



Thoughtful Thursdays

Through this social action effort, we are working toward *tikkun olam* (repairing the world). Please lend your support.

“On behalf of our family of six, we wanted to say ‘thank you for your generosity.’

“This is our third and final year at the Temple Head Start. Thank you for offering your facility to house this wonderful program. I trust in God’s great faithfulness and His word. I know you will continue to be blessed because Proverbs 28:27 says

‘He that giveth to the poor shall not lack.’ Again thank you for our Thoughtful Thursdays bag.”

—The Rodriguez Family

THOUGHTFUL THURSDAYS CHAIR: JAMIE BERGER

For more information about ways to get involved in the Jewish community or social action efforts, contact us:

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HELPING GIVE A HEAD START

Support our efforts to help 85 preschool students and their families



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A Joint Project of:

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- *Congregation B’nai Jacob*
- *Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne*

Helping Others

What is Thoughtful Thursdays?



We are actively working to make a difference in the lives of the 85 students who attend the Head Start preschool four days a week at the Temple by sending home bags once or twice a month with food, toiletries, and educational items.

The bags are sent home on Thursdays to be returned by the students on Mondays to be refilled. We are committed to helping these families, all of whom have incomes below the federal poverty level. Our program began in October 2010.

The effort is a partnership among the organizations serving the Fort Wayne Jewish community, including Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Congregation B'nai Jacob, and the Jewish Federation of Fort Wayne. We also appreciate the strong support from the Dr. Harry W. Salon Foundation, as well as many individuals, local businesses, and groups from b'nei mitzvah students to the Girl Scouts to high school Key Clubs.

How you can help:

We welcome your involvement in several ways:

- **Assist on bag assembly mornings.** See the calendar at www.TempleCAV.org for the schedule.
- **Donate non-perishable food, hygiene and cleaning items,** such as canned fruit or vegetables, canned tuna or canned chicken, peanut butter, pasta, individually wrapped healthy snacks, toothpaste, toilet paper, tissues, and soap. Donation boxes can be found at both congregations.
- **Write a check** made payable to "CAV - The Temple" earmarked for Thoughtful Thursdays, 5200 Old Mill Road, Fort Wayne, 46807.
- **Donate \$5 or \$10 for a special Rosh Hashanah effort** to provide a bag of fresh apples for each family.
- **Help assemble educational items.** Contact the Temple office at (260) 744-4245 for information.



Our Goal:

Through Thoughtful Thursdays, we try to help stretch each family's household budget by providing a meal for a family of four and other essentials.

We also work with Head Start to provide learning materials that assist teachers in reinforcing educational



mandates and preparing the students to attend Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Learning activities are translated into Spanish with assistance from students at IPFW.

A social event in December coinciding with Head Start parent-teacher conferences provides an opportunity for Thoughtful Thursdays volunteers and Head Start families to get acquainted. Especially popular is a drawing to give away a turkey and trimmings for a holiday meal.

When we asked the Head Start families what items are most helpful, they said personal hygiene items and paper products, including toilet paper, in addition to food.