



Good Deeds Day co-chairs Jeremy and Allison Goldman, and Aaron and Leslie Brodsky are gearing up for Good Deeds Day with their families.



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Uniting to Do Good

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Following an already strong record of community service and volunteer work, the Jewish Federation of Howard County will be bringing the international Good Deeds Day movement to Howard County this year. Good Deeds Day, a community-wide volunteer day that encourages people to come together and give back to their communities, was first launched in 2007 by Israeli businesswoman and philanthropist Shari Arison and most recently has involved more than 900,000 volunteers in over 60 countries. On April 10th, the Jewish Federation, which in the past has orchestrated other volunteer initiatives at local organizations like the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Charity's Closet, and Days End Horse Farm, will spearhead the program in Howard County.

“Generating positive change through efforts like Good Deeds Day is part of our mission to give back to the community and engage in one of our core Jewish values of tikkun olam, repairing the world,” says Michelle Ostroff, executive director at the Jewish Federation.

The Good Deeds Day movement partners with leading volunteer organizations like Habitat for Humanity and media groups like MTV to operate good-doing projects and activities in communities across the world. The program is often run by local Jewish community agencies like the Jewish Federation of Howard County but is open to volunteers from the community-at-large and benefits non-profits throughout the area.

“Good Deeds Day is a great opportunity for outreach in the broader community,” says Jeremy Goldman, co-chair of the program along with his wife Allison Goldman, and Aaron and Leslie Brodsky.

Goldman first learned about the initiative at the 2014 General Assembly event hosted by the Jewish Federations of North America. When his wife Allison and daughter Mallory wear the Good Deeds Day t-shirts he got for them, people have expressed both curiosity and interest in having the program locally.

Good Deeds Day in Howard County will feature several volunteer options,

including an outdoor cleanup of a community center grounds, a food drive at the Village of River Hill Giant store, and J-Serve locations for teen volunteers. For more information about participating in Good Deeds Day, visit JewishHowardCounty.org/GoodDeedsDay.



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