

MITZVAH DAY 2011

Sunday, November 6th

PROJECT INFORMATION LIST

CONGREGATION OR AMI (2011) – COMFORT BAGS FOR YOUTH ENTERING EMERGENCY FOSTER CARE

Assembling and personalizing hundreds of comfort bags for youth entering emergency foster care.

11:30 a.m., Congregation Or Ami – 26115 Mureau Rd., Calabasas adults; teens; children (no limit)

Contact: Shari Gillis/Laurie Boykoff – 818-522-7777 (day); 818-876-0720 (evening)

Contact persons on site: Shari Gillis/Laurie Boykoff

CONGREGATION SHIR AMI (2011) – SCHOOL ON WHEELS

Filling 240 backpacks with school supplies. We will also have speakers.

10:00 a.m. Ner Maarav Social Hall 150 adults; 20 teens; 20 children

Materials needed: T-Shirts

Contact: Fran Kobulnick - 818-345-2405 **Contact person on site:** Leon Nachenberg

CONGREGATION SHIR AMI (2011) - OPERATION GRATITUDE

Card & letter writing to our deployed military; collect new and gently used books for care packages for deployed military; draw pictures (little children)

10:00 a.m. Ner Maarav Social Hall 50 adults; 20 teens; 20 children

Materials needed: blank cards, stationery, pens, crayons, paper, stickers; new and used books for care packages.

Contact: Fran Kobulnick - 818-345-2405 **Contact person on site:** Esther Perez

CONGREGATION SHIR AMI (2011) – JEWISH WORLD WATCH POSTERS

Posters to be drawn with markers for use by JWW at future walks. Each person will design his or her own poster.

10:00 a.m. Ner Maarav Social Hall 15 adults; 15 teens

Materials needed: Poster Boards, Markers, and Pens

Contact: Fran Kobulnick - 818-345-2405 **Contact person on site:** Rae Wazana

CONGREGATION SHIR AMI (2011) – SOVA FOOD DRIVE

Collecting non-perishable food for SOVA Food Bank. Also collecting new toiletries and new & gently used children's' books.

10:00 a.m. Ner Maarav Social Hall 200 adults; 20 teens; 20 children

Materials needed: SOVA bins; signs – food donations – book donations – toiletry donations.

Contact: Fran Kobulnick - 818-345-2405.

CONGREGATION SHIR AMI (2011) – PROJECT MOT

Have adults/teens write cards/letters and have children draw pictures for deployed Jewish military; also collecting new/used books.

10:00 a.m. Ner Maarav Social Hall 20 adults; 20 teens; 20 children

Materials needed: blank cards and stationery, pens, crayons, stickers, paper

Contact: Fran Kobulnick - 818-345-2405. **Contact person on site:** Esther Perez

HESCHEL DAY SCHOOL (2011) – ON-SITE ACTIVITIES

- **Beit Issie Shapiro** – www.beitissie.org.il; Trike-A-Thon to support Israeli Center which provides services for children/adults with developmental disabilities.
- **Binky Patrol** – www.binkypatrol.org; Make and give blankets to children who are ill, abused, in shelters and hospitals.
- **Childrens Hospital LA** – www.childrenshospitalsla.org; Make sun catchers to decorate children's' rooms.
- **Connections for Children** – www.cfc-ca.org; Decorate butcher block paper which will be used as wrapping paper for donated gifts to children during the holidays who are at or near poverty level. CFC guides families and child care professionals toward quality services and programs.
- **Friends of the IDF** – www.israelisoldiers.org; Letter writing to Israeli soldiers
- **Grossman Burn Center** – www.grossmanburncenter.com; Make get-well cards and pack with new boxers, PJs and sweatpants for burn victims.
- **Interfaith Food Pantry** – www.fccnh.org/food; Make Thanksgiving cards and sandwiches for people in need of extra food supplies throughout the SFV.
- **Los Angeles Jewish Home** – www.jha.org; Make eyeglass cases for the elderly.
- **Jewish World Watch** – www.jewishworldwatch.org; Make posters for annual walk; organization works to mobilize others to fight genocide around the world.
- **Operation Gratitude** – www.operationgratitude.com; Letter writing to U.S. Soldiers stationed abroad.
- **Life Stream** – www.lstream.org; Blood and Bone Marrow Drive; contact Edye Ash at Harold.edye@att.net or 818-705-7795 or Nicole Giladi at Nicole.Giladi@sbcglobal.net or 818-360-7029; on-site activity occurring 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Register directly on www.lstream.org.
- **Locks of Love** – www.locksoflove.org; Donate hair to make hair prosthetics for children suffering from long-term medical hair loss – on-site activity, needs appointment (contact Michele at Michele.kaufman@gmail.com)
- **Para Los Ninos** – www.paralosninos.org; Wrap donated puzzles for Para Los Ninos Charter School which provide schooling for at-risk children in LA.
- **School on Wheels** – www.schoolonwheels.org; Donate and assemble backpacks filled with new school supplies for homeless children.
- **Stop Cancer** – www.stopcancer.net; Get a haircut and all proceeds go to Stop Cancer, an organization that provides research grant funding to National Cancer Institute comprehensive cancer care sites – on-site activity, needs appointment (contact Michelle at drmgold@aol.com)

- **Survivor Mitzvah Project** – www.survivormitzvah.org; this organization helps elderly and impoverished Holocaust survivors in Eastern Europe who receive no direct aid from other agencies.

HESCHEL DAY SCHOOL (2011) – OFF-SITE ACTIVITIES (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

- **Koreh LA** – www.korehla.org; Become a child's reading mentor for a school year (training seminars at area synagogues on MD); see off-site flyer in MD folder for registration information. Must be 12+ years old.
- **Operation Gratitude** – www.operationgratitude.com; Join others prepare packages for US soldiers abroad. Activity takes place from 9 am-1pm or 1 pm-4 pm. See off-site flyer in MD folder for registration information. Must be 12+ years old and ages 12-16 must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Tree People** – www.treepeople.org; Go off-site from 9-12 noon on MD and take care of trees at a not yet determined location (pre-registration required; contact Mandy Shamis – mmshamis@yahoo.com or 818-509-3965.

HESCHEL DAY SCHOOL (2011) – DONATIONS

- **Area Animal Shelters** – Donate old blankets, newspapers and towels for area animal shelters.
- **Apple** – www.apple.com; Donate used Apple laptop batteries, chargers and monitors for recycling as part of Heschel's commitment to eco-awareness and tikkun olam.
- **Bagel Brigade** – www.bagelbrigade.org; Donate cell phones, cords, batteries to raise money to provide bread for people in need.
- **Book Ends** – www.bookends.org; collect new or gently used children's and adult books for schools, shelters and youth organizations in the Greater LA area.
- **The Cinderella Project** – www.apch/cinderellaproject.php; collect gently used, clean teen prom and graduation dresses for under privileged teenage girls.
- **Connections for Children** – www.cfc-ca.org; Donate full or partial rolls of wrapping paper (bright, colorful holiday paper acceptable – no birthday, wedding or baby paper.) CFC guides families and child care professionals toward quality services and programs.
- **Grossman Burn Center** – www.grossmanburncenter.org; Donate new 100% cotton children's' boxer shorts or loose fitting pants (PJs, sweatpants) for burn victims.
- **Guide Dogs of America** – www.guidedogsofamerica.org; Donate new dog toys. Organization provides professionally trained dogs to blind and visually impaired individuals.
- **The House of Ruth** – www.houseofruth.org; Donate new and almost new stuffed animals, toy cars and trucks, puzzles, action figure toys, diapers and wipes to this shelter providing care to women and children affected by domestic violence.
- **Interfaith Food Pantry** – www.fccnh.org/food; Donate plastic jars of peanut butter for people in need of extra food supplies throughout the SFV.
- **Kid Flicks** – www.kidflicks.org; collect new and used DVDs to build video libraries in hospitals.

- **LA Family Housing** – www.lafh.org; Collect laundry detergent and new personal hygiene items (soap, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, razors, cotton swabs, hair brushes, combs, manicure sets, deodorant); organization helps families transition out of homelessness through a continuum of shelters.
- **M.E.N.D.** (Meet Each Need with Dignity) – www.mendpoverty.org; Donate new and gently used clothing and shoes for men, women and children.
- **Nike Reuse a Shoe** – www.letmeplay.com/reuseashoe; Donate old non-metal containing athletic shoes and Nike grinds them up and recycles them for sports surfaces.
- **Operation Gratitude** – www.operationgratitude.com; Donate DVDs, CDs, beef jerky, energy bars, wrapped candy to US troops.
- **Oscar Litwak Foundation** – www.oscarlitwakfoundation.org; Donate new board games or electronic toys to be included in mobile carts and playrooms for hospitalized children and teens.
- **School On Wheels** – www.schoolonwheels.org; Donate new school supplies for homeless children – binders, reams of paper, composition books, pens, calculators, pencils, fine markers, Spanish and English dictionaries, thesaurus.
- **Shoes That Fit** – www.shoesthatfit.org; Donate new shoes and socks to under-privileged children.
- **SOVA Food Pantry** – www.jfsla.org/sova; Donate non-perishable food items and baby formula to this food pantry and resource center for at-risk individuals and families.
- **Wedding Dress Gamach** – Donate wedding and mother-of-the-bride dresses to needy brides and mothers of brides; after event, dresses are cleaned and returned to the next bride/mother can borrow them. “Gamach” is an abbreviation of gemilus chasidim, performing an act of kindness for another.

HILLEL AT PIERCE & VALLEY COLLEGES (2011) – VOLUNTEERING AT SOVA COMMUNITY FOOD AND RESOURCE PROGRAM

We will be assembling and packaging food items.

10:00 a.m. SOVA – 16439 Vanowen St., Van Nuys, CA 91406.

Contact: Sara Kheel – 818-887-5901 (day); 818-887-7143 (fax);

Contact person on site: Maxine Meyer

JEWISH WORLD WATCH (2011) – SOLAR COOKER POT-HOLDER DECORATING

The Solar Cooker Project of Jewish World Watch has provided safe cooking and a means of security by distributing 50,000 Solar Cookers to survivors of the Genocide in Darfur at 4 refugee camps. Volunteers will be decorating pot holders to send to the Oure Casoni, Touloum, Iridimi and Farchana Refugee Camps to be distributed with the Solar Cookers. These potholders, many times, are the most beautiful things these women own, sometimes the only thing they own. Knowing that someone far away took the time to make something both beautiful and useful for them is very comforting.

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Project Location: Participating Synagogues

Contact: Mina Rush – 818-501-1836; 818-501-1835 (Fax)

Contact person on site: To be announced

TEMPLE BETH HILLEL (2011) – PROJECTS LIST

- Food Pantry food bagging
- Red Cross Blood and Bone Marrow Drive (other congregations welcomed)
- Making of Lasagna for LA Family Housing
- Bake Sale to help cover Mitzvah Day costs
- Jewish World Watch: Solar Cooker Project
- Nothing But Nets: Shooting hoops to raise money for providing mosquito nets to Africans living in mosquito infested locations.
- Backpack stuffing for School on Wheels (at least 100 backpacks)
- Making of blankets and pull toys for dogs for Pet Orphans
- Pet Adoption (Maxwell Dog will give us gift certificates for each dog adopted)
- New Horizons: still working on a project for them
- Thanksgiving placemats, cards and decorations for our Thanksgiving Meal held on Thanksgiving morning (last year we served more than 600 meals at the Temple and to housebound people.)
- Operation Gratitude: Writing letters, decorating pictures and cards for soldiers
- Stitches from the Heart: knitted/crocheted hats for preemie/ill babies.
- Cards made for patients at Los Angeles Children's Hospital & Children's Burn Foundation
- Trike-A-Thon to benefit Children's Burn Foundation in honor of Lauren Levitt
- Collection of new and gently read books for the Jewish Lending Library
- Collection of Interview Clothing for New Directions
- Collection of Beanie Babies for Operation Gratitude
- Collection of Halloween Candy for Operation Gratitude
- Collection of Used Towels for Pet Orphans
- Cantor's Chanters (Children's Choir) to sing at The Jewish Home for the Aging
- Adult Choir to sing at Woodland Park Retirement Hotel

TEMPLE RAMAT ZION & ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL DAY SCHOOL (2011) - LOCATION: ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL DAY SCHOOL (ACROSS THE STREET FROM TRZ)

- **Beit Issie Shapiro** – www.beitissie.org.il; Trike-A-Thon (Cycles for Smiles) to support Israeli Center which provides services for children/adults with developmental disabilities. Children across Jewish Nursery, Day and Religious Schools come in droves, riding tricycles, bicycles and even pushing wagons for their friends across the ocean. **How you can help:** Bring your preschool and kindergarten children and grandchildren to participate. Bring plenty of coins. It's never too early to plant the seeds of a charitable spirit!

- **School on Wheels** – www.schoolonwheels.org; Donate and assemble backpacks filled with new school supplies for homeless children. **How you can help:** Please donate supplies for a whole backpack or some individual items needed for homeless children. You can also donate money to sponsor a backpack. Each backpack needs: 1 binder, 1 composition book or pack of notebook paper, 1 calculator, 5 pens, pencils, and erasers, 1 package fine markers, 1 dictionary, 1 Spanish dictionary, 1 thesaurus.
- **Guide Dogs of America** – www.guidedogsofamerica.org;_Make fleece blankets for the canines. Upon completion of their training, the dogs take a blanket to their new owner’s home. You will have a chance to pet the dogs and meet their trainers. **How you can help:** Bring “new” dog toys, new fleece fabric or donate money to purchase the fabric.
- **Bring your donations to Temple Ramat Zion before November 6. No late donations please.** Items that can be donated: cell phones with and without chargers, cord and battery; new or gently used DVDs (children and adults), CDs; Used Apple laptop batteries, chargers and monitors for recycling; new 100% cotton boxer shorts for children, adult and children’s (up to size 6) loose fitting pants (PJs, sweats – cotton blend acceptable); Men, women and children’s clothing, adult and children’s shoes (used welcome); diapers and Pull-Ups (all sizes, open boxes welcome), baby wipes; Toilet paper and paper towels; Used rubber-soled shoes; Peanut butter in plastic jars (no glass); Laundry detergent (liquid or powder); New and used toys (toy cars, trucks, complete puzzlers, action figures); non-perishable food and baby formula for SOVA; Beef jerky, energy bars, wrapped candy (Halloween leftovers); New personal hygiene items (soap, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, razors, cotton swabs, hair brushes, combs, manicure sets, deodorant)
- **To volunteer contact Yazmin Peebles at mcandyazmin@yahoo.com**
- **To donate blood, contact Edye Ash at Harold.edye@att.net to make an appointment**

VALLEY OUTREACH SYNAGOGUE (2011) – SENDING GROUPS TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- The Jewish Home for the Aging
- SOVA
- Operation Gratitude, Operation Interdependence
- West Valley JCC for teen planting (possibly)

