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This Week's News

Shabbos Parshas Pekudei, 5768 – Shabbos Chazak v'Shkolim

This Shabbos we conclude the entire book of Exodus and recite out loud together, chazak, meaning "strong," we are to be strong in the service of G-d through the study of Torah. Additionally, this Shabbos is traditionally known as Shabbos Shkolim because we read the Torah section instructing us to give a half shekel to the Temple fund, for purchases of sacrifices.

What's the connection between chazak and Shkolim? The message of donations specifically a half shekel and not more or less, teaches us that each Jew is only a half and needs the other Jew to complete him. Hence, even a wealthy person wasn't allowed to donate more than a half shekel. This teaches that regardless of one's wealth, health and other possessions be it material or spiritual, one is only a half. Unless he includes the other person he remains incomplete.

This is the connection to chazak, strength. True strength isn't in the "ego" relying on yourself; rather it is when you think of another. We at Hachedesed always think about the other Jew who is sad, broken, and needy, etc. To help the other "half" we need your assistance.

We are excited about our upcoming two historic events:

- March 9 we will celebrate our annual gala dinner with our guest speaker Dr. Paul Eidelberg, Ph.D. from Jerusalem. His topic will be, "**What can You do to Save Israel?**" The dinner will help us raise funds for our critical Tzedaka projects, to help the needy families locally and in our holy land of Israel.
- March 23 we are hosting Rabbi Abraham Twerski, Ph.D. to speak at the Hillel campus in Aventura. The topic: Happiness and the Human Spirit – Maintaining Harmony in the Family.

We encourage you to attend both events. Tickets for the Dinner and the Twerski lecture are available on line at www.hachedesed.com.

Shalom and good Shabbos,

Rabbi Faivish Dalfin

Activity Report for the week of March 2-7

- We raised funds for a handicap van for a 4 1/2 year old girl who lives in Beer Sheva. Her family wrote a heart warming letter thanking our community.
- We are very involved in providing food packages for needy families' locally. You can join Rabbi Dalfin weekly in this major project.
- We raised \$7000 from our local community members to transform a van into a handicap van, for a special Jewish brother who is a local resident.
- We sent money to hundreds of needy children and their families in Israel, in honor of Rosh Chodesh Adar.