

## Operation Embracing Charlie's Soldiers

As you may recall, last year we invited the congregation to help Temple Sinai celebrate Chanukah by purchasing a Chanukah gift that would benefit us all. We suggested an \$18 contribution to help purchase the new Prayerbook for the Reform Movement, Mishkan T'Filah. The generosity and enthusiasm was unbelievable, and we raised over \$5000, which purchased 200 Prayerbooks! As you know, the books finally arrived, and we are all becoming familiar with them.

This year, in keeping with the spirit of giving, particularly to those perhaps facing more difficult situations, we have a worthy project that we ask you to consider.

One of our congregants, Charlie Lewis, is currently stationed in Iraq. He is the 26 year old son of Ed and Bess Lewis, brother to Molly and Jenny, and grandson of Sarah Lewis. This is Charlie's second tour of duty in Iraq. He is Captain of a platoon of 88 soldiers in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, and in addition to all of his identified duties and responsibilities, he works hard to maintain the morale of these 88 individuals. The Religious School has started a project called "Operation Embracing Charlie's Soldiers". Last month, the students sent nine large packages filled with food and other items to Charlie and his platoon. The soldiers were overwhelmed, and sent back their thanks and gratitude. The Religious School has plans to continue sending packages over this upcoming year.

Our idea for Temple-wide giving is to join with the Religious School, and contribute to Operation Embracing Charlie's Soldiers. If you are aware of any other congregant serving in Iraq, please let us know, as we would like to include them in our project.

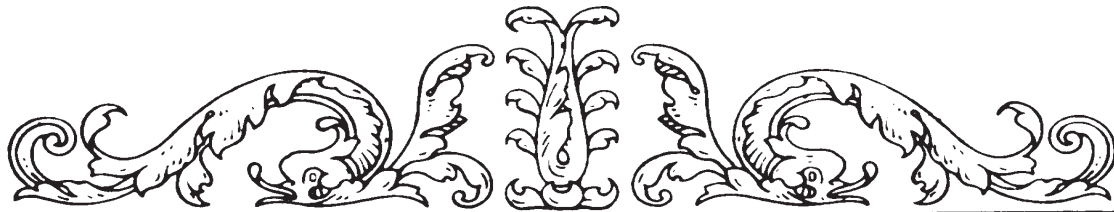
As we begin our new year, we hope you consider joining us in making the upcoming weeks and months a little easier for Charlie and his platoon. We give thanks for the many blessings in our lives, and we thank you in advance for your gift.

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**I/We would love participate in Operation Embracing Charlie's Soldiers with the following:**

**Please check all that apply:**

- Enclosed is a monetary contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- Purchase items from the list below and drop them off at Temple.
- Help pack and mail the packages for one (or more) of the months.
- Help with the shopping to purchase some of the requested items.
- Help coordinate the effort to purchase warm hats and monogramming.

**If there is a specific month you would like to help, please indicate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**There are 2 collection bins at Temple – one at each entrance. Please feel free to drop off items at any time during the year. Please leave a message for Ilan, Vicki or Liz at the Temple office with any questions.**

#### ITEMS FOR COLLECTION

##### Stationery/Games

Pens  
Crayons  
Coloring Books  
Sports Magazines  
**Meals**  
Cup-A-Soup (please no pork)  
Microwave Meals  
Pop tarts  
**Sandwich Spreads**  
Crunchy Peanut Butter  
Strawberry Jelly (squeezable bottles)

##### Condiments

Texas Pete's Buffalo Sauce

##### Candy

M & M's (plain)  
M & M's (peanut)  
Gum (Lots)

##### Sports Equipment

Soccer Balls  
Basketballs  
Table Tennis equipment:  
Paddles, Balls

##### Clothing Items

Socks Black (Hiking Socks; size 10-13)  
Hand Warmers

##### Drinks

Kool-Aid (in stick packs)  
Powder Drinks

##### Miscellaneous

DVD movies (any)  
PS2 games (sports)  
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Gameboy games (sports)

AA Batteries (many are needed)

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##### Snacks

Microwave Popcorn  
Chips (in plastic containers, like Pringles)  
Peanuts  
Sunflower Seeds  
Beef Jerky

##### Toiletries

Razors & Blade Refills (Mach 3 and Gillette Fusion)  
Shaving Cream  
Deodorant  
Bar Soap  
Shampoo  
Hand Sanitizers  
Hand Lotion  
Chapstick  
Sunscreen  
Foot Powder  
Baby Powder  
Bug Repellent  
**Baked Goods** (due to shipping schedules, please no home-made)  
Fudge  
Rice Krispy Treats  
Brownies Plain (w/nuts)  
Brownies Plain(w/o nuts)  
Brownies/PB w/nuts  
Brownies/PB w/o nuts  
Pudding (chocolate)

