



Every Act of Kindness is a Prayer - This is Caring Community 2008

Responding during times of crisis and bereavement....celebrating in times of joy...
Caring Community is here for you. Reach out to us.

Caring Community's sole purpose is to answer the holy call of community with a caring response. We respond to crisis with calls, meals and assistance. We are present at times of bereavement as well as offer support, deliver challahs and yahrzeit candles along with notes of sympathy, connect congregants who share life challenges, help those who may be hospitalized, celebrate simchas, make Shabbat calls and coordinate congregants to share a holiday meal.

Caring Community is comprised of the following five committees:

- **The Welcome Committee** sends notes to new members inviting them to join the Caring Community and welcome them with planned dinners.
- **The Simcha Committee** celebrates our community's simchas with acknowledgements for new babies, marriages, college graduations, new homes, jobs, promotions or significant anniversaries. This includes sending notes, planting trees in Israel, sending appropriate gifts and arranging for donations.
- **The Bereavement Committee's** mission is to assist grieving members and their families in any way possible. Our response includes: making phone calls, helping with Shiva arrangements, accompanying the family to the funeral home or cemetery, sending shiva baskets, a Shabbat challah and bereavement notes. We also plant a tree in Israel in memory of the deceased, deliver a Yahrzeit Candle on the first year anniversary, and arrange for a social worker from Westchester Jewish Community Service to be available to meet with the family.
- **The Crisis Response Committee** helps congregants with both short-term and long-term emergencies. This may involve an illness or hospitalization and we respond by sending flowers, baskets or other gifts, organizing and delivering meals, making visits at home or the hospital, arranging for pet care and sending cards and notes. Our holidays are a special time, to celebrate, to share and to reflect.
- **The Come Share the Holidays** group brings congregants who may be alone during the holidays to homes within our Temple family for a holiday meal.

Everyone involved with Caring Community feels that they receive more than they give and that it is a mitzvah to be part of this special group of volunteers. To volunteer to assist for an occasional task or to let us know how we can help, please contact us from the listing below.

Caring Community Co-Chairs:

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Resource to Caring Community

To provide an additional level of emotional support, WJCS Social Worker Shari Baum, 949-7699 ext. 320, sbaum@wjcs.com, is available to congregants on an as needed basis. Up to 3 private sessions are absolutely free (through a grant by UJA-Federation NY).

