



Hatzilu engages the Jewish community in the fight against poverty by providing food, financial, social work intervention and assistance, and emotional support to Jewish persons and families in need in the Nassau County area.

ON CARING

Dr. Robert S. Widom, Rabbi, Temple Emanuel of Great Neck

Are you the kind of person who says: "Somebody ought to do something about this; but why me?" Or, the kind who says: "Someone ought to do it; why not me?" Between these two sentences lies all that the world knows of moral growth and human progress.

When the saintly old scholar Von Hugel lay dying, he whispered his last words to his niece, who bent over him, her ear close to his mouth. "Caring is everything; nothing matters but caring," she heard the gentle philosopher utter.

Justice is achieved when those who are not personally injured feel as indignant as those who are; when one human heart feels another's pain with the sense of being personally responsible for that pain.

Elliot Paul, in his "Life and Death of a Spanish Town," tells of a strapping young Spaniard who had dreams of building a castle in which his old mother would live. He would buy her gowns of satin and lace, and hire serfs and vassals to do her bidding and create her comfort. And every day, as he dreamed this dream, lying at the roadside under a great sprawling tree, he watched his poor hunchbacked mother digging vegetables from her garden and placing them in a basket; then she would trudge up the road, bringing them to the town market. This scene so touched the heart of the sensitive youth that tears would roll down his suntanned cheek, and he would turn and look away.

There are many such sensitive people in our world: dreamers who do no deeds, and weepers who do no work. More than two thousand years ago, one of our sages, Rabbi Tarphon, said: "It's not in your power to cure all the ills in the world, but don't use that as an excuse to do nothing at all about them."

We must not be motivated by what our neighbors will say or think of us, but do keep in mind, if we are to endure our own existence; if we are to live in this world at all, it ought to be in a world where other human beings will not needlessly suffer for want of any help that it is in our power to give.

MAZEL TOV



Mazel Tov to **Jonah Bernstein, Adam Slomovitz and Seth Rosenthal** on becoming B'nai Mitzvot and on the successful completion of their Hatzilu Rescue Organization Bar Mitzvah projects. The funds that Hatzilu received will be used to help indigent Jewish families in Nassau County. What a wonderful way of learning the true meaning of Tzedakah! For more information on Hatzilu Bar/Bat Mitzvah projects, please contact Elissa Friedman at 516 931-2884.

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THE HATZILU WALKATHON — Herb Weiss

On May 20, 2012, Hatzilu, under the joint sponsorship of Temple Beth Torah of Westbury, held its annual Walkathon in Cantiague Park. This year's event attracted close to 400 persons including many Hebrew school students, primarily from the Midway Jewish Center and Temple Beth Torah.

It was a beautiful Sunday morning for a stroll through the park. There were numerous stations for the children to engage in activities such as card-making for Hatzilu clients, making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that were delivered to the North Shore INN (soup kitchen), and to get some good old-fashioned exercise. Every child received a token gift at the walkathon's conclusion. Two raffle events took place: one that offered toys, games, and gift certificates to local vendors as prizes for the lucky raffle winners; the second being our premier prize of two round trip Jet Blue tickets to any destinations in the continental United States. Thank you to all the vendors who participated and especially to Jet Blue for its generous gift. Everyone seemed to have a good time and Hatzilu was able to raise a considerable amount of money.

There are many people to thank including Rabbi Rank (Midway Jewish Center) and Rabbi Katz (Temple Beth Torah); Nassau County Legislator Judy Jacobs and LI Community Relations Council Board member Arthur Katz who made guest appearances; Bobbi Schleicher, Social Action Chair at Temple Beth Torah; Principal Dina Hochbaum (Midway Jewish Center), Principal Orna Sheena (Temple Beth Torah), and Teri Fields of the Solomon Schechter Day School. We also want to thank the numerous members of Hatzilu who came down to help supervise and organize things. A special thanks to the Police Department, Second Precinct and the Nassau County Auxiliary Police for having officers on hand, and to Mark LaMarr, Cantiague park supervisor.

Finally, none of this would have been possible without the extraordinary efforts of Hatzilu's Vice President, Karen Somers. Thank you, Karen, for putting this very successful event together.

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Special thanks to Martin Klein for keeping our food pantry stocked with tuna fish for many years!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR—Elissa Friedman

September is an extremely busy month. As Jew's we are reflecting on the past 12 months and preparing for a new year. At Hatzilu we are busy preparing to fill the shelves at our new warehouse. Throughout the year we obtain food from Long Island Cares, Island Harvest, and Rock Can Roll. More than a dozen congregations, religious schools, nursery schools and day schools run food drives to enable us to feed hundreds of people each year. But it's during this time of year that the spirit of our mission comes alive. Hatzilu is fortunate to be the beneficiary of Synagogue food drives from all over Long Island. Our core of volunteers work tirelessly to assist families in need.

It is also the time of year that we have an increase in requests for services. Whether you are an elderly survivor or a struggling single parent Hatzilu will assist with information and referrals, food and short term financial support when needed. Hatzilu relies on the strength of the volunteers. We are fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers that consistently go above and beyond the call of duty to help a client in need.

As you celebrate the Sweet New Year please remember those less fortunate and support Hatzilu in our mission to care for needy Jews in Nassau County.

HATZILU MOVES TO A NEW WAREHOUSE AFTER 22 YEARS!

May and June traditionally bring many of life's bittersweet moments—school graduations, moves into new apartments and homes, among others. While change is always a bit difficult, it also brings an exciting new beginning. Such is the case for Hatzilu's move to a new warehouse.

While we had a long, congenial relationship with the Farina family at the South Shore Ice House for 22 years, it was time to move on. We are fortunate in that we now have new and terrific on-going sources of food. Thanks to the generosity of many synagogue tzedakah programs, rockCANroll, L.I. Cares, L.I. Harvest, local schools, our Hatzilu B'nai Mitzvah Program, and many big-hearted individuals, we are now so well endowed with food, that we outgrew the Ice House.

Our new warehouse is now housed in the South Baldwin Jewish Center. We have a larger and more organized space for all the food and supplies that deliverers bring to the homes of our clients on a regular basis.

We expect to be receiving additional shelving, a new freezer, and a new refrigerator soon. Once we obtain the refrigerator, we will be able to offer our clients perishable foods, produce and bread occasionally, items that previously we had to turn away due to the lack of a refrigerator.

Hatzilu looks forward to many years of meeting the needs of Jewish people on Long Island, who often have nowhere else to turn for food. We are very proud that we can serve our clients and relieve some of their burdens!

**MAKING A LEGACY GIFT TO
HATZILU — Herb Weiss**

We have received several inquiries about how someone can include Hatzilu in their estate plans. Making a testamentary bequest to Hatzilu is easy and will help us to continue in our mission to serve the Jewish needy on Long Island.

One of the easiest ways to create a legacy gift to Hatzilu is to add specific language in your will. You can also make a gift to Hatzilu through unused retirement funds, life insurance, real estate, securities and other kinds of assets.

For more information about creating a legacy gift to Hatzilu, please contact our Executive Director, Elissa Friedman, at the Mid-Island Y JCC (telephone: 516-822-3535 ext. 335), or our President, Herb Weiss, (telephone: 212-643-6400 ext. 109). We will be happy to work with you and your attorney to make this legacy gift a reality.

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