



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

The Kedem Board is looking for a person or people to coordinate our Tikkun Olam program. If you would like more information please contact: Sylvie Jonas: 0413 223 102 or Jim Cyngler, President on 0412 108 390

**Our association with the AVALON CENTRE continues  
1939 Malvern Road, Malvern East – 9569 2240 / <http://avaloncentre.org.au>**

### **NEW PROJECT**

#### **BATH TOWELS FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULT TIMES**

We are now starting to collect **bath towels**, in good condition for people experiencing homelessness. Debbie Holmes, coordinator at the centre has told me that often people experiencing homelessness don't have a bath towel. Please check your linen press to see if you have one or two spare towels.

In the past we have collected men's clothing and blankets which the Avalon Centre have distributed.

Kedem has limited storage space at KDS but could probably accommodate small bundles at a time for me to bring back to my home. If you don't come along to Services but would like to contribute please contact: **Sylvie Jonas: 0413 223 102** to arrange an alternate drop off point.

#### **SUNGLASSES NEW & PRE-LOVED PRESCRIPTION GLASSES**

Throughout 2018 we will continue to collect prescription glasses & sunglasses for distribution to people living in remote and isolated villages in Papua New Guinea.

The office of the Hon Kelly O'Dwyer MP, Federal Member for Higgins has agreed to continue their association with Kedem's Tikkun Olam project and will ensure the glasses are sent to Cairns, free of charge. Yolonde Entsch in Cairns, wife of the Hon Warren Entsch, Federal Member for Leichhardt volunteers on a YWAM ship (<https://ywamships.org.au>) and will make sure the glasses go to people who are in desperate need.

The charity is run completely by volunteers and relies heavily on donations. A labelled box is brought out at each of our Service for the collection of glasses. For more information please phone: **Katie Valentine: 0450 288 429**

#### **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](http://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**

*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.*