

Haiti Earthquake Relief Fundraiser

*Temple Israel and Church of the Holy Communion
unite to raise relief money for earthquake victims in Haiti*

Temple Israel and Church of the Holy Communion will host a “drive-by and donate” fundraiser on Friday, January 15, 2010 from 7am to 7pm at Holy Communion, 4645 Walnut Grove, to assist victims suffering from the devastating tragedy in Haiti.

To make a contribution, drive by Church of the Holy Communion, located at the corner of Walnut Grove and Perkins, and donate. Volunteers from Temple Israel and Church of the Holy Communion will be standing at each entrance to the church collecting cash, coins, and checks. (Make checks payable to “Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund-Haiti” or “Episcopal Relief and Development.”*)

Temple members are encouraged to help with the collection of funds at the church and are urged to call the church at 767-6987 to schedule a time to volunteer.

Contributions will provide critical assistance including food, water, and medicine -- as well as long-term recovery and rehabilitation aid, in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake a few days ago.

There will also be prayers and music throughout the day, including a musical set at 4:00pm with an ensemble that includes Rabbi Micah Greenstein. The prayerful day continues at the Friday night Shabbat services at Temple, including the 6:15 service and the Ruach service at 7:30pm.

In December, Ollie Rencher, Associate Rector of Church of the Holy Communion, traveled to Port-au-Prince with fourteen others on a medical mission team to help those in need at St. Vincent’s Center for Handicapped Children and its surrounding neighborhood.

In light of the donation event on January 15, Rencher says, “This relief event is a perfect example of how people across faith lines can come together to serve others all over the world. The historical distress that Haiti has known is more of a reason for the city of Memphis to join other cities and nations to share from our abundance. The Haitian people will be forever grateful for all that Memphians will have done for their health and welfare. Join us in this effort of responsibility and be generous!”

Donations are also accepted online through the [Union for Reform Judaism](#) and the [Memphis Jewish Federation](#).

(*The Episcopal Relief and Development www.er-d.org is the international relief and development agency of The Episcopal Church of the United States that serves the world based on the principles of compassion, dignity, and generosity to heal a hurting world.)