



JOSEPH KUSHNER HEBREW ACADEMY

RAE KUSHNER YESHIVA HIGH SCHOOL

THEME OF THE MONTH - CHESED

What an amazing first month we had in school! The JKHA student community engaged in Personal Growth programs, lessons and conversations throughout the building in both General and Judaic settings led by the 8th grade.

The weekly Torah readings during this month of Cheshvan introduce us to Avraham and Sarah, who modeled kindness for the Jewish people for all times. This month, students will be presented with many opportunities to engage in acts of kindness. At JKHA, our students learn hands-on about Chesed and to set attainable goals at an age-appropriate level.

JKHA Early Childhood are the leaders for this month's theme/ They have decided to send all tzedakah collected to the Jewish Relief Agency (JRA). JRA is a volunteer-led organization that delivers groceries to households in need nationwide. The local Metrowest chapter serves several hundred families in our area. All packing and delivering is done by volunteers, and all food is delivered directly to recipients' doorsteps.

Packing and deliveries are done one Sunday a month in local synagogues and community centers. The schedule is available together with further information about JRA at <http://JRAMetrowest.com>. We will be running a JRA food-packaging program at JKHA's Family Fun Day on Sunday, December 10 at 10:00 AM.

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Participate in these Chesed Projects with your Children for the Month of Cheshvan:

Chesed Notes: Early Childhood students are always encouraged to come to school with Mitzvah Notes and are introducing this initiative to all of JKHA. Based on the book *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* By Carol McCloud, we are looking to fill our school with Chesed notes. We encourage you to send in notes describing acts of Chesed/Kindness that your child performed at home which will be added to our communal collection. Teachers will be including Chesed performed in school as well. With everyone's help we can reach our goal of a bucket filled with Chesed notes this month!

If you would like a template to send a Chesed note in for your child, you can download one here:

https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/1VCDIzsJYz1iK0NeMjYBn8WfXqmuVVIL16eU_gKL8G1I/edit?usp=sharing

Food Drive for JRA: To further the mission of JRA and to encourage the act of giving, we are collecting the following items:

Standard size tuna cans

1 lb. boxes of pasta

Cereal boxes, any size

Small bags of rice

Donated items can be placed in the **PINK boxes outside the various educational offices throughout the building through November 17th.**