

Social Action

The Decalogue Social Action Committee conducted a Chanukah Toy Drive in November of 2018. Organized by Social Action Chair, Olwen Jaffe, the Toy Drive benefited children associated with SHALVA and the HINDA Institute, two important local organizations. SHALVA, the oldest independent Jewish domestic abuse agency in the U.S., supports Jewish women experiencing and healing from domestic abuse. The HINDA Institute helps our State's Jewish inmates, ex-offenders, and their families navigate the criminal justice system and the inmates' re-entry into society. The toy drive was a success with over 50 toys collected from our members. We send a big thank you to everyone who contributed and helped these children have a happy Chanukah! We hope you will participate next year.

"I just wanted to send a heartfelt thanks from us and from all the children who benefited from the wonderful gifts. Please thank everyone in the Decalogue Society who donated for their kindness and generosity. They have given joy and made a difference to Jewish children in challenging circumstances on Hanukkah."

-Abby Scheiman

The Social Action Committee also organized a Chanukah Party for the Council for Jewish Elderly Robineau Residence in Skokie—an annual event that is eagerly anticipated by the Robineau community. Thank you to everyone who came to sing songs, play music and help host a wonderful party for the residents!

HINDA has created a lending library for correctional institutions. If you have Jewish books to donate, please contact them at hindahelps770@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunity with Hinda Institute

Instruct or Tutor clients in Correctional Institutions

How often: Once weekly or monthly

Location: MCC or Cook County Jail

Topics will vary. Volunteer training will be required.

Clients: Client will vary, most will be on short term sentences or on reentry. Multi denominational.

Please contact Abby at 708 990 7849 for more information.

כל דכפיון ייתי ויכל

Sunday morning, April 14, Decalogue volunteers, working with Maot Chitim, will deliver Pesach meals to the needy in our community. This is a great family mitzvah project and we hear that one Board member's children are already clamoring to help again this year. Watch your email for details.