

# TEMPLE SINAI RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

## What is Mitzvah Makers?

Mitzvah Makers is the community service component of the B'nai Mitzvah Project. This program is offered for students in grade 7.

In the fall of 7th grade, each student joins a long term community service group. Students continue their volunteer services through the 7th grade school year. Before or after volunteering, the students will engage in service learning in order to form deep connections between the volunteer work and Jewish traditions.

## Hunger and Homelessness

### The Inn



**The Inn** - The INN became a magnet for individuals who wanted to help those who were hungry in their own communities. By sharing their knowledge, the volunteers began to form an interfaith network of soup kitchens to feed hungry Long Islanders. Today, there are a total of 14 soup kitchens, in 21 locations, operating as part of The INN's network across Long Island. More than 5,000 people are fed each week. (<http://www.the-inn.org/about-the-inn.html>)

**Dates:** TBD

### HUC Soup Kitchen



**HUC Soup Kitchen** - For over 20 years, the HUC-JIR Soup Kitchen at the New York campus has guaranteed a weekly meal for our homeless and hungry neighbors in the Washington Square area. The student-run Soup Kitchen personifies the central role that social justice plays in the life of the College-Institute. It is a tangible way that we fulfill Isaiah's prophetic call to share our bread with the hungry and bring the homeless into our house. The Soup Kitchen provides a nutritious meal to approximately 100 guests every week. The Soup Kitchen creates an intimate and comforting atmosphere by serving our guests at their tables and engaging them in conversation. The HUC-JIR Clothing Closet distributes free seasonal second-hand clothing, shoes, and portable hygiene supplies. (<http://huc.edu/campus-life/new-york/soup-kitchen>)

**Dates:**

Monday, February 5, 2018 – 3:30 pm

Monday, March 5, 2018 – 3:30 pm

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## Be a Mensch: Cooking and Food Delivery



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Temple Sinai has proudly supported 10 families who are food insecure and have difficulty buying and making meals for themselves and their families. Three times during the year, help make a meal with our Social Action Committee which usually includes: lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert. Later that day or next, please deliver the meal to the family in need. All families live within thirty minutes of Temple Sinai.

Dates: TBD

## Connecting Generations

### Adopting a Survivor



Adopting a Survivor – The objective of this program is to transfer the life experiences of a Holocaust survivor to an “adopter” by taking a joint journey through the life of the survivor. By this personal journey, the adopter becomes one with the survivor absorbing his life, spirit and soul. The “adopter” will be able to represent the survivor and tell his story with accuracy and feeling to any audience for three or more generations.

<http://adoptasurvivor.com>

Dates: TBD

## Special Needs

### Chazak



Chazak - Temple Sinai's outreach program for children with developmental differences/special needs and families. Through this program, families within our congregation and in neighboring communities have the opportunity to provide their children with meaningful Jewish learning. Chazak continues to advance the Temple's efforts to include all families and children in the Jewish learning process.

Dates: Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:00 – 11:30 am  
Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> (Veterans Day) – 10:00 – 1:00 pm  
Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 – 11:30 am

## We Stand with Israel

### Bake for the IDF



### Adopting a Unit in the Israeli Defense Force -

The children can show the brave men and women protecting our homeland of Israel that their sacrifices do not go unnoticed. They can support soldiers in active duty as well as connect to them on a deeper level by exchanging letters, videos, and emails.

Connections Israel is a non-profit organization set up in 1998, during the second Intifada, to create a support system for soldiers while unifying The Jewish People. Their mission is simple; to bring the Jewish people together!

**Date:** TBD