



NEWS

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PATIENT VISITATION AT HOSPITALS, REHAB CENTERS, NURSING HOMES, HOSPICES & HOMES
VOLUNTEER TRAINING PROGRAM • TRANSPORTATION TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS
FREE LOAN OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT • PATIENT ADVOCACY & SUPPORT SERVICES
SENSITIVITY TRAINING COURSE • PATIENT PRAYER BOOKLETS • SHABBOS ROOM (in planning)

BIKUR CHOLIM MEETING AND BREAKFAST was held on Sunday March 9th at the home of Jerry & Gigi Kaminetzky. Over 25 people attended from a broad cross section of our community, men and women, young and old. The meeting was opened by Rabbi Efreim Goldberg, who expressed his support for Bikur Cholim. Everyone viewed a 15 minute training video aimed at medical caregivers about the special practices and needs of observant patients. Afterwards many of the attendees had the opportunity to introduce themselves and speak about their particular reasons for volunteering for Bikur Cholim as well as the myriad ways that each person uses their talents and skills. Special thanks to the Kaminetzky's for volunteering their home.

SUCCESSFUL 2008 PASSOVER CAMPAIGN Members of the BRS Community responded immediately to an email requesting Pesach foods. With your support Bikur Cholim was able to provide packages of matzah, grape juice, macaroons, and Haggadahs at every nursing station at Boca Raton Community Hospital. In addition, the nurses from both day and night shifts were presented with a package of Passover cookies together with a note of thanks for their dedication. Pesach is a time when families traditionally celebrate together – which means that it can be an especially lonely time for a hospitalized individual. Special thanks to all those who responded and to Justin McSherry of Winn Dixie who showed us special consideration.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM Bikur Cholim has been able to greatly expand this program by renting a convenient storage unit nearby on Boca Rio Road. At this time of year with many families visiting we have loaned out wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, and other items in record numbers. Specialized medical equipment that was lying around unused is now put back to use at no charge to borrowers. Please call Stan Smith at 561.362.7345 if you need something or have items to donate. Tax-deductible receipts are issued upon request. Our special thanks to Shlomi Lugassy and Express Moving for their hard work.

JUST ASK OUR VOLUNTEERS Rita Rubin, Carol Hordish, and Ana Haar, who have found tremendous personal satisfaction volunteering with Bikur Cholim. The experience makes a huge difference in the lives of our clients—and in the lives of our volunteers!

HOSPICE TRAINING COURSE Volunteer Sheri Strauss and Stan Smith recently completed a full day training course at Hospice by the Sea to be followed by 21 hours of hands-on training in the field.

THE SENSITIVITY TRAINING VIDEO produced by Jonathan Charm at Bikur Cholim of Rockland County got rave reviews from the nursing staff when shown at Boca Community Hospital. For special concerns about Shabbos stays in the hospital call 561-362-7345.

A REAL MENSCH We were proud to see the recent complimentary write-up in the Mensch column of the Jewish Journal of our board member and Medical Advisor Dr. Harold Landa.

SUPERSIZED THANKS to Dr. Saul & Carol Kahn for generously donating the proceeds from their annual Superbowl Party so we can continue to provide service to our community.

NOW OVER 30 VOLUNTEERS Bikur Cholim is growing by leaps and bounds. Our volunteers are able to help those most in need in our community every day. Everyone can find a way to support Bikur Cholim.

Bikur Cholim, meaning "visiting the sick" in Hebrew, is a not-for-profit all-volunteer service organization providing assistance to individuals facing medical and life crises. Our mission is to minimize the physical and emotional pain of the sick and their families. We strive to think creatively and proactively to provide relief for those most in need in our community. Our trained clergy, professionals and volunteers assist by relating personally to each patient, investing heart, soul, and energy to provide reassurance and hope. Our services are provided on a non-discriminatory basis to all in need without regard to race, religion, nationality or creed. Bikur Cholim of South Palm Beach County Inc. is an IRS approved 501(C)3 exempt organization, Tax ID #20-2143379.

Sample Newsletter Ads

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Caring Community

The Caring Community Program helps temple members in their moments of need. We reach out to congregants when they need an extra hand due to injury, illness, grief or other life stressors.

We provide Rides, Meals and Visitors.

If you need some help, please contact the CaringCommunity Program at 651-.... or by email at: caringcommunity@mzion.org

If you would like to support the good works of this program, please consider a contribution to the Caring Community Fund.

Mount Zion Cares!

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Farmingdale Wantagh Jewish Center

We at the Farmingdale Wantagh Jewish Center have such a viable committee, which has been keeping in touch with some of our members who have been ill or in an adult facility.

We not only visit, we make telephone calls, send cards, shop for groceries and have been driving some of our extended family to their appointments. We have made the commitment to care for one another, and bring the strength of community and connection of our Jewish heritage to our Farmingdale Wantagh Jewish Center Family. If you need us we are just a telephone call away. Simply call Rabbi Lavin or myself.

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX



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