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Hag Sameach

making holidays brighter for those in need

The Hag Sameach (*Happy Holidays*) program provides holiday gifts to families and individuals who are in need.

Now in its 33rd season, the Hag Sameach (*Happy Holidays*) program ensures joyous holiday celebrations for families and individuals in need by providing them with gifts and ritual items. In 2024, over 800 individuals and families were served thanks to the generosity and dedication of our donors, volunteers, and referrals from professional and community leaders.

As the need continues to grow, your support is vital to the success of Hag Sameach. Whether you give your time, donate items, or contribute financially, you will help the holiday lights burn brighter for so many in our community. Here's how you can help:

♥ DONATE

What:

- Gift items for children of all ages and adults are needed. There are so many ways to donate, choose what works best for you!

How:

- Purchase gifts online through our **NEW** registry at bit.ly/HSregistry
- Make a monetary donation to allow us to customize gifts for any special requests or accommodations.
- Personalize gifts for a family in need through our Shamash Adopt-A-Family program. Complete the interest form at bit.ly/AAFinterest
- If you are out shopping and find a new item that would bring a smile to someone who is in need, that is perfect as well! Donated gifts may be dropped off or mailed to JFCS.

When:

- We accept both online and in-kind donations throughout the year as we prepare for the winter holidays and provide items to people in our community beyond the holidays as needed.



♥ VOLUNTEER

Organize:

- Organize, sort & create gift baskets

Bag it Up:

- Gather and bag up gifts from our inventory

Wrap it Up:

- Help gift wrap

Deliver:

- Deliver gifts and discover whose smiles are bigger – yours or the gift recipients!
- Combat isolation with a one-time extended visit with a Senior Services client's gift delivery

How:

- Sign up at bit.ly/HagSameach25
- Email hagsameach@jfcsmpls.org



Have a group?
Let us know!

♥ RECEIVE

If you are having hardships in celebrating the holidays – whether it is due to financial difficulties, medical reasons, isolation, or something else – JFCS is here for you!

Please call 952-546-0616. JFCS' Intake & Resource Coordination staff can connect you to the Hag Sameach program to receive gifts and ritual items for individuals and families in a confidential manner.

You are also welcome to contact your synagogue and get a referral through synagogue staff.



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