

**Jewish Family & Children's Service**  
**Family Table Best Practices**  
Site Coordinators Speak Out!

**Check out these recommendations from other successful  
Family Table Site Coordinators**

**Collecting Food:**

- \* Use email to remind the entire congregation of the collection items (especially if there are sales on the assigned foods), recruit drivers, and show your appreciation for their time and energy after each distribution.
- \* Have religious school students bring food on the first day of school or other designated days throughout the year.
- \* Encourage your Rabbi to speak to the congregation during Shabbat services about JF&CS Family Table and how the congregation can get involved.
- \* Make announcements at daily and Shabbat services.

**Recruiting Drivers:**

- \* Cultivate a list of people to rely on if goals are not met before a distribution.
- \* Create a committee of interested people who will drive and recruit other drivers.
- \* Thank volunteers and the congregation for their support in the synagogue bulletin.
- \* Recruit drivers far in advance.
- \* Hold a holiday drive, sending home with each religious school student an empty paper bag (with a flyer explaining JF&CS Family Table) for each student to return full of food.
- \* Encourage everyone to go to a Family Table distribution. Encourage those people to speak out to recruit others.
- \* Ask volunteer drivers to write an article for the temple bulletin on their experience

**Collecting Funds:**

- \* Collect *tzedakah* in the nursery school, religious school, and at synagogue meetings – use the money to purchase food for JF&CS Family Table.
- \* Organize a synagogue *mishloach manot* program for Purim in which congregants choose from a list of members for whom they would like to purchase and send a basket--Include making a donation to JF&CS Family Table as the top name on the list!