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Holiday event also will kick off Maccabi Games

Rabbi Howard Needleman and Archbishop Thomas Wenski will come together Dec. 7 for the Toys in the Sun Run, a coordinated motorcycle ride from Mardi Gras Casino to Markham Park in Sunrise.

The ride will feature about 30,000 riders, each with a holiday gift for a sick child. The two religious figures will hold a joint prayer session before the ride begins.

This year's event will double as the kickoff event for the 2015 Jewish Community Center Maccabi Games and ArtFest, hosted by the David Posnack JCC in Davie Aug. 9-14. The games will consist of 1,500 teenagers competing in Olympic-style events.

Another charitable aspect of the games is JCC Cares, where each participating teen works on a project to improve the host community. The first JCC Cares will take place at the end of the trek to Markham Park. Local teens will help sort the thousands of donated toys by both gender and age to make distributing them to children more efficient.

For more information, visit <http://www.toysinthesunrun.com>.