From the RABBI

“AND YOU SHALL COMMAND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT THEY BRING TO YOU PURE OLIVE OIL BEATEN FOR THE LIGHT TO CAUSE THE LAMP TO BURN- ALWAYS.”
(Shemos 27:20)

The Midrash comments on this verse that the Almighty does not really need the light but you should nonetheless make a light for Him just as He makes light for you. This is compared, says the Midrash, to a blind person and a person who could see who were walking together. The person with the sight led the blind person the entire way. When they came to their destination, the sighted person told the blind person to make a light in his dark house. This was done so the blind man should not feel a

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General Information

- The Shul wishes a Tzeischem L’Shalom to Mr. & Mrs. Gabe & Tova Schwartz & Family on March 1st, 3-5 PM in the Joppa Lane Party Room, 2888 Joppa Lane 1st fl. For more info call Annette Walder 952-928-3966.

- Join us as we start a new Shabbos class ten minutes before shachris at 8:35 AM studying the practical laws of Shabbos.

- PURIM SEUDAH VOLUNTEERS -Join the fun for setting up, serving, hosting, breakdown for Purim Seudah!-March 5th 3PM to 9PM, Please contact KI office 952-920-2183.

- Condolences to Robert & Becky, Menachem, Joey, and Benjy Portnoe on the passing of Rob’s mother, Henrietta. The funeral will take place in Philadelphia on Sunday. Rob & Becky will be returning on Tuesday afternoon. Because Purim falls during Shiva, the minyan arrangements will be slightly complicated and details will be forthcoming. If you would like to reach Rob, please call Becky’s cellphone, 612-418-5022, or email him at rportnoe@hmjds.org. May the family know no more sorrow.
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debt of gratitude for all that was done for him. Now the blind person was able to do something for him.

Rabbi Yeruchem Levovitz commented that from here we see what a total kindness is. There are many reasons why a person might do favors for others. The ultimate in doing kindness is to do it without any expectations for something in return. This Midrash should be our guide when we do a favor for another person. Our attitude should be to help out our friend and not to expect even gratitude in return.

Many people feel resentment towards people who do not show any gratitude for what they have done for them. While a person should feel gratitude, one who does kindness for the sake of doing kindness will be free of any negative feelings towards someone who does not reciprocate or express any gratitude. Moreover, an elevated person will go out of his way to make the person receiving the kindness feel free of any obligations towards him.

Jerusalem, 1949. A couple was sitting by the bedside of their ill child. The man and his wife maintained their vigil night after night until it began to tell on their nerves and health. One night Rabbi Aryeh Levine and his wife showed up at their door. “Go to sleep,” Rabbi Levine said. “The two of us will stay with your child tonight.” He explained with his own charming apology, “We have to talk something over that is very important and we cannot do so at home where the children may eavesdrop.”

That’s how one does chesed!

This week, let us do a favor for a spouse, child, or friend without any expectations to receive anything in return.

Have a fulfilling Shabbos!

Rabbi Kalatsky

General Information

- KI Chesed Meals provides meals to people who have recently had a baby, suffered a loss or are dealing with an illness. For more information please contact Lili Khabie at 952-926-4162, or in her absence, Mary Ann Grad, at 952-915-1057.
- Tomchei Shabbos helps families with basic Shabbos necessities. Contact Rabbi Kalatsky if you know of anyone who could use this assistance or wants to sponsor this special program.
- To Schedule a Kiddush or Seudah Shlishis please contact Michael Moskowitz 612-889-3062 or mlmoskowitz@comcast.net

NCSY

- Save the Date - Regional Shabbaton for Sr NCSY in Memphis TN March 12-15
- NCSY will be once again be volunteering at the next Friend N Fun event. March 1st at Pump it Up. Please contact Aaron Burton to volunteer.
- Minneapolis NCSY will be selling “in lieu of mishloach manot” cards. These lovely cards come packaged 10 for $18. Please contact Bella Smith at (612)799-8523 to place an order

Shiurim Around Town

- Rabbi Goldberger’s Parsha Class: Friday 9:15 AM at Kenesseth Israel.
- Partners in Torah: Tuesday 8:15 PM at the Kollel. Call Rabbi Kalatsky to be paired up with a partner.
- Mrs. Gibber: Tuesday 9:30 AM Depth of Prayer - Bais Yaakov for women.
## Zmanim

### February 27th – March 6th

Please call the Shul office at 952-920-2183 to confirm minyanim for Monday-Thursday

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