregants in need of support.
- 2) Assess need for, plan, execute and evaluate assistance. Assistance examples include periodic check-in phone calls or visits, providing rides to appointments, Meal Train participation, referrals to outside helper agencies. Send birthday and holiday cards to Congregants on Chavurim list.
- 3) Keep updated notes on our at-risk Congregants, otherwise known as the Chavurim List.
- 4) Serve as a resource for the CBI community in terms of community social services and programs
- 5) If requested, the committee informs the Rabbi of the congregant's needs.
- 6) Inform the congregation about the committee's purpose and to encourage congregants to call on them when needed.

Appointment of Chair: Recommended by the Committee, then approved by the Board.

Members:

- **Required**
 - CBI member in good standing
- **Desirable**
 - Experience in a helping profession or strong desire to help people.
 - Strong communication skills, able to set and maintain clear boundaries
 - Able to maintain confidentiality.

Term Limits:

- Members: None
- Chair: Flexible. Target of 6 year term with Chair goal of recruiting and training others for this role.

Budget: By donation

Meeting Frequency: Quarterly

Reporting and Accountability: Reports to Board and occasionally works directly with the Rabbi.