

Y O M C H E S E D

רמבם Maimonides School

Maimonides School Yom Chesed

Sunday, December 4, 2016 • 4 Kislev 5777

9 am - noon

Together we can make a difference!

Yom Chesed 2016 is dedicated to the memories of
Abraham and Sylvia Wintman, ז"ל, by Kenny Wintman '74



Dear friends:

We are so excited to launch Maimonides School's fourth Yom Chesed which will be held on Sunday, December 4.

For each of the past three years, over 500 students, parents, faculty and friends have joined together to put chesed and middot into action. It is especially meaningful that Yom Chesed follows the launch of our school-wide theme of the year, Arvut, which focuses on our responsibility towards others in our community and beyond. As we embark on our fourth Yom Chesed, we are affirming Maimonides School's commitment to helping others, and through our many projects will try to positively impact the lives of many people and organizations in our local area as well as nationally and in Israel.

Projects will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early! We will do our best to assign you to your first or second choice. You are encouraged to read about the array of projects described at www.maimonides.org/yom_chesed and to discuss them with your family. Please register by November 18 online at www.maimonides.org or by sending in your registration form. Project assignments and detail about the program will be sent to participants during the last week of November. We are inviting and encouraging grandparents, alumni, parents of alumni, and special guests to participate, so feel free to pass this info along.

Thank you to the many volunteers and Maimonides staff members who are working so hard to prepare for this event: Annie Alphas, Tamar Benjamin, Debbie Cohen, Elka Tovah Davidoff, Merav Drory, Talia Engelhart, Julie Galler, Shifra Gerber, June Gerrie, Claudine Grossman, Ariella Hellman, Jodi Hoffman, Norah Mazar, Debra Milgram, Kate Missaghi, Poly Neusner, Faye Newman, Ellen Pulda, Naomi Ribner, Mike Rosenberg, Rafaella Sadun, Jodi Saltzman, Penina Scharf, Sharon Shapiro, Beth Sydney, Frederique Smits, Sharona Taieb, Deena Traum, Eliana Vidan, Frannie Weinograd, Karen Zar and Faun Zarge. The Maimonides Yom Chesed Committee is still accepting new members! There are many opportunities to help out! If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Stef Mishkin (stefmish@msn.com), Alissa Muzin (alissamuzin@gmail.com), or Ellen Pulda (epulda@maimonides.org).

We look forward to a wonderful day! Together we can make a difference!

Risa Gewurz, Stephanie Mishkin and Alissa Muzin
Yom Chesed Parent Coordinators

Alex's Lemonade Stand/Jimmy Fund

Site: Maimonides School

Age: All ages

Maximum Number of Participants: 3-5 people

Project Description: Operate lemonade stand at Maimonides. Volunteers will set up the lemonade stand table and signage, sell lemonade in order to raise money to combat childhood cancer in support of Alex's Lemonade Stand, and sell Jimmy Fund bracelets in support of the Jimmy Fund and its fight against cancer.

About Alex's Lemonade Stand: Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation emerged from the front yard lemonade stand of cancer patient Alexandra "Alex" Scott (1996-2004). In 2000, 4-year-old Alex announced that she wanted to hold a lemonade stand to raise money to help find a cure for all children with cancer. Since Alex held that first stand, the Foundation bearing her name has evolved into a national fundraising movement.

About the Jimmy Fund: The Jimmy Fund solely supports the fight against cancer at Dana-Farber. Since its founding in 1948, the Jimmy Fund has raised millions of dollars through thousands of community efforts to help save lives and give hope to cancer patients around the world.



Brookline Police and Fire Departments & Our Brookline Neighbors

Site: Maimonides School and nearby area

Age: All ages

Maximum Number of Participants: 20 families

Project Description: Make and deliver gift baskets to show our appreciation to people who serve our community, including fire and police personnel and our school neighbors.

About Brookline Police and Fire Departments: The Brookline Police Department works in partnership with our citizens to ensure all people will enjoy a high quality of life without fear of crime. They work together to solve problems and provide the most responsive and highest quality police service. They proactively prevent crime, maintain order, and apprehend offenders in a manner consistent with the law. The Fire Department provides fire and rescue services, as well as emergency medical services, to the citizens of Brookline and its visitors. The department responds to approximately 7500 calls per year.

About Our Neighbors: Our neighbors on Clark and Philbrick Roads are gracious friends who tolerate lots of traffic on a regular basis. Let's show them our appreciation!



Center Communities of Brookline

Site: Brookline

Age: Middle and Upper School students and adults

Maximum Number of Participants: 10 people

Project Description: Visit with residents with our Adopt-A-Bubbe club. The Maimonides Girls' Choir Kol Isha will also perform.

About Center Communities of Brookline: Center Communities of Brookline offers independent, affordable, non-denominational apartment-style living with on-site services that promote independence and wellness. This community is designed for active seniors who wish to maintain an active lifestyle in an urban, senior-friendly environment.



Gift of Life

Site: Maimonides School

Age: Upper School students and adults

Maximum Number of Participants: 3 people

Project Description: Run a bone marrow donor drive. Greet people, instruct them on how to fill out the registration form and to take their own cheek swab.

About Gift of Life: Gift of Life Bone Marrow Foundation is an organization dedicated to saving lives and facilitating bone marrow and blood stem cell transplants for patients with leukemia, lymphoma, and other blood-related diseases. Ranking among the top international bone marrow registries, Gift of Life's mission is to find a match. Anytime. Anywhere. For anyone.



Gittel's Kitchen

Site: Maimonides School

Age: Middle and Upper School students and adults

Maximum Number of Participants: 10 people

Project Description: Chop, dice, slice and cook. Prepare delicious and nutritious meals for our soup kitchen patrons.

About Gittel's Kitchen: Gittel's Kitchen was founded in 1998 by Maimonides students and is the region's only kosher soup kitchen. It is run entirely by Maimonides School students. Although the soup kitchen dishes up only kosher food, its services are open to all. Located in Brighton, Gittel's Kitchen serves dinner every Thursday night at 5 p.m. year-round.

Gittel's Kitchen

Hebrew SeniorLife

Site: Hebrew SeniorLife, Roslindale

Age: Any family with a K-12 student who would like to perform (musical instrument, singing, etc.)



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Maximum Number of Participants: 10 families

Project Description: Each student will have an opportunity to showcase their musical talent with 1 or 2 songs. Our Boys' Choir will also perform. Our project coordinator will contact registered participants for details.

About Hebrew SeniorLife: Hebrew SeniorLife is the largest provider of elder care in the Boston metropolitan area. From independent living to assisted living, Hebrew SeniorLife provides retirement communities in Massachusetts that are designed to help older adults live healthy independent lives. Founded in 1903, Hebrew SeniorLife, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, is a nonprofit, non-sectarian organization devoted to innovative gerontology and geriatric research, senior health care, long-term nursing home care, and Greater Boston senior housing communities that improve the lives of older adults.

Hope and Comfort

Site: Hope and Comfort, Newton

Age: Ages 5 and up

Maximum Number of Participants: 50 people

Project Description: Sort and package personal hygiene kits for adults and children and prepare them for delivery



About Hope and Comfort: Hope and Comfort's mission is to provide essential hygiene products to support and improve the health and self-esteem of adults and children in need within Greater Boston. Hope and Comfort carries out this mission by working with a distribution network that includes multiple food pantries, children's organizations, and human services organizations. Donated items are sorted and delivered to organizations within this network. These organizations distribute the products to children and adults who currently go without (food stamps cannot be used for these essential items). Hope and Comfort focuses its efforts on serving Boston and its surrounding towns.

Jewish Family & Children's Service / Chai Works

Site: Maimonides School

Age: All ages

Maximum Number of Participants: 15 families



Project Description: We will be working together with members of the Chai Works program to create a Chanukah themed package to be used by Family Table at its next food distribution. We will also serve lunch to our Chai Works members. Chai Works is a JF&CS-run community-based program serving people with disabilities.

Please note: Adult volunteers will need to fill out a CORI form by November 14.

About Jewish Family & Children's Service: JF&CS cares for individuals and families by providing exceptional human service and health care programs, guided by Jewish traditions of social responsibility, compassion, and respect for all members of the community. JF&CS operates Chai Works, a community-based day service for adults with disabilities, and Family Table, the largest kosher food pantry in New England, which provides healthy food that meets nutritional/spiritual needs of individuals/families in need.

Jewish Family & Children's Service / Family Table

Site: Family Table, Waltham

Age: All ages

Maximum Number of Participants: 30 families



Project Description: Each family will pack groceries and deliver the packages to families in need.

Please note: Adult volunteers will need to fill out a CORI form by November 14.

Each car should allow room for 10-15 bags.

About JF&CS Family Table: JF&CS Family Table is the largest kosher food pantry in New England, providing healthy food to individuals and families in need on a monthly and emergency basis. Family Table relies on the efforts of dedicated volunteers who come together to collect, sort, pack and deliver groceries for recipients. Each household receives a complete set of groceries including holiday items, such as challah and grape juice.

Lone Soldier

Site: Maimonides School

Age: All ages

Maximum Number of Participants: 15 families



Project Description: Prepare a very special care package for a lone soldier in Israel. Make a fleece blanket, decorate a pillow case, and send words of encouragement to our lone soldiers.

About Lone Soldier: Israel's Lone Soldiers are those whose families live abroad and who chose to leave their countries of origin to serve the State of Israel. The Lone Soldiers Program supports IDF Lone Soldiers financially, socially and emotionally during their challenging military service. FIDF follows these soldiers through every step of the process, providing a vast array of assistance and ensuring they know they are truly never alone.

Ohr Shabbat

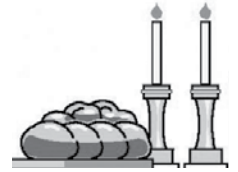
Site: Maimonides School

Age: All ages (especially appropriate for children ages 6 and under)

Maximum Number of Participants: 15 families

Project Description: Bake a special Shabbat treat and decorate a card for families in need.

About Ohr Shabbat: Ohr Shabbat is a volunteer-run organization which enables those less fortunate to celebrate the beauty of Shabbat by preparing and delivering food packages on a regular basis to local families in need.



ROFEH

Site: Maimonides School and nearby locations

Age: All ages

Maximum Number of Participants: 10 families

Project Description: Make gift bags and fleece blankets for families staying in the ROFEH apartments while their relatives are undergoing medical treatment.

About ROFEH: ROFEH International ensures that patients' and family members' physical, emotional and spiritual needs are met with loving kindness, warmth and dignity by providing a support system that includes medical referrals, food, housing and social services, all at no charge to those stressed with illness and financial pressures who feel vulnerable, having left the familiarity of their homes to come to Boston's prestigious medical centers from around the world, and throughout the United States, for life-saving medical treatment.



Yachad

Site: Maimonides School

Age: All ages

Maximum Number of Participants: 15 families

Project Description: Work on an arts and crafts project together with Yachad members. Some of the arts and crafts will be donated to senior citizens in our community.

About Yachad: Greater Boston Yachad is the local chapter of Yachad/National Jewish Council for Disabilities, dedicated to enhancing the life opportunities of individuals with disabilities, ensuring their participation in the full spectrum of Jewish life.



And here are some things everyone can do:

Please bring **full size toothpaste and deodorant** for Hope and Comfort.

Collection boxes will be available in both school buildings.

Please bring **canned salmon and whole wheat crackers** for our year-round collection for Family Table.

Collection boxes will be available in both school buildings.

YOM CHESED FAMILY REGISTRATION

Please register **by November 18** online at www.maimonides.org or return this completed form to the school office.

Choose a project

Please list your top 3 choices in order of preference:	
1.	
2.	
3.	

*If members of your family would like to participate in separate projects, please fill out a separate form for each group of people.

Who is participating?

Adults (list names of all adult participants)

Children (list names of participating children)	Grade

Contact Info

Contact Person: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

If you've selected a project NOT taking place at Maimonides, will you need transportation?

YES NO

Would you like to volunteer with the planning and preparation of Yom Chesed?

YES NO

Are you interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities for this event?

YES NO

Let's Do This Together!

Parental participation is required for Early Childhood Center, Elementary and Middle School students and strongly encouraged for Upper School students.

Register Early – free T-shirts for the first 100 families to register!