

IMAGINE 2025
VOLUNTEER TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY YOU WANT!

Many of you, we hope, have already read the Imagine Report. Based on the work of seven task groups and the synthesis of a huge amount of community feedback and research, the report outlines a roadmap for OZ's successful future. It strives to be a flexible document that can and will evolve as we move forward, learn, and receive feedback. The board-approved version is here: [Imagine 2025: OZ's Road Map for the Future](#) and we welcome your input [here](#)!

We once again wish to say “thank you” to the more than 150 community members who participated in Imagine focus groups, task groups, and ongoing conversations. This process has been – and will continue to be – focused on community input and community participation – that has included so many of you. The plan recognizes key opportunities moving forward to retain and support existing membership while providing meaning and value to a broader group of people, to bring them in to our community and make all feel they belong.

The driving vision for Imagine 2025:

Belonging – Through Welcoming, Meaningful and Joyous Jewish Experiences.

This is about fostering deep and meaningful relationships, about learning and being together, and about feeling a true sense of belonging. At its core, Imagine 2025 involves building a truly welcoming Jewish community which strives to be inclusive while celebrating our diversity. And while grounded in the traditional values of prayer, social justice and cultural expression, strives to open doors and offer new pathways to allow access to many, both within and outside our congregation and to create a sense of belonging for all.

Next Steps – Very briefly over the next 120 days:

The Religious and Spiritual Committee will begin making plans, focusing on the centrality of “25 Hours of Shabbat.” to expand our services and spiritual offerings to meet the diverse needs of our community. **Please join us.**

The **Center for Jewish Life** will begin developing a work plan to organize and integrate current and projected offerings in areas of Education, Art and Culture, Outdoor Life, and OZ Community Events. **Please join us.**

A new **Social Justice Committee** will work to integrate and coordinate social justice activities of the Shuk, G'MaCH, Social Action, Rabbi Amy, Cantor Steve, and Hebrew School/Full Circle initiatives to build awareness of our commitment to social justice, increase community participation and integrate more young families into our work together. **Please join us.**

The **Family Engagement Task Group** will begin to organize supportive membership engagement teams to work on supporting practices and policies that foster welcoming within our young families, but also across our entire OZ Family. **Please join us.**

The **Financial Sustainability Task Group** will continue its work to develop strategies for new revenue building. **Please join us.**

The **Physical and Digital Home Task Group** will continue to work with the Preschool and the Hebrew School to facilitate short-term needs based on their year over year growth, while also beginning to plan for a larger renovation to modernize our building. **Please join us.**

Our success in all these initiatives is based on your participation. If you would like to join in any of the above, if you have one hour a month or 10 hours a week to volunteer, please sign up and express interest [here](#)! Please help us create our successful future!

Thank you again for all you do on behalf of our community.

~ OZ Board of Directors