5787 *Empty Your Pockets* TZEDAKAH CAMPAIGN

Each year the Tikkun Olam Coordinating Committee is charged with deciding how to allocate High Holidays tzedakah that year. The decision is never easy, as there are so many worthy candidates. As in the past, we invited recommendations from the whole community and received many suggestions. We wish we could contribute to all of them, but to make our contributions meaningful, we narrow it down to five organizations whose work aligns strongly with our values as a congregation.

Here are the organizations we're supporting in 5787. This year, Or Shalom's donations will be made in memory of Dr. Marianne Rev z"l, a beloved member of our community.

BATTERED WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICES (BWSS)

Local, social justice, women

BWSS provides education, advocacy, and support services to assist all victims and survivors in their aim to work towards the elimination of gender-based violence and to work from a feminist perspective that promotes gender equity**.** BWSS provides critical data, research, and policy analytics to grassroots and community-based organizing campaigns.

YOUTH CLIMATE CORPS – *Local, environment*

Youth Climate Corps develops the climate leaders of tomorrow by training a workforce of young people who are paid a living wage and learn how to work together, communicate powerfully, and get things done on projects that contribute to climate resilience in communities across BC. YCCBC is a non-profit program that builds on youth leadership to foster climate resilience and a livable, low carbon future, and invites the youth of BC to mobilize.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICIANS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (CAPE) – *Local, health, social justice, environment*

Climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss directly impact the health of our communities, especially vulnerable populations. Their collective action prevents illness, reduces healthcare costs, and builds resilient communities for generations to come. They unite health professionals and science to confront interconnected environmental and health injustices; driving systemic change through advocating for stronger policies at all governmental levels and creating greater public awareness. This charity was deeply important to Marianne Rev, who championed **CAPE** to the end of her life.

KÍLALA LELUM – *Local, Indigenous, health*

Kílala Lelum (Urban Indigenous Health and Healing Cooperative) partners Indigenous Elders with inner-city physicians and allied health professionals to provide physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual care to the community in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

NEW ISRAEL FUND CANADA – *Israel*

New Israel Fund of Canada (NIFC) advances democracy, equality, and human rights in Israel and areas under its authority by supporting organizations working for social and economic justice, religious freedom, shared society, anti-racism, and the equality and inclusion of Palestinian citizens. Through funding, capacity building and advocacy, NIFC helps create lasting change on the ground while engaging Canadian Jews on the critical issues facing Israeli society.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT WAY TO FULFILL THE MITZVAH OF TZEDAKAH THIS HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON?

A donation to the Or Shalom Tzedakah Fund is a perfect way! In the tradition of "emptying your pockets" before entering the sanctuary for Kol Nidre, there will be a basket onsite for cash donations.

Even better, you can donate online via the Or Shalom website. Choose the Tzedakah Fund dropdown option in the Donations section of our home page.

Thank you so much for Emptying Your Pockets!

No donation is too small … or too big!