



> COMMUNITY SERVICES  
**Hag Sameach**

*making holidays brighter for those in need*

The Hag Sameach (*Happy Holidays*) program provides holiday gifts to families and individuals who are in need.

Now in its 29th season, the Hag Sameach (*Happy Holidays*) program ensures joyous holiday celebrations for families and individuals in need by providing them with gifts and ritual items. Each year, over 700 individuals and families are served thanks to the generosity and dedication of our donors, volunteers, and referrals from professional and community leaders.

As the need continues to grow, your support is vital to the success of Hag Sameach. Whether you give your time or contribute financially, you will help the holiday lights burn brighter for so many in our community. Here's how you can help:

## ♥ DONATE

### What:

- Gift items for children of all ages and adults are needed. There are so many ways to donate, choose what works best for you!

### How:

- Purchase gifts online through our Target registry at [tgt.gifts/hagsameach](https://tgt.gifts/hagsameach) or our Amazon registry at [tinyurl.com/y6bypftz](https://tinyurl.com/y6bypftz).
- Make a monetary donation to allow us to personalize gifts for any special requests or accommodations.
- Adopt-A-Family opportunity is a great way to feel a connection with the recipient family. For more details, visit [jfcsmpls.org](https://jfcsmpls.org) and click "Hag Sameach", or email Mindy at [mteele@jfcsmpls.org](mailto:mteele@jfcsmpls.org)
- If you are out shopping and find an item you feel would bring a smile to someone who is in need, that is perfect as well!

### When:

- We accept both online and in-kind donations throughout the year as we prepare for the winter holidays and to help provide items to people in our community beyond the holidays as needed.

## ♥ VOLUNTEER

*Each shift only allows for one person/group to sign up. For your safety, we are inviting groups of people that reside in the in same household, or are within the same social bubble – up to nine people per group. See attached letter for details.*

### Organize:

- Organize, sort and create gift baskets

### Bag it Up:

- Gather and bag up gifts from our inventory

### Bag and Wrap:

- Gather and bag up gifts and wrap

### Wrap it Up:

- Help gift wrap

### Deliver:

- Deliver gifts and discover whose smiles are bigger – yours or the gift recipients!

### Remote Opportunities:

- [Learn more here](#)

### How:

- Sign up online:  
- [signup.com/go/nMWwFF](https://signup.com/go/nMWwFF)
- Email Mindy at [mteele@jfcsmpls.org](mailto:mteele@jfcsmpls.org)

## NEED AN IDEA FOR A NEW GIFT DONATION?

- Sports equipment
- Small electronics
- Manicure sets
- Puzzles
- Family games
- Books
- New stuffed animals
- Clocks with large numbers
- Tool sets
- Small electronic games
- Practical kitchen or housewares items
- Gift cards:
  - » Target
  - » Kohl's
  - » Menards
  - » Home Depot
  - » Walgreens
  - » Gas stations
  - » Grocery stores

*\*Please do not donate used items*

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If you are having hardships in celebrating the holidays – whether it is due to financial difficulties, medical reasons, isolation, or something else – JFCS is here for you! Please call 952-546-0616. JFCS' Intake & Resource Coordination staff can connect you to the Hag Sameach program to receive gifts and ritual items for individuals and families in a confidential manner. You are also welcome to contact your synagogue and get a referral through synagogue staff.