

Food, Fun, & Fashion Week

Beachwood, Ohio

October 1st–4th
Thursday, Friday,
Saturday & Sunday

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October

A Stitch in Time: The Cleveland Garment Industry
at the Beachwood Library

1st

New England Seafood Clambake at Giovanni's
The Art of Tequila at Tres Potrillos
Stay-Proof Travel Makeup Tips
at The Powder Room-Makeup Oasis & Boutique
Welser-Möst Conducts Mahler's Third Symphony
with The Cleveland Orchestra

2nd

Stay-Proof Travel Makeup Tips
at The Powder Room-Makeup Oasis & Boutique
Outdoor Adventure Hike, Picnic & Wine Tasting
with NatureVation & Hotel Indigo
New England Seafood Clambake at Giovanni's
British Beer Dinner at The Pub
Welser-Möst Conducts Mahler's Third Symphony
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3rd

Hale Farm & Village 5K at Hale Farm & Village
Hale Farm & Village Harvest Festival at Hale Farm & Village
Outdoor Adventure Hike, Picnic & Tea Tasting with NatureVation
Stay-Proof Travel Makeup Tips at The Powder Room-Makeup Oasis & Boutique
Live Dancing Performance & Violins of Hope
at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage
In Grand Style: Fashions of the 1870s through the 1920s
at the Western Reserve Historical Society
Mead Wine & Honey Appetizers Tasting at Valenti's Ristorante
Follow the Bourbon Trail at Cedar Creek Grille
A Night of Mystery & Murder at Maggiano's Little Italy
A Gala Evening with Renee Fleming with The Cleveland Orchestra

4th

Bagels, Birding & Historical Bites: Beachwood Historical Society
at Beachwood City Park Pavilion
Hale Farm & Village Harvest Festival at Hale Farm & Village
Feel the Breeze at Bahama Breeze
Special Author Event with Jill Bialosky at the Beachwood Library

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For his February bar mitzvah, Brad Nusbaum of Franklin and his mom, Lori, created centerpieces containing toiletries to be donated to JFS clients.

Because We Care

Grants help JFS to expand its preteen mitzvah program.

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Contributing Writer

Jewish Family Service of Metropolitan Detroit (JFS) is kicking off the Jewish New Year with a fresh set of monthly programs aimed at informing the community's preteens about all the resources it provides, while helping to create mitzvah opportunities that fit into their packed schedules.

To expand its existing mitzvah program, Because We Care (BWC), JFS last spring received a \$75,000 grant from the William Davidson Foundation and a \$5,500 grant from the Stephen Schulman Millennium Fund for Jewish Youth.

One Sunday afternoon a month, Jewish preteens will gather at a synagogue, temple or other Jewish agency to practice the Jewish values of tzedakah and tikkun olam. Activities include trekking out to clean up Belle Isle in November, creating gifts for the poor during Chanukah, making chicken soup and collecting warm clothing for seniors in January, and planning a Passover Seder for seniors and Holocaust survivors in the spring.

The grant enabled JFS to hire Vicki Sitron to coordinate the program. Sitron said BWC is flexible to fit into a busy preteen's packed schedule and engaging enough to create community with their Jewish peers and serve as an entry learning point to all the services JFS provides to the larger community.

"We wanted to make our programming as engaging and flexible as possible to give these kids the opportunity to do a mitzvah," Sitron said. "Some of our upcoming programs fit in line with work already being done by organizations such as J-Serve and PeerCorps. As we move into our first year, we are also looking to partner with as many area synagogues, temples and Jewish youth groups as possible.

BWC kicks off this month with two community service programs:

- Sundaes in the Sukkah, 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Jewish Family Services building, 6555 W. Maple, West

Bloomfield. Kids are welcome to help decorate the agency's sukkah, learn a bit about the holiday and the value of giving tzedakah from Rabbi Yisrael Pinson, and make their own ice cream sundaes.

- Paint the Town Purple, 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. On this scavenger hunt-styled activity, teens will solve riddles and find clues to take them to their next destination as they ride around on JFS's buses, which provide 30,000 rides each year to deserving clients. At each destination, they will put up purple "Expect Respect" lawn signs at various Jewish agencies around town to raise awareness for Domestic Violence Month in October. They will also learn about the importance of developing healthy relationships starting in adolescence and all the way through adulthood.

Ellen Yashinsky Chute, JFS chief community outreach officer, said the scavenger hunt program aims to explain "domestic violence" from an adolescent standpoint.

"At this program, we will teach kids that when you expect respect in any relationship in your life, it eliminates the chances of abuse and violence," Chute said. "Many of us form lifelong relationships starting in middle school and high school. If kids learn about respect at this stage of their lives, it is a lesson that will hopefully stick with them for the rest of their lives."

BWC has been around for a number of years and provides many ideas to area bar and bat mitzvah students about how to put more "mitzvah" into their coming-of-age celebrations. Kids collect various items such as art supplies, sneakers, band and athletic equipment, for example, and create centerpieces with them with accompanying literature about JFS, informing guests that they will be distributed to deserving JFS clients following the celebration.

To register for programs and for a full list of program dates and descriptions, go to www.jfsdetroit.org/becausewecare or contact Vicki Sitron at (248) 592-2325 or vsitron@jfsdetroit.org. □

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