

“Unprecedented Times”

These are rough times for everyone – including many Jewish families and individuals at Temple. Please know that there is no shame in reaching out for assistance when circumstances totally beyond your control have caused you to feel like you’re drowning in what has truly become a global economic *tsunami*. “Survivors” of the downturn within Temple want to lend anonymous help to those who are presently unable to pay bills or put food on the table.

Whether it’s insurance, MLGW, groceries, or help with a bill, please do not hesitate to call Rabbi Greenstein’s office. *Confidentiality is paramount, but so is your willingness to get the help you need.* In keeping with the highest form of giving in Judaism, those receiving help and those giving it will not know the other and everything will remain anonymous and confidential. Susan Sanford, a Temple Israel member and Executive Director of the Mid-South Food Bank shared this anecdote with me: “People who used to give to the Memphis Food Bank now find themselves in need of food for themselves and their families.” There but for the grace of God go any of us....so please call and/or tell other members to do the same if they find themselves where so many Americans now are – in a rough place. Temple is here to help in every way we possibly can.

-- Rabbi Micah D. Greenstein