



This High Holiday season, your synagogue plays a crucial role in helping The Ark meet the growing need in our community. After a challenging year with SNAP reductions and rising costs, more individuals and families are turning to The Ark for help.

Your congregation can Pack the Pantry by donating dollars, shopping on Amazon, or collecting kosher food and household items our clients need most.

CHANGES TO SNAP IN ILLINOIS

- Nearly 1.9 million Illinois residents rely on SNAP.
- Stricter eligibility requirements are expected to reduce benefits for an estimated 120,000 SNAP recipients in Illinois.
- Over 2,500 Ark clients rely on SNAP benefits for food each month.

Community Impact Food Security

CLIENT IMPACT THIS YEAR

- More than 3,400 individuals received food through The Ark's kosher food pantries.
- 75% of Ark clients rely on our food pantries every month.
- Federal SNAP policy changes have impacted client financial stability.

GROWING NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY

**More than
400 households**

visited The Ark's food pantries for the first time in the last year.

The Ark distributed
**23% more
food packages**
than the previous year.

**20% increase
in households**
used The Ark's
pantries over the
last year.

MEETING THE MOMENT

The Ark depends on the strength and compassion of our community. We remain deeply committed to supporting every member of our community in need and are profoundly grateful to our donors whose generosity keeps our shelves full and our clients nourished. Join us over the High Holiday season to help Pack the Pantry.



Am Shalom, scan for
three ways to give.

 **PACK
THE ARK
PANTRY**
High Holiday Collection Drive

For more information, email packthepantry@arkchicago.org

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