



Tikkun Olam is a core value of Kedem and underpins our social action commitment.

I'd like to thank Kedem members who have supported and encouraged me to continue the coordination of Kedem's Tikkun Olam program for the past 18 months. I will be standing down from this position at the end of 2017, as I have taken up a role on the Kedem Board.

We are now looking for a person / people to continue the coordination of Tikkun Olam. If you are interested or would like more information please contact:

Sylvie Jonas: 0413 223 102 / kedem.tikkun.olan@gmail.com or Jim Cyngler, President on 0412 108 390

MITZVAH DAY 2017 – Thank you

As part of Kedem's contribution to Mitzvah Day we collected approximately:

350 NEW & PRE-LOVED PRESCRIPTION GLASSES & SUNGLASSES

to help protect the eyes of villagers in desperate need of glasses who live in remote and isolated villages in PNG. The total of 350 is phenomenal! I'd like to thank Kedem members, friends of members and the broader community who have enthusiastically supported this project.

On Wednesday 22 November I delivered approximately 100 pairs of glasses to the office of Kelly O'Dwyer MP. Thank you to those people who took glasses directly to Kelly's office. Staff in the office will arrange to send the glasses directly to Yolonde Entsch in Cairns. Yolonde will make sure the glasses make their way to a YWAM Medical ship headed for PNG. Yolonde sends everyone at Kedem a big, 'Thank you'.

Kelly O'Dwyer's office is keen to keep in contact with Kedem and are happy to support us in other Tikkun Olam initiatives. More news to follow.

The AVALON CENTRE

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

6 of us volunteered at the Avalon Centre on Mitzvah Day. Our task was to sand and varnish outdoor furniture. Not only did we work together as a great team, with much merriment and gusto, we also agreed that helping Debbie out on the day was a rewarding experience. Debbie is a remarkable woman.

ONGOING KEDEM TIKKUN OLAM PROJECTS:

MAZON BIN

Please consider bringing along to our Services a non-perishable food item with plenty of 'use by' date. A yellow and red Mazon Bin is brought out at each Service. The groceries go directly to **Christ Church Community Centre, St.Kilda**, for their emergency relief pantry. Please contact: **Susan Kohn: 0408 349 292**

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 donate books, please contact: **Judy Rassaby: 0419 315 248**

SUNGLASSES NEW & PRE-LOVED PRESCRIPTION GLASSES

We are going to continue collecting sun/glasses throughout the year. For more information please phone: **Katie Valentine: 0450 288 429**

VAJEX (Victorian Association of Jewish ex-servicemen and women)

Representing Kedem, I will continue my affiliation with VAJEX. Whenever possible I'll arrange volunteers to drive elderly war veterans to Commemoration Services. For more information please contact: **Sylvie**

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.