

# NEWSLETTER

Social Action Update

# Supporting Our Community in February



Shabbat of Service volunteers organized SHIM's clothing closet to find donations and sorted pet food donations for the Humane Society.

We are always collecting nonperishable food donations for SHIM in the boxes beside the stairwell.

Temple Emanuel is once again partnering with the Anti-Defamation League for their Kulanu: Synagogues in Action Against Antisemitism program. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact Sarah Mangan.

**Team Sandwich** collects sandwiches every 3rd Tuesday of the month!

Contact <a href="mailto:shommel46@gmail.com">shommel46@gmail.com</a> 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.

## Dancing for Dreams

Torah Center's 7th grade class is putting the finishing touches on their preparations for the upcoming Dance-a-Thon in partnership with Jamie's Dream Team. Jamie's Dream Team is "dedicated to providing support and resources to individuals facing significant hardships, including those who are handicapped, disabled, terminally ill, severely injured, or battling serious medical conditions, diseases, or trauma. [Their] mission is to bring hope and joy by making dreams come true for those who need it most."

The 7th grade class has been divided into five teams, each representing a child suffering from serious illness, injury, disability, or trauma. By planning this *mitzvah* class project and working with Jamie's Dream Team, each 7th grade team is working towards making their child's "wish" come true. For some children, that means special trips and experiences, and for others that means installing home amenities that make their home more accessible for therapies, like a swimming pool. Every child's wish is different!

Through Zoom sessions, the students have had the opportunity to connect with the children they're supporting, and their excitement and motivation have grown immensely. At the event, they will even have the chance to meet their wish buddies in person!

The entire Temple Emanuel community is invited to join in the fun and help our 7th grade class and Jamie's Dream Team make wishes come true for these deserving, local children on Saturday, February 22nd from 3–6 PM. Enjoy dancing, games, face painting, food, and raffle baskets while you join us in this *mitzvah*.

Tickets are available through the link below:

<u>Link to Purchase Tickets for Dancing for Dreams</u>

Thank you for your generosity, sponsorship, and support in making this incredible endeavor possible for our 7th grade class!



This month marks 4 years that Temple Emanuel volunteers have donated their time and sandwich supplies to prepare sandwiches for our South Hills neighbors facing food insecurity.

Thank you to everyone who has made this effort such a success!

Want to be part of the effort? All you need is a loaf of bread or two, sandwich fillings of your choice, and an email to Susie Hommel to let her know you're planning to donate: shommel46@gmail.com.

### Team Sandwich

Join us to help provide sandwiches to those facing food insecurity at Bethlehem Haven, Washington City Mission, and Freestore 15106 through our Team Sandwich program!

This month Team Sandwich celebrates its 4th anniversary! For 4 years, Temple Emanuel volunteers have donated their time and sandwich supplies to preparing sandwiches, and we need your help! All you need is a loaf of bread, sandwich fillings of your choice, sandwich bags to individually wrap them, and an opportunity to deliver them to Temple on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM or before!

Email Susie Hommel to let her know you're planning to donate: <a href="mailto:shommel46@gmail.com">shommel46@gmail.com</a>.

Join us in celebrating 4 years of giving by making sandwiches!

#### Shabbat of Service

Volunteers for February's Shabbat of Service will join Cantor Kalix at Global Links on Saturday, February 8th.

Check your 'Temple Happenings' emails for more details on how to register.