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What is Good Deeds Day (GDD)?

This April, for the seventh 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 8,500 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, Congregations, Schools, Organizations, etc.

How will projects be organized?

Projects will be organized in the following ways:

PUBLIC:

These projects are run by an organization and are open to the community. Anyone is welcome to volunteer at these public sites. Project listings and registration will be posted on the GDD website in February.

PRIVATE:

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

How can I sign up for Good Deeds Day?

GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS:

Call 888-246-1818 or email lauren.kessler@shalomdc.org today!

INDIVIDUALS:

Registration will open online in February. 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.

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 have everyone 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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