



# THE GIFT OF CONNECTION

GIFT Covid-19 Community Response



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# Vision, Mission & Strategy

## Our Vision:

### A WORLD FULL OF GIVERS:

Where families and individuals actively engage in acts of giving in **every** area of their daily lives.

## Our Mission:

**GIFT** aims to educate and inspire people to positively shift their attitudes and behaviour towards giving.

## Our Strategy:

**GIFT** inspires a culture of giving through dynamic education and impactful volunteering, supporting those in need.



# The **GIFT** of Connection

As the Covid-19 pandemic hit the UK, **GIFT** immediately and purposefully acted by creating a number of initiatives to help support the elderly, the vulnerable and those isolating.

Within hours of lockdown being announced, hundreds of volunteers signed up to specially created WhatsApp groups. Over the course of the last 6 months, thousands of volunteers have stepped up to help those in need within the community.

Thousands more have been helped in a number of ways. This brochure is a testament to the **GIFT of CONNECTION** Covid-19 Response and the volunteers who made it happen.

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## EDUCATING

Dynamic and creative, **GIFT**'s education team deliver out-of-the box formal and informal sessions to schools, youth groups, synagogues, universities and communities.



## VOLUNTEERING

**GIFT** galvanises, facilitates, and coordinates an army of volunteers impacting thousands of individuals and families in need across the community.



# GIFT Covid-19 Response ... in Numbers



**9,000+** HOT MEALS  
given to the elderly and vulnerable



**4,500** REQUESTS  
answered for help



**1,000+** CARDS  
written to the elderly



**£170k** WORTH  
of food parcels delivered



**180+** EDUCATIONAL  
online sessions delivered



**300+** PAIRS  
in our tutoring club



**4,200** GRATITUDE PACKS  
arranged for NHS hospitals & care homes



**£14,000+** WORTH  
of laptops, toys, bicycles & flowers delivered



March - September 2020

# GIFT Covid-19 Response Initiatives

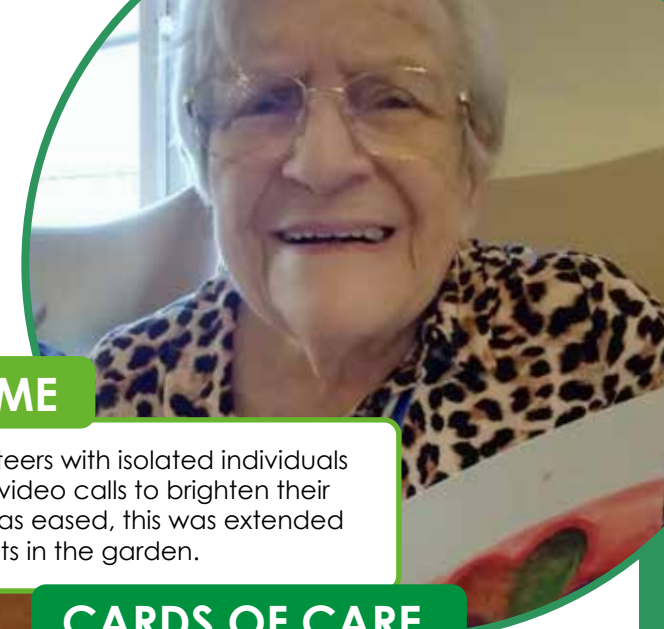


## NETWORK OF GIVING

Since the beginning of lockdown we have been in touch with those most in need in the community and those unable to leave their houses, coordinating volunteers to: pick up prescriptions / run errands / go shopping / provide meals.

## CONNECTION TIME

GIFT matched up volunteers with isolated individuals through regular phone/video calls to brighten their day. Once lockdown was eased, this was extended to socially distanced visits in the garden.



## NHSOS

We made a difference to those making a difference. GIFT volunteers provided NHS staff and carers with 'gratitude packs'.

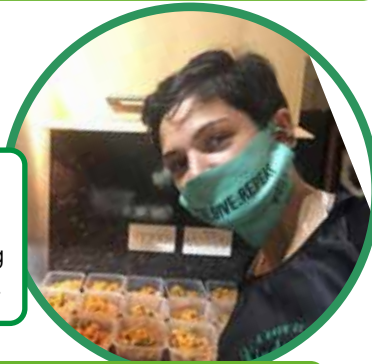
## CARDS OF CARE

Volunteers were matched with care home residents to whom they wrote personalised cards and letters to brighten up their day.



## GIFT COOKS

Our army of angels slave away for hours in the kitchen ensuring that those who are vulnerable or struggling are provided with delicious hot meals.



## VIRTUAL TUTORING

Since the closure of schools, many children needed academic support. GIFT mobilised volunteers to tutor students online.



## VITAL FOOD SUPPORT

Hundreds of families, thousands of individuals receiving WEEKLY food support packages. Over 13,000 delivered in 2019. On course to DOUBLE in 2020.

## EDUCATION ONLINE

GIFT's education team transitioned immediately to teach schools, synagogues and private groups. A number of innovative videos and activities have been created and are available at:  
[www.jgift.org/education/online](http://www.jgift.org/education/online)



# GIFT Covid-19 Responses ... in minutes!

These pages represent a miniscule fraction of the thousands of requests for help received by our team, and responded to in minutes by our army of volunteers. We cannot begin to express our gratitude to the myriad members of the community who selflessly stepped up time-and-again to help those in need over the last four months. Thank you so much!

+44 7903 234194 ~Keren

Looking for a volunteer to collect a prescription from Warman and Freed in GG and deliver to Hendon for a vulnerable family within the next two hours. Please PM

Sorted thanks

+44 7801 953207 ~Shira Joseph

Volunteer needed to pick up toys from an address in Hendon and one address in archway. The families would appreciate these extra items. Plz pm if you can help

Sorted thanks

+44 7949 031805 ~Roxy

Looking for a driver tomorrow from 11.30am onwards to collect from NW3 and taking a shabbos meal for one family in Borehamwood please?

Sorted

+44 7801 953207 ~Shira Joseph

Hi good morning..would anyone be able to buy a few items for a lady in a Norwood home today in Hendon central.. please pm if you can do this

Sorted thank you

Please can anyone collect a Cooked meal for a family asap from Edgware and going to one address in Edgware???

+44 7949 031805 ~Roxy

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Sorted thanks

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Hi good morning.. volunteer needed to do a kosher shop in golders green for an elderly lady in Finchley please

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Hi good morning.. volunteer needed to do a kosher shop in golders green for an elderly lady in Finchley please

Sorted thanks

10:21

+44 7949 013341 ~Gila Davis

Good morning Looking for a volunteer to do shop shopping in borehamwood for a lovely family who need some help. Please Pm

Sorted thanks

+44 7801 953207 ~Shira Joseph

Hiya would anyone be able to pick up some baby formulation from an address in Edgware to take to a struggling family in mill hill east please? Thanks

Sorted thanks

13:00

+44 7949 013341 ~Gila Davis

Looking for an amazing volunteer to help a sweet mother and her children with shopping on Brighthelmston St. involves going to the supermarket and then to the post office for a parcel to be delivered to the mother's address.

Sorted thanks

+44 7949 013341 ~Gila Davis

Would anyone be able to do shopping for a really sweet lady who is isolating? Please pm

Sorted thanks

11:38

+44 7801 953207 ~Shira Joseph

Would anyone be able to do a shop from Amors GG for a man in Hendon today.. please pm

Sorted thanks

+44 7801 953207 ~Shira Joseph

Hi good morning.. looking for someone to do a small supermarket shop for an elderly man with breathing difficulties in Edgware. Please pm if you can help

Sorted thank you

+44 7801 953207 ~Shira Joseph

Would anyone be able to do a kosher shop for a family in Hendon please today.. thanks

Sorted thanks

11:31



# GIFT Education Online

## ZOOM CLASSES

Since lockdown **GIFT's** educational sessions have moved online. Not limited by location we have managed to reach UK as well as international audiences.

**GIFT's** classes have been teaching various aspects of giving across all age groups. Whether it's discussing the philosophy of giving with High school students or how to build 'giving' relationships with Uni students, **GIFT** has provided cutting edge, inspiring and relevant online classes. Young Professionals and 6th formers were inspired by 'giving heroes, learning 'giving skills' and even a ZOOM giving Game Show was enjoyed by families throughout the UK.

**180+** ZOOM CLASSES

*"Gif's sign language course has been such a fun and valuable experience which inspired me to take up BSL lessons, be more inclusive & make a difference. The sessions were great and made learning really simple and surprisingly easy - after only 4 lessons we were able to sign a whole song! Equally as enjoyable & inspirational were the stories we heard from Charity executives & beneficiaries each call before the lessons started. Put together, these two parts made for an incredible experience which I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to take."*

Jake, Year 12

## GIFT GIVING VIDEOS

With students stuck at home, **GIFT** put their fun and high-energy educational presentations online. These have become a great asset to schools and parents alike during the pandemic. With at least 10 schools (Primary and Secondary) now using **GIFT's** online presentations, they have become a staple of many schools' formal and informal education.

**21** GIVING VIDEO PRESENTATIONS produced since March

## ONLINE RESOURCES

In addition to our Giving video presentations, **GIFT** has added to its online repertoire of resources being frequently used by parents and teachers at home and school. Tzedakah (charity) and Omer giving charts, gratitude journals, cards for carers, messages of giving prepared for the Seder table, crafts and more can be found online now at: [www.jgift.org/education/online](http://www.jgift.org/education/online)

**2,500+** PRESENTATIONS VIEWED

### Gratitude Jar Activity

- 1 Find an empty jar and wash it out.
  - 2 Pick someone that you would like to thank. (e.g. your parents)
  - 3 Cut out some strips of paper (at least 20)
  - 4 On each strip write a specific thank you to the person you have chosen.
  - 5 Fold the strips and fill the jar.
  - 6 (IF YOU CAN) Decorate the outside of the jar and write the person's name on it.
  - 7 Give it to a grateful recipient and watch their reaction! You will make someone SO HAPPY with it!
- P.S. You can also make one for yourself!

# Volunteer Stories

## SYLVIE SIMONS, AGE 26

One of the things I love about **GIFT** is that as a donor or volunteer you are never far removed from the incredible impact of your contribution.

I decided to volunteer to deliver food parcels to local families and individuals in the lead-up to Shavuot during lockdown. This experience gave me a window into some of the challenges people face alone, hidden in the pockets of our communities. It also made me mindful that the way you give, not just what you give, is equally important, if not more. **GIFT** provides a loving support system while ensuring that recipients are treated with dignity and discretion.

*The most striking realisation I have had is that the **GIFT** mission is as much for the volunteers as its recipients. It is about making us all more deeply aware, sensitive and giving people.* I am very proud to be a small part of such a vital and wonderful mission.



## GAVRIEL SACKS, AGE 16

**GIFT** has been essential to my growth as a person over the last couple months. After my GCSEs were cancelled, I had a pile of unused textbooks and years of untested knowledge but nothing to do with it. *All it took was **GIFT's** tutoring initiative to give me a purpose over the last few months.* A couple of times a week I have been tutoring kids in Maths, Geography and Science over Skype and Zoom. I have thoroughly enjoyed passing on my knowledge, as well as getting to know the wonderful kids on the other side of the screen. My tutees have displayed hard work and perseverance even through tough times; my tutees have been giving back, they have been teaching me through setting an example.

Those lessons are why I chose to cycle to Brighton for **GIFT**; **GIFT's** charitable work has been nothing short of phenomenal, and their hard work and dedication through these months has inspired me, and should inspire everyone. They inspired me to do something positive with my endless free time, and *they inspired me to give back.* They have not only helped countless people in need, but they have helped me, and they have enabled me to help others.

## ZAK GARBACZ, AGE 20

My experience with **GIFT** over lockdown was quite unique and I loved every moment of it. I was tasked with the job of delivering food for an elderly lady, aged 88, for Shabbat. This opportunity was referred to **GIFT** by her social worker as she hadn't eaten the entire day. She lives alone, has mental health issues and doesn't have much family in the UK.

When I encountered her, at first she was quite afraid and that time I only managed to leave the food outside the door, in the hope it would be utilised. The next week that same woman was in need of some more food and drink so I decided to try again. This time, the kind lady seemed calmer about the situation and opened the door excitedly. Not only did she show how grateful she was, but we also sat on the stairs in the block of flats for over half an hour talking about her life - and whilst she gave me an insight on her history, I gave her an update on the world. I shared some words of Torah with her and then she waved me goodbye. *Really it's us who should be grateful to have **GIFT** to provide us with these types of opportunities.*



## FAMILY ZAGURY

As it became clear that we were going to go into lock down it also became clear that many many people will be needing help. Given my family were all healthy, we knew we had to help others so we joined the **GIFT** WhatsApp groups.

We could see that people were less keen to drive to Kings Cross, Shoreditch or Harlesden so we volunteered to do these journeys as we enjoy driving around London when the roads are quiet.

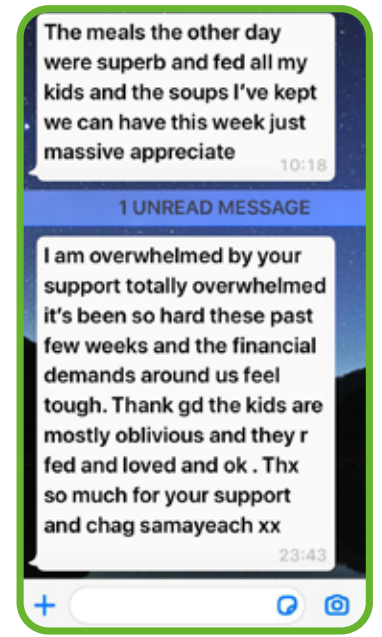
It was clear to our family that people not only needed milk and eggs but also human contact which we were happy to provide whilst keeping 2 meters away! Phone conversations about how many eggs people needed gradually became longer as we started discussing world politics, fashion and culture. Loneliness during the Covid crisis has been devastating for many, conscious of this fact, we tried to deliver with love and warmth. It was and is a delight for our family to work as a team to help those in need, forge new friendships and be able to make a difference.

# Recipient Appreciation...

## What GIFT recipients had to say...



Thank you **GIFT!** I was destitute and extremely unwell, physically and mentally, but overwhelmed and moved to tears by such generous actions by complete strangers.



To **GIFT** – I wanted to express my gratitude for all the help and support I received in the past 3 months. When contacting them, the staff have been incredibly forthcoming in their endeavours to help me, whether it be arranging for my medication to be collected from the pharmacy, delivering food parcels every week, providing extra food over the Yomtov, and arranging for volunteers to do my shopping whilst I've been shielding during this past 3 month period.

Always friendly, always prompt to deal with any requests. Basically an invaluable lifeline to me.

I want to say a very **BIG** thank you to all concerned. A brilliant charity excellently run by fabulous caring people.

Thank you



**Mrs. Yasmine Itach**

I wanted to write to thank you for the laptop. I assume it came from your project as it is not the usual thing to receive. I have been at loggerheads with my son's school for the whole year about providing my son ..... with a laptop, and they have been very difficult over a technicality that had to do with funding issues that relate to local authorities and them. I know this has come to us for the purposes of the lockdown, but ..... can use this for a lot more and since he is Dyslexic and has been denied the tool he needs at school, it makes it all the more special that you have been able to organise this. Total respect to you for the work you are doing. Also thanks for all the support with food etc. 22:11

Thank you **@Mrs. Yasmine Itach** for sharing this and so many others. We appreciate you sharing which helps show us how impactful our efforts are. Thx!



I'm just writing to say a **HUGE** thank you for all the support you have given us at **KISHARON** during this past Pesach and Shavuot. The packages that you helped us produce to put a smile on the faces of the people we support during the difficult lockdown period, when they were separated from their families, made a huge positive difference to them. Your amazing volunteers and Shira's creative and 'can do right now' attitude were a big part of how you helped us make our ideas turn into a reality. Keep up the great work and thanks for teaming up with us.

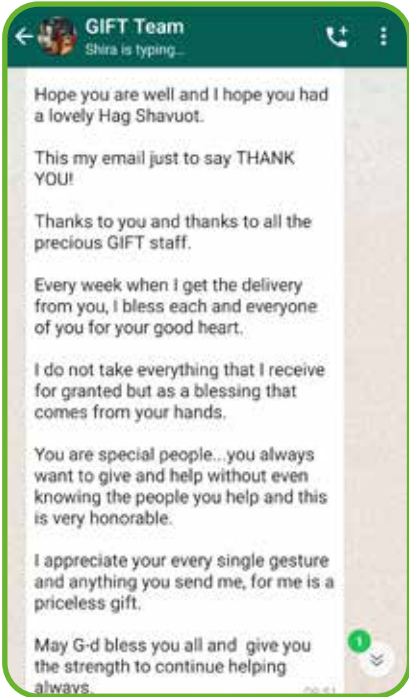




# Recipient Appreciation...



## What GIFT recipients had to say...



My name is [redacted], I live in Bushey Hertfordshire alone with my two young children, I am a single mother and I'm currently really struggling to afford food and household items, it's a real struggle, I have tried to manage it all myself, but I feel it's time to maybe ask for a little guidance or help, please can you let me know if me and my two children would be eligible for food parcels. Any info would be much appreciated

Thank you



Thank you GIFT!  
GIFT have been the one constant force since this pandemic has begun.  
Always delivering goods and cheer.



H Yasmine  
I would just like to let you know that the Challot you sent us tasted like Gan Eden, I personally had never tasted such a delightful Challa before.  
May you all be blessed until 120 and thank you so much once again for the great Chessed.

Humbly  
Hi Yasmine,  
How are you?  
Just want to say thank you so much for your thoughtful kind card and for everything that GIFT does. It is beyond a lifeline and there are no words to express what it feels like that someone cares.  
Wishing you a Good Shabbos,  
Kind regards,  
[redacted]

GIFT has been truly astonishing during my hours, months and now (nearly two) years of need. From the selfless young visitors, who despite the generation gap, faithfully take cake weekly to visit in hospital and supported accommodation to the very welcome fresh food and challah parcels.

GIFT truly is that, a present of love from the community. It has never felt that I was a burden or the tasks a duty, On the contrary long standing real friendships have formed and strong ties to the community, where others have shied away.

The new tag of mental illness scared old friends and family but never GIFT. Remarkable! I will always be in awe and forever grateful to the volunteers who have touched my life so deeply!

When we received the laptop today my daughter was so overwhelmed with this beautiful mac laptop she burst into tears - gorgeous and amazing for all her work thank you so much

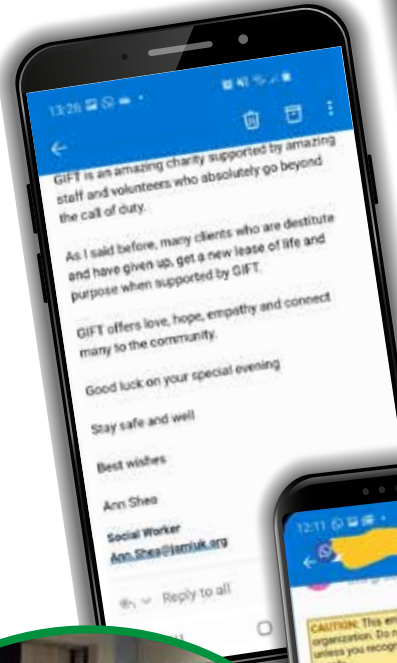
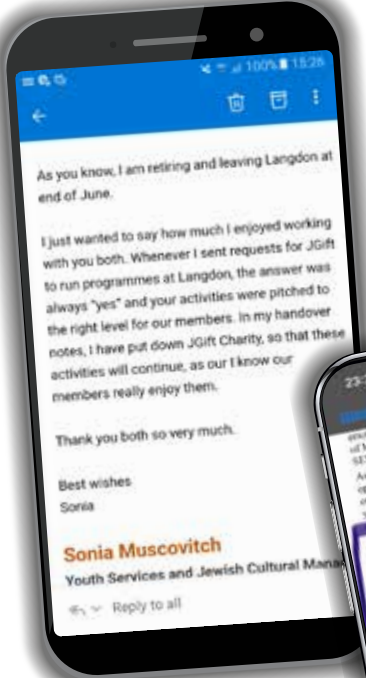
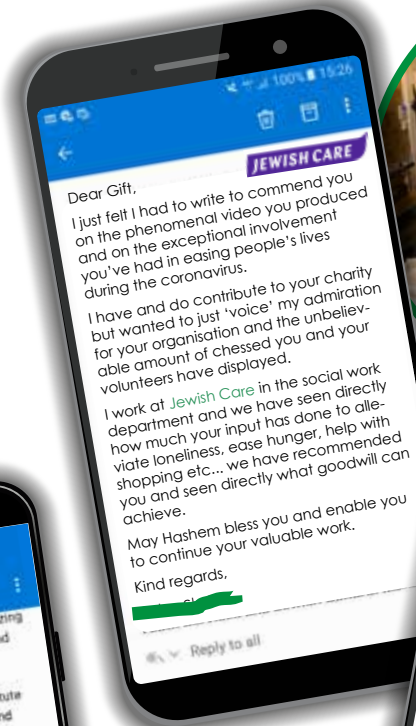
love  
[redacted]

Dear GIFT,  
Thank you for everything you are doing. We really enjoyed our school (Sacks Morasha) Kabbalat Shabbat with one of your team today. Thank you for giving us this opportunity - we can't wait to thank our rubbish collectors and we're going to colour more sheets for others so watch this space!  
Shabbat shalom,  
The Josephs family



# Community Collaboration

As Covid-19 hit, organisations around the UK reached out to **GIFT** to provide assistance. Partnering with community organisations, GIFT have taken on dozens of new referrals (25% increase from pre-Covid 19 figures), delivered parcels for the US, helped Kisharon to create their Pesach Seder and Shavuot packs, provided basic necessities for abused mothers and provided volunteers to befriend and comfort the elderly, ensuring that everyone receives all the support they deserve..



# School Appreciation...

What **teachers** had to say...

## KING DAVID, MANCHESTER

Our pupils have taken part in lots of the resources available on your website. These activities have helped them understand all the different opportunities open to them to help their community through acts of chesed, not just with money but with their actions too.

Rabbi Zeidman's videos have been so inspiring. I have had many comments back from parents telling me how they have sat together as a family to watch them and how this has led to deep and meaningful discussions with their children on the different ways we can all give back to our community.

**Mrs. Glickman**  
Head of Jewish Studies



## IMMANUEL COLLEGE

On behalf of Immanuel College, I would like to thank you for all of the opportunities you have provided for our students during lockdown. From the educational sessions with Rabbi Zeidman to the virtual hands-on activities with Shira Joseph, our students were able to help others and maintain the concept of community from the safety of their own homes.

**Daniella Neifeld**  
Head of Informal Jewish Education



## SACKS MORASHA

Your visits to our school over the course of many years have been inspirational and educational, and this has been only bettered by your own efforts during lockdown. At a time when we are so distant from each other, your input has been invaluable to foster a renewed urgency for giving amongst our students. To see the impact that the children have had in their close communities is testament to the value of **GIFT**.

**Mr Justin Kett**  
Head of Kodesh and Deputy Head



## SINAI

Our Year 6 Huddles (Pupils & Teachers) have loved every moment of your interactive videos. They have laughed, learnt & been moved. The videos have been inspirational, causing discussion, reflection, self-analysis and commitment to become Givers.

The videos are founded on Jewish Texts & values, but they focus on universal truths that all of our staff and pupils can relate to. You have helped Sinai to deliver high quality Jewish Studies in the most trying of times. You have helped our children to use their Lockdown experience to become even nicer, more thoughtful giving young people.

An email can only express a tiny part of our gratitude to you.

**Mr M Drucker**  
Jewish Studies Teacher



## JFS

A number of students emailed me to say how inspired they were by one of your speakers and that it made them consider their future.

Additionally, you encouraged many of our students to take part in an online tutoring scheme which empowered them to be great role models and mentors. Thank you also for the excellent year 11 online classes that you have been running for our students.

We are very grateful that you were able to provide something wholesome for our students in the last few months.

**Rafael Joseph**  
Sixth Form Jewish Studies Coordinator



## HASMONEAN HIGH SCHOOL

The talented **GIFT** team are regulars at Hasmonean boys' and girls' school. Their passion and excitement are contagious and their message of giving, chesed and altruism are timeless and timely.

Their response to the current COVID crisis has been particularly helpful, delivering Zoom presentations to students on a regular basis.

On behalf of everyone at Hasmonean, I am profoundly grateful for all they give to our students.

**Rabbi J Golker**  
Menahel, Hasmonean High School



# Creative Fundraising

Over the lockdown period **GIFT** volunteers took action in trying to raise much needed funds for **GIFT**. However, due to restrictions and government guidelines, they (and we) have needed to get a little bit creative with fundraising ideas.

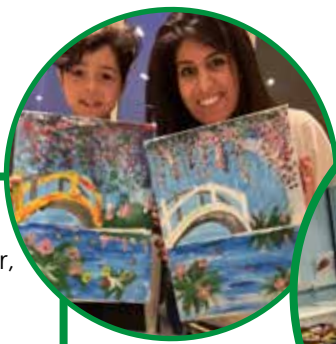
Some of the most imaginative volunteer fundraising initiatives included Lockdown Photoshoots by Raphael Igbi (which raised over £3,000), and the astonishing feats of Family Rowe who raised almost £1,500 whilst in quarantine by each climbing the 58,070 steps it takes to summit Mount Everest!

In addition, **GIFT** have run virtual paint nights, quiz nights, cocktail making masterclasses and whisky tasting events in partnership with volunteers and synagogues. These raised both money and awareness for **GIFT** and offered fun ways to have great "nights out" whilst stuck at home.

# The **GIFT** Warehouse

We are hugely grateful to the incredible volunteer families who gave many hours of their time each week, to ensure that the food in the warehouse was constantly sorted, packed and delivered to our recipients.

We would also like to thank those volunteers who did street and community collections ensuring that our warehouse was appropriately stocked.



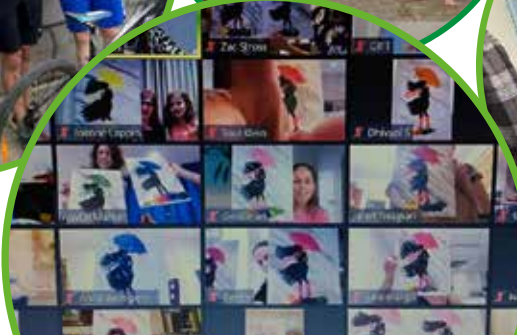
*"I found myself with lots of spare time during lockdown and heard that GIFT was looking for volunteers so I offered to help thinking I'd be doing them a favour. Meanwhile I've been going every week and it's become my "therapy". It's so fulfilling to do something productive, meaningful and to feel that you are helping make a difference to those in need. I feel that I'm the one benefitting and I wait impatiently for my weekly slot!"*

**Karine Morris**



*"The warehouse is a special place where people from all ages and stripes of Judaism come together with the common goal of CHESED! I come weekly with my kids. We work hard and it's both a humbling and uplifting experience! We're so proud to be a part of the GIFT family."*

**Batya Richman**



# GIFT in the News

GIFT has been featured across the board in Jewish publications being highlighted for the myriad initiatives we have created since the beginning of lockdown.



# Volunteer Awards

## GIFT NETWORK OF GIVING AWARD: TALIA GOLDSTEIN & GILA DAVIS



Talia has been answering the **GIFT** phone lines, patiently taking requests for the past almost 4 months. Even though a family bereavement, Talia was still happy to continue her volunteering and her sweet friendly nature has meant those panicked callers have been quickly put at ease.



Gila has been coordinating shopping and prescription pick-ups. She has been posting requests on the **GIFT** COVID whatsapp groups, sorting volunteers within minutes in her usual proactive style. Even the day she got engaged she was still posting on the groups.

## NHSOS AWARD: HOWARD & BEVERLY CALVERT



This couple approached **GIFT** with a big idea... to give thousands of care packages to NHS workers and care home staff. It was their drive and motivation that really made it happen. Beverly's big ideas and reach for the stars attitude combined with Howard's tenacity and never taking no for an answer meant that this project exceeded all expectations. Not content with this, they instigated and spearheaded the Quentin Blake Mug project raising money for NHS Charities Together. The brilliant NHSOS team led by the Calverts have been able to achieve so much and show appreciation to so many.

## GIFT TUTORING AWARD: MATTHEW GOLD, CHLOE GOLD & AMALYA GREENWOOD



Matthew, Amalya and Chloe have been working tirelessly on the virtual tutoring project. Matching tutoring pairs, answering questions, having daily meetings with their constantly updated to do lists.

They went above and beyond by also providing befriending and extracurricular activities to those youngsters who were particularly struggling with the emotional strains of lockdown. They took an idea and actualised it through hard work, care and loads of initiative, which meant they were able to coordinate over 300 pairs.


## CARDS OF CARE AWARD: NICCI MENASHE



We initially started posting requests for cards to be written to those who were particularly isolated. Nicci and her overflowing love for others was always the first to respond and each message was written with so much care. Nicci then assembled a team of people to write cards and kept asking for more names to write to. The cards of care team have been motivated to make each and every card personal and beautiful just to bring some light into a very dark period.


# Volunteer Awards

## GIFT COOKS AWARD: CLAUDIA GREEN

A circular portrait of Claudia Green, a woman with long dark hair, smiling and holding a smartphone.


Claudia, a former **GIFT** driver, rang Roxanne up with an idea to cook hot fresh meals for people who are vulnerable or unwell. Despite never having cooked for more than 3 people before this point she got to work and cooked and delivered 20 meals that first week. She then gathered together an army of cooks and fundraised for this project. Her 20 meals a week turned into a minimum of 20 meals a day thanks to Claudia's compassionate nature and her leadership of the incredible team of cooks.

## TOYS, TECH & BIKES AWARD: LAUREN MOSHAL


A circular portrait of Lauren Moshal, a woman with long dark hair and glasses, smiling.

Lauren had an idea... to distribute toys, technology and bikes to those who needed it most. Her entire house was overtaken with items and they had to eat all meals in the kitchen for 6 weeks! Most people would have just wanted to get the items out quickly. But not Lauren. Each and every puzzle piece was counted out. The entire Moshal family were involved in this operation and their house became a factory of kindness. Lauren's constant concern and care for all those she helped is what has made her such an exceptional volunteer.

## GIFT VITAL FOOD SUPPORT AWARD: SHIMON KELLY & NAOMI RUSSELL


A circular portrait of Naomi Russell, a woman with dark hair, smiling.

Due to the panic buying, and the dramatic increase in those requesting vital food support from **GIFT** during the pandemic, we had no idea how we would manage to maintain our food stocks in the warehouse. Naomi stepped up and ensured that local food banks like **GIFT** had regular donations through her network of volunteers & donors. She has arranged thousands of pounds worth of food to be delivered to the warehouse each week. Naomi is a true example of someone seeing a huge need, stepping up and doing what it takes to get it filled.

A circular portrait of Shimon Kelly, a young man with short dark hair, smiling.

Shimon offered to manage the **GIFT** Warehouse. Little did he know what he was letting himself in for. Driving a van, schlepping, and working with the amazing groups of families who came in to pack food bags. Shimon has kept a huge smile on his face throughout, despite the very long hours and backbreaking work. Shimon's organised nature and motivation to help has meant that the warehouse has been kept in order, with such care and attention to detail.

## THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: SHIRA JOSEPH

A circular portrait of Shira Joseph, a woman with long dark hair, smiling and wearing a dark t-shirt with the word 'GIFT' on it.

Shira has typified the **GIFT** spirit in an exemplary fashion – the team really stepped up and it was their loving, caring, dedicated response that enabled the **GIFT** team to accomplish all you see in this brochure.

Shira has been at the forefront of many of the initiatives, spearheading the volunteering department with our volunteer coordinator, Keren Pinhas. Her Worshipful the Mayor of Barnet, Councillor Caroline Stock commented, "**GIFT** just isn't another charity... it has now grown into something very special."

That is in big part down to the countless sleepless nights, hundreds of overtime hours and incredible work ethic of Shira and the rest of the team!

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## A MESSAGE FOR ALL THE GIFT VOLUNTEERS

I send my warmest thanks to each and every person who has played a part in supporting the community by volunteering with GIFT during the recent crisis.

While the needs of the community grew, it is truly heartening that so many individuals stepped forward to give of their time and energy, whether through phone calls to the isolated, grocery and prescription shopping and deliveries, tutoring, online education sessions, donations, letter-writing, food packages or other much-needed practical support to families and individuals.

The Torah teaches us the importance of being a community of giving, of social action. God lives in the hearts of those who give. I believe that when we give, we come to see life itself as a gift.

And I am truly thankful that GIFT has done such an extraordinary job connecting those willing to help with those that needed a helping hand. I send this message of appreciation, along with my warmest wishes, to all of you.

May all you do be blessed.

Yours in admiration,



Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

July 2020 // Tammuz 5780

## WITH IMMENSE GRATITUDE TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS!

### SHOPPING REQUESTS

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Rebecca Dominitz  
Helen French  
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Miriam Ibgj  
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Becky Richman  
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Daniella Shamash  
Tamara Sireling  
Debbie Slyper  
Talia Tapnack  
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Yael Bloom & family  
Family Corney  
Maxine Elias & family  
Geraldine Feiner  
Family Field  
Debbie Gordon & family  
Sara Jacobs & family  
Shimon Kelly  
Family King  
Family Leafus  
Joel and Elisha Marks  
Karine Morris & family  
Gila Pfeffer & family  
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Family Schuchman  
Family Selby  
Family Shelley  
Debra Shusheim  
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Erin Kurland  
Jess Levine  
Stacey Levine  
Sophie Linton  
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Jemima Lyons  
Marielle Lyons  
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Raffael Menashe  
Raquel Menashe  
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Finchley Scout Group  
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Samuel Nurtman  
Victoria Nurtman  
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Hilli Ross  
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the Hampstead Village  
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Rachel Moshal  
Jacob Moshal  
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Rina Serfaty  
Yoni and Adina Shine  
Family Snow  
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Family Tenenblat

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Richard Denton  
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Jonah Kastner  
Raphael Kastner  
Robert Kastner  
Horesh Lopian  
Noah Mendel  
Ben Mendleson  
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Gavriel Sacks  
Sam Shooter  
Shmuel Stones

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Sylvia Simons  
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Hannah Benaim  
Jacob Benaouich  
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Suzanne Breuer-Weil  
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Amy Conway  
Michelle Conway  
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Natasha Garbacz  
Ariella Gertner  
Judy Gilbert  
Jonny Gingold  
Lucy Glynn  
Farah Goldberg  
Joanna Grankin  
Chava Green  
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Zoe Harris  
Hayley Herring  
Melanie Jawett  
Michael Jawett  
Louis Jesner  
Aliza Kander  
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Angela Kosiner  
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Mandy Lawrence  
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Joshua Lyons  
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1 July 2020  
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Dear Rabbi Milun,

I write in support of GIFT and the tremendous work they have been undertaking during these unprecedented times. I know this organisation has been invaluable in assisting members of the community during the crisis and I can only offer my sincere appreciation for their tireless work.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Freer MP

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Dear Rabbi Milun,

I very much want to write to you and express support for your wonderful organization.

I have been aware of the fantastic work that GIFT does in the community over many years, and it is a charity that is a real inspiration to people of all ages. I attended an engagement a few years ago where someone from GIFT explained about the programme you run distributing food to people in the community that are in real need. Everyone in the audience was bowled over by the caring way the programme operates.

I know you have all been working tirelessly over the last few months to help the community during Covid19, and I want to thank you all for what you have done and also for what you will all do in the future.

Yours Sincerely

The Worshipful the Mayor of Barnet  
Councillor Caroline Stock



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On 8<sup>th</sup> July, GIFT put on the UK's first ever charity Drive-in evening following government guidelines and attended by over 750 people.

The guest of honour was The Worshipful The Mayor of Barnet and the evening was a wonderful celebration of GIFT's amazing volunteers during lockdown.

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