



Announcing our Partnership with Yad Chessed – December 14, 2022

Dear Friends,

Last summer we took a survey to help identify needs and preferences of our synagogue community. Strong interest was expressed in *Tikkun Olam* (repair the world) projects with Jewish community partners.

I am very pleased to announce that the Walnut Street Synagogue has developed a new partnership with the Waltham-based organization **Yad Chessed**. You may have seen Yad Chessed noted in our newsletter and our website, but we are strengthening our relationship with them and we look forward to working together.

Yad Chessed is the only social services agency in Massachusetts focused solely on providing basic needs for members of the Jewish community. Their mission is rooted in the Jewish values of *tzedakah* (charity) and *chessed* (kindness). They provide emergency financial assistance, grocery gift cards and compassionate advice for those trying to make ends meet. Hundreds of families and individuals throughout the state rely on Yad Chessed to provide for their essentials, and even at times, a Jewish burial for a loved one.

In addition to Yad Chessed's need for financial support, they periodically also have volunteer opportunities at their office and for meal deliveries around Jewish holidays. We will keep you posted.

Members of our community, as well as others in the Jewish community, who need assistance may contact Yad Chessed by phone at 781-487-2693 or by Email at intake@yadchessed.org for a confidential conversation.

Please join us on Wednesday, December 21 at noon as we participate in Yad Chessed's online *Hanukkah Lunch and Learn*, lead by their Executive Director Nancy Kriegel. Check our website or weekly Email newsletter for registration information.

We have listened to your responses to our survey and I can think of no better Jewish community partner to impart our values than Yad Chessed. To learn more about them, please visit their website at www.yadchessed.org.

L'Shalom,

Edward Medros
President, Walnut Street Synagogue