



Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, Where Everyone Is Welcome!

L'shana tovah, chaverim!

In its ongoing effort to strengthen the Ohavi Zedek community, the Membership and Outreach Committee is planning on forming a volunteer network to help members of our community who are in need. A “member in need” might include an older person who needs a ride to a doctor’s appointment, someone with a new baby, a family in mourning, or a person or family coping with a major illness. At one time or another, we will all be in need, and it is up to us to find creative and helpful ways to be there for one another.

At this time of year when we are asked to examine our thoughts, actions, beliefs, and roles in our community, we ask you to do three things:

1. Think of a way in which your skills and abilities could help even one other person in the synagogue community. Do you love to cook? Do you have a comfortable and reliable car? Can you spare an hour to check in on someone? Are you a “natural” with babies?
2. Please consider filling out the form on the other side of this letter. Return it to the Ohavi Zedek office at your convenience. Your thoughts and ideas are welcome.
3. Think about taking advantage of this volunteer network when you need it. It’s here for everyone in our community. If you or your family could use a hand in any way, please contact Rabbi Joshua, Rabbi David, or Sarah Kliensky at 864-0218, or Sharon Panitch at 864-9774.

May the coming year bring all of us a renewed sense of community!

-The Membership and Outreach Committee

By completing and returning this form, you will become part of the Ohavi Zedek Volunteer Network, an essential component of our synagogue community. **When you are a volunteer in the Network, you are not obligated to say “yes” to a request if it is inconvenient or impossible for you to fulfill.** The network coordinator will contact you if your help is needed, and at that time, you choose to participate or not. We recognize that people’s lives are full, and the timing of request may not always be perfect.

Thank you so much! We hope that being part of this Network enriches your life at OZ!

Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
E-mail _____
Do you have internet access? _____

Which of the following activities might you be willing to do on an occasional basis?

- Cook or purchase a meal and deliver it to someone in your area
Do you have, or have access to, a kosher kitchen? Yes No
(we ask only in the event that someone is in need of a kosher meal)
- Provide transportation for someone in your area
- Provide childcare in an emergency
- Do grocery shopping, or accompany someone shopping
- Run errands (bank, post office, etc.)
- Help make minyan (Burlington residents especially needed)
- Visit someone who is sitting shiva
- Usher on a Shabbat morning
- Other (please describe)

If you have ideas or suggestions for this Network, or you would like to help it get off the ground, please contact Sharon Panitch at 864-9774 or sharonski@verizon.net.

Thank you, and L’shana Tovah!

PLEASE RETURN TO:
OHAVI ZEDEK VOLUNTEER NETWORK, 188 N. PROSPECT ST., BURLINGTON, VT 05401