



Tikkun Olam Committee

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is
What are you doing for others?"*

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



HIGHLIGHT OF THE MONTH

TOC Volunteers

In honor of Volunteer Appreciation month, which just concluded, the TOC would like to highlight our volunteers! We want to thank the many people who have committed their time, energy, and resources over the past two years to contribute to our monthly and ongoing collections, despite the challenges caused by the pandemic. A special thank you to those who coordinated the collections and events and worked behind the scenes to help support those in our community as well as refugees who are new to our community.

Very important
Optimistic
Love to help
Unlimited energy
Needed
Talented
Energetic
Empathetic
Repair the world
Support our community

Here are some of the organizations and events that have benefited from our volunteers:

- New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance
- JSSA's Holocaust Survivor Program
- South Lake Elementary School and Seneca Valley High School
- Montgomery County Child Welfare Services
- Community Reach of Montgomery County's Jefferson & Rockland Houses
- Children's Inn
- Makom (formerly Jewish Foundation for Group Homes, JFGH)
- Meals on Wheels
- Manna Food Center
- 4 Montgomery's Kids
- Bethesda Help
- Upcounty HUB
- Interfaith Works
- A Wider Circle
- Capital Kosher Pantry
- Nourish Now



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

PASSOVER BASKETS

On Sunday, April 10, we delivered 31 Passover Baskets, filled with Passover necessities and treats, to needy neighbors in our area. Thank you to the following for volunteering their time:

- Louise and Elliot Allentuck
- Linda Berger
- Cheryl Berkowitz
- Steve and Amy Wollins
- Marci Maged and daughter
- Jim and Sherrie Leiberman
- Barbara Strong and Michael Kielbiewicz

A BIG THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all of those who donated gift cards to support our refugee families. Almost \$1,000 worth of gift cards were collected and are very much appreciated.



Sherry Nason with some of the many gift cards donated by TBA congregants.

COLLECTIONS CORNER

April 25 - May 16



The Jewish Teen Leadership Institute and the National Honor Society at Blake High School are holding a Food Drive for Manna Food Center to support those in our community with food insecurities. Donations can be dropped off in the TBA Lobby through May 16.

Contact Adam Levy, a senior at Blake High School, if you have questions.

WHAT'S COMING UP?



INTERFAITH WORKS MAY 14, 6-10 P.M.

Congregants are invited to help support IW by attending its 50th Anniversary Casino Night fundraiser on May 14th at the Bolger Center. See IW's website for more information.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please review these volunteer opportunities and click on the contact's name to send an email to volunteer or get more information.

REBUILDING TOGETHER Sunday, May 15

Be a part of our annual home repair project! No prior experience is required, and all materials will be provided. Must be 14+ years to participate. Contact Roger Rothman.

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MAKOM (JEWISH FOUNDATION FOR GROUP HOMES) - MAY/JUNE

Every other month, we conduct an art project for 12 women residents of Makom (formerly Jewish Foundation for Group Homes) residences. We are looking for a volunteer(s) to conduct an art project in May or June. Please contact Gail Kaplan-Wassell if you can help.

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REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

Thank you to the many congregants who have reached out to help our refugee families. They continue to be in need of additional support and resources, so please contact Susan Fox or Sherry Nason for details on how you can help.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Washington English Center needs volunteers to help students (including refugees) learn English. Classes conducted virtually. See their Spring Informational Flyer for more details.



WHAT ELSE?

NEXT TOC MEETING

Tues., May 17 (7:30 p.m.) – via Zoom

All are welcome!

Log in at 7:15 p.m. to schmooze before the meeting if you'd like.

Zoom Meeting ID: 899-5691-5463 Passcode: 368794

[Zoom Here](#)

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MORE IDEAS?

Would you like to include your family or a group of children in a Tikkun Olam project? We are looking for more family-friendly volunteer opportunities to help children contribute to making a difference in their community. Contact any member of the TOC Leadership Team (see below) with your ideas.

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GET INVOLVED

This monthly newsletter lets you know of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, and highlights programs and projects supported by the Tikkun Olam Committee.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

You do not need to be a member of the TOC to get involved! Give as few or as many hours as you can toward a variety of one-time, occasional, or ongoing volunteer opportunities.

If you have questions and/or want to be added to our email list, feel free to contact any member of the

Tikkun Olam Leadership Team:

[Joanne Brodsky](#)

[Arlynn Joffe](#)

[Gail Kaplan-Wassell](#)

[Amy Weinberg](#)

