

MAG 2009

### **Yom Trip = Yom Give Back To Hartford, CT**

In a major shift of tradition, Magshimim did not go on a typical trip first session. Instead of going to a baseball game, going to the movies, or going blueberry picking, I set up a day of volunteering in different locations around Hartford, CT. The edah was broken up into 5 groups to go to four different sites. Two of the groups went to Riverfront Recapture (<http://www.riverfront.org/>) where they cleaned up the Riverfront in advance of a community event. Another group went to a local synagogue where they too helped clean up. This site was the least successful of them all, but I believe that was due to the personal at the synagogue not being prepared for us to come and work. A fourth group went to Elizabeth Park (<http://www.elizabethpark.org/>) and the fifth group went to Peter's Retreat, a communal living home for people with AIDS. At Peter's Retreat (<http://www.handsonhartford.org/about-programs-petersretreat.php>) the group vacuumed, cleaned, scrubbed, washed, and dusted a vacated apartment so that new people could move in.

Although there were complaints ahead of the program (more by the counselors than by the campers!) there was a strong sense of accomplishment after the fact. You can read one camper's experience here: <http://magshimim2009.blogspot.com/2009/07/reflections-from-miha-bunk-50.html>

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# YOM TRIP!

8:00 - T'fillot

8:45 - Breakfast (with A-side - we eat in the Ohel)

9:30 - leave from the chadar to go to work sites

Approx. 11am - arrive at work sites:

Elizabeth Park

Riverfront Recapture

Peter's Retreat

Beth El Temple

Approx. 3pm - leave work sites and travel to West Farms Mall in West Hartford

3:30-5:30pm - West Farms Mall - Scavenger Hunt and Snacks

5:30pm - leave West Hartford

6:30pm - arrive at camp/free time/shower time

7:30pm - dinner

8:15pm - movie - Keeping The Faith

## SOMETHING(S) YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- \* Everyone should wear sneakers and clothing that they can get dirty.
- \* Everyone should wear their camp/staff t-shirt.
- \* The bus ride is about an hour - its ok to bring a book.
- \* If you have a digital camera - bring it, we'll need it.
- \* Money isn't necessary. I am feeding them good food and while we will be in a mall, but the point of being there is to have a scavenger hunt - not to go shopping. Please limit the amount of money the campers bring to \$10-15. If they want more, talk with them about the economic situation, making everyone feel included, and not creating a "have/have-not" situation.

**GET EXCITED!!! We're going to make a difference in the world - and then have an awesome scavenger hunt!**

MAG - Addresses for Yum Trip

**West Farms Mall**

500 Westfarms Mall Farmington, CT 06032 (860) 561-3024

**Peter's Retreat - Bus 1**

123 Retreat Ave

Hartford, CT

860-247-4140

**Beth El Temple - 5 kids, 1 adult**

2626 Albany Ave

West Hartford, CT 06117-2398

(860) 233-9696

**Riverfront Recapture**

Mortonson Plaza

300 Columbus Blvd.

Hartford, CT

**Elizabeth Park**

150 Walbridge Rd.

West Hartford, CT 06119

**Crown Supermarket**

2471 Albany Ave.

West Hartford, CT

**Hebrew Home** - it would have to end by 1pm - but might be able to do something in the morning only (9am - 11am). She needs to have NOTICE.

RuthAnne Wein - Director of Volunteer Resources  
523-3818 [rwein@hebrewhealthcare.org](mailto:rwein@hebrewhealthcare.org)

**Federation Homes** - Joanne Harrison Becker - I left a message on her machine.

**Summerwood Assisted Living** - 860-920-1852 - Patty Vega - we could come at 10am and stay until 12pm. Exercise is at 12:30-2pm (and is very popular, but our kids could visit other residents) - they would interact with residents (bingo, social interactions) - could take up to 8 kids. [pvega@summerwoodct.org](mailto:pvega@summerwoodct.org) - she is off tomorrow and friday, but will be back on Monday - but will read email from home.

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**Jewish Family Services** - Shari, 860-236-1927 - left a message on Sunday and emailed. She emailed me back on Thursday and told me to talk to Lynn. I called her and left her a message (also on Thursday).

**Red Cross** - Rita - only in the office until noon. Got an email back saying that they don't have anything for us.

**St. Agnes Home** - (860) 521-7516, [info@stagneshome.org](mailto:info@stagneshome.org) - left a message and emailed on Sunday.

**Human & Leisure Services Department of West Hartford.**

(860) 561-7560, Fax: (860) 561-7577

Director: James Capodiece - Social services, volunteer services

I left a message on Sunday - they are only in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays (10am-2pm)

**Salvation Army**

100 Nelson Mandela Way PO Box 928

HARTFORD, CT 06143

Contact: Captains Ervin & Anna McKoy

Tel: 860-543-8419

I left a message on Sunday

Called Lisa Goepsert (860-543-8400 ex. 142) on Tuesday, per suggestion of United Way's Libby Richardson

Alonzo - 860-543-8406 ex. 141 - he's going to pass the information on to the development director and he'll get back to me.

**GoodWill**

3580 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06120

(860) 278-5890

<http://www.ourgoodwill.org>

Left a message on Sunday.

**Community Renewal Team**

555 Windsor Street, Hartford, CT 06120

Phone (860) 560-5600

I left a message on Sunday

*Habitat For Humanity - needs to be 16 or older to come*

*Hartford United Way - 860-493-6800, ask for the community relations person. Libby Richardson is the volunteer coordinator. I left a message on Monday.*

**Riverfront Recapture** - Craig Mergins - 860-883-3204 - Waterfront Park System - mulching, weeding, and painting. They can easily take 25-30 kids, but could manage all of our kids if necessary. [Mergins@riverfront.org](mailto:Mergins@riverfront.org)

7/6/09 - we'll send them 40 kids, Mortonson Plaza, 300 Columbus Blvd. Be there around 11am.

**Food Share** - 860-286-9999 - usually books a month in advance, she (Sarah) will check but it is probably not possible. She will call me back if it is possible, but it probably isn't.

**Open Pantry's Loaves and Fishes**

*Can't do July 8 - but could do other days (July 29 or Aug. 5). Could take up to 10 kids at once to help serve lunch.*

[darleen@openpantry.org](mailto:darleen@openpantry.org)

**Hands on Hartford** - Emily Brooks (860) 728-3201 x 2012, Peter's Retreat, a home for people with AIDS. Can take 10 kids to work.

**Girl Scouts** - Michelle Velez - 203-239-2922 - called and left a message on Tuesday (was referred to by Libby Richardson of United Way)

**Beth El Temple** - [MMoses@bethelwh.org](mailto:MMoses@bethelwh.org) - Michael Moses - can take 3-5 kids to do some clean-up work around the synagogue. They can also offer us their building space to hang out in.

**Elizabeth Park** - Paul Grimmeisen - [paul24wor@aol.com](mailto:paul24wor@aol.com) - they will take 10 kids to do some weeding or general clean up in the park.

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Crown Supermarket - Bob - sandwich platters (half sandwiches = 2 per person), potato salads, coleslaw, half-sour pickels - \$7.50 a person. I'd have to bring plates, napkins, beverages, etc. Order a week ahead of time, even by Friday.

Wraps - tuna, chicken, turkey, roast beef, veggie, egg salad (if I want)

Sandwich - corn-beef, roast beef, turkey, veggie, pastramie

\$427.50 (with discount)

Pick up the sandwiches at 1pm

2471 Albany Ave.

West Hartford, CT

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