

## **MITZVAH MADNESS**

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We had a busy holiday season and are now moving on to spring! Please check out our pictures – they tell the true stories.



**Toy Drives** - Thank you to all the Secret Snowmen and everyone who contributed to our toy drive. There were lots of happy kids and teens from El Centro and Newark. Without the generous support of the THS community, many would have been without gifts for the holidays.

**EL Centro** – We helped our friends at El Centro celebrate the holidays by volunteering at their holiday party, donating and wrapping tons of gifts, and helping to stock their pantry shelves.

**MLK** - Our holiday party at the Martin Luther King Center was wonderful! We had so many new THS faces join us as we snacked, lit the menorah and played dreidel. The kids were overwhelmed with the gifts from their Secret Snowmen. Our Hearts Day celebration on February 10<sup>th</sup> was also great! We had yummy heart shaped cupcakes, made fun crafts and wrote Valentine cards for soldiers and elderly patients at Care One at Somerset County. We can't wait to go back in May for our Spring Fling!

**Community Mitzvot**- Thanks, again, to the generosity of THS members, many community *mitzvot* were performed over the holidays. Gift cards were given to members of the MLK community in need.

**Soup Kitchen** - It was so cold outside, but the amount of food and volunteers we had at our January and February visits to the soup kitchen warmed our hearts! Our last volunteer opportunity for this school year is Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.



Sisterhood will be organizing that date so look for info to help and donate food. Please note – the Bound Brook Soup Kitchen operates every Wednesday evening. Different groups organize the food and the help but individuals are welcome down there any week to help as well.

**Reminder-** one red bin is always kept open for food that we bring to the food pantry. Please do not leave anything besides what is requested in the red bins.

Please email [MAC@templeharshalom.org](mailto:MAC@templeharshalom.org) if you are interested in helping or have an idea for us to do. We are always interested in new ideas and volunteers.

