

CHESED COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
2013-2014

The Chesed Committee continues with its initial mission of five years ago to support temple members in the event of life changes; to provide outreach for those who are no longer able or who find it difficult to participate in Temple programming; and to build on the already existent kindness and caring within our Temple community.

We continue to offer bereavement services, consisting of meal-set up at the time of a funeral and conducting a shiva minyan if needed. Bereavement information folders (organized by Amy Sherr) are provided to all families who experience a death.

Rides to services and special programming continue to be offered.

Available at the 10th Avenue entrance, are a display of diverse family educational pamphlets.

Deliveries of holiday food plates for three holidays, Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Purim have been made to those in our community who find it difficult to get to Temple. At each holiday, we bake with other Temple groups – Sisterhood, Social committee, and Hebrew School – to fill these plates. As the number of packages increases, so do the number of volunteer drivers, which now includes some children who enjoy their visits to seniors. Recipients appreciate being remembered by the Temple. Regular drivers, who enjoy visiting as well as delivering, are Amy Sherr, Mike and Ann Jacobson, Carole Taut, Michele Howard, Rena Roseman, Harriet Peick, Susan Shwom, Karen Newborn and her grandson, Kimberly Callan and her son, Barbara and Joel Berg, Fred and Rhoda Feldman.

LotsaHelpingHands, our computer-generated volunteer sign-up program, is up and running smoothly, thanks to Fred Feldman and Nancy LaFleur. The numbers of members signed up increases monthly. If you haven't done so already, do so!

We have begun a new program of sending birthday greetings to those who are unable to join us at Temple to celebrate their birthdays. Thanks to Janet Kopel for being responsible for this.

We are always interested in hearing your ideas about how we can increase our mission within the Temple. Watch for updates as we consider some new programs for next year.

Thanks to Rabbi Ira, who is always supportive in guiding the work of this committee, consisting of Rita Harris, Rena Roseman, Susan Shwom, Harriet Peick, Carole Taut, Fred Feldman, Rhoda Feldman, and Michele Howard, and especially, thanks to all the rest of the Temple members who so willingly volunteer when a need arises. This is surely a Temple with a big heart and an abundance of Chesed (kindness).

Sharyn Russell,
Chairperson