



CENTRAL SYNAGOGUE SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT

THE BREAKDOWN:

During the third trimester of the year (from March 1, 2107 through May 25, 2017), our *Chalutzim*-ers (6th graders) will learn about the different social justice issues in our community today. Through personal and class wide investigation, each student will learn why we, as Jews, care about helping the world around us. Ultimately, each student will plan and implement the *Chalutzim* Day of Service on May 21, 2017.

While the entire project is done in school, we still encourage your family to work together on projects outside of school time. An easy way to volunteer in New York is through New York Cares (website: www.NewYorkCares.org). After registering online, adults participate in a one-hour orientation. Upon completion, you have access to a portal of volunteer opportunities. There are certain opportunities for family volunteering.

Central Synagogue also has a myriad of volunteer opportunities, listed on the last page of this document. For more information, please contact Elana Ayalon by email at AyalonE@censyn.org or by phone at (212) 838-5122 x1092.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 1: Social Justice Unit Begins
- May 21: *Chalutzim* Day of Service
- May 24: Project End Date and Showcase

Central Synagogue Community Service Opportunities

The Breakfast Program

Thursdays & Fridays, 6:00-7:30am | Lese Lobby

The Breakfast Program, formerly known as the Caring Committee Feeding Program, is **among Central Synagogue's longest ongoing social justice projects. Originally conceived and implemented by longtime congregant Nat Shapiro in 1983, the Breakfast Program was started in response to Mayor Koch's outcry for New York City's religious institutions to** respond to an exploding homeless and hungry problem. Today, many clients of the Breakfast Program are working poor who greatly appreciate and regularly rely on the warm, nutritious start to their day. Volunteers assemble every Thursday and Friday morning in Lese Lobby (Community House) to prepare and serve the most important meal of the day. A bag lunch is also handed out to clients. These lunches are prepared the prior evening as part of Central **Synagogue's Sandwich Making Program.** Volunteers must be in the 6th grade or older; those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: Alan Herman: breakfast@censyn.org

Soup Kitchen at St. Xaviers

Sundays, Oct 30 & Dec 18 at 11:45am-3:30pm | St. Francis Xavier Mission on 16th Street between 5th and 6th Avenues

Come join Central Volunteers as we prepare and serve meals together at the St. Francis Xavier Mission Soup Kitchen in Chelsea. Each month we will meet on a Sunday from 11:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m and do vital work for the soup kitchen. Groups of teenagers under 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: soupkitchen@censyn.org.

Sandwich Making

Wednesdays, Time varies | Atrium

Make sandwiches for the Breakfast Program, where along with serving a hot meal, clients are also offered a freshly prepared bag lunch. Please RSVP to volunteer. All ages welcome to participate; children must be accompanied by an adult.

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