

Social Action: Emergency Shelter Partnership Request for Volunteers

October 13, 2020

As many of you know, for the past sixteen years, Temple ShaarayTefila has participated in the Emergency Shelter Partnership. The Emergency Shelter Partnership is a registered 501c3 organization in Northern Westchester, which provides short-term, emergency shelter for those who need shelter during the coldest five months of the winter. We are a coalition of interfaith congregations that offer overnight shelter and warm nutritious meals to homeless adults during the coldest months of the year.

This year, as so much is different, so is the way we are participating in the Emergency Shelter Partnership. Specifically, we will continue to provide food during our assigned week of **November 2nd through November 8th**, but guests will not be staying at TST. This is simply to eliminate the need for travel in their van which does not allow for social distancing. Instead, guests will be hosted at four houses of worship that are within walking distance of their Mt. Kisco meeting place.

In an additional effort to minimize risk to all involved, we are eliminating the buffet style of food service and asking for volunteers to prepare breakfast/lunch or dinner and portion it out individually so it's more of a "grab and go" for ten guests. Meals will be packaged and brought to TST between 8:15 and 8:30 pm for masked, non-contact delivery. We will meet you there and bring the food to the Lutheran Church in Mt. Kisco. Once you volunteer we will provide more specifics.

Our goal of providing some comfort to the homeless in our area could not be more important during a time when so many other resources are stressed to capacity or closed. Please be assured that ESP is taking extensive precautions to keep their staff, volunteers and guests safe in order to minimize risk, while still providing this necessary support.

If you are able to participate in this mitzvah, please contact Enid Linden at enidlinden@gmail.com by Friday, October 23rd. Please give your phone number, specify breakfast/lunch or dinner and give two choices for days that are convenient for you during that week.

Many thanks!
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