

May 28, 2011

Dear Jeff,

Everyone in the congregation is accounted for with no serious injuries, baruch HaShem, although several members lost their homes and possessions. Our building wasn't damaged since it wasn't in the path of the tornado.

The most effective way to help us is through monetary donations so we can purchase the things we most need. Donations to the URJ Disaster Relief Fund, specifying Joplin Tornado Relief, would be greatly appreciated. All designated funds will come directly to us.

We have set up a distribution center at the Temple for our own members and for the greater Joplin community. If you want to send tangible items, please note that we DO NOT need any more clothing, EXCEPT for clothes for infants up to one year old and boys' clothes up to age 12 or so.

What we DO need are:

- Over-the-counter pain medications, especially ibuprofen
- Baby items, including diapers, bottles, nipples, formula, baby food, baby wipes, diaper cream, etc.
- Bedding, especially pillows
- Cleaning supplies

Dishes, glassware, eating utensils, pots and pans, cooking utensils and other kitchen things, and other household items would also be welcome.

Our address is 702 South Sergeant, Joplin, MO 64801.

Thanks for thinking of us.

Terry Wheeler
Board Secretary