

Every Drop COUNTS

Did you know that when you give a pint of blood, you could be helping to save the lives of four people?

For Julie Klein, who has been the point person for the blood drives at Temple for years, that equation is a simple one.

"Giving blood saves lives," she emphasized. "Is there a more important thing we're called upon to do?"

Year after year, Temple Israel has been a leader in the faith community and larger Memphis community for blood donations. Shelley Sumner, Faith-based Relations Manager with Lifeblood, has worked with Julie for several years organizing the blood drives at Temple.

"Temple Israel has truly set the example for other faith-based groups in our area when it comes to supporting our community's blood supply. We are forever grateful for this partnership."

Shelley knows the direct impact donors can make in the lives of others.

"It really hits home when I hear about an upcoming liver transplant or a child having heart surgery at LeBonheur. Some of these surgeries require several units at a time, and we would be faced with daily emergency situations without the help from faithful groups like Temple Israel."

For Julie Klein, encouraging others to donate blood is one of her greatest passions, and she is very proud and extremely thankful for the group of



Jonathan Frisch and Jay Greenberg

dedicated volunteers she leads.

"When our volunteers call potential donors to give blood, time and time again Temple members respond. They truly open their hearts for others."

And what inspires Julie is the attitude donors have.

"When it comes to giving blood, it seems to me that Temple members have it right. Let's face it, we certainly could choose to do other things with our time on a Sunday morning, after all, we're all busy."

"But when people donate blood, they are giving of themselves in a most profound way. As with other faiths, Judaism calls upon us to help others. We call them 'acts of loving kindness' or 'loving deeds.' I hope those eligible to give blood continue to heed that call and demonstrate our love by donating blood."



Charles Plesofsky and Julie Klein

**Temple Blood Drive, Sunday, September 13,
8:30am-1:30pm. Walk-ups welcome; for
appointment times, contact Julie Klein,
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