

TAE Social Action
Making a Difference Together



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We hope that everyone is well during these challenging times. Although we have not been able to meet in person, there are many opportunities available to help others. Watch the weekly TAE-News and visit www.AdatElohim.org/socialaction to learn about TAE social action opportunities. The information changes regularly, so please check back often!

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DISCUSSIONS ABOUT RACE - NEXT STEPS**Join us for a special Zoom meeting on Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7:00 p.m.**

We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color."

-Maya Angelou

For the last number of months, many TAE members have been discussing numerous issues surrounding race.

It is now time for our congregation to take the next steps for a path to action.

Discuss racial issues, learn about this work, and discover how to take action. Included will be break-out sessions to deepen the discussions and form task forces.

FOCUS TOPICS:

Criminal Justice
 Education
 Voter Suppression
 Inclusion at TAE

Each task force will determine how often they meet, set goals, research, and create action plans. We hope to see you on Wednesday, December 2nd!

Click here to join the discussion at

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CHANUKAH MITZVAH MIRACLES

Let's add one more miracle to Chanukah. Can you or others in your home take one hour to make a difference for someone else? A handwritten note or card does not take long to create, but can do so much to lift up the spirits of someone else. During these challenging times, many people can use a boost. By simply sending a card, you can provide the bit of sunshine.

On Sunday, December 13 (or whenever you can make the time), write a note, create a decorative card or do both to let someone else know that they are not forgotten. We are creating cards for those who are supported by the following four organizations. Click the link below for

details.

1. **Operation Gratitude** - decorate a card and write a note of encouragement to our service members.
2. **Many Mansions** - decorate a card of encouragement and write a letter to a student who lives at Many Mansions.
3. **My Stuff Bags** - decorate a card of encouragement and write a letter to a child who has been removed from their home.
4. **Ventura County Area Agency on Aging** - decorate a card of encouragement and write a note to a senior who is living on their own and does not have many visitors during these challenging times.

[Click here for the instructions](#)

KNITTING AND CROCHETING FOR CHARITY



Every other Sunday at 3 p.m.

Upcoming dates:
December 13 and 27

Join us as we make scarfs, hats and small blankets that will be gifted to local charities for distribution.

You don't need to know how to knit or crochet. Bring your yarn and needles to the zoom meeting and someone will help get you started!

RSVP to socialaction@adatelohim.com to get the zoom link.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DROPPING OFF COMPLETED PROJECTS

Thank you to everyone who has been creating hats, scarfs and small blankets. Items can be dropped off at Temple Adat Elohim during our drive through drop off on **Sunday, December 6 from 11 a.m. - noon**. Please do not drop them off at other times. Prior to dropping them off, please place the items in a zip lock bag and label the bag with the following information:

1. Type of item (hat, scarf, blanket)
2. Size of item (adult or child)
3. Color of item

Please email socialaction@adatelohim.com with any questions.

Anti Defamation League (ADL) - Concert Against Hate



Tune in virtually to the
ADL Concert Against
Hate
December 6
5 p.m.

On December 6, 2020, ADL will ask viewers from across the US and beyond one very important question...How do you fight hate for good?

A 25-year tradition, *ADL In Concert Against Hate* is a premier event in Washington, DC. Every year, ADL honors real-life heroes who've performed extraordinary acts of courage and compassion when confronted with antisemitism, hatred and bigotry. Since 1994, these stories have been told annually through a combination of music, performances and dramatic storytelling at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts featuring the National Symphony Orchestra.

This year, on December 6, we invite everyone who wants to build a

safer, more just and inclusive society to join us for our first virtual ADL In Concert Against Hate, celebrating this year's honorees and showing our commitment and strength.

Tickets are complimentary, but required.

[Click here to reserve your ticket.](#)

COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNER - VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS



Community Holiday Dinner Drive-thru December 25

Volunteer Sign- Ups Open Tuesday December 1 at 5 p.m.

We are pleased that we will be able to host the 26th Annual Community Holiday Dinner on December 25. This year, it will be a drive thru "to-go" dinner. We cannot do this dinner without the help of wonderful volunteers. The volunteer positions are different this year. Sign ups will be open on Tuesday, December 1st at 5 p.m.

[Click here to learn more and sign up](#)

SISTERHOOD'S LATKE & DONUT CHANUKAH GOODIE BAG SALE FOR TAE FAMILIES IN NEED

NEW THIS YEAR

CHANUKAH, OH CHANUKAH LATKE & JELLY DONUT LOVERS!

TAE Sisterhood is offering a combo package of:

**Trader Joe's frozen latkes (8), applesauce (two 4 oz. cups) & Dunkin' Donuts jelly donut holes (6)
all for only \$10.00**

*All profits will go to a TAE family/families in need for the holiday season.
Would you like to make an additional donation?
Add any amount to your order.*

**PRE-ORDERS ACCEPTED ONLY UNTIL
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 4 P.M.**

Go to [LatkesandDonuts](#) to order

Drive by pickup only: TAE back parking lot.

**Pickup times: Thursday, December 10th (1st night of Chanukah)
12 noon to 2 p.m. & 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

Pay by PayPal or check

Make checks payable to: "TAE SISTERHOOD"

Mail to: Judith Shapiro, 38 Basswood Avenue, Oak Park, CA 91377

OR

 **PayPal TAE Sisterhood is on PayPal!**

No checkbook? No problem! Logon to PayPal. Click on "Send"; "Send money to": enter email TAESisterhood@gmail.com; enter \$ amount; **right under the amount it should say "Sending to a friend"** (if it doesn't, hit "change" and click on "Sending to a friend"). **It's also very important to "Add a note" to let us know what you are paying for—latkes & donuts.** Then select how you want to pay. You're done—easy!



Questions? Judith Shapiro: jeashapiro@yahoo.com
Judy Levine: jlevine1@twc.com

SHELTER MEALS



Emergency to-go Dinners for the Most Needy in our Community

Since mid-March, while all of the houses of worship have been closed, the nightly meals that had been provided to those in need in our community have been replaced by emergency "to-go" dinners. Temple Adat Elohim members are providing to go dinner bags and cases of water every Monday. The shelter committee sends out an email as sign-ups are needed. If you would like to be on this email list, please contact the shelter committee at taeshetler@yahoo.com.

Harbor House is also in need of the following donations. If you can help, drop off your donations at Holy Trinity Church 1 W. Avenida de los Arboles in Thousand Oaks (in the parking lot near Mt. Clef Blvd.) from 4 - 4:30 p.m. any day of the week.

- Cases of water bottles
- Granola bars (soft)
- Beef jerky packs
- Chips (individual packages)
- Cookies (individual packages)

Support our Holiday Dinner Vendors

Every year, local businesses support our Community Holiday Dinner by donating the items we need to put on the dinner. This year, a few of those businesses have been affected by the closures due to the pandemic and yet, they are still donating to our 2020 dinner. Highlighted here are two of the businesses. Please support them if you can.



If it's fresh, it's IDDeal

Every year, Larry Vad, President of IDDeal Meats supplies us with all of the turkey needed to feed everyone at the Holiday Dinner. As a restaurant meat supplier, you can imagine how hard 2020 has been for them, and yet, they are graciously donating the turkey again this year. TAE members can help support IDDeal Meats by taking advantage of their current special wholesale to the public prices for their meats. There is a \$250 minimum, but if you split it up with friends - it's a great deal and you can support them as well while saving money on top quality meats and poultry.

Visit IDDeal Meat's
Website



This wonderful bakery, located in West LA, has been providing us with desserts for the holiday dinner for many years! The desserts are delicious and beautiful! Select from their standard items or order a specialty cake.

[Visit Top Tier Treat's Website](#)

Our other vendors who graciously donate to our dinner are: Costco Westlake Village, Big Screen Cuisine Caterers, Conejo Valley PTAs, and Knightsbridge International.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING



The next Social Action Committee meeting will be
Tuesday, December 8 - 7 p.m.
via Zoom

All members are invited to join us to learn more about TAE Social Action, bring new ideas, help plan upcoming events and get involved.

Contact Marcia & Harold Gordon with questions and to
RSVP: SocialAction@AdatElohim.com to get the zoom link

TEMPLE ADAT ELOHIM T-SHIRTS



Temple Adat Elohim -
Making a Difference
Together T-shirts are now
available for purchase!

Get your t-shirt so you can wear it with pride every time you volunteer. We hope everyone will have a shirt so that we can show our TAE spirit when we can once again volunteer in the community. Shirts are \$23 and can be ordered [here](#).

Can You Help?



Caring Community of TAE needs
your help!

Our Caring Community is dedicated to reaching out to those in our TAE community who are in need.

Do you have some time to make a few phone calls to

people who are in need to let them know that their TAE family is thinking of them? Do you have time to visit remotely with people who are in need of some contact while they are ill? If you can help, please contact Cantor David at dshukiar@adatelohim.com (805) 497-7101. Please also contact Cantor David if you know someone in need.

[Learn More](#)

This monthly Social Action e-newsletter is sent from the Social Action committee at the beginning of each month. It includes upcoming social action opportunities that are available to the TAE community. We invite all TAE members to find your place in TAE Social Action. We hope that you will find a project (or many!) that touches your heart. There is something for everyone.

If you have charities or projects that you support, please share them with us at socialaction@adatelohim.com. We might be able to involve others in a project that is important to you!

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