

HIGH HOLYDAY FOOD DRIVE

Please join our annual High Holydays 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 have only exacerbated this national crisis. Drop off your donations in paper bags, on the front portico at Temple Israel, **Monday or Tuesday, September 13 or September 14**, or if you are planning on attending Kol Nidre services (Wednesday, September 15th) please bring your donation with you and a vehicle from A Place To Turn will be available for collection. 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. If you prefer, you may make a donation directly to A Place To Turn at: <https://www.aplacetoturn-natick.org/donate/>

The timing of this particular project 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?" - as well as 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.