

Greater Lansing Jewish Welfare Federation Mitzvah Day

On Christmas Day 2011, members of the Greater Lansing Jewish Community helped out at Ronald McDonald House for 30 hours. We also delivered cookies to both the Police and Fire Departments in East Lansing and Meridian Township and to the Police Department in Lansing. We also delivered meals to EVE (a shelter for victims of domestic abuse) and to a few members of the Jewish community who were homebound.

This event was primarily organized by Erica Holman and the **Greater Lansing Jewish Welfare Federation**. Prior to Christmas Day, people baked the cookies, some at a community baking event at Congregation Shaarey Tzedek, and some at home

On Christmas Day participants converged at Shaarey Zedek, put the cookies in bags for distribution, received instructions as to where to deliver cookies, had brunch, and socialized. In late afternoon some participants also went to Chabad House to attend a haircutting for Gabriel Weingarten (three-year-old son of Rabbi Hendel and Bracha Leah Weingarten) and a Chanukah party there.

A reporter from WILX-TV recorded the cookies being loaded into cars and recorded their delivery to one of the police stations. See below for pictures.



Sixty members of the Jewish community (including some children) participated in this activity.

In view of its success, we are planning to have other similar events in 2012.

With the police after delivering cookies



With WILX reporter at Shaarey Zedek after loading cookies into cars.