



Temple Shaaray Tefila
Celebrate • Learn • Pray • Connect

ACTS OF KINDNESS AND JUSTICE ~A JEWISH MONTH OF SERVICE~

Inspired by 50 years of tikkun olam, tzedakah, and chesed



Why give back in a Jewish way?

JUDAISM TEACHES THAT EVERY PERSON CAN HELP REPAIR THE
WORLD — **TIKKUN OLAM**.

THIS NOVEMBER, LET'S LIVE OUR VALUES THROUGH SMALL
DAILY ACTS OF **KINDNESS, JUSTICE, AND COMPASSION**.

“YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO COMPLETE THE WORK, BUT NEITHER ARE YOU
FREE TO DESIST FROM IT.” — PIRKEI AVOT 2:16

Gemilut Chasadim – Acts of Loving-Kindness

1. VOLUNTEER AT A FOOD BANK
2. DONATE WARM CLOTHING OR BLANKETS TO THOSE IN NEED.
3. WRITE THANK-YOU LETTERS TO JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH VETERANS.
4. CREATE CARE KITS FOR UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS.
5. HELP AN ELDERLY NEIGHBOR WITH YARD WORK OR ERRANDS
6. ORGANIZE A COMMUNITY COAT OR CANNED FOOD DRIVE
7. VOLUNTEER AT A LOCAL SOUP KITCHEN OR SYNAGOGUE MEAL PROGRAM.
- 8.. OFFER FREE BABYSITTING FOR A SINGLE PARENT OR CAREGIVER.
9. DELIVER HOMEMADE CHALLAH OR BAKED GOODS TO FIRST RESPONDERS.
10. HOST A “GRATITUDE AND GIVING” SWAP BEFORE SHABBAT.



COMMUNITY CENTER
OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

SHARE THE WARMTH DRIVE



**PLEASE HELP...Share the Warmth during the holiday season at
the Community Center by donating to our drive!**

To help our families keep their children warm during the winter season, we seek donations of NEW hats, gloves, and warm cozy blankets for all our children, ages infant through 18 years.

WE NEED DONATIONS OF:

- NEW fleece or warm cozy blankets
- NEW hats
- NEW gloves

We begin distributing these items on December 1st, so please bring your unwrapped donations to the Center at your earliest convenience. Items will be gratefully accepted at the back door donation room during regular business hours.

Please email Nancy, nhodor@communitycenternw.org, with any questions.

If you don't have time to shop in person, we have created an Amazon wishlist...you can order your items easily online and have them shipped directly to the Community Center!

[CLICK HERE FOR AMAZON WISH LIST](#)



Thank you for sharing with your neighbors in need this holiday season!

SANDWICH BRIGADE

GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES/FRIENDS OF ALL AGES

MAKE SANDWICHES (20 AT A TIME) FOR OUR FRIENDS IN NEED!

BROADWAY MANOR-HOMELESS SHELTER IN YONKERS

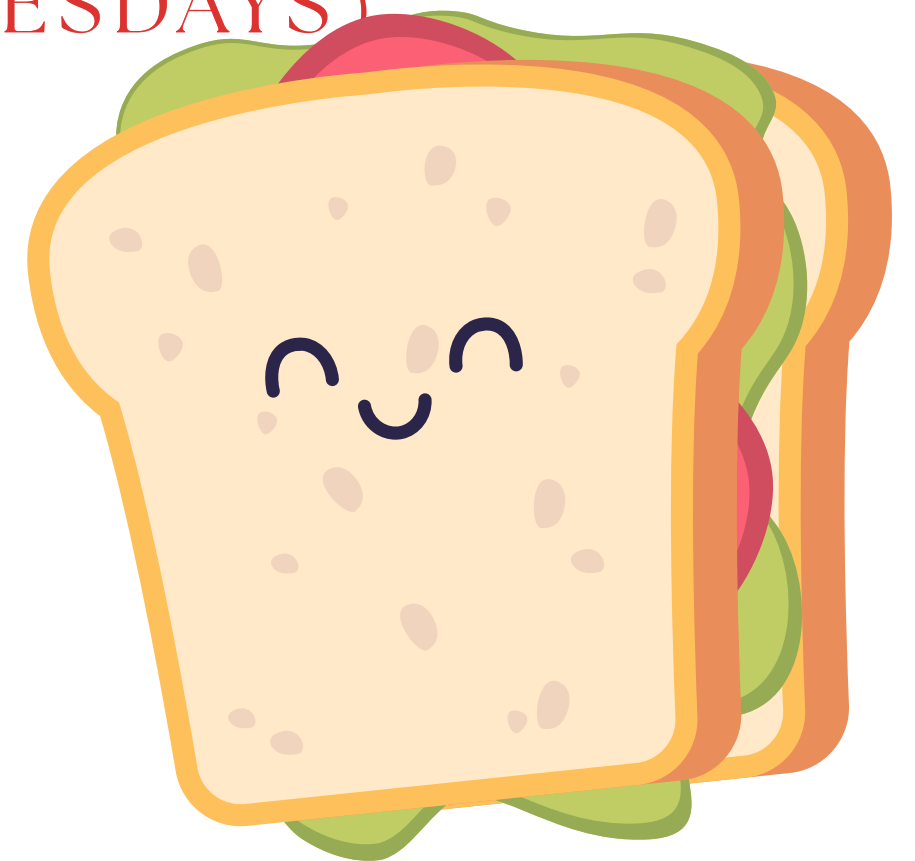
(NO NEED TO DRIVE FAR - DROP OFF IN CHAPPPAQUA - TUESDAYS)

OR

COMMUNITY CENTER OF NORTHERN WESTCHESTER

DELIVERIES ACCEPTED ON FRIDAYS

Please reach out to Ira Russo (IraR713@aol.com)
to coordinate a date.



The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry is now



HOLIDAY COOKIE & OIL COLLECTION

TO BENEFIT THE
THE PANTRY

(FORMERLY, THE MOUNT KISCO INTERFAITH PANTRY)



1 LB BOXES OF
OREOS OR CHIPS
AHOY COOKIES



DROP OFF IN THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL LOBBY



Chinuch~Education & Bal Tashchit~Helping our Planet

11. TUTOR STUDENTS — HELP THEM REACH THEIR POTENTIAL.
12. DONATE JEWISH BOOKS OR CHILDREN’S STORIES TO A SCHOOL OR LIBRARY.
13. MENTOR A TEEN THROUGH YOUR SYNAGOGUE OR YOUTH GROUP.
14. MAKE THANK-YOU CARDS FOR HEBREW SCHOOL TEACHERS.
15. COLLECT SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED.
16. PLANT TREES OR BULBS — ECHOING TU BISHVAT’S MESSAGE OF RENEWAL.
17. ORGANIZE A PARK OR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP.
18. START COMPOSTING OR RECYCLING AT HOME.
19. HOST A “GREEN SHABBAT”, USE REUSABLE TABLEWARE, GO LOCAL, EAT PLANT-FORWARD.
20. LEAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY IN JEWISH THOUGHT.

People of all ages volunteer at the Center: from teenagers earning community service to retirees



DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEART OF THE CENTER. THEY MAKE EVERYTHING CCNW DOES POSSIBLE
TEMPLE SHAARAY TEFILA HAS 2 SPOTS TO HELP EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT THEIR TEMPORARY LOCATION:
669 BEDFORD ROAD, BEDFORD HILLS, NY 10507

BEGINNING OCTOBER 25TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 22ND
VOLUNTEERS MUST BE OVER 13 YEARS OLD

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR A TIME SLOT](#)



[March Fourth](#), a nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy group dedicated to one urgent goal: **ending mass shootings in America**. This is a fight for every family

in America who deserves to live without the fear of gun violence—a fear that plagues us every single day. March Fourth is unique in its focus and impact. Its singular mission is to end mass shootings through federal legislation, particularly by banning assault weapons—an effort that reflects common sense and has overwhelming public support. With your help, March Fourth **educates & mobilizes** communities, **amplifies** the voices of survivors and families, and **lobbies Congress**.

Our TST community can have a significant impact as individuals by taking 60 seconds (maybe less!) to [contact your representatives in Congress](#) and demand action.

The site will formulate and send messages to your local representative and Senators if you simply provide your address. You can use their generic messaging or use the site to customize your message too.

While you're there, [checkout other ways you can get have imopact](#) through volunteerism, subscribe to their newsletter, or to donate!



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DONATE DIAPERS & WIPES **(DROP IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL BUILDING)**

914CARES DIAPER BANK PROVIDES A WEEK'S WORTH OF DIAPERS TO "FILL THE GAP" EACH MONTH FOR THE 1 IN 2 US FAMILIES THAT ARE STRUGGLING WITH DIAPER NEED.

WHAT IS A DIAPER BANK? A DIAPER BANK IS AN INSTITUTION OR ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES DIAPERS TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES LIVING IN POVERTY WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO DIAPERS.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 IN 2 US FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO AFFORD DIAPERS.
- NATIONALLY, 1 IN 4 PARENTS EXPERIENCING DIAPER NEED SAID THEY MISSED SCHOOL OR WORK BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH DIAPERS FOR THEIR BABIES.
- 46% OF FAMILIES CUT BACK ON OTHER ESSENTIALS, SUCH AS FOOD AND UTILITIES TO AFFORD DIAPERS.
- 70% OF FAMILIES REPORTED INCREASED FEELINGS OF STRESS AND ANXIETY, UNMET HEALTH NEEDS, AND BARRIERS TO WORK.

Arevut – Mutual Responsibility & Hakarat HaTov – Recognizing the Good

21. SUPPORT LOCAL JEWISH OR SMALL BUSINESSES.
22. HOST A COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON KINDNESS AND INCLUSION.
23. VOLUNTEER AT AN ANIMAL SHELTER
24. DONATE BLOOD OR HELP ORGANIZE A HEALTH DRIVE AT YOUR SYNAGOGUE.
25. VISIT RESIDENTS AT A JEWISH NURSING HOME — SHARE STORIES OR SING.
26. PAY IT FORWARD — BUY COFFEE FOR SOMEONE IN LINE.
27. WRITE THANK-YOU NOTES TO ESSENTIAL WORKERS.
28. START A GRATITUDE BOARD IN A COMMUNITY SPACE.
29. COOK A MEAL FOR A FRIEND RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS.
30. REFLECT ON YOUR MONTH — JOURNAL ON WHAT YOU LEARNED AND [SIGN UP FOR YOUR NEXT MITZVAH.](#)





wjcs 2025-2026

Veterans Day Family Volunteer Event

Personal Care Kit Drive

ONE OF THE MOST EMBARRASSING EXPERIENCES FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IS TO BE PULLED ASIDE BY A TEACHER OR SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER TO HEAR THAT THEIR HYGIENE IS NOT UP TO PAR. FREQUENTLY, THE PROBLEM IN UNDER-RESOURCED COMMUNITIES IS THAT STUDENTS DON'T HAVE REGULAR ACCESS TO DEODORANT, BODY WASH, SHAMPOO, OR EVEN TOOTHPASTE AT HOME. YOU CAN HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY BY PARTICIPATING IN OUR PERSONAL CARE KIT DRIVE AND DONATING NEEDED ITEMS TO WJCS.

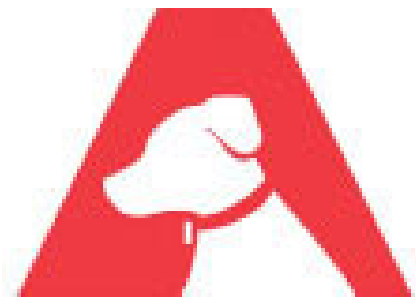
VISIT OUR [AMAZON WISHLIST](#) TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES AND HAVE THEM DELIVERED TO WJCS (845 NORTH BROADWAY, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10603) IN TIME FOR THE PACKING EVENT ON NOVEMBER 11, 2025.

ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN PURCHASE ITEMS AND BRING THEM TO WJCS FOR THE DRIVE.

ON **VETERANS DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025**, WE ARE HOSTING A [FAMILY VOLUNTEER EVENT](#) FROM 10AM-12PM AT WJCS HEADQUARTERS TO HELP PACK PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR STUDENTS AT THE **ELMSFORD SCHOOL CLINICAL PROGRAM**

INDIVIDUALS ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE PACKING EVENT. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, [PLEASE CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER.](#)

[CONTACT: CAROLYN MURPHY, DIRECTOR, AT 914-237-6089; CMURPHY@WJCS.COM](#)



ADOPT • A • DOG

Coming to the Rescue Since 1981

The purpose of the Adopt-A-Dog volunteer program is to provide a welcoming environment where our organization can create a positive impact in our community and give people the chance to dedicate their time in making a difference in the lives of homeless animals anyway they can.

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY TO VOLUNTEER](#)

Please note your affiliation to Temple Shaaray Tefila when signing up.



Adoption Assistance



Administrative Assistance



Marketing Assistance



Donation Distribution



Dog Walker



Dog Socialization



Office Assistance



Events Assistance

Thanksgiving

2025

Join us for our annual meal making extravaganza, preparing and delivering meals to over 4,000 neighbors in need.

[CLICK HERE TO HELP](#)

There are five tabs in the sign up genius, please look through them all for the various ways to contribute.

1. Donate Food and Supply
2. Prep and Cook
3. Drive and Deliver
4. Financial Donation
5. Be a Leader

Carry the Light Forward

EACH ACT OF KINDNESS IS A SPARK OF HOLINESS.

AS WE MOVE TOWARD WINTER AND CHANUKAH, MAY OUR
DEEDS BRING LIGHT, WARMTH, AND HOPE TO THE WORLD.



“THE WORLD STANDS ON THREE THINGS: ON TORAH, ON WORSHIP, AND ON ACTS OF
LOVING-KINDNESS.” — PIRKEI AVOT 1:2