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Hag Sameach

making holidays brighter for those in need

The Hag Sameach (*Happy Holidays*) program provides holiday gifts to families and individuals who are in need.

Now in its 31st season, the Hag Sameach (*Happy Holidays*) program ensures joyous holiday celebrations for families and individuals in need by providing them with gifts and ritual items. In 2022, almost 900 individuals and families were served thanks to the generosity and dedication of our donors, volunteers, and referrals from professional and community leaders.

As the need continues to grow, your support is vital to the success of Hag Sameach. Whether you give your time or contribute financially, you will help the holiday lights burn brighter for so many in our community. Here's how you can help:

 **DONATE**

What:

- Gift items for children of all ages and adults are needed. There are so many ways to donate, choose what works best for you!

How:

- Purchase gifts online through our Target registry at tgt.gifts/hagsameach or our Amazon registry at tinyurl.com/y6bypftz.
- Make a monetary donation to allow us to personalize gifts for any special requests or accommodations.
- Adopt-A-Family opportunity is a great way to feel a connection with the recipient family. For more details, visit jfcsmpls.org and click "Hag Sameach," or email Mindy at mteele@jfcsmpls.org.
- If you are out shopping and find an item you feel would bring a smile to someone who is in need, that is perfect as well!
- If you would like a copy of our wish list, please email Mindy at mteele@jfcsmpls.org.

When:

- We accept both online and in-kind donations throughout the year as we prepare for the winter holidays and to help provide items to people in our community beyond the holidays as needed.

 **VOLUNTEER**

Organize:

- Organize, sort and create gift baskets

Bag it Up:

- Gather and bag up gifts from our inventory

Wrap it Up:

- Help gift wrap

Deliver:

- Deliver gifts and discover whose smiles are bigger – yours or the gift recipients!

Remote Opportunities:

- Learn more at jfcsmpls.org/Hag-Sameach

How:

- Sign up online: signup.com/go/nCFkvKe
- Email Mindy at mteele@jfcsmpls.org

 **RECEIVE**

If you are having hardships in celebrating the holidays – whether it is due to financial difficulties, medical reasons, isolation, or something else – JFCS is here for you!

Please call 952-546-0616. JFCS' Intake & Resource Coordination staff can connect you to the Hag Sameach program to receive gifts and ritual items for individuals and families in a confidential manner.

You are also welcome to contact your synagogue and get a referral through synagogue staff.

Did you know?

If you would like to sponsor a part of the program, there are a lot of great opportunities. To learn more about our bronze, silver and gold sponsor levels, please contact Dana Rubin at drubin@jfcsmpls.org.

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