

MITZVAH PROJECTS 2011-2012

Each seventh grade family is encouraged to participate in one of the projects described below. **To sign up for a project scroll down to the sign-up sheet below and e-mail the information to: amcgee@templeisaiah.net NO LATER THAN Wednesday, September 7, 2011.**

1. **Sharing our Stories, Sharing our Time: Visits with the Elderly**

Location: Pine Knoll Nursing Home in Lexington

http://www.longtermcentersgroup.com/locations/pine_knoll.php

The residents at Pine Knoll Nursing Home have enjoyed visits with our seventh grade families for the past five years. Our families have organized holiday parties, played board games, polished fingernails, sang songs, read books and played music for the residents. These visits take place on Sundays. Each family is asked to participate in 3-4 visits.

Sunday Dates: NOVEMBER 20, DECEMBER 18, FEBRUARY 12, & MARCH 11

2. **Created in God's Image: Inclusion of Those with Special Needs**

<http://www.labbb.com/>

Working with the LABBB Collaborative Vocational Training Program.

Locations: Woburn Bowladrome, Lexington High School

The LABBB Program is a public school-based program for students with developmental challenges, providing traditional academics, independent living skills, recreational and vocational services. Our seventh graders assist students with developmental and physical challenges in extracurricular and recreational activities. Students who sign up for this project will have the option of being a bowling buddy with a LABBB student or assisting LABBB students at the afterschool program. Students ONLY participate in this project & parents provide transportation.

*DATES: 4 consecutive Tuesday or Thursday afternoons at Woburn Bowladrome from 3:30-5:00
4 consecutive Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-5:00 at Lexington High School.*

3. **On the Rise, INC.**

<http://www.ontherise.org/>

Location: Cambridge, Massachusetts

(Project takes place at Temple Isaiah)

On The Rise supports the initiative and strength of women living in crisis or homelessness. In a physically and psychologically safe environment, On the Rise builds the relationships and provides the tools that each woman needs to rise to her potential. Seventh grade families are asked to prepare meals at the Temple Isaiah kitchen and deliver meals three to four times:

Sunday Dates for cooking: December 18 (2:00-4:00), January 22(1:30-3:30),February 12 (1:30-3:30) and March 11(1:30-3:30). Parents deliver on the following Monday.

4. **Cradles to Crayons**

<http://boston.cradlestocrayons.org/>

Location: Giving Factory in Brighton

Many families with young families are unable to provide for their children. C2C strives to provide, free of charge, low-income and homeless children the basic essentials they need. To do this C2C asks families to donate their time on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 10-12 to organize, inspect, and fill orders in their Boston Giving Factory. In addition C2C helps families host drives to meet the needs of the children and obtain specific clothing, toys, or school supplies.

Dates for Volunteering at CTC: *Tuesday, October 25 from 6-8pm, Tuesday, March 27 from 6-8pm, and Sunday, May 6 from 10am-12pm (during mitzvah day).*

Coordinate a drive at Temple Isaiah: *Thursday, March 8 during the Purim Carnival (time TBD)*

5. **More than Words**

<http://mtwyouth.org>

Location: 376 Moody St. in Waltham,

More than Words is an agency that empowers youth to take charge of their lives by taking charge of business. Youth that are in the foster care system, court involved, homeless, or out of school are taught ways to be successful in a career. MTW helps teach skills such as how to work with others to manage their own retail store and online used book business, café, and community space. To do this MTW asks volunteers to implement book drives and then to donate their time to organize, inspect, and fill orders in their store.

Volunteer at More than Words bookshop: 3 Sundays, TBD

Host A book drive at Temple Isaiah: The week of December 11-18th

**Mitzvah Project Sign-up Sheet-Please return to Amcgee@templeisaiah.net by SEPTEMBER 7.
(Projects will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis !)**

Please rank your project choices below, "1" being your first, "2" second etc. You will receive notice regarding the project your family has been assigned to and other at our meeting on Wednesday, September 14. Thank you in advance for your help and enthusiasm.

Family Name: _____

Student Name: _____

E-mail (print clearly): _____ Phone: _____

_____ **Sharing our Stories, Sharing our Time: Visits with the Elderly**
(SEVENTH GRADERS AND PARENTS, Sunday Dates: NOVEMBER 20, DECEMBER 18, FEBRUARY 12, & MARCH 11)

_____ **Created in God's Image: Inclusion of Those with Special Needs – LABBB Collaborative**
(Seventh Graders only; parents provide transportation; after school for 4 consecutive weeks. Begin ASAP)
Tuesday: Bowling 3:30-5:00 Woburn Bowladrome _____ **Thursday Bowling:** 3:30-5:00 _____
Wednesday: Recreation 3:30-5:00 Lexington High _____

_____ **On the Rise, INC.: Cooking & Delivering Meals for Women in crisis and/or homeless Women**
(Seventh graders and Parents: **Sunday Dates for cooking:** December 18 (2:00-4:00), January 22(1:30-3:30),February 12 (1:30-3:30) and March 11(1:30-3:30). Parents deliver on the following Monday.

_____ **Cradles to Crayons: Organize, Inspect and Fill Orders in the Boston Giving Factory**
(Seventh graders and Parents; **Volunteering at CTC:** Tuesday, October 25 from 6-8pm, Tuesday, March 27 from 6-8pm, and Sunday, May 6 from 10am-12pm (during mitzvah day and **Coordinate a drive at Temple Isaiah:** Thursday, March 8 during the Purim Carnival(time TBD)

_____ **More than Words: Organize and help run the MTW Store**
(Seventh graders and Parents; **Volunteer at More than Words bookshop:** 3 Sundays, TBD **Host a book drive at Temple Isaiah:** The week of December 11-18th)

_____ **YES! I am willing to be a Project Captain or to learn more about becoming one.**
Indicate which project you are interested in overseeing _____

_____ Our family is doing an independent Mitzvah Project. **PLEASE DESCRIBE .**