We have a sacred obligation to repair the world (Tikkun Olam). When we do this, we bring meaning to our lives and to the lives of others. Together, we go out into the community with faith that our service will bring peace and comfort, and maybe a miracle or two for those in need.

We are proud of the many social action projects that Wise Temple members of all ages have participated in thus far in 2023, making a meaningful difference in our community. We look forward to many more projects in the months ahead.

Our sincere thanks to all who have participated in these projects and to all those who have donated in support of these efforts and many other projects, sustaining all that we do at Wise Temple.

TIKKUN FARM

April 2023

Wise Temple congregants learned about the non-profit farm’s mission and programs focused on restoring people and community. Volunteers were split into activities that included food prepping for the farm’s Free Market and crockpot meals, and getting hands dirty planting seeds and mulching the garden as part of Tikkun Farm’s Creation Care project.
Together with a parent/special adult, Open Room students learned about the Jewish value Tza’ar Ba’alei Chayim, Caring for Animals, in a hands-on family program. We even were able to pet goats, piglets, chicks and bunnies from Good Green Earth Farm. Putting our learning into action, children also constructed and decorated bird feeders to help feed birds during the winter.
A group of generous Wise Temple volunteers prepared, cooked and served a warm meal to those facing homelessness, as they search for housing and employment.

We had a fun and busy morning learning about and celebrating Israel and Yom Ha’atzmaut. We also assembled 35 birthday cake kits to deliver to Heldman Family Food Pantry for people who might not otherwise have a birthday cake.
Wise Temple volunteers participated in a meaningful and fulfilling volunteer activity and took a tour of the impressive facility where those in need can get food (kosher and non-kosher) and personal care items in a dignified and caring manner. Our project was to pack Passover items like matzah, gefilte fish, matzah ball soup, grape juice, and macaroons into bags that were delivered to over 200 households.
3rd grade families learned the four mitzvot of Purim, and had a great time doing it! We heard a Megillah-inspired, parent-led story, enjoyed a festive meal featuring the Meshuganotes, The Ohio State University's Jewish a cappella group, assembled gifts for those in need and received mishloach manot!
It was a great morning at the farm! 5th grade families participated in a conservation and Judaism family program at Gorman Heritage Farm. Together we played, explored, and learned all about how we can protect our earth and maintain it for future generations, and why it is Jewish to do so.
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