

Dear Eighth Grade Mitzvah Corps Parent,

We hope that you and your child share our excitement about the start of Mitzvah Corps on **September 13**.

Our first Mitzvah Corps session is a hands-on field trip to deliver packages of food to poor Jewish families so that they can celebrate the Jewish New Year with joy. Our students are participating in a citywide project called Maot Chitim. Maot Chitim is the traditional Hebrew name of the mitzvah of providing sustenance on the holidays.

Please have your Mitzvah Corps student here at 8:15 am on September 13. The bus will leave promptly at 8:20 am. We will meet Rabbi Geffen in the parking lot. We will be traveling to Skokie to meet the truck with the food and to make our deliveries. It is essential that we leave on time, since we are coordinating our project with many other groups of volunteers.

We plan to return to the synagogue by 11:30 am; however because of the nature of the tzedakah activity this field trip occasionally runs a little late. We appreciate your flexibility.

If you have not yet registered for Mitzvah Corps it is not too late. Please call the office ASAP to guarantee a place for your child in our eighth grade social action oriented program.

We wish you a happy and a healthy new year.

Rabbi Judy Spicehandler

Rabbi Wendi Geffen