

Tikkun Olam Committee

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."
- Coretta Scott King



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Current and Upcoming Collections



Volunteer Needs



Refugee Resettlement Program



Contact Us

***Otherwise,
keep reading
so you don't
miss a thing!***



We are in need of a volunteer with accounting/bookkeeping skills to help prepare monthly financial statements for the Tikkun Olam Committee (TOC). Please contact [Joanne Brodsky](#) if interested.

LAST MONTH'S COLLECTION

Successful School Supply Drive!

Thanks to the many people who made monetary donations or purchased items from the Amazon Wish Lists to provide much-needed school supplies. We were able to purchase and fill 192 backpacks for South Lake Elementary School students!

We also contributed to the JCRC and Identity's collection, which purchased over 700 backpacks for low-income students throughout Montgomery County.



Some of the many school supplies and backpacks we delivered to South Lake Elementary School



CURRENT COLLECTION

Baby Supply Drive August 29 - September 27



Please help!
Upcounty Hub and Montgomery County Child Welfare Services need diapers to support parents struggling to make ends meet.

What's needed:

- Diapers - all brands and sizes (greatest need for sizes 4, 5, & 6)
- Baby wipes - any brand

How you can help:

- Drop off items in the bins in TBA's lobby and in the Gan Ami foyer.
- Order online from our [Amazon Wish List](#).

UPCOMING COLLECTION

October 1 - October 27

*Start cleaning out
your closets!*



*New and gently
used clothes
accepted!*

We will be collecting coats, jackets, hats, gloves, and socks for all ages to support both Interfaith Works and families at South Lake Elementary School.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

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

Makom (Formerly Jewish Foundation for Group Homes)

We need a few more kind people to work 1:1 with our friends from Makom to help with a craft project and play Bingo on **Sunday, September 11 at 2 p.m. at the Temple**. In October, we'll need volunteers to accompany the group to a Shabbat service, and in November, to help with another craft project. *No experience needed*. If you can help with any of these events or want more information, contact Charlotte Zuckman.

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Rosh Hashana Baskets Delivery

Tina Levine and Monya Cohen are leading the 2022 Rosh Hashanah Baskets Project. Along with our wonderful volunteers, we deliver 70 Rosh Hashana Baskets (a large reusable grocery bag filled with everything from wine to apples and honey) to the neediest members of our Jewish community. We are scheduled to deliver the Rosh Hashana "baskets" on **Sunday, September 25**, and are looking for volunteers to **meet us at the entrance of TBA between 9 and 10 a.m.** Volunteers typically deliver between 3-5 baskets and are provided with driving directions. We try to group the deliveries in one building if possible. This is a great mitzvah for the entire family. If interested, please contact Monya Cohen.

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Interfaith Works

Interfaith Works is grateful for the generous TBA members who prepared and dropped off breakfasts and dinners to the IW Women's Center last month. The IW Clothing Center needs new or gently used linens – all sizes of sheets and blankets (queen, full, twin, and crib), as well as towels (bath, hand, and washcloths). Donations can be dropped off at the IW Clothing Center, 751 Twinbrook Parkway, Tue.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sat., 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Contact Miranda Marks with questions.



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT RECAP

The Temple Beth Ami Refugee Resettlement Group continues our partnership with the New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance (NNIA) and our work with Afghan refugee families. TBA has been granted an award of \$1,000 to support its work in resettling our Afghan neighbors. This grant has been funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Shapiro Foundation.

NNIA is now supporting 10 Afghan refugee families living in various apartments in Rockville, Silver Spring, and Gaithersburg, and is helping family members with ESL tutoring, obtaining health care, food deliveries, and job searches. The Bender Jewish Community Center (JCC) sponsored a wonderful party for the Afghan families at the JCC. The families enjoyed a pizza lunch, ice cream, and a refreshing swim on a day that was in the upper 90s!



Cool fun on a very hot day at the JCC

We are always in need of volunteers who can help with transportation, babysitting, job search ideas, and more. If you can't commit to regular hours but would like to be added to a list of people who could help on occasion, let us know. If interested, email [Sherry Nason](#) or call her at 301-526-2721.

Financial contributions are also appreciated to help with rent and other expenses such as medical needs and school supplies for the new school year. You can donate via ShulCloud to the **Tikkun Olam General Fund** and then specify in the Payment Notes section of the online payment form that the donation is to be used for NNIA.



GET TO KNOW SOME OF OUR PARTNERS



The **Gesher Shalom (Bridge of Peace) program** at Montgomery Hospice, the recipient of a generous grant from TBA's Tikkun Olam Committee, offers Shabbat Bags filled with Shabbat candles, grape juice, and challah rolls to Jewish patients in at-home hospice. Through this program, in operation over the past few months, at least one patient a week has received an at-home visit during which trained volunteers deliver a Shabbat Bag and offer the family the opportunity to join with them in Shabbat prayers.

Go to montgomeryhospice.org/volunteer/ for more information.

GET INVOLVED

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR

NEXT TOC MEETING

Tuesday, September 20 (7:30 p.m.) – via Zoom

Guest Speaker: **Amy Cover**

Amy is the Donation and Office Services Coordinator for **Montgomery County's Department of Health and Human Services' Child Welfare Division**. We have worked with her on our Adopt-a-Family holiday gift-giving program and on Grab-and-Go drives to collect items needed by children entering foster care on an emergency basis, and, this month, on our Baby Supply Drive.

All are welcome to attend the meeting!

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 Link

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You don't need to be a member of the TOC to get involved!
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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

Tikkun Olam Leadership Team:

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