

Please Join our Annual Kol Nidre High Holidays Food Drive

Please join our annual Kol Nidre High Holidays 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 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 20 and 22 million Americans are estimated to go hungry year-round; nine million who are suffering from hunger are children.

Drop off your donations in paper bags at Temple Israel Wednesday through Friday 9/16-9/18 any time between 10:00am and 2:00pm. If you will be attending Kol Nidre services (Sunday evening, 9/20), please bring your donation with you; 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, other dry staples and personal care items. Please no glass containers; **all items must have a current expiration date where applicable 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?” But it also has material significance. During 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 members participate in this hunger relief drive, we substantially contribute to meeting the hunger needs of our Metrowest community. Please join the many Temple families who have made this program a significant part of their Yom Kippur practice.