

# Matanot La'Evyonim מתנות לאביונים



It is a Mitzvah on Purim to give financial support to those in need to lift their spirits and enable them to rejoice on the holiday. **Every person is obligated to give a monetary gift to, at least, two less fortunate individuals.** These monetary gifts may be set aside beforehand but must be delivered to the needy on Purim day, in person or through an agent.

You may donate to the **JCAB Benevolent Fund**, which helps people in need locally and in Israel as well as worthy causes in the broader Jewish community. Matanot La'Evyonim donations to the Benevolent Fund may be made with cash, check, or credit card and can be dropped off or mailed in before Purim or made online via the shul website. We will also collect money at services on Purim. **Donations received by 11:00 am on Purim Day (Tuesday, March 3rd ) will be distributed by Rabbi Weinstock on Purim and fulfill the mitzvah of those who donate.**

There are many fine organizations (both here and in Israel) which accept donations and will distribute those funds on your behalf. Some organizations that are well known to our community include: Od Yosef Chai, the Global Jewish Assistance & Relief Network (JAR), and Leket.

In order to keep a proper sense of balanced perspective, Jewish tradition has long maintained that one should give more as Matanot La'evyonim than one spends on Mishloach Manot. [Please give generously, thereby bringing the light and joy famously described in Megillat Esther to fellow Jews who can use our support.](#)

Thank you in advance for your donations.

Rabbi Elie Weinstock

