

“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 Danziger are as true and meaningful today as they were in 1983 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 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 will see the following quote from Ethics of the Fathers as you leave the 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. There are a number of different ways you can help, and you do not need any formal training. All you need is to realize that your your acts of loving kindness will make a difference to 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.”

GOD’S UNFINISHED BUSINESS PROVIDES:

COMPANIONSHIP

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

CONDOLENCE PHONE CALLS

When there is a death in the family, support from someone who has faced a loss may be consoling. Calls are made throughout the first year after their loss, if the need arises. Through this, 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.

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. If someone you know is in need, call Temple Israel.

MIFA MEALS

Members of Temple Israel deliver meals five days a week, year round, as part of the MIFA Meals program.

MOVING ON...LIFE AFTER LOSS

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.

PHONE 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 or the pharmacy.

If you need a service provided by God’s Unfinished Business or know someone who does, please call Nadine King, GUB Volunteer Coordinator, 901.763.0940.

*If you would like to help provide the services GUB offers, fill out this form and return it to:
Temple Israel, attn: God’s Unfinished Business, 1376 East Massey Road, Memphis, TN 38120-3299*

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