

# IN THE 2025 CHESED APPEAL, YOU HELPED RAISE AN INCREDIBLE **£539,155**

Since then,  
with your  
support:



**160-180**

families have regularly received  
Chesed food parcels, averaging  
**429 bags a month**



**800**

households received Chesed's  
Pesach food parcels and  
supermarket vouchers



**1700**

filled pencil cases and sets of  
stationery were given to school students  
who couldn't afford basic equipment



**2670**

portions of freshly cooked meals  
and soups were given to members  
in serious need

**You made such  
a difference.**

THANK YOU SO  
MUCH!

# IT HAS BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE MOVED TO OUR DEDICATED CHESED HUB.

THE HUB HAS ALLOWED US TO BE FAR MORE EFFECTIVE, BETTER ABLE TO MEET PEOPLE'S NEEDS, INCREASE OUR STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT, AND PROVIDE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS.



**We now regularly phone our Food Bank recipients** and work to help them to improve their situations, including sharing information cards on where people can get support for different needs.

**We have set up popular 'Singing for Memory' groups** in Edgware and Borehamwood for people living with dementia and their families. We welcome members and volunteers from all United Synagogue communities.

**We have established a new network for bereavement support groups** and helped two communities to set up new groups.

**We have invested in Volunteero**, a new volunteer management system, which enables us to utilise volunteers more wisely, free up staff and volunteers to work on additional projects, and engage more people in more volunteering across our communities.

**US members donated over 500 Arba Minim** ('lulav and etrog') sets to us after Sukkot, which we were able to reuse and recycle. The plastic covers were saved from landfill for re-use; we made the hadassim (myrtle) into besamim (spice) packs for Havdalah and we composted the rest.



**We continue to meet our Care Coordinators** every quarter to support them and build their network. We also provide training for volunteers, and regularly share resources, guidance and support for group leaders

**We run Jewish Visiting**, the hospital visiting and chaplaincy service for the entire Jewish community all over London and the Home Counties, and hold seminars twice a year for our Chaplains.

**We run Prison Chaplaincy,** recruiting, training and coordinating Jewish prison chaplains on behalf of HMPPS – His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service. Our Chaplains help anyone in an English or Welsh prison who declares themselves Jewish.

**In May we held a lively Annual Chesed Conference,** sharing bright ideas for communities and learning when and how to refer people for various types of additional support.

**We partner with Kisharon Langdon.** Their clients help us with essential tasks, and we provide them with opportunities to work and improve core skills such as counting and literacy.

**Our Stationery Bank** has provided 57% more school items to children living below the poverty line than last year. US members have donated 13,345 stationery items, calculators, geometry sets and exercise books valued at approximately £8500 – for which we've had 1742 requests from our 27 partner charities and schools.

**The number of guests visiting our Asylum Seeker Drop-in Centre** is growing. We have a core group of volunteers of all ages and welcome guests from a variety of new countries such as Iran, Iraq, Namibia, Kuwait and Egypt. To mark Refugee Week, we held a 'Refugees Then and Now' event, hearing from a Holocaust survivor and a former asylum-seeker guest from Nigeria.

**Our US Chesed annual toy drive** will enable at least 1140 children who receive our support to get a gift this Christmas/Chanukah season. It may be the only present they receive.



**Thanks to the Chesed Hub,** we are engaging more people in Chesed over Mitzvah Day, hosting packing sessions and facilitating toy-wrapping sessions across communities and partner charities.

**Our 'Lack Friday' campaign** on Black Friday collected hundreds of toiletries to give to our food bank recipients and asylum-seeker guests who lack basic hygiene items.

**We are holding Dorot** community-learning projects and working with Dorot's Project Sunrise to instal solar panels on our buildings, raising awareness of the Jewish values underpinning its project, as well as its environmental and financial impact.



# VISIT THE HUB

VISIT THE CHESED HUB IN BUSHEY TO HELP PACK ESSENTIAL PARCELS OR JUST TO SEE WHAT WE DO. ALL WELCOME!



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SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR  
2026 CHESED APPEAL  
15-17 MARCH!

