

Danny Siegel's Tzedakah Resources/Mitzvah Heroes

Names in Bold are my contacts; most are Mitzvah heroes.

I. In North America

A. Retrieving/rescuing usable food for feeding hungry people and people live with food insecurity (from events, schools, universities, stadiums, etc.):

1. *Rock and Wrap it Up!*, **Syd Mandelbaum**, sydmandelbaum@att.net, www.rockandwrapitup.org
2. *Society of St. Andrew/The Potato Project*, **Michael Waldmann**, 800-333-4597 or 434-299-5956, sosausa@endhunger.org, www.endhunger.org
3. *B'nai B'rith Bagel Brigade* (Los Angeles): info@bagelbrigade.org, http://bagelbrigade.org

B. International Relief Efforts: *Stop Hunger Now*, **Ray Buchanan**, 919-839-0689, 888 501-8440, r.buchanan@stophungernow.org, www.stophungernow.org

C. Getting Kippot (and Tallitot, Mezuzzot,) etc. made by the Guatemalan Mayan women: *MayaWorks*, **Sarah Cunningham**, 312-243-8050, info@mayaworks.org, www.mayaworks.org

D. Helping Bar/Bat Mitzvah to choose a good Mitzvah project to support: *Jchoice*, **Josh Troderman**, jtroderman@jchoice.org, 781-296-3117, www.jchoice.org

E. Used cellphone drive for survivors of domestic violence: Contact your local police department, ask for the domestic violence unit and ask them to distribute them.

F. Awesome retreats for women who have had breast cancer surgery: *Casting for Recovery*, **Lori Simon**, info@castingforrecovery.org, www.castingforrecovery.org

G. Tax-exempt Tzedakah Funds, where your donations make a difference:

1. *Mitzvah Heroes Fund, Inc.*: **Steve Kerbel**, (Arnie Draiman, Manager of Israel Programs) info@mhfund.org, 301-335-8646, www.mitzvahheroesfund.org

2. *To Save a Life*: **Jerry Klinger**, 240 -353-9528, Tosavealife@hotmail.com www.tsal.org

3. *Hands on Tzedakah, Inc.*: **Ronald A. Gallatin**, info@handsontzedakah.org, 561- 883-2293, www.handsontzedakah.org

4. *Kavod*: **Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback**, founder, Judy Zweiback, Administrator honor@kavod.org, 402-397-1975, www.kavod.org

5. *Jewish Helping Hands*: **Rabbi Joel Soffin**, rabbisoffin@jewishhelpinghands.org, cellphone 973-713-7870, www.jewishhelpinghands.org,

6. *Yad Chessed Charity Fund*, **Robert Housman**, 617-787-1133, info@yadchedded.org, www.yadchedded.org 9in the Boston area)

7. *The Female Hebrew Benevolent Society* (FHBS), for women in the Philadelphia area: Female Hebrew Benevolent Society, **Eileen S. Sklaroff**, 215-545-3841, tikkun36@verizon.net, www.geocities.com/fhbsociety.]

8. *Tzedakah Fund, Inc.*, **Robert S. Segelbaum**, bobseg@ewaxman.com, (602) 908-8007 (Israel programs exclusively, inquire by e-mail)

H. In Canada-*Ziv Tzedakah Foundation*: **Merle Gould, 416-486-7425, amgould@sympatico.ca**

I. Amazing middle-school kids saving the world (Boston area): *A School for Iqbal*, 617-984-8723, endchlabor@aol.com, www.mirrorimage.com/iqbal/index.html

J. Relating to the Shoah

1. **DNA database of descendants of Shoah victims to possibly match with victims remains discovered in Europe: *DNA Shoah Project***, **Syd Mandelbaum**, 405 sydmandelbaum@att.net, www.dnashoah.org

2. **Financial assistance for and educational programs about Christian**

rescuers of Jews during the Shoah: *The Jewish Foundation for The Righteous*, **Stanlee Joyce Stahl**, 212-727-9955, 888-421-1221, jfr@jfr.org, www.jfr.org

3. **Financial assistance for Christian rescuers of Jewish during the Shoah:** *The Blue Card*, **Elie Rubinstein**, 212-239-2251, www.bluecardfund.org

K. For the Elders:

1. **Making Dreams Come True for Elders in Nursing Homes:** *Second Wind Dreams*, **P.K. Beville**, swdream@secondwind.org, www.secondwind.org
2. **Revolutionizing Life in Nursing Homes:** *The Eden Alternative*, **Dr. William Thomas**, www.edenalt.org, info@edenalt.org, Nancy Fox, Director
3. **Exceptional Programs for elderly Jews on the Lower East Side of Manhattan:** *Project Ezra*, **Misha Avramoff**, 212-982-3700, codirector.projectezra@verizon.net, www.projectezra.org

L. Individual songs for children with life-threatening diseases: *Songs of Love*, **John Beltzer**, 800-960-SONG (= 7664) John@songsoflove.org, www.songsoflove.org

M. Donations of everything a baby might need – Seattle: *Baby Corner*, **Jeannie Jaybush**, babies@blarg.net, www.seattlebabycorner.org.]

N. Collecting infant car seats to donate: **Merrill Alpert**, alpy one@aol.com, 818-926-0787

O. One of the best foodbanks in the U.S.: *Youngstown Community Food Center, Inc., and Gleaners Food Bank, Inc.*, **Joseph Lordi**, 330-746-8436, lordij@msn.com.]

P. Frontline work with migrant workers: **Caridad Center**, **Connie Berry** 561-963-3473 (h), 561-434-7348 (w), berryco@palmbeach.k12.fl.us, www.caridad.org.]

Q. Finding your local Jewish interest-free society: *The International Association of Hebrew Free Loans*, administrator@freeloan.org, www.freeloan.org, 323-761-8830

R. Microloans (worldwide): www.grameenfoundation.org

S. Organizing a Mitzvah Day for the Organization: **Flori Schwartz**, 978-804-1706, floridavids@comcast.net

T. Websites fighting anti-Israel propaganda in the media:

www.honestreporting.com, www.CAMERA.org (Committee for accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America), www.ngo-monitor.org, www.dailyalert.org, www.campus-watch.org

U. Reading assistance program by reading to dogs, tried and tested in hundreds of places: Sharon Frant Brooks, Sfrantbrooks@excite.com, 908-399-0332

V. Local resource people for finding Tikkun Olam projects:

1. Boston: **Louise Cohen**, 617-566-2449, louisejc@rcn.com
2. Chicago: **Kate Kinser**, 773-764-6955, directorina16@aol.com
3. Seattle: **Amee Huppin Sherer**, 206-528-1264, alsherer@comcast.net

W. Encouraging restaurants to donate Crayons to schools and children who have none: *Color My World*, **Yoni Kalin**, yoni.kalin@gmail.org, http://colormyworldproject.org/

II. In Israel

A. Animal- Assisted Therapy with dogs and cats as co-therapists to bring relief to a range of human problems: families/children at risk, ADHD, Shoah Survivors, etc.: *HAMA (ISRAEL)-Humans and Animals in Mutual Assistance*, Avshalom Beni, beni.avshalom@gmail.com, phone contact: Avshalom's wife, Pam: 04-636-9443, 050-761-9452, www.hama-israel@org.il

B. Therapeutic Horseback Riding: *INTRA-Israel National Therapeutic Riding Association-Mitzvah Horses*, **Anita and Giora Shkedi**, Giora's cellphone: 054-464-5886 Anita's cellphone: 054-720-5886, intra@012.net.il, www.intra.org.il.

C. Retrieving/rescuing usable food for feeding hungry people and people living with food insecurity:

1. In Jerusalem: *Lev Ramot*, **Moshe Kot**, cellphone: 052-286-4507. Assistant: Dr. Ron Schleifer, 03-532-8189 (o), 02-586-8714 (h), conschle@netvision.net.il.
 2. Throughout Israel: *Leket Israel*, **Joseph Gitler**, cell: 052-876-3316, info@leket.org, www.leket.org
- D. Rehabilitating persons with mental illness and finding jobs for them:** *Bayit Cham*, **Shmuel Munk and Yoram Mordechai**, english@bayit-cham.com, www.bayit-cham.com
- E. Psychological support for girlfriends and fiancées (and boyfriends and fiancés of soldiers who have died while serving in the Israeli Defense Forces:** *The Non-Profit Organization [Amuta] for Emotional Support of Girlfriends (Fiancées) of Fallen Soldiers of the Israel Defense Forces*, Phyllis **Heimowitz**, 03-534-7860, heimw@netvision.net.il, www.girlfriendssidf.org.il
- F. Free therapeutic massage for survivors of terror attacks:** *The Gift of Comfort*, **Ruth Shlossman**, 02-627-1175, U.S. phone line: 1-866-383-5272, rshlossman@WatershedAssociates.com
- G. Working with rescuers of Jews during the Shoah:** *Atzum*, **Yael Rosen**, \ yael.atzum@gmail.com, http://atzum.org/projects/righteous-among-the-nations/
- H. Working with residents of Sderot on the Gaza border:** *Afikim Banegev*, **Odelia ben Porat**, odeliab@reut-sderot.org.il, 050-672-8204, Amutat Re'ut Sderot,
- I. Extraordinary program from children with intellectual limitations:** *Shalva*, **Kalman and Malki Samuels**, info@shalva.org, www.shalva.org
- J. Interest-Free Loans:** *The Israel Free Loan Association*, **Professor Eliezer Jaffe**, IFLA@freeloan.org.il, www.freeloan.org.il/english
- K. For the benefit of Ethiopian Jews in Israel:**
1. Training Ethiopians in high-tech: *Tech-Career-Computer Programming Training Center For Ethiopian Jews*, **Asher Elias**, 08-927-8613, naomi@tech-career.org, (Naomi Zimmerman, Resource Development Director}, www.tech-career.org.
 2. Front-Line Work with Ethiopians in Netanya Area: *The Forgotten People Fund*, **Anne Silverman**, hihosilv@netvision.net.il, www.fpf.org.il
 3. Front-Line work in various places in Israel: *Ya'akov Maimon Volunteers*, **Meir Zeraya**, meir@tzuba.org.il
- L. Involving post-army Israelis traveling in India in Tikkun Olam projects:** *Lev Olam*, **Bradley Cohen**, bradleyc99@hotmail.com, 054-971-7842, www.levolam.org
- M. "Lost" and at-risk American and other Anglo teen-agers in Jerusalem:** *Crossroads*, **Robbie Sassoon**, 02-624-6265, crossroads@bezeqint.net, www.crossroadsjerusalem.org
- N. Big Brother and Big Sisters:** *Big Brothers Big Sisters of Israel*, **Libby Reichman**, 02-561-2131, info@bigbrothers.org.il, www.bigbrothers.org.il/en/
- O. For Elders:**
1. **Marvelous activity center and store of elder-made products in Hod HaSharon:** *CLICK {Community Leadership and Intervention of Crisis for Kids and the Elderly}*, **Linda Mosek**, 09-741-4974, click2@017.net.il, www.click-savi.org.il
 2. **Wonderful programs for Elders living at the former Diplomat Hotel in Jerusalem:** **Alice Jonah**, 02-672-1548, aleph1@bezeqint.net
- P. Guide Dogs:** *Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind*, **Noach Braun**, cellphone: 050-540-4070, info@igdcb.org, www.israelguidedog.org