

Congregation Beth Or
MITZVAH MONTHS 2018



TODAH RABAH!

Rabbi Marx, Rabbi Bonder, Cantor Green and
Aaron Nienshultz for your leadership.

Beth Or Congregants, Religious School teachers
and students for your energy and participation.

Board of Trustees, Sisterhood and Brotherhood for your support.

Beth Or Staff for your kind and generous assistance.

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November - December 2018



A Synagogue-Wide Tikkun Olam Program

ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE



NOVEMBER



Thanksgiving Food Drive benefiting IHN **On Site** **DONATE** Thursday, November 1 – Thursday, November 15

What is needed? Non-perishable boxed and canned foods for Thanksgiving for families in the Inter-Faith Housing Network.

Questions? Contact Chairs Nancy Shaffer-End (theends4@msn.com) and Lynn Edelman (lynn.edelman2005@gmail.com)

Beth Or Troop Connections (BOTC) **On Site** **DONATE** Thursday, November 1 – Sunday, November 18

Toiletry collection for American soldiers

Questions? Contact Chair Susy Krimker (susykrimker@gmail.com)

Red Cross Blood Drive **On Site** **DO** Sunday, November 4 9 am - 2 pm

Give the gift of life. Sponsored by Beth Or Brotherhood.

Questions? Contact Chair Stu Briefer (smbriefer@gmail.com)

Meals That Matter **On Site** **DO** Monday, November 5 10 am - 12 pm

Cook meals for KleinLife seniors and homebound clients in the Beth Or kitchen. **Pre-registration required.**

RSVP to Chair Caren Gutman (carengutman@gmail.com)

Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) **Off Site** **DO** Sunday November 11 10 am - 12:30 pm

Pack and deliver food to seniors. Meet at Beth Or at 9 am to carpool or meet at the warehouse at 10 am for packing. (10980 Dutton Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19154) For those available to deliver, routes will begin at 11:30 am.

RSVP to Chair Marlene Cohen (msckidsot@aol.com)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - 3RD ANNUAL MITZVAS DAY

St. Christopher's Hospital **Off Site** **DONATE** 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Bring cheer to young patients and their families. Throughout December we will collect full size shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, tooth brushes (kid and adult), bar soap, baby shampoo, kids 3 in 1, dish soap, toilet paper, and clothes soap in the Religious School lobby. Depart Beth Or at 10:30 am for the hospital with collected items. Lunch provided by the Social Action Committee. Visit with young patients, families, and hospital staff. Limited to 10 volunteers. **Pre-registration required.**

RSVP to Chairs Fred Dugan (fgdugan@comcast.net) and Beth and Bernie Johl (bandbjohl@comcast.net)

Bake & Deliver Cookies to Local Police **On Site** **DO** 10 am - 12:30 pm

Bake and deliver cookies to local police stations and write thank you cards for their round-the-clock service.

RSVP to Chairs Susy Krimker (susykrimker@gmail.com) and Sherry Spector (sspector1949@gmail.com)

Cooking for IHN **On Site** **DO** 10 am - 12:30 pm

Cook meals for families living in a transitional setting with the Inter-Faith Housing Alliance. Meet in the Beth Or first floor kitchen. **Pre-registration required.**

RSVP to Chair Barbara Spilove (bsbubbie@comcast.net)

Knit 'n Knot **On Site** **DO** 10 am - 12:30 pm

Create 'fleece-tie no-sew' blankets for Inter-Faith Hospitality Network families hosted by Beth Or in February 2019.

RSVP to Chair Faye Benshetler (febex@comcast.net)



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Knitting Circle 7 pm - 8:30 pm On Site DO

Knit blankets and hats for IDF soldiers and local hospital patients.

RSVP to Chair Faye Benshetler (febx@comcast.net)

Mitzvah Circle 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Off site DO

Meet at Beth Or at 5:30 pm and caravan to Mitzvah Circle (1561 Gehman Road, Harleysville) or meet at the location at 6:30 pm. Before departing, we will pack our cars with items collected the prior weekend plus additional drop offs that day. This is a wonderful inter-generational project for parents and grandparents with children and grandchildren, ages 4 and older. Children will decorate bags and fill with snacks for people in need. Teens and adults will help with warehouse tasks such as sorting clothes by sizes, packing boxes for families, and unloading deliveries. Limited space. **Pre-registration required.**

RSVP to Chairs Dale Laing and Rebecca Laing (dalelaing73@gmail.com)



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Jewish Relief Agency (JRA) 10 am - 12:30 pm Off Site DO

Pack and deliver food to seniors. Meet at Beth Or at 9 am to carpool or meet at the warehouse at 10 am for packing. (10980 Dutton Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19154) For those available to deliver, routes will begin at 11:30 am.

RSVP to Chair Marlene Cohen (msckidsot@aol.com)

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Adopt a School On Site DONATE

Sunday November 11 & 18 9 am - 12 pm

Items collected for J. K. Gotwals Elementary School in Norristown, a school with 414 children - 96% from low income families and 98% receiving a subsidized lunch or cost reduced lunch, and scholastically ranked in the bottom 50% of all public elementary schools in PA.

What is needed? Command hooks, velcro, felt, tissue paper, cardstock stack, craft sticks, Dixie cups, straws, string, pipe cleaners, small flashlights, coffee filters and all school supplies.

Co-chairs: Jody Pascal (jodyp2005@verizon.net) and Beth Johl (bandbjohl@comcast.net)

Knitting Circle On Site DO

Sunday, November 11 10 am - 12 pm

Wednesday, November 14 7 pm - 8:30 pm

Knit blankets and hats to bring cheer to IDF soldiers and comfort to local hospital patients.

RSVP to Chair Faye Benshetler (febx@comcast.net)

Alex's Lemonade Stand On Site DONATE

Sunday, November 18 9 am - 12 pm

Enjoy a glass of lemonade while supporting pediatric cancer research.

Co-chairs: Lynn Levy (hannahsmom4ever@comcast.net) and Fred Dugan (fgdugan@comcast.net)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2



Meals That Matter 1 pm - 3 pm

On Site 

Cook meals for KleinLife seniors and homebound clients in the Beth Or kitchen. **Pre-registration required.**

RSVP to Chair Caren Gutman (carengutman@gmail.com)

Our Closet 9 am - 12 noon

On Site 

What is needed? JEANS! Please drop off gently used jeans for women, men and children. Our Closet - Powered by Jewish Family and Children's Services is a volunteer-driven organization that provides clothing to vulnerable Philadelphians and their families free of charge by operating "pop-up shops" throughout the city. They operate with the highest regard for the respect of each client in mind; each "pop-up shop" is a welcoming and dignified space.

Questions? Contact Chairs Jennie Nerenberg (brucenjen@verizon.net) and Rachel Steinberg (levinerb@yahoo.com)

Knit 'n Knot 9 am - 12 pm

On Site 

Help make fleece-tie 'no-sew' children's blankets that will be donated to Mitzvah Circle to help keep children warm this winter. "Measure, Cut and Tie" are the easy steps in this fun project! We will also have some small pieces of fleece for children to tie.

Pre-registration required.

RSVP to Chair Faye Benshetler (febx@comcast.net)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia 9 am - 12 pm

On Site

DONATE

DO

What is needed? NEW travel-sized toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash and individually wrapped toothbrushes) for families with a child who is a patient at CHOP.

Also, join volunteers to create the individual bags that will be filled with these goodies for the families.

Questions? Contact Chair Lynn Levy (hannahsmom4ever@comcast.net)



Mitzvah Circle 9 am - 12 pm

On Site 

What is needed? NEW toiletries, diapers, school supplies, socks and underwear, car seats, warm hats and gloves, un-expired packaged food and baby accessories. Also, collecting gently used or new clothing, coats, shoes and purses, housewares, linens, towels, toys with all pieces, and small kitchen/personal appliances (microwave, toaster oven, fan). Separately bagged clothing (no hangers) labeled with the gender, size and season are greatly appreciated. Mitzvah Circle provides high quality clothing and other essentials to people in the most desperate situations.

Questions? Contact Chair Marv Schwartz (marvdebschwartz@verizon.net)