



December, 2014

Dear Young Israel Member:

We are all really excited about the important *Chesed* Project initiated by Dr. Bob and Judy Hellman. The 8th Annual St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive will take place at our shul on Sunday, January 11, 2015 from 10:00am until 4:00pm. In addition to the blood drive we will be collecting non-perishable items on behalf of the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry.

We need your help and we need your support! Here is a great chance for all of us to be involved, even if we're not able to give blood. We need volunteers:

- to help with publicity
- to help set up the shul for the drive
- to welcome and register donors
- to work in the canteen
- to give blood
- to clean up and reset the shul

Of course, the Red Cross will have its professional staff present to help us organize ourselves efficiently and take care of all of the "medical" aspects of the day, from blood testing, through donation, safe disposal of medical instruments and donor recovery. But those of us who are not in the medical profession still have important and key roles to play

Among the donations for the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry please include: canned tuna, peanut butter, canned beans, and canned fruits and vegetables.

Join in the fun, enjoy the camaraderie and become a part of something for which we can all be proud. Let's encourage our high school students to participate in the day as donors and workers too. Parental permission is required for sixteen year old donors; anyone seventeen years and older is eligible to donate blood on their own. Everyone is required to bring a photo ID to donate.

To volunteer your services and help make this blood drive a success to benefit all those in need, please contact Judy or Bob Hellman at 862-8432 or jrhellman@sbcglobal.net.

"He who saves one life is as if they have saved an entire world." (Mishnah, Sanhedrin)

Thank you very much. *Tizku Le Mitzvot*.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Moshe Shulman

Max Gornish, President

Bob & Judy Hellman, Chairs