



HIGH HOLYDAY FOOD DRIVE

Please join our annual High Holyday Food Drive, benefiting *A Place To Turn*, our neighboring food pantry on Hartford Street. As we prepare for Yom Kippur, we join hundreds of other congregations, representing all four major movements, in collecting food for the hungry. Together we can continue the Torah tradition of leaving the produce of the "corners of our fields" for the needy.

Between 18 and 20 million Americans are estimated to go hungry year round; eight million who are suffering from hunger are children. The economic effects of the Corona Virus pandemic has only exacerbated this national crisis.

Drop off your donations in paper bags, on the front portico at Temple Israel, during the week of September 21-25. *A Place To Turn* will pick-up this so-needed food after Yom Kippur. Your donation should be non-perishable, high protein food: canned goods, cereal, rice, beans, pasta, peanut butter, baby formula or other dry staples. Please no glass containers; all items must have a current expiration date and be unopened.

The timing of our food-drive has spiritual significance—on Yom Kippur morning, we read in Isaiah: "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? ... Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry?" But it also has material significance. With so many families affected by COVID19 during these difficult times, your contribution is especially important. By donating food to feed the hungry and homeless, we will continue to answer Isaiah's call.

When our many members participate in this hunger relief drive, our Congregation substantially contributes to meeting the hunger needs of our Metrowest community. Please join the numerous Temple families who have made this program a significant part of their Yom Kippur practice.