

Our collective efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 have saved lives, but they have also wrought devastating impacts on the economy. This toll is felt most acutely by low-income individuals, both those who were food-insecure before the pandemic began and those who are seeking assistance for the very first time. Food banks are overtaxed, reporting increased demand while also facing the operational challenges of declining volunteers and diminished retail donations, but there ***is*** something you can do to help. In partnership with local service organizations, Temple Emanuel members can prepare sandwiches and meals to support those in need.

Procedure

Step 1. Email Susan Hommel shommel46@gmail.com to indicate your availability to make sandwiches to be dropped off at Temple between 9:30am and 11:00am on Tuesday, March 16th. Please indicate the upper limit of sandwiches you are willing to provide! You will receive a confirmation email and additional directions by March 7th.

Step 2. As close to the drop off time as you are able, prepare the sandwiches! A standard loaf of bread makes ten sandwiches, and while peanut butter and jelly may not sound exciting it doesn't require refrigeration. You could also make cheese sandwiches (more than one piece, please!) or use deli meats. Wash your hands, pick your favorite sandwich ingredients, and remember that creamy peanut butter is better for folks who may be experiencing dental issues if you go with PB&J. Make the sandwich the way you would want to eat it, cut it in half, and seal it in a ziplock bag. Label each individual bag with the type of sandwich inside - masking tape or mailing labels work perfectly! Put all of the sandwiches into a bag/box and be sure to write the total number of sandwiches clearly on the outside of the bag/box before bringing it to Temple.

Step 3. Plan to bring your sandwiches to Temple between 9:30am and 11:00am on Tuesday, March 16th. We will meet you outside the main Bower Hill entry (the front of Temple!) to help unload your car. A volunteer will then take all of our sandwiches to our partner organizations for distribution that evening.

If you are willing to be a delivery driver, please let Susan know that as well when you respond.

Thank you for your consideration and participation in this expression of our Jewish values! Temple wishes to thank Susan and Rikki Hommel for organizing this project.