



**Chevra Simchas
Shabbos V'Yom Tov**

CSSY DONOR APPRECIATION REPORT

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Letter from Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you to every individual who participated in the CSSY's Be There campaign. Thank you for Being There for our Crown Heights community. Every dollar you donated sent a powerful message to hundreds in our community, assuring them they are not alone.

As a community, we need to Be There for each other. We need to look out for our neighbors and friends. Should you know anyone in need, we urge you to contact CSSY, allowing us the privilege of Being There for them.

Collectively, our hearts are focused on the current events in Israel, where our brothers and sisters grapple with the pain of loss or anxiously await the safe return of their loved ones. At the same time, we must not forget the struggles and pain faced by members of our own community. We must show up and support our own community, strengthening each individual and making a collective difference.

Your partnership with CSSY lifts those in need in our own daled amos. Thank you for your friendship and support today and always.

With sincere wishes for good health, success, nachas and true happiness. May you always be on the giving end, and may we have only good news to share.

Thank you! Thank you!

Benzion Stock
Executive Director - CSSY

Chanukah Toy Drive

In honor of Chanukah, hundreds took part in CSSY's annual Chanukah toy drive, which distributed brand-new toys to children in the Crown Heights community to ensure every child could feel the lichtigkeit and simcha of Chanukah.

Organized in the merit of a refuah shelaima for Schneur Zalman Ben Rendel, the response from the community was overwhelming, and we thank every person who participated. A special thank you goes to the Archers Project for their substantial toy donation.

Through the generosity and achdus of the Crown Heights community, hundreds of



children choose a beautiful, brand-new toy just for them. Each child also received Chanukah gelt, as is the Chabad minhag.

Thank you for bringing smiles to so many children's faces this Chanukah.

Helping Put Food on the Table since 1977

Have you ever wondered how CSSY puts food on the table? CSSY's food voucher program distributes weekly food vouchers, feeding families in Crown Heights. These vouchers can be used at participating local grocery stores, allowing recipients to shop and choose the food their family eats and enjoys. This program maintains the dignity of each person and is considered one of the highest forms of tzedakah; you don't know the recipient, and the recipients don't know you. As basic food and essentials continue to rise, more and more people are turning to CSSY for help.

Your generosity makes these programs a success.



CSSY is There

- The teen struggling with her mental health.
- The father in recovery for his addiction.
- The hardworking single mother who struggles to put food on the table.
- The elderly couple who cannot work.
- The family with unexpected medical expenses, which made a regular shabbos meal too expensive for them.
- The couple in dire need of therapy to save their marriage.

3 Months - CSSY by The Numbers

900 Emails were received.



1250 Calls received.



6 Teens in residential rehab received support and care.



25 friends reached out to get help for others.



\$168,000 Money distributed in food vouchers.



40 New request for food vouchers.



Leave your legacy for the Crown Heights Community!

Continue to help our Crown Heights Community for generations to come

Remember CSSY in your will and estate planning

Crown Heights Chevra Simchas Shabbos V'Yom Tov

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A Peek at our Inbox



Dear Benji,
as you know my husband and I are on a very fixed income, I can't thank you enough for the weekly food vouchers you send us, it has been a lifeline, without it, I don't know if we would be able to have two Shabbos meals. I hope one day we can give back to CSSY.
Sara D.



Benjy - I don't know how to express my deepest gratitude for the support you provide to our family. Your advice and financial assistance during this challenging time has been a guiding light. Your care has made all the difference for our daughter, and I am profoundly thankful.
With heartfelt appreciation,



Dear Benjy and Mendel, seeing the smiles on my children's faces as they picked out their Chanukah gifts was priceless.
Thank you and the generous donors for making this Chanukah toy drive happen. The joy it brought to my family, especially my children, is immeasurable. The fact that the kids could pick out their dream toys made the experience feel like a special trip to a toy store.

Thank you for spreading kindness and brightening our Chanukah May your organization continue to bring joy and hope to many more families in the future.

Shabbos Angels



Every preschooler knows the song "The Shabbos angels are peeking through my windows..." and the peaceful Shabbos scenes that the song brings to mind: Mommy bentching light and Tatty going to shul. Presumably, there is also yummy fresh food in the house that Mommy will serve and sweet treats for the children on Shabbos afternoon.

It, therefore, often comes as a solemn surprise to many Crown Heightsers that for 150 families in our community, Shabbos treats are a luxury that their children can only dream of. Some families can barely afford fresh fish or a cheap cut of meat in honor of Shabbos.

That's where our very own "Shabbos Angels" come into play. Under this

program, CSSY distributes \$140 food vouchers (at least) every week to over 100 families. This special initiative brings the peace-of-mind and beauty of Shabbos to struggling Crown Heights families so that every child could enjoy the sweet taste of Shabbos.

The “Shabbos Angels” is sustained by members of the Crown Heights community who commit to contributing tzedakah every Erev Shabbos on a recurring basis. \$1, \$5, \$10, \$18 or more, fulfilling the tremendous mitzvah of giving

tzedakah before Shabbos. Every dollar goes straight to your neighbor’s, friend’s, or relative’s Shabbos table.

Give the gift of Shabbos!

Join today- Become A Shabbos Angel

**www.cssy.org/Shabbosangels
or call 718-774-5270**