

Jewish agency partners with synagogues for Purim gift bag packing

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Noah Linzer at Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El's Mitzvah Day with Purim bags for the Dorit & Ben J. Genet Cupboard of Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County's clients. (Goodman JFS/Courtesy)

Clients of the Dorit & Ben J. Genet Cupboard of Goodman Jewish Family Services of Broward County are receiving Purim treats.

The Cupboard, a kosher food pantry which supports nearly 700 families in Broward, partnered with local synagogues to pack traditional Purim gift bags (*mishloach manot*) filled with *hamantaschen*, groggers, sweet and salty snacks and beverages.

Families of Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El in Plantation packed more than 500 bags during the synagogue's Mitzvah Day to support the Cupboard's effort, while the Young Israel of Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale Sisterhood worked together to pack treats specifically for the 150 Holocaust survivors that the pantry supports.



The bags are being distributed through March 16, which marks the beginning of Purim this year.

Ross Adel, operations director of the Cupboard, said, “We are so grateful to be able to provide Broward families in need with kosher and nutritious food day-in and day-out, and we look forward to holidays like Purim when we share festive and traditional treats to help them celebrate.”

“Our supporters help bring our mission to life by continuing to volunteer their time and resources so generously,” Adel continued.

According to jfsbroward.org, the pantry is supported by donations from the community, as well as kosher food drives, retail stores, Jewish Federation of Broward County and Feeding South Florida. Visit the website for more information.

Visit tkae.org or yih.org for more information on the synagogues.

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