

Chesed and Social Justice Committee Report August 2023

A meeting was held with Reesa and Rabbi Small to discuss some recent initiative associated with our Chesed Committee meeting held on 7/11/2023. The following topics were discussed. Work is in progress to set up a new distribution list through Google called Emanuel Cares so we can focus on the opportunities notes below.

In Touch List and Communication

- We will work on creating an “In touch” list of members who are open to phone calls or would appreciate a care package. We are working on creating a google document that will include those on the list.
- Minyan – We will use a distribution list to help recruit members for the minyan. This should be framed as caring and ritual initiative.
- Calls to members to invite to upcoming Friday night dinner or to sit with them during Saturday Kiddush or other Synagogue events.
- Communication channels- we no longer us Lotsa of Helping Hands distribution for shiva minyan and mitzvah opportunities, but it was felt that it would be better to set up Google Group Emanuel Cares Kindness outreach.
- Ken Malley will work on setting up the distribution list and will reach out members at August board meeting to encourage them to get on the listing.

Veteran Shabbat-

We are working on finalizing the Chair for the event to take place on 11/11 Veteran Day Shabbat. Rabbi Small as reserved the bimah honors.

Resource Listing for clergy-

Rabbi Small indicated while assisting members he will come across difficult situations that may require, a higher level of care and even professionals to assist. It was discussed that we may have individuals with expertise in Elder law and/or social work who could be a resource given the situation. Rabbi Small will be setting up a meeting with a subgroup to help pull this list together.