

2024 Annual Meeting  
Rodfei Tzedek Report

Rodfei Tzedek has been mindful that much of our community's focus has been turned inward since the October 7<sup>th</sup> attack and its aftermath, including the corresponding antisemitism. We have struggled with how to balance our commitment to repair the world with our focus on supporting Israel, recognizing that both are important.

To that end, we have:

1. Continued our collaboration with HIAS (thanks to Rachel Danzing and Laura Wolfe), supporting refugees. Upcoming activities:
  - a. CALA-PSJC legal clinic-- Beginning **Tuesday, January 23rd from 9:00AM - 1:30PM**, we will be partnering with Central American Legal Assistance (CALA) to host its monthly *pro se* asylum clinics. PSJC members are welcome to volunteer for future clinics--no legal experience necessary; Spanish helpful but not required. Watch the RT section of the weekly e-blast for info.
  - B. REFUGEE SHABBAT-- SAT FEB 10
    - i. with a special Dvar Torah by Rabbinic Fellow, Talia Kaplan and
    - ii. a Kiddush program at 1:00 pm featuring a presentation by Merrill Zack, the VP of Community Relations at HIAS. followed by Q& A and general discussion.
2. Continued our collaboration with the Jewish Coalition for Criminal Justice Reform, including sharing opportunities to educate ourselves on issues and to support legislative efforts (thanks to June Zeitlin, Leslie Salzman, Lia Brooks)
  - a. Rodfei Tzedek Shabbat – weekend of March 9-11 – with focus on housing issues
  - b. Stay tuned for opportunities for lobbying the state legislature on these and other related issues
3. Had very successful MLK Day of Service with about 100 participants.  
We donated:
  - 593 soup kits, each feeding 4-6 people for Camp Friendship Food Pantry
  - 363 peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and 148 trail mix packs for Chips
  - 180 snack packs for kids waiting at Family Justice Center
  - 100 letters to senators / representatives, 25+ warm gloves and \$300 in metro cards for refugees
  - Knitted squares for baby blankets donated to Methodist Hospital
  - Birthday cards for God's Love We Deliver
  - Raised money for Zaka, Leket Israel and HIAS Emergency Response in Israel
4. Following up on our last year's workshops with Bechol Lashon, we are planning structured conversations guided by their experts to find new opportunities to strengthen our outreach to diverse current and future PSJC members.
5. Stay in touch with all the upcoming RT activities by signing onto the RT announcements on shul cloud.