

God works through our hands, particularly on Mitzvah Day. On this day, the HCRJ community unites to make a difference in the lives of our extended community members who need a helping hand. May the works of our hands today inspire us to continue to do mitzvot whenever an opportunity arises.

Very special thanks to Mitzvah Day Chairs Carol Danek and Marcia Berretta, and Project Captains: Malorie Barbee, Barbara Bennett, Greta Bernitz, Fran Brochstein, Margie Cohen, Jennifer Danburg, Marilyn Fireman Cecilia Freedman, Amie Hill, Robert Hoff, Jeff Kabin, Hilary Kamin, Michelle Leben, Marc Levinson, Darlene Medford, Lisa Sheinbaum, Georgi Silverman, Buddy Susman and Pat Susman



## **Donation Drives**

**Books Between Kids:** New and like-new books for Pre-K through 5th grade readers, including story books, chapter books, leveled readers and children's non-fiction books. Please no religious books.

**Houston Zoo:** Cell phones, Smart phones, iPods or other MP3 players, iPads or other tablets, WIFI hot spots, Handheld gaming devices, GPS and electronic accessories such as chargers and blue tooth headsets

**Dress for Success Houston:** Blazers, closed-toe shoes (low heels or flats), handbags and dress pants for professional women

Houston Children's Charity: Gently-used clothing, shoes and accessories for children

**Jewish Family Service:** Paper towels, toilet paper, paper plates, plastic plates, plastic forks, knives and spoons, dish detergent and laundry detergent

## **Activites for Everyone**

- 120 Crayola Colors: Color birthday cards for Star of Hope Mission clients
- Bare Necessities: Assemble hospital visitation bags for Jewish Family Service
- Blooms: Make plastic bottle flowers and fruit decorations for the HCRJ sukkah
- ☆ Cleaning Congregants: Spruce up the sanctuary
- Dog Delights: Repackage dog treats for Interfaith Ministries aniMeals on Wheels program clients
- Frankie's Flower Pots: Decorate flower pots for Seven Acres residents, in memory of Frankie Berko who loved this project
- Happy Hygiene: Put together boy and girl hygiene bags for BEAR...BE A Resource for CPS Kids
- Reservation for You: Create art placemats for Texas Children's Hospital patients
- ☆ Terrific Totes: Decorate tote bags for clients of SEARCH Homeless Services



- Amazing Art: Paint with watercolors on canvas for Art for All Homes
- Canine Creations: Design "adopt me" bandanas for shelter cats and dogs for Houston SPCA
- Oh Origami: Make folded paper designs for origami kits for Texas Children's Hospital patients
- Pet Warmer: Make blankets for shelter dogs and cats for Citizens for Animal Protection
- Video Star: Encourage caregivers of dementia patients and talk about keeping your brain healthy in a video for Alzheimer's Association Houston

## Ages 17+

Life Saver: Donate blood with MD Anderson Cancer Center. Pre-registration required: email Justin@hcrj.org

