

JFCS delivers dinners by the carload for Thanksgiving

Volunteers prep hundreds of holiday dinners for local families in need

Clockwise from right: Roz Babener drops a sack of potatoes into a waiting box at Jewish Family & Child Service's annual Thanksgiving Food Box Packing and Delivery Sunday, Nov. 19 at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center. Michael Seale loads one of 180 food boxes onto a cart to go to a volunteer delivery driver. JFCS Volunteer Coordinator Sammy Monk double-checks boxes before delivery; in a first this year, 40 boxes went to Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church in North Portland to support the 200 dinners the church served on Thanksgiving. JFCS Child and Family Therapist Laura Cohen hauls turkeys out to the loading zone; kosher turkeys and vegetarian options were provided to accommodate recipient dietary needs. Cans of sweet potatoes stand ready to load into boxes; unused non-perishable items went to Lift Urban Portland, a partner of the Oregon Food Bank. Sam Gottlieb, left, and Carolyn Gorin get boxes of stuffing ready for distribution; 25 volunteers helped pack food for delivery on 35 different routes, each driven by a volunteer driver. (Rockne Roll/The Jewish Review)

