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Getting Their Mitzvah On

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Jewish Baltimore woke up bright and early on Dec. 25, but the atmosphere was more about giving than receiving at the 10th annual Mitzvah Day.

Organizers estimated 1,000 volunteers from the community came to the Park Heights and Owings Mills Jewish community centers to write letters, decorate picture frames and do arts and crafts, all with the intention of sending goods to American soldiers, the Israel Defense Forces and the greater Baltimore community.

The event was sponsored by The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore, the Casey Cares Foundation, ShopRite, the Jewish Volunteer Connection and a host of local

organizations who led children and adults of all ages in the projects.

Ashley Pressman, executive director of the JVC, said the Jewish community has sent out an estimated 13,000 winter care packages in the Baltimore area and assisted more than 20,000 people in the past 10 years.

