Who’s Who and What’s What at NVHC

*Interested in participating in any of these groups? Have questions? Need assistance? Please contact us!*

**Engagement and Support**

**Brotherhood** An organization of men dedicated to serving the needs of our congregation, supporting our temple youth, and supporting the Jewish community. Sponsors monthly Sunday Family Breakfasts, supports periodic Mitzvah Days, acts as ushers during the High Holy Days, and sponsors the annual Purim Carnival. (Bob Fenster, brotherhood@nvhcreston.org)

**NVHC Cares (Caring Committee)** Helps celebrate joyful beginnings when a congregant has a new baby and offers solace and support through difficult times such as illness, surgery or a death in the family by providing cards, meals, challah and supportive calls. (Laurie Levine, nvhccares@nvhcreston.org)

**NVHC Change (Social Action Committee)** Supports NVHC’s commitment to make our community and the world a better place (*tikkun olam*) by enabling and enhancing NVHC participation in social justice, service, advocacy and learning. (Ellen Ranard, socialaction@nvhcreston.org)

**Chavurot** Small friendship groups who get together for social, educational, and religious activities; an opportunity to be part of a smaller group within the larger NVHC community. New chavurot forming all the time. (Open position, meanwhile contact Don Hirsch, chavurot@nvhcreston.org)

**Chevurah Kadisha** Helps families in mourning arrange funerals, Shiva Minyans, and follow-up. (Open position; meanwhile contact Cantor Caro, cantorcaro@nvhcreston.org)

**College Outreach Committee** Prepares and sends packages to college students to celebrate the Jewish holidays, and to continue their connections with the NVHC community. (Judy Naiman, collegeoutreach@nvhcreston.org)

**Engagement Committee** Sponsors programs and coordinates initiatives to help all congregants, new and old, deepen connections within the NVHC community. (Don Hirsch, VPEngagement@nvhcreston.org)

**Green Team** Identifies and implements specific solutions to reduce NVHC’s carbon footprint, promote sustainability initiatives and solutions throughout the different aspects of
congregational life and educate members of all ages on what they can do at NVHC, their homes, and businesses to enhance sustainability, (Ken Gubin, greenteam@nvhcreston.org)

**Inclusion Initiative** Works to ensure that all members are welcome to meaningfully participate in all spiritual, educational, celebratory, and life events at NVHC. (Open position; meanwhile contact Rabbi Wainer, rabiwainer@nvhcreston.org)

**Silver Line** The Silver Line provides activities for congregants aged 55+. Monthly dinners and activities are planned. (Marsha Sheinman, silverline@nvhcreston.org)

**Sisterhood** Sisterhood supports and furthers the highest ideals of Judaism and the goals of NVHC by promoting camaraderie, esprit de corps, spirituality and participation in tikkun olam – repairing the world – within our Congregation and the greater community. (Fay Gubin, sisterhoodpresident@nvhcreston.org)

**VOICE Core Team** VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) is a non-partisan organization committed to bringing people together across religious, racial, ethnic, economic, and political party affiliations to build a stronger Northern Virginia. It includes nearly 50 congregations; NVHC is a member and active in its leadership. Our VOICE Core Team serves as our representatives as they actively support VOICE’s mission. (Open Position: meanwhile contact Ellen Ranard, voiceteam@NVHCreaston.org),

**Worship and Music**

**Adult Choir - Kol Shirah** Sings at High Holy Days and other times during the year at services and in concert. (Cantor Susan Caro, Cantorcaro@nvhcreston.org)

**Youth Choir - Shireinu (3rd-6th grades)** Sings periodically through the year at Erev Shabbat services and participates in local area music festivals. (Directed by Cantor Susan Caro, Cantorcaro@nvhcreston.org)

**Shammas Corps** Arranges ritual items in the sanctuary for Erev Shabbat services. (Ken Laskey, shammascorps@nvhcreston.org)

**Worship Committee** Works with the clergy on matters related to worship services. Sponsors clergy-led classes that explore Jewish prayer and worship. (Susan Trivers, worship@nvhcreston.org)

**Educational Programs and Committees**

**Distinguished Speaker Series** Arranges for scholars, journalists, and public figures to speak at NVHC’s Speaker Series Program. (Eric Forman, speakerseries@nvhcreston.org)
Early Childhood Committee  Supports and provides oversight for programming for families with preschool age children (younger than kindergarten). (Mary Ann Ressin and Kelly Schulman, earlychildhood@nvhcreston.org)

Kehilat Limmud & Tamid (Religious School)  Judaics and Hebrew instruction for grades K-12, including Torah Corps (B’nai Mitzvah preparation) and Confirmation classes. Sunday mornings, mid-week late-afternoon and early-evening classes. (Rabbi Jessica Wainer, rabbiwainer@nvhcreston.org)

Lifelong Learning (Adult Education)  NVHC offers classes and discussion groups on a wide variety of topics, Torah Study, and Hebrew and Judaica classes for adults. (Ellen Rugel, lifelonglearning@nvhcreston.org)

Youth Engagement & Education Committee  Supports the religious school program and Youth Engagement Professional; recommends religious school policies (Kehilat Limmud Co-Chair: Open Position; Tamid Committee Co-Chair: Ruth Ann Whalen; youthengagement@nvhcreston.org)

Youth Programs  Social and service programs for young people, from 3rd - 12th grades (Sam Blum, sam@nvhcreston.org)

**Administration and Governance**

Art Committee  Acquires and displays the artwork that beautifies NVHC. (Nancy Kruger, art@nvhcreston.org)

The Boutique at NVHC  Offers an array of Judaica, including ritual objects, jewelry, mezzuzot, b’nai mitzvah gifts, items for Chanukah and Passover. Operated by Sisterhood volunteers during Sunday school hours or by appointment. (Shawn Harris, boutique@nvhcreston.org)

Building and Grounds  Identifies required maintenance and repairs of the synagogue building and grounds, and assists the Executive Director in soliciting and supervising the service providers that conduct maintenance and capital improvements. (Open position; meanwhile contact David Markovich, david@nvhcreston.org)

Communications  Defines and develops communication strategies through newsletters, publicity, our web site, and social media. (Emily Hummel, emily@nvhcreston.org)

Finance Committee  Submits yearly operating budget to the Board of Trustees, reviews monthly financial performance, and prepares long-range financial planning for the congregation. (Judith Naiman, finance@nvhcreston.org)
Library  Offers a comprehensive collection of books and audio-visual materials on Jewish themes. Separate children’s and adult sections. Open when the building is open (during weekday mornings, ask for admission in the front office)  (Ted Smith, library@nvhcreston.org)

Pulpit Committee  Serves as liaison between the clergy and the congregation. (Stu Williger, pulpit@nvhcreston.org)

Safety and Security Committee  Ensures that NVHC has sensible and sustainable physical security and emergency preparedness policies, and procedures. (Ken Laskey, safety@nvhcreston.org)

Strategic Development Committee  Assures NVHC’s long-term financial sustainability and growth by providing leadership and governance for successful development activities. (Sam Schwall, stratdev@nvhcreston.org)

Technology Committee  Proposes policy, sets priorities, and develops plans for the management and evolution of the congregation’s technology infrastructure (Bruce Johnson and Stu Williger, NVHC-tech@nvhcreston.org)

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