

# RSNS CONGREGATION-WIDE MITZVAH DAY!

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**9:30 a.m.**      **Bagels and coffee**

**9:45 a.m.**      **Opening ceremony!**

**10:00 a.m.**      **All on-site projects begin** (see project descriptions for details about timing)

There will also be a **Mitzvah Fair** in our lobby, with ways to support several great organizations!

**Questions?** Contact Cantor Eric ([cantoreric@rsns.org](mailto:cantoreric@rsns.org)) or Jessica Clateman ([jessprince66@gmail.com](mailto:jessprince66@gmail.com))

### **ADULTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL PROJECTS.**

**Families participate according to their grade (families with more than 1 child can split up or choose 1 project).**

**1a. HIAS REFUGEE FAMILY RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM (Adults Only):** Please join us, along with members of all Port Washington area synagogues to hear about opportunities for you to get involved with this project to support a refugee family from El Salvador who recently arrived in the United States. We will have a featured guest speaker from HIAS who will provide an overview of HIAS initiatives and explain key elements of supporting the refugee family, now living on Long Island.

**Project Site:** RSNS

**Time:** 3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (note later start time)

**1. CRAFT A BETTER WORLD (Gan Shalom):** Parents will fill out postcards about pressing issues, children will make crafts to be sent along with the postcards to elected officials.

**Project Site:** Miriam's Classroom (Room B)

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**2. BUILD A BIRDHOUSE! (K and Alef/1<sup>st</sup> Grade):** With the help of Matt Klein, families will assemble and decorate working birdhouse kits, and possibly also construct a feeder for the synagogue's mitzvah garden!

**Project Site:** RSNS Room E (end of the nursery hallway)

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**3. GREEN TEAM CLEANUP! (Bet/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade):** Families will meet at RSNS and caravan to the Port LIRR station for a Main Street cleanup! (bags and gloves provided by Residents for a More Beautiful Port Washington).

**Project Site:** RSNS - and then Main Street, Port Washington

**Time:** 10:15 a.m. (arrive at site)-11:30am

**4. PROJECT EZRA SENIOR LUNCH:** Adults will help prepare and serve lunch to low-income senior residents from Project Ezra in NYC. Kids will make centerpieces, welcome seniors, and mingle during lunch!

**A) PREPARE GIFT BASKETS AND CENTERPIECES (Gimmel/3rd Grade):** Help make individual gift packages for the senior guests, which will include cookies baked by the Nursery School children. Then make paper flower centerpieces to decorate the tables!

**Project Site:** RSNS Library

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**B) WELCOME AND MINGLE WITH SENIORS (Gimmel/3rd Grade):** Children will make our guests feel at home, as they join us for a festive lunch! They will also create custom photo keepsakes with seniors.

**Project Site:** RSNS Social Hall

**Time:** 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**C) PREPARE AND SERVE LUNCH (Adults only):** We will serve lunch at the synagogue to our senior guests. Adult volunteers are needed to prepare food, help set & clean up, serve, and sit and talk with our guests. Please contact Jessica Clateman (917-882-3870) about advance food preparation.

**Project Site:** RSNS Kitchen and Social Hall

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**5. NURSING HOME FAMILY GAME DAY (Daled/4<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Bring your favorite game (cards, Connect 4, checkers, Scrabble, etc.)! Volunteers will enjoy a fun morning playing games and socializing with residents of the The Atria of Great Neck's Assisted Living facility.

**Project Site:** Leave from RSNS, then meet in lobby of The Atria (51 Great Neck Road in Great Neck)

**Time:** 10:15 a.m. (arrive at site) -11:30 a.m

**6. INTERFAITH NUTRITION NETWORK (Hay/5<sup>th</sup> Grade):**

Volunteers will make sandwiches and bag lunches for the INN!

**Project Site:** RSNS Blue Room

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

**7. COMMUNITY SOLIDARITY (FORMERLY FOOD NOT BOMBS) (Vav/6<sup>th</sup> Grade):** Volunteers will sort and distribute donated clothes, groceries, and hot food to the homeless and hungry with Community Solidarity at the Hempstead Train Station. Vav families will be emailed a link to sign up for items they can cook in advance, to bring and serve that afternoon.

**Project Site:** Meet across from Hempstead Train Station (68 W Columbia St, Hempstead, NY 11550)

**Time:** 2:30-4:30 p.m. [note later project time!]

**8. ARNIE'S ANGELS: ST. PETER'S PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY (Kadima/7<sup>th</sup> Grade):** *St. Peter's is a social service ministry offering a number of programs including counseling, transportation for seniors, and tutoring for children. St. Peter's also operates a food pantry. This project is dedicated to the memory of Arnie Silverman, who quietly and consistently committed himself to social action.*

Kadima students will go to local supermarkets to ask for donations from shoppers of non-perishable food items for the St. Peter's Food Pantry (community service credit given upon request).

**Project Site:** Uncle Giuseppe's (Port Washington), King Kullen (Manhasset)

**Time:** TBD - email with project timing will be sent to kadima class

**9. BRIGHTEN THE DAY OF SPECIAL NEEDS KIDS (Teens only):** RSNS Teens will play, craft, and hang with the special needs children who are part of the JCC's Little Boosters program.

**Project Site:** Sid Jacobson JCC (300 Forest Drive, East Hills)

**Time:** 1:30 p.m.-3:00p.m. [note later project time!]

## Mitzvah Day Wish Lists:

Please be generous!

Drop off whatever you can in our collection bins on or prior to Mitzvah Day!

### **Community Solidarity:**

We are collecting winter items (coats, hats, gloves, etc.) as well as men's socks and clothing for distribution by our vav class students on Mitzvah Day.

### **HIAS Refugee Family:**

- Size 4 diapers
- Fortified powdered milk for the baby (e.g. Nido)
- Baby lotion
- Diaper rash cream
- Moist towelettes
- Toilet paper
- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Nail clippers
- Clorox

### **TANS Full-Sized Toiletries & Hygiene Products for Broken But Not Destroyed:**

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap/Body Wash
- Body Lotion
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Mouthwash
- Feminine Hygiene Products

### **The INN (The following are items especially needed by the INN):**

#### **For Their Patrons:**

- Pajamas (men, women & children)
- Metro Cards
- Towels (body, face & washcloths)
- Thanksgiving fixings (non-perishable only-no glass)

#### **For Their Emergency Shelters:**

- New Sheets (full & twin)
- New Towels