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SHCFP welcomes new Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank CEO

The Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry, a member agency of the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (GPCFB), extends a warm welcome to the new GPCFB CEO, Jermaine Husser. Jermaine started his work at GPCFB on August 1, succeeding GPCFB co-founder and CEO Joyce Rothermel who retired after a 30-year career with GPCFB.

Prior to joining GPCFB, Jermaine served as the executive director of the Lowcountry Food Bank in Charleston, S.C. Welcome, Jermaine. We look forward to our continued partnership!

Giving and High Holy Days

Congregation Shaare Torah raised \$2,874 for the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry. SHCFP thanks the congregation and Rabbi Daniel Wasserman for their graciousness! The congregation pulled together to bring challah, kosher chicken, apples and honey to every family celebrating the high holidays.

We also want to thank the congregations collecting food for the SHCP during the high holidays. The food drives hosted by Beth El, Beth Shalom, Rodef Shalom, Temple David and Temple Sinai will bring thousands of pounds of food to our clients.

In the midst of High Holidays and with Thanksgiving quickly approaching, your help is needed even more! Traditional holiday foods and specialty items are expensive and can put a burden on families who want to celebrate appropriately but may not have the means to do so. You can help in several ways, from donating special holiday-specific foods to the Pantry, by giving a financial gift or by volunteering your time.

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Would you like to know

We are honored to be the recipient of donations from this annual free concert:

Sunday, November 6: Music with a Mission

2:00pm at Rodef Shalom Congregation, 4905 Fifth Avenue, Oakland

Rodef Shalom Brotherhood joins forces with the East Winds Symphonic Band for this free concert that is open to the public. Guests are encouraged to bring a bag of kosher groceries or monetary donation to benefit the Pantry. Reservations are not required but seating is limited so come early. For more information, call Rodef Shalom at 412-621-6566.

Looking for something new to do this fall while helping the Food Pantry? Attend one of these great local events that help SHCFP!

Saturday, October 29: All Harvest Beer Tasting Boofest & Silent Auction

7:00-11:00pm at the Rose Barn at North Park, Pearce Mill Road, Allison Park

Beer, treats, music, a costume contest and silent auction are the spooky highlights of this event. Bring a bag of non-perishable items for the Pantry and receive and receive a pint! A limited number of tickets are offered for this event, available by emailing info@remisglut1foundation.com or by visiting 1 For the Road Beer Emporium and Tap Room, 10974 Perry Highway, Wexford. For more information, including ticket prices, visit www.remisglut1foundation.com or call 724-272-8797. Proceeds benefit the Remi Savioz Glut1 Foundation.

Monday, November 7: Faith Weinstein Book & Author Program presents Bill Shore

7:00pm at JCC of Pittsburgh, Levinson Hall, 5738 Darlington Road, Squirrel Hill

This dessert reception and book signing will feature Bill Shore, author of *The Imaginations of Unreasonable Men*. Shore is a writer, philanthropist and businessman who wrote about scientists' quest to find a cure for malaria. Participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Pantry. Tickets are available for \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door. A \$25 advance purchase ticket also includes a copy of Shore's book, available through NA'AMAT at 412-521-5253. Make checks payable to LHAS, 3459 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Event made possible by several participating organizations, including Jewish Family & Children's Service. Monetary donations, made payable to the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh Foundation, may be sent to benefit the Faith Weinstein Book & Author Program.

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Donating to the Pantry

What do we need this month? The October Food of the Month is tuna. We also need extra donations of non-food products, such as shampoo, dishwashing soap and paper products! You can drop donations off at the Pantry or place them in the yellow donation baskets at the following locations: Tree of Life-Or L'Simcha, Rodef Shalom, Temple Sinai, Adat Shalom, Beth Shalom, Shaare Torah and the Anathan Club.



Remember the Pantry when you're doing your shopping and spot a "Buy one, get one free" - consider keeping one for your family and donating the other! Not sure what foods the Pantry needs? Refer to our [Pantry Shopping List](#).

Another way to donate to the Pantry is through our *Centerpieces for Tzedakah* program. You can rent our food baskets in lieu of flowers as celebration centerpieces and bimah baskets, and your tax-deductible donation helps to feed individuals and families that rely on the Pantry. The baskets are decorated with beautiful bows in the colors of your choice, and each has a card attached acknowledging your support. Some *Centerpieces for Tzedakah* patrons supply their own bows or have their baskets decorated by florists or other party professionals. It's an easy, meaningful way to add significance to your special occasion. [Contact us](#) for more information or to place an order.



Calling all volunteers

Individual volunteers, schools and community groups are vital parts of our Pantry's operation. Prior training is not required for most volunteer opportunities. You only need to be committed and enthusiastic individuals who have some free time and want to help. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Since many of the duties require multiple people, this is a great opportunity to spend some quality time with your family, friends or group while providing an essential service to our community's most vulnerable.

Many of our volunteer spots are filled through August, but we are currently in need of volunteers for **drop-off recycling** - volunteers with valid driver's licenses to deliver our numerous cardboard boxes to the recycling facility (2-3 volunteers weekly). We also need volunteers with valid driver's licenses to **pick up bread donations** Monday through Friday mornings from Giant Eagle. Any volunteers would be a huge help!

Pantry Hours

Monday: 9:00am - 12:30pm (and 5:00 - 7:00pm by appointment only)

Tuesday: 9:00am - 12:30pm and 1:30 - 3:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am - 12:30pm

Thursday: 9:00am - 12:30pm and 1:30 - 3:00pm

Friday: 9:00am - 12:30pm

One Sunday a month by appointment only

Please contact the Pantry at

412-421-2708

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