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NEWSLETTER Social Action Update

Torah Center Gives Back

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Chanukah Service and Dinner Friday, December 8, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Celebrate Chanukah at Temple! Join us for a delicious dairy Shabbat dinner – salmon, crunchy fish sticks, macaroni and cheese, latkes with apple sauce & parve sour cream, salad & more! Bring your *hanukkiah* (menorah) and candles and we'll light them together. Stay for our Shabbat evening service and we'll enjoy donuts and other treats at the oneg. Please contact [the office](#) with any questions.

Temple Emanuel Grandparents Group Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 1:30 PM

Join our Temple Emanuel Grandparents Group for our meeting to discuss holiday traditions. Author and congregant Judy Press will join us to lead grandparents through a writing exercise to explore our own holiday traditions. You won't want to miss this interactive session! [Email Sarah](#) for more details!

WTE+ Chanukah Wine, Cheese, and Art Night! Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Chanukah is not just about presents, donuts, and not being able to get the smell of oil out of your house for a week – it's also about wine, cheese, and exploring spirituality. We hope you will join us as we gather for some Judith-inspired snacks (wine and cheese, no beheading).

We'll get to exercise our creative sides with a project led by Rabbi Emily Meyer and based on an ancient practice for spiritual direction, the Shiviti. No art skill or prior knowledge required! RSVP to [Sarah](#).

South Hills Community Chanukah Celebration at Temple Emanuel

Monday, December 11th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

Join us for our annual South Hills Community Chanukah "Donuts and Dreidels" celebration! We will do crafts, eat latkes, learn more about Chanukah with our South Hills clergy, and play bingo!

Register here:

https://jccpggh.formstack.com/forms/south_hills_chanukah_2024

Team Sandwich for December

Tuesday, December 19th from 1:00 to 1:30 pm

Save the date! Email [Susie](#) to learn more!

Torah Center Students Giving Back

As our Torah Center students, teachers, and families know, our students here are frequently busy with lots of *mitzvah* projects to give back to their community.

Our first grade class in collaboration with our ECDC's kindergarten class are collecting oil for SHIM through Chanukah. As part of this collaboration between the classes, our first graders decorated one half of the box and left the other half of the box undecorated as an invitation for the ECDC students to help. If you are able to donate oil for this *mitzvah* project, please bring donations to Temple Emanuel. Email [Ellen Drook](#) if you have any questions.

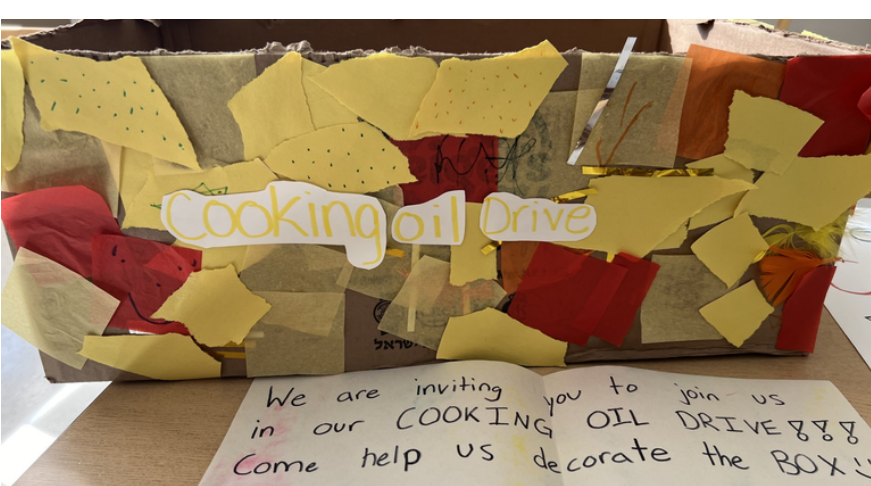
Recently, our fourth grade class collected homemade cookies and wrote cards. Together with the pre-K class, they sorted and packaged the cookies and cards to send to the Jewish Soldiers Project.

Our seventh graders have been hard at work on a few *mitzvah* projects recently. They planned the activities for a parents' night out event, allowing Torah Center families the opportunity to go out while their students played games, did crafts, and watched movies with Torah Center teachers and seventh graders. One of the projects students worked on together during parents' night out was crafting cat toys for Animal Friends.

On a separate occasion, our seventh graders recently made close to 200 sandwiches to benefit Team Sandwich. These sandwiches are donated to two local homeless shelters as well as to the students and families who benefit from FreeStore 15106 at Carnegie Elementary School.

The list of all of the classes and their *mitzvot* could go on and on. We are so lucky to have such wonderful students, teachers, and administrators at our religious school.

-Sarah



The Torah Center's 1st grade class and the ECDC's KG class are collecting cooking oil for SHIM through Chanukah. Email [Ellen Drook](#) at with questions.

We are always collecting non-perishable food donations for SHIM in the boxes beside the stairwell.

Want to learn more about Temple Emanuel's participation in ADL's Kulanu for Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism? [Email Sarah](#)!

Team Sandwich collects sandwiches every 3rd Tuesday of the month! Contact shommel46@gmail.com to sign-up to bring sandwiches!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS FOR FREESTORE 15106

- Shelf-stable foods like Easy Mac cups and Chef Boyardee
- Nonperishable Food
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Hand Soap
- Laundry Detergent

Please bring donations to Temple.