

**Beth Chaim Tikkun Olam Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, January 8, 2023**  
**Committee co-chairs: Holly Singer and Becky Marks**  
**Liaison : Rabbi Blum**

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Attendees: Rabbi Blum, Becky Marks, Helene Molter, Barbara Horn, Fran Lichtenstein, Linda Feldstein, Gayle Weisberg, Mindy Shedler

- **D'Var Torah- Sch'mot Exodus 1.1-6:1** [Gayle Weisberg] Strong Jewish Woman raised the next generation despite Pharaoh's decree- whether strong moral compass or the fear of god they would not just kill sons but many learned you can't always be martyr and they defied orders.
- **March/April print newsletter:** Jan 31 deadline including flyer (message/images)
- **Scheduled projects** – online calendar <https://www.bethchaim.org/tikkunolam>
- ✓ **Sunday, January 29, 1-3pm: Knitting for a Cause** [Helene Molter] ; no Sign-up Genius blast due to planned weekly blast through temple. Sisterhood runs the program which is crafting for anyone with an interest and passion. Age 12+ Unfinished items can go back to Anne.
- ✓ **Feb: Diaper drive for Womanspace** [Linda Feldstein]: Tikkun Olam blast scheduled for Jan. 18; Need Larger sizes (3+) are needed, Wipes; bin will be in lobby; Linda will coordinate for newsletter appearance; Holly will send Tikkun Olam/Sign-up Genius blast.
- ✓ **Monthly HomeFront dinners:** Jan 25, Feb. 22, March 22, April 26, May 24
  - **Jan 25 dinner:** [via Eric Sheffield] Men's Club will arrange entire dinner: funding, shopping, meal assembly at Beth Chaim and delivery. Holly will create sign-up
- ✓ **March: Passover drive for JFCS** [Fran Lichtenstein]: Tikkun Olam blast scheduled for Feb. 22, collection March 10-19; Fran to coordinate with print newsletter
- ✓ **April: Mother's Day personal hygiene collection for HomeFront:** Holly Singer will coordinate and run the Tikkun Olam/Sign up Genius blast to get collections.
- ✓ **May 7 mitzvah day** [Becky Marks]:–Beth Chaim will be the hub for a number of activities. Goal: highlight the orgs we work with to help us get interest for the coming year. Do some serious good around town. Rabbi, Anne and Becky should meet prior to next Tikkun Olam meeting to discuss next steps and what's needed. Rabbi will see if the JCC is interested in being a part.
- ✓ **Refugee assistance** [Betsy Ie - absent during meeting]– plans in the pipeline and support needed? [*Betsy, please advise and coordinate for newsletter prior to Jan.31 deadline*]
- **Other ideas:**
  1. Clean Up Camp
  2. Build something : TREX Bench for BC- collect plastic waste, get a bench in return
  3. Knitting/Crochet (distribute extra stuff from knitting) to JFCS, IDF, Greenwood House (wheelchair bags
  4. Newsletter - do we need our own newsletter to drive engagement and awareness or is temple blast enough?

**Details for May 7 Mitzvah Day:**

- Hebrew School that day can focus on creating stuff (cards, blankets etc) and learning about the charities we work with and why they are helping the community.
- Kick-off of the day at BC following Hebrew School for entire community; Project around “town” to distribute and connect with charities.
- Budget TBD, potential (partial funding from Tikkun Olam Fund); Sign-ups TBD

Upcoming meetings: (none in February), March 12, April 2, May 14, June 11

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Becky Marks and Holly Singer*

