



Dear Friends,

Welcome to Temple Sinai's **15th** annual Mitzvah Day! Below is information about the schedule, projects, and this year's drive. We look forward to seeing you on **Sunday, April 2nd**. *Each family's \$5 donation helps cover the costs of lunch and supplies.*

Mitzvah Day Schedule

- 12:00:** Meet at Temple Sinai in Ehrenfried Hall for a pizza lunch, welcoming remarks by Rabbi Vogel, and an introduction to the day's events.
- 12:45 - 1:00:** Assemble into groups according to activity. The project coordinator will go over details specific to that activity.
- 1:00 - 3:00:** Groups depart for their locations and take part in their Mitzvah Day projects.

Mitzvah Day Drive

- ★ This year's drive is for the **Brookline Emergency Food Pantry**. We need canned goods of all kinds. They will be delivered by those participating in the Food Pantry project on Mitzvah Day. *Please check the expiration date on all products.*

Bring your items to the Temple and place them in the large box outside the office.

Special Mitzvah Day Fundraiser!

- ★ TSIPPY (Temple Sinai Passionate Proactive Youth) is a teen-run committee that organizes tzedakah fundraisers and works to keep high schoolers involved at Temple Sinai. On Mitzvah Day, TSIPPY will be selling hand-crafted bowls and homemade soup, both made by Temple Sinai teens. The proceeds will be donated to a local non-profit organization in order to further TSIPPY's mission to use their hands to further justice in the local community and the rest of the world.

Mitzvah Day Projects

Note that projects 1 - 4 take place at the temple.

1. Stuff Goody Bags for Birthday Wishes

"Let the honor of your neighbor be as dear to you as your own" (Pirke Avot)

The Birthday Wishes organization provides parties for children housed in domestic violence shelters and other facilities. Come help stuff goody bags to be used at these parties. This is a great activity for families with young children. We need 15 participants for this activity.

Project Coordinator: Janet Cline (janet.cline@gmail.com)

2. Color-a-Mug for Seniors

"Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom" (Job 32:7)"

Come design a beautiful mug at Temple Sinai, and fill it with tasty treats!! We will donate our handmade gifts to Jewish Family and Children's Services for their upcoming gathering for Holocaust survivors. Let them know that they have not been forgotten by our community. We need 15 adults and children for this activity.

Project Coordinator: Hannah Kalson (hkalson@gmail.com)



3. Prepare a Meal for the Yawkee Family Inn

"Justice, Justice, Shall You Pursue" (Deut 16:20)

Congregants will assemble lasagna (uncooked) and salad in the Temple Sinai kitchen for families whose children are undergoing medical care in Boston. Younger children will enjoy frosting and decorating cupcakes. We need about 15 volunteers for this activity, with one or two families remaining to deliver the dishes to the two Yawkee Inn sites nearby.

Project Coordinator: Pam Templer (ptempler@bu.edu)

4. Start Seedlings for Food Pantry Garden

"See, I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth; they shall be yours for food." (Genesis 1:29)

The Edward L. Cooper, Sr. Community Garden and Education Center in Roxbury is starting a garden dedicated to the clients of the food pantry they host each month. Come help us start the seedlings that a Sheirut Sunday group will plant on April 30th in conjunction with a youth group from United South End Settlements. This is a great project for all ages. We need about 12 participants.

Project Coordinator: Deborah Nam-Krane (deb@deborahnamkrane.com)

5. Deliver Canned Goods to the Brookline Emergency Food Pantry

"If a person among us is in need we do not harden our heart but instead we open our hand and give what is needed" (Deut 15:7)

The Brookline Emergency Food Pantry (www.stpaulsbrookline.org/brookline-food-pantry) is a community-wide effort that provides food to over 500 Brookline low-income families and individuals. We will deliver and sort the cans at the food pantry's location on St. Paul Street. This activity is appropriate for adults and children in grades 3 and up. We need about 15 - 20 participants.

Project Coordinator: Robbie Singal (robbiesingal1@gmail.com)

6. Prepare a Meal for Residents at the Anna Bissonnette House

"Acknowledge the image of God in Others" (Gen 1:26)

Prepare and serve a lasagna dinner at the Anna Bissonnette House in the South End, a residence for formerly homeless seniors. This activity is great for high school students. We need 10 volunteers for this activity.

Project Coordinator: Ellen Blinder (ecblinder@aol.com)

7. Sing-a-Long for Seniors

"Rise Before Your Elders" (Lev. 19:32)

This "feel-good" event will take place at an assisted living center in Cleveland Circle. Led by Temple Sinai's music educator, religious school children will sing songs they have studied in music all year. No additional practice is necessary. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate. We need 10 adults and children for this activity.

Project Coordinator: Heidi Smith Hyde (school@sinaibrookline.org)



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If you have a question about a specific project, please contact the appropriate project coordinator. For general questions, please contact Hannah Kalson at hkalson@gmail.com.