



What is special about Kedem? Tikkun Olam is a core value of Kedem, and underpins our social action commitment.

How about joining with me to initiate and coordinate Tikkun Olam projects? There are no meetings to commit too. Kind wishes, Sylvie Jonas, Tikkun Olam coordinator **Email:** kedem.tikkun.olan@gmail.com **Mobile:** 0413 223 102

TIKKUN OLAM PROJECTS:

HIGH HOLY DAYS - MAZON BAGS

I would like to thank Susan Kohn for coordinating both the Mazon bin and Mazon bags for the last three years. Thanks also go out to Kedem members who support this important project. It shows your commitment to Tikkun Olam.

As in previous years we will be distributing Mazon Bags throughout the Yamim Noraim. Please pick up a bag either before or after a Service. There is a list of suggested non-perishable food items on the front of the bag. It is important to make sure the items have plenty of 'use by' date on them.

There is also a yellow and red Mazon Bin brought out at each Service. Groceries from both the Mazon bin and bags go directly to **Christ Church Community Centre, St. Kilda**, for their emergency relief pantry.

Assistance needed: We are looking for a person or couple to coordinate with Susan the emptying of the Mazon bin and take responsibility for ensuring the Mazon bags are delivered to Christ Church Community Centre. For more information please contact: **Susan Kohn: 0408 349 292** or Sylvie

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING

CLEAN BLANKETS, MEN'S COATS & JACKETS for homeless people in St Kilda and the western suburbs.

Donated items are being distributed by:

The Avalon Centre, 1936 Malvern Road, Malvern East – 9569 2240 <http://avaloncentre.org.au/>

As at 01 August 2017 – Our stats are: 44 coats / jackets & 17 blankets have distributed.

Either bring items to Kedem services or contact: **Sylvie** to arrange an alternate drop-off / pick-up address.

MITZVAH DAY (Early notice) – Sunday 19 November 2017

As part of Kedem's contribution to Mitzvah Day we will be collecting:

Sunglasses and prescriptions glasses to go to isolated villages in PNG.

I'd like to than Rakhel Ward for putting me in contact with Yolonde Entsch in Cairns, who volunteers on a YWAM Medical Ship. (<https://ywamships.org.au/>)

YWAM is committed to providing high quality primary health care to the people living in remote and isolated villages in Papua New Guinea. This charity is run completely by volunteers and relies heavily on donations.

One of the clinics, optometry, is always popular. Volunteers test distance and reading vision, prescribing glasses as needed. Cataracts and pterygiums are common - sunglasses are offered and gratefully received. Sunglasses, new and loved, are desperately needed as they are one item given out sparingly and one that is always requested by locals.

Please check the back of your drawers in the office, factory, home and car glovebox. Pull out the glasses that you no longer need and donate them on Mitzvah Day. Pick up / drop off information will be provided closer to the day.

BOOKS 4 PNG KIDS - www.books4pngkids.org

Do you have any pre-loved children's books in good condition? **No text books please.**

The books will be forwarded, free of charge to remote villages in PNG.

Please bring any books along to our services. If you are not a regular attendee but would like to contribute books, please contact: **Judy Rassaby on 0419 315 248** to discuss collection.

The Kedem community acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and offer our respects to the elders past and present. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.