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Shop at Whole Foods Market to Help Beth-El

On **Tuesday, November 11th**, shoppers at Whole Foods Market in Milford will help support the local hungry and homeless. Five percent of every purchase will go directly to support the programs and mission of The Beth-El Center.

Five Percent Days are part of Whole Foods Market's commitment to support causes in their community. Four times per year, each store identifies local organizations that align with Whole Foods Market's commitment and make a real community impact. Beth-El is honored to have been chosen!



A Letter from Toni Dolan, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

It has been a busy and challenging summer at Beth-El. While we are trained and ready to help others work through life's hardships, this summer the community came through to help the Beth-El Center during a difficult time.

Much appreciation to the Board of Directors for their immediate offer of support and for all of the many ways in which they assisted us through the untimely death of Mike Blatchley, our soup kitchen manager. Special thanks to Larry Landsberg for his offer to help with kitchen meal preparation, to Ed Davies for his help designing and ordering the memorial plaque that now holds a place of honor in the dining room and to all those who came to the memorial service.

I want to personally acknowledge John Jones and Monique Osborne who have filled in as interim soup kitchen managers. They both "stepped up" immediately, offering to help until a new manager could be hired. I am also very grateful to all of the soup kitchen volunteers for their loyalty and support during this difficult time. The meals continued to be served daily and the food programs have run seamlessly. All were in agreement that this is what Mike would have wanted.

-Toni

In Memoriam: Michael Blatchley

A memorial service was held on Monday, September 8th in honor of Beth-El soup kitchen manager, Mike Blatchley, who passed away on August 25th at the age of 49. Over one hundred people- board members, staff, volunteers and clients- attended to pay their respects and to share some personal remembrances. Mike will be greatly missed.

Help the hungry and homeless

Donate Now

Chipotle Milford Fundraiser for Beth-EI

Make dinner a selfless act on **Thursday, October 2nd!** You can support the Beth-EI Center by simply eating at the **Milford Chipotle (1319 Boston Post Rd.)** on October 2nd between 3 and 6pm. Tell the cashier you're supporting Beth-EI and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to us!

**"If you can't feed one hundred, just feed one."
-Mother Theresa**

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Run or Walk for Beth-EI on October 25th



The 3rd Annual Milford Trick or Trot 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Beth-EI Center will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2014. Sign in begins at 7:30am and the race starts at 9:00am from Lisman Landing in Downtown Milford. Wear your Halloween costume!

Fee is \$25.00 per person for advanced registration/\$30 on race day. **Register at www.milfordtrickortrot.com.**

The event is sponsored by Harlow, Adams and Friedman, P.C. and Sikorsky Credit Union.

Handyman/Maintenance Volunteer Needed

We are seeking a volunteer with experience/skills in any of the following areas to help us maintain our facility:

- *Building maintenance
- *Carpentry
- *Construction
- *Electrical
- *Groundskeeping
- *Locksmith
- *Painting
- *Plumbing

Hours are flexible, based upon your schedule. To volunteer, please contact info@bethelmilford.org or call 203-876-0747.