

Dear Fellow Congregants,

Kol Shalom is pleased to participate once again as a host site in Winter Relief, a program run by the nonprofit Arundel House of Hope. The program provides temporary, emergency shelter for homeless people during the coldest months of the year through local churches and synagogues.

We will host up to 25 homeless men (no women in our group this year) from the afternoon of **Monday, Dec. 23 through the morning of Thursday, Dec. 26**. Our guests will be with us over Christmas and part of Hanukkah, and we hope to make this holiday time festive for them. Ordinarily, guests leave the host site during the day on weekdays. However, because of the holiday, our guests will remain on-site at the synagogue from 12:30 PM on 12/24 through the early morning of 12/26, so that they do not have to be on the streets during the day on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This means we need more volunteers than last year to provide hospitality and supervision, so please sign up “early and often”! **The link to the SignUp Genius page is:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C44A8AD2EA2FE3-winter1>

Please note that we are changing our food policy this year to make it easier for volunteers to provide meals, and for our guests to enjoy meat. We encourage people to team up to provide meals—many hands make light work! For food-related questions, contact Joyce Malech (joyce@jlmalech.com or 201-341-4715).

If you would like to donate supplies, and **for any other questions at all**, please contact your Kol Shalom site coordinators:

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We will have a meeting for volunteers/prospective volunteers in early November—details to follow soon!

Thank you so much for supporting this important program!

Shalom,

Janice, Marian & Susan