

RSNS CONGREGATION-WIDE MITZVAH DAY! SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 2017

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 (rsnscantor@gmail.com) or Jessica Clateman (jessprince66@gmail.com)

ADULTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL PROJECTS.

Students participate according to their grade.

1a. LET MY PEOPLE G.O.T.V. (Adults Only) For the second year in a row, we'll be partnering with the Long Island Civic Engagement Table (LICET) and Bend the Arc to help Get Out The Vote. LICET helps to distribute non-partisan voting information and reminders in areas on Long Island where voter turnout rates tend to be lower. This is especially critical work in an off-year election. We'll meet at RSNS for a quick orientation, and then head out in pairs for canvassing. Join us in the mitzvah of helping others to participate in democracy!

Please contact Solomon Hoffman at solklez@gmail.com if you're interested in joining. Space is limited!

You must RSVP to Solomon in order to participate in this project!

Project Site: RSNS, then assigned canvassing neighborhoods

Time: 10:00 a.m. orientation at RSNS, then continuing to canvass throughout the afternoon

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. (For example, a postcard to Pass the DREAM Act, accompanied by a "sweet dreams" mini-pillow)

**Gan Shalom students are also invited to perform a song for our visiting senior lunch at 11:15am (see project #4)*

Project Site: RSNS 4's Classroom

Time: 10:00 a.m.

2. PLANT SPRING BULBS (K and Alef/1st Grade): Help plant daffodils & crocuses to make our garden beautiful!

Project Site: RSNS Jewish Star Mitzvah Garden (the one with wind chimes between parking lot and playground)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

3. GREEN TEAM CLEANUP! (Bet/2nd 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. SENIOR LUNCH (Gimmel/3rd Grade): Adults will help prepare and serve lunch to residents from local senior living centers. Kids will make centerpieces, welcome seniors, and mingle during lunch!

Anyone interested in performing for the seniors during lunch (singing, playing an instrument, etc), please contact Solomon Hoffman (solklez@gmail.com)

A) PREPARE GIFT BASKETS AND CENTERPIECES: 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 Sanctuary

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

B) WELCOME AND MINGLE WITH SENIORS, MAKE PHOTO FRAME KEEPSAKES:

Children will make our guests feel at home, as they join us for a festive lunch!

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. SANDS POINT NURSING HOME FAMILY GAME DAY (Daled/4th 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 Sands Point Nursing Home.

Project Site: Leave from RSNS, then meet in lobby of Sands Point Nursing Home

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

6. INTERFAITH NUTRITION NETWORK (Hay/5th Grade):

Volunteers will make 300 PB&J sandwiches for 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/6th 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/7th 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: TBD - email with grocery store location will be sent to kadima class

Time: TBD - email will 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 necessities (*new* toothpaste, deodorant, razors, pampers, baby items) for distribution by our vav class students on Mitzvah Day.

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