



## DHJC Social Action Committee

### About Us

A mitzvah is a commandment from God to do a good deed to contribute to "Tikkum Olam" the repair of the world. Our heritage teaches that the world can be repaired by one person at a time, requiring each of us to take responsibility to help, to heal and to enhance the community in which we live.

The DHJC Social Action Committee is a small, very active group trying to make a difference with our programs and the support we provide to those in our community. Our focus is on doing - leading activities to better our congregation and the communities around us.

We are always looking for new members with new ideas. Maybe today's the day you say "now it's time -- sign me up to join the DHJC Social Action Committee." We usually meet the first Sunday of every month at 10:00 AM in the temple lobby. Please join us or call the temple office for more information.

#### Current Committee Members

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## Upcoming Programs

Mitzvah Day - Sunday, November 8, 2009



## Ongoing Programs

### **Collections for Gerald J. Ryan Outreach, Wyandanch**

The Dix Hills Social Action Committee continues to reach out to the greater community by giving available time and assistance to the Gerald J. Ryan Outreach Center located at 1434 Straight Path, Wyandanch - just south of the Wyandanch train station. The center services over 600 family units with social services and financial education. They provide emergency food, clothing and housing interventions, employment referral and job readiness

services and after school tutoring programs.

How can you help now?

Ongoing Collections -- Please contribute your unneeded new or very gently used clothing to the Social Action bins in the foyer of the DHJC lobby. We deliver these clothes weekly to the Wyandanch Outreach Center. The Center has suffered severe cuts in funding and is desperate for your donations to help its clients. With the weather turning cooler, warm coats are especially needed. Your generosity is so appreciated! There is always a need for new or gently baby clothing as well as disposable diapers. The center cannot have enough of these items!!

Volunteer Help -- If you are available any time during their hours of operation they can use your help their clothing and food services.

Clothing Store - Help arrange clothes and assist clients Monday through Friday 10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Food Store - Help stack shelves and freezer with food, unload boxes, and assist clients Monday through Friday 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

If you want to volunteer or for more information contact Dinah Raful at [mamaraful@hotmail.com](mailto:mamaraful@hotmail.com)

### **Books for Israel Project**

**An international grassroots effort to provide direct help to Israel's students and teachers**

The government of Israel has had to divert funding from its schools to provide for national defense. Therefore, Israeli public schools need English language reading material to help the children prepare for life in our global community.

We partner with specific schools and collect paperback books in good condition for school reading levels pre-K to grade 12 -- early reading books, dictionaries, chapter books.

Books can be dropped off in the Social Action Collection box in the foyer. For more information contact Cooki Cohn at [reginacohn@optonline.net](mailto:reginacohn@optonline.net)

Donations for shipping costs can be made payable to: Dix Hills Jewish Center - Social Action Committee

### **Shabbat Assisted Living Program**

Our Shabbat services at local assisted living facilities continue to bring happiness to Jewish seniors in our community that may have not attended a Shabbat service in many years. We're not sure who enjoys the services more - the seniors or our volunteers who come to lead prayers, have challah and sing. This is a great mitzvah to do with your children. A Shabbat kit with prayers and instructions is provided. Contact Jackie Hasson at [jackibernr@aol.com](mailto:jackibernr@aol.com) for more information

### **M'Yad L'Yad Collections**

Dix Hills Jewish Center Social Action Committee regularly partners with M'Yad L'Yad (Helping Hands), a Long Island organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of the needy in our community. The anonymous pairing of volunteer sponsors with recipients encourages ongoing relationships and provides friendship and dignity, as well as material support.

From time to time we collect new goods and gift cards and send them to the M'Yad L'Yad families. To learn more about M'Yad L'Yad, visit [www.myadlyad.org](http://www.myadlyad.org). For more information about contact Karyn Likerman [KLikerman@aol.com](mailto:KLikerman@aol.com) or Debbie Biederman [DBied621@aol.com](mailto:DBied621@aol.com)

### **Volunteer at Bender Library**

Your Bender Library at the Dix Hills Jewish Center is a Judaica resource

for the congregation. Up-to-date newspapers, magazines and books are always available. Our Resource section is well-known and respected for its wealth of materials.

**The Library needs volunteers** to extend borrowing hours, prepare books for shelving, put new and borrowed books on shelves, and do many other necessary activities to keep the library working smoothly.

If you would like to spend some time in a lovely atmosphere, giving us much needed help, please contact Jackie Hasson at [jackibernr@aol.com](mailto:jackibernr@aol.com) for more information