

♥ MITZVAH PROJECTS

Let JFCS support you as you prepare for your big day of becoming a B'Mitzvah and embrace the Jewish value of tikkun olam (repair of the world). These projects are open to anyone and are great options for both individuals (B'Mitzvah students, teens, and adults) and groups (families, schools, book clubs, mahjong groups, community organizations, businesses, etc.) looking to make a difference in the community.

JFCS serves people of all faiths and backgrounds, from babies to "bubbes," in a variety of programs – our staff will work with you to plan something that is meaningful and fun.

Check out our Mitzvah Project offerings and pick a cause you want to support. If you have an idea not on this list, let us know and we can work with you to customize the right project for you.

If you are interested in participating in a Mitzvah Project or learning more, contact Dana Shapiro, Community & Volunteer Engagement Manager, at dshapiro@jfcsmpls.org or 952-417-2112. We look forward to connecting with you!

OUR MISSION

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minnesota provides essential services to people of all ages and backgrounds to sustain healthy relationships, ease suffering, and offer support in times of need.

OUR VALUES

Based on the Jewish concept of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), JFCS believes everyone is entitled to equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities. As a human service organization, we value:

- > Compassion
- > Inclusion
- > Innovation
- > Integrity
- > Collaboration

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HAG SAMEACH (HAPPY HOLIDAYS) PROGRAM

This program ensures that families and individuals in our community who are in need of extra assistance, both during the holidays and throughout the rest of the year, have a resource for holiday gifts and essential items.

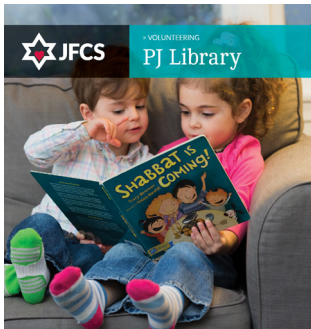
- > Sign up for a volunteer shift to organize, bag, wrap, or deliver items for Passover or the winter holidays
- > Focused-themed donations: *Some examples of this are shared below. If you have a theme in mind, please reach out as we have a specialist who would be happy to provide ideas.*
 - Arts and crafts
 - Sports
 - Teens
 - Babies – particularly diapers and wipes



CARING CONNECTIONS

This program provides valuable opportunities for people of all abilities to participate fully in Jewish life. It leads the Twin Cities Jewish community in becoming a more inclusive and welcoming space, where all people with disabilities have the opportunity to participate in Jewish educational, spiritual, social and recreational activities.

- > Make Shabbat in a Box kits – either decorating (box, challah cover, Kiddush cups etc.) and/or raising funds to purchase the kit supplies



PJ LIBRARY

This international award-winning program is designed to strengthen Jewish identity by sending Jewish-content books and music on a monthly basis to children from age newborn through 8 years. Any family with a Jewish connection is invited to participate.

- > Sponsor the Shabbat in a Box kits used at Community Shabbats in the Park each summer.
- > Encourage donations to reach more kids (each subscription costs \$80, shared equally between JFCS and the Grinspoon Foundation)
- > Little Free Library Read and Color program – funding opportunity



RESPOND TO HUNGER

- > Create focused food or essentials donations
 - Babies – diapers, wipes, etc.
 - Birthday boxes
 - Baking – flour, sugar, oil, spices, fun baking supplies
 - Healthy snacks
 - Pizza night kits
- > Pack emergency food boxes to be provided to clients



RAISE MONEY FOR JFCS

- > Contribute funds directly to a JFCS program or designate one of our 300+ endowment funds for family and friends to provide a donation
- > Raise funds to allow for children in the community to go to camp through camp scholarships



OLDER ADULTS

- > Create birthday cards to go out with Kosher Meals on Wheels deliveries
- > Create holiday cards (Rosh Hashanah and Passover) to go out with Kosher Meals on Wheels deliveries
- > Help with outdoor maintenance for community members needing assistance
- > Help with BINGO for JFCS clients living at Knollwood Place Apartments and Roitenberg Family Assisted Living