

Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia

MITZVAH FOOD PROJECT

Dear Or Hadash staff, clergy, volunteers, and congregants,

On behalf of our recipients, we extend our sincerest appreciation to your synagogue and congregation for your participation in the 2015 High Holiday Food Drive. Thank you for **collecting 317 pounds of nut butters!** Your efforts were an integral part of this year's successful food drive and will directly benefit the recipients of Jewish Federation's Mitzvah Food Project. With your support, over 40 synagogues were able to collect a total of approximately 33,000 lbs. of food that will be distributed through our five pantry sites over the next few months and we could not have done this without you. This year our Food Drive engaged more congregations than ever before.

We will post our collection totals next week on our website at www.jewishphilly.org/fooddrive.

If you would like to receive a thank you blurb to post in your community bulletin to better thank your congregants on our behalf, please contact the Mitzvah Food Project staff.

Our collective work to end hunger continues and we invite you to engage with us to further repair the world. We invite you to join us in other ways to reduce food insecurity by:

- Volunteering at one of our five pantries
- Delivering an emergency food bag
- Co-hosting a program with guest speakers and clients with our Jewish Federation's Center for Social Responsibility (see below for sample)
- Meeting with your local elected officials about how public policy can reduce hunger

Please let us know if there is anyone else at your synagogue that is not on this e-mail to thank and/or to be in touch with about early High Holiday Food Drive planning for 2016. Any changes to Social Action Chairs or other contacts for next year can be sent to foodproject@ifgp.org.

Please do not hesitate to contact Deirdre Mulligan at dmulligan@ifgp.org or (215) 832-0509 with any other feedback or questions.

Together, we can end hunger in our community.

Sincerely,



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