

Chasdei Shmully

This fund bears the name of Rabbi Shmully Moskowitz, a unique and wonderful human being who possessed both great wisdom and compassion.

Shmully's extensive knowledge spanned many areas including talmud, mathematics, sciences and philosophy. Shmully was a gifted teacher and story teller. While Shmully was brilliant and profound, he could discuss and convey ideas on any topic to any person regardless of their intellectual level. He loved learning and he loved sharing this love through conversation. When he was with another person he would not just bring to bear his great intellect and erudition, but his full being. In turn he would make you engage more deeply on a given topic. There was a special warmth and kindness in his smile; and of course there was a lot of laughter! He truly cared about people and humanity and was a very empathetic person.

For Shmully, the focus on the needs of others was a constant part of his conscious thoughts. In almost every conversation, Shmully would discuss the question of what could be done to better the lives of others. This desire to help others arose from the way Shmully viewed himself in relation to the rest of G-d's creations. For Shmully, there was no good reason to distinguish between his own personal needs and those of the rest of humanity. That is why Shmully would have no hesitation handing someone money or providing them with other forms of assistance if he thought they needed it more than he did. He also believed helping others should be done with the utmost respect and in a discreet, non-attention grabbing manner. Shmully's greatest heartache was the knowledge that no matter how much he could do; there would still be so many people in tremendous need. We believe that Shmully would have liked knowing that other people were motivated by his memory to help others.

In his memory we have created Chasdei Shmully. The fund was launched during the High Holiday appeals in multiple synagogues in the Seward Park neighborhood. Shmully served as a force of bringing the community to come together for Chesed. Chasdei Shmully is a sub-fund of the existing Nathan Etkin Chesed Fund. Shmully's fund makes sure that our local families have the means to buy daily groceries and make Shabbat and Holiday purchases. For Pesach alone we helped over 30 families have a beautiful holiday.

100% of all donations go to our identified recipients. The fund is very careful about privacy and the dignity of every person we help. There are no overhead or operating expenses taken from any donations.

Please make your check payable to "The Chesed Fund" and in the memo write "Chasdei Shmully." Checks should be mailed to:

The Chesed Fund c/o BCMH 5145 S. Morgan St. Seattle, WA 98118