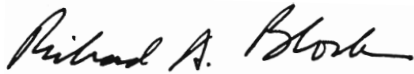


Dear Congregants,

In my Yom Kippur sermon on modesty and materialism, I proposed that “we go through our drawers, shelves, and closets, remove every clean item of apparel, in good condition, that we have not worn since last Rosh Hashanah, and donate them to an organization that will put them to good use. Then let's do the same with books, toys, bicycles, electronics, appliances, housewares, bedding, furniture, musical instruments, medical equipment, art supplies and sports gear.” The following list offers some very worthy recipients. Please join our congregational community in this sacred mitzvah.



Rabbi Block

Do you have clean and usable items to donate? Here's what to do.

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- Your best overall resource is “**Pass it On: A Resource-Full Guide to Donating Usable Stuff**,” published by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. The guide lists dozens of groups that want your old furniture, bikes, books and many other items. The information is posted online, searchable, and frequently updated: www.cuyahogawd.org/residents/passiton.asp. Or call 216-443-3749 to have a booklet mailed to you.
- **Interact Cleveland** sponsors an annual program called Homeless Stand Down. This winter, the Cleveland Jewish Federation will be coordinating the collection of men's winter coats (XL - XXXL), which are always in short supply. Contact Karen Steiger at the Federation, 216-566-6504.
- **Dress for Success** serves clients by referral only from non-profit and government agencies, including homeless shelters, immigration services, job training programs, educational institutions and domestic violence shelters. Women receive a suit appropriate for the industry in which they are interviewing and, if available, accessories. After a woman finds a job, she returns to Dress for Success for additional clothing, providing her with the foundation of a professional wardrobe. Call 216-391-2301 for information. www.dressforsuccess.org
- **My Fairy Godmother** collects gently worn formal dresses and accessories to give to high school students who can't afford to buy prom dresses. To donate, call Wendy Jones at 216-355-9710.
- **Interfaith Hospitality Network, Cleveland** – For its Welcome Home program, IHN is in need of household items and supplies (including kitchen items, beds, dressers, diapers, anything needed to setup a home) which aid homeless families as they restart their lives in their new home. Volunteers will pick up large donations on the third Saturday of each month. IHN accepts new, like new, and gently worn items. They cannot accept clothing, household appliances and sleep couches. Please contact Gina or Marilyn at 216-771-9690 or by e-mail at ihnvcl@sbcglobal.net.
- **National Council of Jewish Women** accepts donations of furniture, lamps, crystal, china, silver, paintings, prints, linens, housewares, portable TV's, small appliances, jewelry, clothing on hangers, shoes, purses & accessories (no stuffed animals accepted). **Pickups for large items are free** or drop off at their Thriftique, 26055 Emery Road (rear) between Richmond and Brainard, Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 400 p.m. You may also call Inge to make an appointment. 216-378-2204, ext. 101.

- **Cleveland Furniture Bank** seeks used but usable furniture to be distributed for free to needy families referred by participating agencies. Couches, chairs, dining room/kitchen sets, dressers, mattresses and box springs and other furniture that is not broken, torn, stained or otherwise damaged is picked up from the donor at no cost. Call 216-459-2265, Ext. 101, or go to www.clevelandfurniturebank.org.
- **Rainey Institute** is dedicated to positive change for Greater Cleveland's youth and families through education and participation in the performing and visual arts. They can make great use of unneeded musical instruments (drums, guitars, keyboards, violins, flutes, etc.) as they give lessons to about 125 kids from disadvantaged backgrounds. 1523 East 55th, Cleveland, OH 44103. Phone:216-881-1766. www.raineyinstitute.org
- **Services for Independent Living**, 25100 Euclid Ave., No. 105, Cleveland, accepts used medical equipment such as wheelchairs, scooters, walkers and shower chairs. Contact Bobbie Horton at 216-731-1529. Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Unwanted or excess building materials like doors, cabinets, tools, sinks and fixtures can be donated to the **Habitat for Humanity ReStore** at 2110 W. 110th Street. Items sold at the ReStore generate revenue for Habitat home construction projects. Get details on donating by calling 216-429-1299 or online at www.clevelandhabitat.org.
- Recycle your unused school and office supplies and furniture by donating them to the **Cleveland Kids in Need Resource Center**. The center gives the supplies for free to Cleveland and East Cleveland schools that need them. Learn how to donate by calling 216-361-0840.
- Clay, paint and paintbrushes are among the items most needed by **Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland** for its in-school arts education classes. To donate arts and crafts supplies, musical instruments and school supplies, call 216-561-5005.
- **Cleveland Baseball Federation** accepts gently used baseball equipment for its free baseball and softball programs. Get details by calling 216-861-4767, or go to www.clevelandbaseballfederation.org.
- **Continue Life Inc.**, 17917 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, accepts a variety of items for homeless expectant mothers. For information on how to donate appliances, arts-and-crafts supplies, baby items, books and magazines, building materials, maternity clothing, food, bedding, office equipment and supplies, toiletries, toys and games, call 216-383-1984.
- **Ohio City Bicycle Co-op** accepts bikes for programs that promote safe and healthy cycling. The co-op, at 1823 Columbus Rd., Cleveland, offers an earn-a-bike program for local kids who complete a bike repair and safety course. Call 216-830-2667 or go to www.ohiocitycycles.org for drop-off hours.
- **The City Mission**, 5310 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, accepts donations of good quality used clothing, new linens, baby supplies, hygiene items, school supplies, new toys and games, and nonperishable food items. 216-431-3510 www.thecitymission.org.
- **Third World Books** in Cleveland collects children's books and then sends them to children in impoverished countries across the globe. To arrange a time for drop-off, call Bob Cheshier at 216-534-2741.
- **Planet Aid** collects and recycles used clothing and shoes in 19 states in the USA. Items donated are resold and proceeds are used to support education, community development and HIV/AIDS programs in Africa, Asia and Latin America. There are 68 bins in the Cleveland area. www.planetaid.org