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## Houston Bnei Akiva

**Shalom,**

Houston Bnei Akiva is offering our annual Mishloach Manot Services as a fundraiser to support our educational programming catered towards all teens. Bnei Akiva is a Jewish religious Zionist youth movement, which inspires and empowers young Jews all over the world with a sense of commitment to the Jewish people, the Land of Israel and the Torah.

Your participation in this program enables you to fulfill the important Mitzvah of Tzadaka (charity). We know that families who receive Mishloach Manot from you will appreciate your thinking of them during Purim.

This year we are pleased to also be supporting the Avukat Or Organization, which helps integrate blind and handicapped individuals into society (<http://www.en.avukator.org.il/>)

The joint Bnei Akiva/Beren Academy/UOS Mishloach Manot Service will both prepare and deliver beautiful baskets, filled with a variety of special treats. A card will be included in each basket listing the names of those who have contributed to the recipient's basket. **The baskets will be delivered on Purim day, Thursday, March 21st, 2019. Baskets will be delivered to families living within 20 miles of UOS, all other baskets need to be picked up from the UOS office.**

**This year, to facilitate the order and registration process, please use the following link [houstonba.webmanos.net](http://houstonba.webmanos.net) (password- texas) to log in and electronically select your recipients. An email verification of the order will be sent to you, but the order is not confirmed until your payment is accepted and you receive a confirmation email from Bnei Akiva. If you do not wish to fill your order online, you may request an order form and mail it to Houston Bnei Akiva.**

Reciprocal services are available by either indicating the reciprocal option in the online order, or by selecting the reciprocal option in the order form that is sent to Houston Bnei Akiva. Please note that a flat reciprocal fee of \$30 will be added to your order (and no additional charges will be billed to you after Purim).

This year, you can pay for Mishloach Manot using your credit card through the UOS website (use the following link: <https://www.uosh.org/event/Purimbaskets>). You can also find this link on the webpage after you submit your order online). Please note that due to the credit card fees, we are asking you to add %3 to your payment if you choose to pay online.

The charge is **\$6.00 for each of the first five names, and \$3.50 for each name thereafter**. For example, if you want to



send Mishloach Manot to ten families, you will pay \$47.50 (\$30.00 for the first five families and \$17.50 for the other five families).

**A minimum of five contributors are required for a basket to be sent. If less than five senders choose a specific family, that family will receive a nice Purim card.** To assure that a recipient receives a basket in case there are less than five senders, you will have to use the “Additional Features” page. Select how many recipients you wish to guarantee a basket, and on the following page add their names. Please indicate your desire next to the selected name and you will be charged \$25 for each such basket.

If you would like to include a family who does not appear on the list, please contact Bnei Akiva for assistance or include the address and phone number on the back of the order form.

Out-of-town families will receive a beautiful Purim Card (baskets may be ordered through the national Bnei Akiva website [baskets.bneiakiva.org](http://baskets.bneiakiva.org)) that will be sent in advance and will be received on or before Purim.

**Please order by Tuesday, February 19th, 2019. Orders received after that will be assessed an additional \$20.00 surcharge. The final deadline is Sunday, March 3rd 2019.**

For questions or more information please contact Stacey Engelhart at [houston@bneiakiva.org](mailto:houston@bneiakiva.org) or Stacey: 713-366-1168

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Purim Sameach!

Houston Bnei Akiva  
Stacey & Rafi, Shlachim  
Gabi and Rabbi Barry Gelman and Family  
Gal and Ori, Bnot Sherut

**A note from Rabbi Gelman:**

I urge everyone to participate in this program in support of Bnei Akiva.

Please note the importance of sending traditional private Mishloach Manot, consisting of at least two ready to eat foods, to at least one person. Doing so certainly adds to the joyous spirit of the day and increases bonds of fellowship within our community.