Frequently Asked Questions

What is Good Deeds Day (GDD)?

This March, for the fourth year in a row, the Greater Washington community will join Israel and countries from across the globe for a community day of service. Established in Israel in 2007, Good Deeds Day celebrates the value and importance of giving back to the community we live in. In our community alone, last year we had 6,500 volunteers who took part in this initiative. This day will offer our entire community a variety of hands-on volunteer projects where they can roll up their sleeves and make an impact.

Who is participating in Good Deeds Day?

Everyone is invited to participate: Individuals, Families, Groups of friends, Congregations, Schools, Organizations, etc.

How will projects be organized?

Projects will be organized in the following three ways:

INDIVIDUALS:

Individual projects are open to the community. Anyone is welcome to volunteer at these open projects. Project listings and registration will be posted on the GDD website in January.

GROUPS WITH A PROJECT:

A group, school, congregation or organization can create their own project and recruit their own volunteers.

GROUPS WITHOUT A PROJECT:

GDD coordinators are available to help groups identify projects they can volunteer at together. Congregations, schools, organizations, youth groups, etc. can advise how many volunteers they expect to bring and the GDD team will help coordinate a project and space for that group.

How can I sign up for Good Deeds Day?

GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS:

Call 888-246-1818 or email volunteer@jconnect.org today!

INDIVIDUALS:

Registration will open online in January. Visit GoodDeedsDayGW.org to learn more.

Where is Good Deeds Day taking place?

There will be GDD sites all over the community from DC to MD to Northern Virginia. The sites will be at a variety of places from JCCs to synagogues to shelters and more.

What if my organization already does a *Mitzvah* Day?

We recognize that many organizations have spring *Mitzvah* days planned. Our hope is that you will either add this day to your calendar as another opportunity to do more good deeds in our community or integrate our GDD lesson plan/curriculum about doing good through a Jewish lens into your teachings for the day.

Below is a list of ways your organization/congregation can get involved:

- Host a volunteer activity at your location.
- On Good Deeds Day use lesson plans provided to teach students about the importance of doing good deeds through a Jewish lens.
- Gather a group and sign up to volunteer together on that day.
- Designate a liaison from your agency leadership to participate as a site captain. Responsibilities will include marketing and recruitment, day of oversight and facilitation at one site and follow up.
- Help publicize the event to your constituents in e-communications, printed newsletters, flyer distribution, on your website and displayed on signage at your building.

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