

Congregation Beth Or MITZVAH MONTHS

Fall 2023



Annual Synagogue-wide Tikkun Olam Program

The Beth Or Social Action Committee has put together a variety of collection drives and volunteer opportunities for your entire family.

Please contact the designated chair for additional information or to RSVP for any of the Mitzvah Months programs.



September - December

JEWISH RELIEF AGENCY (JRA) *offsite*

Sundays: September 10, October 15, November 12, December 17 ■ 10am – 2pm (if packing and delivering)

Pack and deliver food boxes to seniors living in N.E. Philadelphia.

Chairs: Marlene & Bob Cohen, mscretiredot@gmail.com, rcohenesquire@gmail.com or JRA Coordinator

Jenny Rubin, volunteering@JewishRelief.org, 610-660-0190

KNITTING CIRCLE

Wednesdays: September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13 ■ 7pm – 9pm

Fridays: September 22, October 20 & November 17 10:30am – 12pm

Gather in the Herzfeld Library to knit blankets and caps for hospital patients and congregants who are healing.

Chair: Faye Benshetler, febz@comcast.net (Faye teaches knitting too!)

MEALS THAT MATTER

Mondays: September 18, October 2, November 6, December 4 10am – 12pm

Meet in the Beth Or kitchen to prepare meals for KleinLife seniors.

Chair: Beth Rabinowitz, bberman19@comcast.net





September

HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE

September 10 - 26

What is needed? Non-perishable canned and boxed food for local food pantry. Drop off in the marked bin in main entrance vestibule.

Chairs: Susy Krimker, susykrimker@gmail.com and

Margie Chachkin, chachkin@aol.com

October

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

OPERATION BREAD DROP ■ 9am - 12pm

Prepare PB&J sandwiches at home and drop off at Beth Or. Ingredients: White bread, creamy PB and grape jelly only. Please spread PB on both slices with jelly in the middle, leave uncut, and place each sandwich in an individual zip lock bag. If making several sandwiches, place zip lock bags in original bread bag. If you are peanut/gluten free, we welcome snack bags, ie; mini-boxes of raisins, breakfast bars, etc.

Chair: Jeff Gould, jeffgouldmd@gmail.com

WISSAHICKON TRAIL CLEANUP/RESTORATION PROJECT

10am - 12pm *offsite*

Plant trees and shrubs in the Rittenhouse town area of the Wissahickon. Gloves and tools will be provided.

Pre-register by 10/1 with Marv Schwartz. (Note: Ask Marv & Marlene about an optional afternoon event in Historic Rittenhouse Town.)

Chairs: Marv Schwartz, marvdebschwartz@verizon.net and Marlene Cohen, mcretiredot@gmail.com





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

LOCKS OF LOVE (Advance appointment required) *offsite*

Donate 10" or more of your hair to children in financial-need with medical hair loss. Your haircut will be provided by J. Augustino Hair Salon (406 Norristown Road, Horsham). **Contact Sharan Bonder to schedule your appointment.**

Chair: Sharan Bonder, sbonder1216@gmail.com, 516-983-4029

ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND ■ 9am – 12pm

Let's help fight childhood cancer one cup of lemonade at a time.

Chair: Lynn Levy, hannahsmom4ever@comcast.net

ANNUAL CAR SHOW

sponsored by Beth Or Brotherhood ■ 9:30am – 1:30pm

When visiting the Car Show, please bring a non-perishable food item that will be donated to the Mattie N. Dixon Food Cupboard.

Chair: Bob Cohen, rcohenesquire@gmail.com

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

sponsored by Beth Or Brotherhood ■ 9am – 2pm

Give the gift of life! **Pre-register by 10/27.**

Chair: Stu Briefer, smbriefer@gmail.com

COAT DRIVE FOR OUR CLOSET ■ 9am – 12pm

What is needed? Adult and children's coats.

Chairs: Rachel Steinberg, levinerb@yahoo.com and Jody Pascal, jodyp2005@verizon.net



November

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

MITZVAH FOR MARX (*L'Dor Va'Dor Celebration Event*)

9am - 12pm

Join the fun when we bake cookies for the Delaware Valley Veterans' Home in honor of Rabbi Marx. You can also sign up to deliver the cookies and visit residents in the afternoon. (2701 Southampton Rd, Philadelphia). **Pre-register to deliver cookies by 10/29.**

Chairs: Susy Krimker, susykrimker@gmail.com and Margie Chachkin, chachkin@aol.com

ONESIGHT ■ **9am - 12pm**

What is needed? Used eyeglasses for people in-need.

Chair: Sharan Bonder, sbonder1216@gmail.com

GEMMA RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR CHILDREN ■ **9am - 12pm**

What is needed? Journals, gel pens, fidgets such as spinners, stress ball Rubik's cubes, etc. that will be delivered Sunday, 11/9.

Chair: Carole Chasen, carole.chasen@yahoo.com

DISTRIBUTING DIGNITY ■ **9am - 12pm**

What is needed? Feminine hygiene products and new bras for women shelters.

Chair: Shari Coltoff, coltoff@yahoo.com

MITZVAH CIRCLE ■ **2pm - 4pm**

Meet fellow congregants at the Mitzvah Circle warehouse near Norristown to sort clothes and other items. Children ages 6-12 are welcome with a parent. **Pre-register by 10/29.**

Chair: Marv Schwartz, marvdebschwartz@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 5 - 12

NIKE Grind

What is needed? Well-worn sneakers needed for reuse to the bin in the main lobby vestibule.

Chair: Nora Saragovi, noraksaragovi@gmail.com

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

GEMMA RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

1pm - 2:30pm *offsite*

Deliver donations that were collected on November 5 and spend time with the children. **Pre-register by 11/12.**

Chair: Carole Chasen, carole.chasen@yahoo.com



December

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

JOY OF SOX ■ 9am – 12pm

What is needed? NEW socks for children and adults in need.

Chairs: Marlene & Bob Cohen, mscretiredot@gmail.com,
rcohenesquire@gmail.com

CRADLES TO CRAYONS ■ 9am – 12pm

What is needed? Gently used children's clothing, shoes, books.

Chairs: Marlene & Bob Cohen, mscretiredot@gmail.com,
rcohenesquire@gmail.com

HIAS PA ■ 9am – 12pm

What is needed? Household goods, ie; dishes, linens, towels, etc.

Chair: Theresa Knee, tknee@comcast.net

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR OUR CLOSET ■ 9am – 12pm

What is needed? Adult ONLY clothing.

Chairs: Jody Pascal, jodyp2005@verizon.net and Rachel Levine,
levinerb@yahoo.com

DELAWARE VALLEY VETERANS HOME *offsite* ■ 2pm

Visit Jewish residents at the Delaware Valley Veterans Home for Chanukah candle lighting, (2701 Southampton Rd., Phila.)

Pre-register by 12/3.

Chair: Stu Briefer, smbriefer@gmail.com





MITZVAS DAY

Monday, December 25 ■ 10am – 12pm

Your family is invited to spend the morning with your Beth Or family doing good work to benefit those in need. We will start off with a d'var from the clergy and then split into groups. **Please RSVP with the chairs for the activity of your choice.**

Knit 'n Knot Fleece Blankets for families living in transition and local hospitals.

Chair: Faye Benshetler, febx@comcast.net

Candy Baskets for Local Police Stations
(candies are pre-wrapped)

Chairs: Susy Krimker, susykrimker@gmail.com and
Sherry Spector, sspector1949@gmail.com

Integrate for Good Mat Project to benefit those without a bed.

Chair: Beverly Weinberg, bev@integrateforgood.org

Visit St. Christopher's Hospital Hematology Floor to spread cheer and deliver holiday lunch and cookies for patients, their families and the hospital staff.

Pre-register by 12/17.

Chairs: Beth & Bernie Johl, bandbjohl@comcast.net





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