

# Tikkun UpDate

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## GLEAN MACHINE!

Sunday, June 12

**NEW SUNDAY HOURS!**

**Congregation Sinai  
8223 N. Port Washington  
10a.m.-1 p.m.**

Monday, June 13

**Beth El Ner Tamid &  
Cong. Shir Hadash  
2909 W. Mequon Rd.  
1-3 p.m.**

Tuesday, June 14

**Congregation Shalom  
7630 N. Santa Monica  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Wednesday, June 15

**Cong. Beth Israel  
6880 N. Green Bay Ave.  
1-3 p.m.**

Thursday, June 16

**Cong. Emanu-El  
B'ne Jeshurun  
2020 W. Brown Deer  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
See page 3 for details**

## Tikkun & Tzedek: Our Obligation to Others

*Tikkun Ha-Ir of Milwaukee*, whose mission is to be part of the Jewish community's response to poverty and hunger by providing leadership and linkages between resources within the Jewish community and requested assistance and advocacy in the Milwaukee area, recognizes the challenging and difficult circumstances surrounding the Wisconsin state budget. We encourage the public officials to refrain from putting the burden of the deficit to the disadvantage of people who find themselves in reduced economic circumstances. Overcoming a budget deficit always presents hard choices and sacrifice. But we believe it is in the best interests of everyone in Wisconsin that the sacrifices not fall unfairly on the shoulders of the people most in need of critical government programs and services.

In addition, we encourage the public officials, who have been entrusted with budgetary responsibilities to keep in mind the important role that the state plays in educating Wisconsin's students, promoting the health of Wisconsin's families, protecting Wisconsin's environment and encouraging a decent quality of life for all Wisconsin residents. We also believe that all participants in the democratic process deserve to have their voices heard. As it says in Deuteronomy 24:14-15: *You shall not abuse a needy and destitute laborer, whether a fellow Israelite or a stranger in one of the communities of your land. You must pay out the wages due on the same day, before the sun sets, for the worker is needy and urgently depends on it; else a cry to the Eternal will be issued against you and you will incur guilt.*

The recent recession and downturn to the economy has understandably created a concern about job creation and business development, as well as disproportionately affecting the working and middle class residents of Wisconsin. Sacrificing the essential support that the state provides to schools, health care and other core services critical to ensure a healthy and educated workforce would be shortsighted and ultimately a repudiation of our core values of *tikkun olam*, preserving the environment while sustaining the social harmony, and of *tzedek*, seeking social justice and equity for all people. As we are told in Proverbs 31:9, to *speak up, judge righteously, champion the poor and the needy.*

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## SURPLUS GARDEN HARVEST RETURNS

**Glean your own fields as well as your closets. Donate surplus harvest from your garden this growing season or donate what you can't use from your CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) boxes. All produce will be sent to area food pantries and meal sites. See page 4 for drop off sites.**

**Contact Pam Frydman Roza, 414-916-4568 or  
Proza@thi-milwaukee.org**

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## Purim Milk Drive a Success!

Twenty people donated to the Purim Milk Fund this spring allowing Tikkun Ha-Ir to purchase many gallons of milk for the St. Vincent de Paul Meal Site. Thank you to THI Board Member, **Lisa Phillips**, for coordinating the project. In their thank you note, SVDP writes about Kathie, a meal guest & abuse victim, who made positive changes in her life because she went to the Meal Site. After confiding to a volunteer at the Meal Site, she was directed to begin counseling, connected with a local shelter for battered women and began putting her life back together. Lisa continues eating at the Meal Site with her children while she is looking for employment. SVDP Executive Director, Lin Fischer, writes, "Your donation helps SVDP assist women and children like Kathie to survive and have access to nutritional food and support."

Since 2003, THI has served as Beverage Volunteers at the South Side Meal Site the third Wednesday of each month. Due to an abundance of volunteers that evening, THI and SVDP are looking for a different night for THI. We may even change locations to SVDP's North Side Meal program on Martin Luther King Drive which needs volunteers desperately. Look to this newsletter and/or the THI enewsletter for our new date & site!

Send THI greeting cards to family and friends that commemorate all life cycle events. Contact **Suzie Pikofsky**, 414-351-0455 or [spikofsky@thi-milwaukee.org](mailto:spikofsky@thi-milwaukee.org) **OR** purchase a packet of 5 cards/ \$20. Use the order form on the next page.

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600 families received Passover food thanks to the 2011 Jewish Community Passover Food Drive/ *Mo'at Chittim*. Thank you to those who donated food or money. This year a donor made it possible for everyone to receive a chicken for their Seder meal!



## Summer Schedule

**June 5: Planting Day, Jewish Community Garden, 10-noon. 6255 N. Santa Monica. Planting\*Family Activities\*Stories\*Projects\*Food. Contact Jody Hirsh, 414-967-8199, jhirsh@jccmilwaukee.org**

**June 6:** Cathedral Center, 845 N. Van Buren, 6:30-8 p.m. Contact Robin Benedon, 414-352-2512

**June 12:** Glean Machine, 10 a.m-1 p.m. Congregation Sinai. **NEW SUNDAY HOURS!**

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**July 4:** Cathedral Center

**August 1:** Cathedral Center

### Surplus Harvest Drop Sites

**Sundays & Thursdays:** Congregation Beth Israel, 6880 N. Green Bay

**Wednesdays:** Harry & Rose Samson Family JCC, 6255 N. Santa Monica

## SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

Beth El Ner Tamid Synagogue

Congregation Beth Israel

Congregation Emanu-El

B'ne Jeshurun

Congregation Shir Hadash

Congregation Sinai

Hillel Milwaukee

Lake Park Synagogue

Temple Menorah

## MISSION

***Tikkun Ha-Ir of Milwaukee***

***encourages the***

***Jewish Community***

***to build a more just***

***Milwaukee through***

***study, action and***

***civic engagement.***

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