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## Temple Beth Torah To Donate School Supplies

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Temple Beth Torah in Melville plans to continue an annual charitable tradition later this month by donating backpacks filled with school supplies to needy students in elementary schools in the Half Hollow Hills School District.

Over the past six years, the temple's members have donated more than 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies to needy students in the neighboring community, said Randi Bender and Mary Resnick, project co-chairs at Temple Beth Torah.

Following a three-month donation drive, on Aug. 20, TBT Hebrew School children, their parents and other volunteers will convene at the temple to pack the backpacks with the school supplies for delivery to the elementary schools.

Temple Beth Torah Rabbi Susie Heneson Moskowitz said the temple has focused on the needs of children in the kindergarten to second grades based on requests from Half Hollow Hills.

Moskowitz said the project helps fulfill the Jewish value of tzedakah, which translates from Hebrew to mean social justice and is often carried out through charity.



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**Temple Beth Torah volunteers packed donated school supplies for elementary school students in need in the Half Hollow Hills School District last August.**