



TANS is a collaborative community effort formed to address issues affecting our world today. Our focus is on tikkun olam, repairing the world, which includes tackling problems such as hunger, poverty and the environment.

The TANS consortium consists of	
The Community Synagogue	Shelter Rock Jewish Center
Congregation Tifereth Israel	Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center
Mid-Island Y JCC	Temple Beth Sholom
North Shore Synagogue	Temple Chaverim
Old Westbury Hebrew Congregation	Temple Judea of Manhasset
The Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore	Temple Sinai
	Temple Tikvah

Frequently Asked Questions:

- **What is *From Our Table To Yours*?** *From Our Table to Yours* is a **perishable** food recovery program. Our mission is to educate the public about food insecurity and hunger here on Long Island and to facilitate perishable food recovery with direct donations to local shelters and group homes. One tray at a time, we can make a difference!
- **What leftover perishable food is acceptable to donate? How can I package my donation?** *From Our Table to Yours* accepts untouched food that can be safely transported and served. If the food cannot immediately be donated, it should be refrigerated within 2 hours and delivered as promptly as possible.
- **What does *food insecurity* mean?** According to Island Harvest, food insecurity is when the availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods, or the ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways, is limited or uncertain.
- **Who are the food insecure on Long Island?** It may surprise you to know that faces of the food insecure include children, senior citizens, working poor, veterans, disabled, minorities and the homeless. In 2007, over 50,000 different people sought food assistance from Long Island Cares' member agencies in any given week. This number is anticipated to grow as more households are faced with the "heat or eat" dilemma.
- **Is it okay to take food out of a shiva home?** There is nothing in Jewish law that prohibits food from being taken out of a shiva home. Rabbis will agree that it is a mitzvah to donate food to others in need. *Rock and Wrap It Up! Wrap Their Memory in Charity* is one program encouraging this. For further information, call 1-877-691-FOOD.
- **Where can I donate leftover food?** Please see the attached list. This list is a work in progress and will be updated as needed. It is up to the house manager to decide if they can accept the food. They will supply you with addresses and directions if they can accept your donations. Addresses have been supplied for local soup kitchens that will accept food at specified times.
- **I would like to donate food, but I am concerned about the liability. Am I responsible if someone becomes ill after eating food I donated?** The Good Samaritan Act protects persons and religious organizations that donate apparently wholesome food or grocery products unless they have acted with gross negligence or intentional misconduct. For further information, refer to www.islandharvest.org.
- **What local food pantries are in need of shelf-stable products and canned foods?**

Glen Cove Emergency Pantry	113 Glen Cove Avenue	516-676-4041
Hatzilu Kosher Pantry	http://hatzilurescue.org	516-931-2884
Island Harvest	www.islandharvest.org	516-294-8528
Long Island Cares	www.licares.org	631-435-1936
Port Washington Emergency Pantry	134 Main Street	516-486-2800
The River Fund	www.riverfund-ny.org	718-441-1125
Alix Rubinger Kosher Pantry		516-541-0740

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