



## Temple Beth Ami's Tikkun Olam Committee

# 2022 Collections

Please support these drives by bringing specific needed items to the bins in the Temple lobby.  
Unless otherwise noted, collections run from the 1st–27th of the month.

- **January**

**Protein Food Drive**—For [Bethesda Help](#), which provides food for neighbors in need in Bethesda and beyond. Donate peanut butter (no glass jars), canned chicken, canned tuna, packages of oatmeal, and other non-perishable protein items.

- **February**

**Essentials for the Upcounty Hub**—BlackRock Center for the Arts supplies more than 1,200 families with food and essentials weekly. Please donate their most-needed items: diapers, shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, and deodorant.

- **March**

**The Great Gift Card Giveaway**—To help **newly arrived refugees** purchase exactly what they need. Please donate gift cards (\$25 and up) from Target, Walmart, Giant, or Safeway. Watch for further information on where to bring the cards. Can also be brought to TBA's [HIAS](#) Refugee Shabbat service on March 11.

- **April**

**Arts & Crafts Supplies/Summer Toys**—[DoKindWorks](#)' "Summer Fun Stuff Project" helps Montgomery County kids with no access to pools/camp programs. Bring **new/like-new** arts and crafts supplies (e.g., coloring books, crayons, colored paper, magic markers, sidewalk chalk, Play-Doh) and toys (e.g., puzzle books, small rubber balls, decks of cards, harmonicas/kazoos).

- **May**

**Spring Cleaning for a Good Cause**—**Sunday, May 1, on the TBA parking lot.** Bring items for numerous organizations and causes for the needy in our area, including [A Wider Circle](#) (clothing, furniture), [Leveling the Playing Field](#) (sports equipment), [Secure the Call](#) (cell phones), [Capital Kosher Pantry](#), and more. **Start cleaning out and collecting your items well before this event!**

- **July–August**

**School Supplies for South Lake Elementary School (ES) Students**—Donate back-to-school supplies (new/gently used backpacks, marble composition notebooks, pencils, pencil pouches, scissors, rulers, and glue sticks) for students whose families can't afford such purchases.

- **September**

**Montgomery County Child Welfare Services' POP-UP SHOP**—Drop off the five most-needed items the social workers ask for to serve hundreds of **children in foster care** in our area. We'll post these items as we get closer to this collection.

- **October**

**Manna Food Center**—Support Manna's "Harvest Against Hunger" food drive, starting **Erev Yom Kippur and through Simchat Torah**. Also, bring healthy canned food for Manna and Capital Kosher Pantry year-round to the bins in the Temple lobby.

**New/Gently Used Coats, Socks, and Scarves for Men, Women, Children**—Benefits the [Interfaith Works Clothing Center](#) (adult coats/socks) and students at **South Lake ES** (children's coats/socks).

- **November**

**Thanksgiving Food Drive for Manna Food Center**—Donate canned (yams, carrots, pie filling, chicken broth, green beans, gravy, cranberry sauce) and boxed/bagged (instant mashed potatoes, dried stuffing mix, muffin mix) foods for Manna's clients.

- **December**

**Holiday Collections and Projects for Local Needy Families**—Starting in November, be on the lookout for more information on various ways you can contribute to help make the holidays brighter for so many families in need.

Please note our year-round collections of healthy food for the Manna Food Center, gently used clothing for the Interfaith Works Clothing Center, used eyeglasses for Lions Club International, kosher food for the Capital Kosher Pantry, and used cell phones for Secure the Call via bins in the Temple lobby. Contact [Arlynn Joffe \(arlynnjoffe@gmail.com\)](mailto:arlynnjoffe@gmail.com) for more information.

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