

Dear Families of CBI,

Some of the families in our congregation have taken to a new tradition for their Chanukah celebration called "Give/Get." In an effort to overcome the frenzy of gift giving during Chanukah and to teach the concept of "mitzvot" to our children, we have integrated the concept of "Give/Get" into the Chanukah celebration. Instead of exchanging gifts for each of the eight nights of Chanukah, some of the nights are dedicated to donating time to charity in a concise, family friendly, age appropriate activity. The idea is that children are encouraged to enjoy the holiday not only getting presents but giving to others. Some families 'Give' four nights through these donations and 'Get' four nights through regular gift giving to show the balance between the two. The appreciation of giving is a gift on its own.

Here at CBI, the Social Action Committee (SAC) will be hosting one of these wonderful nights. On December 3, please come to the temple at 5:30 pm and bring your menorah along with a new set of children's pajamas or nightgown (unwrapped) and/or books to donate to The Pajama Program (<http://pajamaprogram.org>). Most of these children have never enjoyed the comfort of being tucked in at bedtime with warm, clean pajamas and a bedtime story. When you arrive, we will write notes to accompany the pajamas and books, have pizza and a snack. The pizza will be provided by SAC and CBI. The children at CBI will know they have made a difference in the lives of others. Please RSVP to Marie at 201-265-2272 by Wednesday, November 27.

Also, included below, is a list of "Give" ideas that can be implemented in your celebrations on the other nights of Chanukah in your own homes. These can be done either with your family or with other families, each hosting one "Give Night." It is a great opportunity to get together and celebrate Chanukah!!

Jewish Home for Assisted Living	201-666-2370	Play games, organize an activity.
Holiday Mail for Heroes	<a href="http://www.redcross.org/support/get-involved/holiday-mail-for-heroes">http://www.redcross.org/support/get-involved/holiday-mail-for-heroes</a>	Make cards and submit by Dec 9, 2013 (check website to verify deadline).
Project Linus	<a href="http://www.projectlinus.org">http://www.projectlinus.org</a>	Look at donation and pattern tabs for more info.
NJ Veterans Memorial Home	Contact Renee Kuperinsky SAC at CBI <a href="mailto:rkuperinsky@optonline.net">rkuperinsky@optonline.net</a>	Make cards and wrap small gifts for the veterans.
Shelter Our Sisters	<a href="http://www.shelteroursisters.org">http://www.shelteroursisters.org</a> 201-498-9247	Make a donation, donate baby items. Donations go to Hackensack location for security purposes.
Heifer International	<a href="http://www.heifer.org">http://www.heifer.org</a>	Individually or pool your donation with others. Give the gift of sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas in poverty.
Helping Hand Food Pantry	201-664-0600	Bring food to the pantry.
Emunah	<a href="http://www.emunah.org/index.php">http://www.emunah.org/index.php</a>	Provides social services & educational programs to children & families in every corner of Israel.

We look forward to celebrating with you!