



**Jewish Family Services**  
of silicon valley

## **Families and Seniors Need Your Help for a Sweet Year of Holiday Food**

### **Emergency Food**

The Talmud explains that each Jewish community must establish a public fund to provide food for the hungry, and our sages explain that feeding the hungry is one of our most important responsibilities on earth: "When you are asked in the world to come, 'What was your work?' and you answer: 'I fed the hungry,' you will be told: 'This is the gate of the Lord, enter into it, you who have fed the hungry.'"

This year the FEMA National Emergency Food and Shelter Program withheld its annual allocation to Santa Clara County as it did not meet their economic criteria used to determine allocations. This means Jewish Family Services doesn't have the funds (\$26,000 in 2017) for our holiday food package program. We typically distribute 1,000 bags to low income families and seniors. We're in the business of giving to those who don't have, but this year, we simply don't have the funds. We need to raise money to purchase this kosher food to make this happen.

### **Ways to help:**

- ❖ Sponsor a bag (\$36) or a few bags of food. You may do so in honor or memory of a loved one.
- ❖ Give generously to our [Project NOAH emergency food program](#) so we can provide the food to households in need.
- ❖ Pick up a bag to fill at our JFS offices and fill it with your child, or sponsor a bag of \$36. We hope you will give generously.
- ❖ Hold a food drive to benefit the families and seniors JFS helps. Involve your havurah, book group, walking club, or fellow bnai mitzvah families to help.
- ❖ Your group/school class/club can sponsor a group holiday food purchase/packing event where your group purchases desired items (list provided by JFS SV), makes cards and decorate bags for needy seniors and families. Contact Lori Cinnamon at [loric@jfssv.org](mailto:loric@jfssv.org) directly to get information regarding High Holiday food packages. Your group can shop for the food, decorate cards and provide 10 High Holiday packages for 10 or more households.

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