

## 2020 Thanksgiving-in-a-Box – 900<sup>+</sup> Boxes is Our Goal!

It is our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Help us feed <u>900+ families in Westchester</u> this holiday season!

Pelham's annual **Thanksgiving-in-a-Box** food drive for needy families, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, will once again be an interfaith event. This year, the drive will be coordinated through Huguenot Memorial Church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, the Pelham Jewish Center, St. Catharine's Parish, Christ Church, Pelham Community Church and the Bronxville Reformed Church. We are partnering with **Family Services of Westchester** and providing boxes of food to families in their Mount Vernon, Pelham, Port Chester, Tarrytown, White Plains and Yonkers locations. **Manor Market** will once again be fulfilling orders and helping with the coordination. The cost per box is \$69.00.

We are asking PJC volunteers to assemble a box of food for a family of 6-8 people. Last year, we were able to provide much needed food for 900 families – and we are hoping to feed even more this year! The PJC <u>has</u> committed to assembling 75 boxes, but we can only achieve this with your help – and it's really simple!

**STEP 1**: Contact Michelle Dvorkin at <a href="michelledvorkin96@gmail.com">michelledvorkin96@gmail.com</a> and let her know that you/your family would like to sponsor a box! After that you have two choices:

Choice 1: Pick up the box from Michelle's home, which will be left in the entryway with your name clearly marked. (It is important that we track how many boxes the PJC is delivering.) Then, buy the specific food items (outlined below) and pack the box. Finally, bring the box to Huguenot Memorial Church (901 Pelhamdale Avenue) and leave it in the designated area. Boxes can be dropped off between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Sunday-Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

Choice 2: If you are unable to put the box together yourself, either Michelle will gladly accept the \$69.00 from you and complete the box on your behalf OR you can go directly to Manor Market (4775-77 Boston Post Road, Pelham Manor, NY) or call them (914-636-2208) and they will put a box together for you and deliver it to the church. If you go to or call Manor Market directly, PLEASE LET US KNOW (Michelle Dvorkin or Julia Coss), so that we can track the PJC boxes.

If you are interested in helping deliver boxes on <u>Wednesday morning</u>, <u>November 25<sup>th</sup></u>, please e-mail the Community Project Coordinator – Tina Constable – at tconstable@prh.com.

## Thanksgiving-in-a-Box items include (Note – Everything will fit inside of the box except for the ham)\*:

• 1 pre-cooked sliced spiral ham (8-10 pounds – you will find these in the meat section of your grocery store. *Please, no canned hams*.)

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- 2 (28-32 oz.) bags of rice
- 6 (15 oz.) cans of vegetables (any kind of vegetable that is available due to COVID shortages)
- 1 (5 lb.) bag of potatoes approximately 12 potatoes
- 1 (3 lb.) bag of apples approximately 8-10 apples
- 1 (1 lb.) box of pasta any kind
- 1 (24 oz.) jar of tomato sauce any kind
- 1 bag/container of cookies (Oreos & the like kind of packaging)
- 2 (64 oz.) containers juice (Please, no cider or anything that needs to be refrigerated!)

\*It is halachically permissible to purchase non-kosher food in order to donate it to an impoverished family. If one is interested in learning the halachic sources about this, feel free to contact Rabbi Salzberg.