

Adar 5779 – February/March 2019

Dear Kehillat Yedidya Members,

Purim is one of the highlights of our community calendar. And why not? It's a celebration of our community spirit, with activities for every age and tons of fun to boot.

It's also the time we can share our joy with others less fortunate than us through participation in the Purim Project, which helps raise money for our Kupa Tzedaka and also for running of our shul.

As last year, our *mishlochei manot* this year will be food gifts provided by Shekel, a local nonprofit which integrates people with special needs into the community, and with whom we have partnered in the past.

Also, each *mishloach* will, as far as possible, be given personally to all Yedidya members, whether or not they have contributed to the Purim Project. We appreciate your being part of Yedidya, and this is one of our ways of saying thanks. Many members choose to contribute to the project, in lieu of preparing individual *mishloachei manot* for their friends in Yedidya.

**We recommend a contribution of NIS 400**, but any amount is welcome and appreciated. The names of all contributors will be included in the list to be available, in print form or electronically, once the *mishlochei manot* are ready. All contributions are tax-deductible.

As before, **only a small percentage of monies raised will be used to cover the costs of the *mishloach manot* packages for members and our soldiers.** The rest will be split evenly between our *kupa tzedaka* and Kehilat Yedidya's general fund.

The *kupa tzedaka* provides financial assistance to people needing help in paying for essentials such as medical and dental care, rent, utility bills, groceries, school books, and transportation to school.

The part of the contribution that goes to the general fund helps us fund important and innovative programs in our shul like our youth program, shabbatot iyun, and subsidize membership for those in need.

To participate, please follow the instructions on [this website](#), which include how to pay by check, credit card, or PayPal. Please complete the form on the website and make the payments no later than **March 17**, the latest date to fulfil the mitzvah of *matanot l'evyonim*.

Of course, payments made to the Purim Project after that date will still be gratefully received. *Tzedaka* is *tzedakah* all the year round.

Remember, to fulfil the mitzvah of *mishloach manot* send two foods to one friend on Shushan Purim, Friday, March 22nd.

So, help us make this Purim really special and happy.