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GOD'S UNFINISHED BUSINESS PROVIDES THESE ACTS OF LOVING KINDNESS:

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If you need a service provided by God's Unfinished Business or know someone who does, call Cantor John Kaplan, 761-3130, or Nadine King, GUB Volunteer Coordinator, 763-0940.

If you would like to volunteer and help provide the services GUB offers, fill out the form in this pamphlet and return it to Temple Israel.

For any reason, contact GUB via email at gub@timemphis.org.



The image of these hands was drawn by Cantor Kaplan's mother, Peggy Kaplan, and it captures the spirit of GUB: working hand-in-hand to help others.

GOD'S UNFINISHED BUSINESS

“When God finished creating the world after those six days, He left a lot of unfinished business... You and I have the power to do God's Unfinished Business.”

Those inspiring thoughts from Temple Israel's own Rabbi Harry K. Danziger are as true and meaningful today as they were over twenty years ago when he first spoke them. Over the years, this notion of helping to do God's Unfinished Business has grown from a noble concept to a wide range of services provided by Temple Israel volunteers.

Today, when we refer to God's Unfinished Business, sometimes affectionately referred to as GUB, we are talking about ways we all can help others by performing acts of loving kindness, or loving deeds. You'll see the following quote from Ethics of the Fathers as you leave the new everyday entrance to Temple Israel: “The world depends on three things: on Torah, worship and loving deeds.”

We are commanded to help others, and we have a great opportunity to do so with GUB. As you'll read in this pamphlet, there are a number of different ways you can help. You don't need any formal training. All you need is to realize that your kindness—your acts of loving kindness—will make a difference with those you help.

By getting involved with GUB, we are not only fulfilling one of the three pillars of meaningful life by performing acts of loving deeds, but we are also showing what we mean when we say that we are a “warm and welcoming congregational family.”

Faithfully yours,

Micah D. Greenstein

Rabbi Micah D. Greenstein

John M. Kaplan

Cantor John M. Kaplan

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Sharing emotions after the death of a loved one is an important part of the grieving process. This is done in a confidential and supportive group led by licensed health care professionals.

COMPANIONSHIP

For those who have little or no family in Memphis and are lonely, a visit from a caring Temple member is appreciated. Among other activities, volunteers visit those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

CONDOLENCE TELEPHONE CALLS

When there is a death in the family, support from someone who has faced a similar loss may be consoling. For those, calls are made throughout the first year after their loss. Through this service, the mitzvah of *nichum avelim* (comforting mourners) is fulfilled.

HOSPITAL LUNCHES

Volunteers prepare a buffet five times each year for family members of ICU patients. By doing so, members of Temple Israel help nourish the spirit and body of those in need.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Each week volunteers visit patients in area hospitals and give them a card with prayers for healing, hope and faith. This is a wonderful way to let Temple Israel members know that their congregational family cares about them.

HOUSE SITTING DURING FUNERALS

It may be helpful for a family dealing with loss to have a volunteer stay at the home during the funeral service.

MEALS FOR THE SICK

Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to Temple members who are ill or just home from the hospital. These meals follow biblical tradition and are prepared with no pork or shellfish. The visit from the volunteer is often as important and valued as the meal itself.

MIFA MEALS

Members of Temple Israel deliver meals five days a week, year round, as part of the MIFA Meals Program (formerly known as Meals on Wheels).

TELEPHONE CALLS

Volunteers call congregants on their return home from the hospital, offering support and services necessary during recovery. Having a caring and engaging conversation with those in need is a meaningful way to help.

TRANSPORTATION

When someone is unable to drive, basic errands become impossible. Volunteers help by providing transportation to places such as the doctor's office, grocery store or pharmacy.

After you have completed this form, detach and return to:

Temple Israel
God's Unfinished Business
1376 East Massey Road
Memphis, TN 38120



I'd like to help! Please give me more information about the following volunteer opportunities with GUB I've marked below.

- Bereavement Support Group
- Companionship
- Condolence Telephone Calls
- Hospital Lunches
- Hospital Visits
- Housesitting During Funerals
- Meals for the Sick
- MIFA Meals
- Telephone Calls
- Transportation

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Phone _____

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