



Put That Halloween Candy to Good Use!

Here is a list of Mitzvah projects that schools/families can do to make their Halloween candy make a difference.

- Box up the candy and send it to Jewish soldiers, along with toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss and cards filled with good wishes. Before you pack up the candy, remove any candy with chocolate in it as it will melt in transit. Please keep *kashrut* in mind when sending candy to these soldiers. For mailing information contact the Jewish Welfare Board at jwb@jcca.org.
- Many Ronald McDonald House Charities will accept donations of wrapped candy. Check out their website, <http://www.rmhc.org/>, to find the nearest House.
- Donate wrapped candy to a cancer unit in a hospital. They give candy to the children after treatments. Those kids need it.
- Take the candy to your local firehouse, or village hall, or police station, and say thank you for your good work.
- Give the candy to your congregation so that when they feed the homeless, they can add some good candy to the food bags.
- Make it pretty! Wrap a few pieces of candy in a clear bag, put a ribbon around it and give it to a women's shelter for their residents to enjoy.
- Many dentists around the country offer a Halloween "candy buy-back" program. Visit <http://www.halloweencandybuyback.com/> to find the nearest participating practice. Bring the candy in to their office and exchange it for money (usually one dollar per pound) or prizes. Candy collected will be sent to troops overseas. Double the impact! If your dentist trades dollars for candy, encourage students to donate their prize money to a local food pantry!



Consider expanding any of these projects into a whole class or community project. Your class could work together to lead a project for the grade level or the school. Think big!