

Sinai Temple Religious School - Mitzvah Day Projects

Organization	Time	Location	Ages	Activity	
OFF SITE OPTIONS					
Times Center The Times Center is a support system for homeless men in our community. They are currently run by Provena Behavioral Health. They provide food for both men and women, however, only men may stay at the shelter. They also provide social services to the men with the goal of having them employed and no longer homeless.	11:40 - 1:00	70 E Washington Street, C	18 & up	Food Prep	Serve lunch. (No beer or alcohol logo shirts, no open toed shoes)
Provena Covenant Medical Center Provena Covenant Medical Center is a 240-bed medical care facility located in Urbana, Illinois near the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.	10:30 - 11:30	1400 W Park Street, U	All Ages	Deliveries	Deliver newspapers to patient rooms.
AVAILABLE AT SINAI TEMPLE					
Community Blood Services of Illinois - Blood Drive The Community Blood Services of Illinois provides locally donated blood to hospitals in Champaign/Urbana, Charleston/Mattoon, Danville, Effingham. The CBSI also shares donations where needed across the United States.	9:00 - 1:00	Sinai Temple - North & South Pod	16 & Up to donate All ages to read to donors	Blood Donation Read Books	Donate blood, read to those donating blood, sit at the refreshments table & entertain the donors.
Dimona, Israel Teddy Bear Project Sinai Temple's NEW Knitting and Crocheting group: You do NOT have to know how to knit. Cute, hand-made, teddy bears will be sent to children entering elementary school in Dimona, Israel. Dimona is a town with many single parent families with low incomes. <i>Note: If anyone has 4 ply yarn you no longer need, do a mitzvah and contribute it to the Sinai Temple Knitters.</i>	10:00 - 12:00	Sinai Temple - Davis Chapel	5th Grade & up	Craft	Knit/crochet Teddy Bears. YOU DO NOT NEED TO KNOW HOW TO KNIT. Experienced knitters can help you learn to knit. The bear pattern is easy. If you have, bring size 7 or 8 knitting needles and some yarn, or you can use our shared yarn.
Champaign County Humane Society The Humane Society is an "open door" shelter and accepts all animals needing shelter, regardless of age, physical condition or adoptability. As a local, not-for-profit charity, it exists through the generosity of many individuals and businesses and are supported by a community that cares.	10:00 - 12:00	Sinai Temple - Davis Chapel	All Ages	Craft	Newspaper Folding
Habitat for Humanity Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry. HFHI seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat invites people of all backgrounds, races and religions to build houses together in partnership with families in need.	10:30 - 11:30	Sinai Temple Kitchen / Davis Chapel	3rd Grade & up	Baking	Bake sweet treats to freeze for workers on the "job." Assist in preparing a mailing.
Local Fire Departments Local firefighters always appreciate special treats. Your family can assist in preparing sweet treats for the fire station in your area, or you can pick up a plate of treats and deliver them.	10:30 - 11:30	Sinai Temple Kitchen	3rd Grade & up	Baking	Bake sweet treats for the firefighters. Or pick up a plate and deliver them to your local fire station.
American Red Cross; Habitat for Humanity Several local and national organizations benefit from volunteer assistance in marketing and fundraising by preparing mailers and assembling marketing packets.	10:00 - 12:00	Sinai Temple - Davis Chapel	2nd Grade & up	Assemble	Assemble mailings and marketing materials.
Family Service of Champaign County Family Service of Champaign County is a private, non-governmental, not-for-profit organization. Founded in 1911, they are the oldest private social service agency in Champaign County and have provided continuous service to families and individuals for more than 90 years. Their mission is supporting people across the generations by providing quality human services.	10:00 - 12:00	Sinai Temple - Davis Chapel	All Ages	Assemble	Decorate & Assemble 20 boxes of food to provide Thanksgiving meals for local families. Sponsored in part by a ST Havara & Meijer Foods.
Crisis Nursery Crisis Nursery is the only 24-hour, 365-day a year child abuse prevention and family support agency of its kind in Champaign County.	10:15 - 12:00	Sinai Temple - Davis Chapel	All Ages	Craft	Decorate blue bags used in the "Holiday Store" to help raise funds for the organization. Prepare "treat" bags for the children.
American Jewish Soldiers American Jewish soldiers represent about 1% of the military population. There are approximately 160,000 troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, which means approximately 1600 of them are Jewish.	10:00 - 12:00	Sinai Temple - Davis Chapel	All Ages	Craft & Sort & Pack	Decorate & pack care packages for the soldiers. Design & create Hanukkah cards to include.
Local Nursing Homes There are many different nursing homes in our area including the Windsor of Savoy and the Champaign County Nursing Home. Many provide care for residents who do not have families in the area. Many on staff give up the opportunity to spend Thanksgiving with the families so they may provide care for the residents.	10:00 - 12:00	Sinai Temple - Hand-in-Hand classroom	All Ages	Craft	Design & create Thanksgiving decorations to be displayed at local area nursing homes.
Sinai Temple Building & Grounds	10:00 - 12:00	Sinai Temple Grounds	All Ages	Raking	Help rake leaves, clean gutters, pull dead weeds, organize shed, etc.
Sinai Temple Kitchen	10:00 - 12:00	Sinai Temple Kitchen	All Ages	Sort & Clean	Pantry reorganization & clean up!
Donation Preparation We will be taking donations for a number of different organizations. These will need to be sorted, organized and packed to be delivered to these organizations. Groups include the Center for Women in Transition, Garden Hills Elementary, and Roundhouse Youth Shelter.	10:00 - 12:00	Sinai Temple - Davis Chapel	All Ages	Sort & Pack	Sort & pack various donated items for organizations.