

קייק אהבת תורה Woodside Synagogue 9001 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910

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Dear R' Nechemia, Yad Yehuda team, and community members,

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Immediate Past Presidents Menachem Gottlieb Noah Hochstadt Bernard Lipman It is an honor to pen these lines to share the importance, the necessity, and the impact of Yad Yehuda of Greater Washington.

Yad Yehuda was quietly born to help a few in need, and has slowly developed into a dominant chesed organization within our community. Whether with a loan, a one-time grant, a regular stipend, *tomchai shabbos*, or the Kosher food pantry, Yad Yehuda has become a vital, and essential lifeline for community members in need of financial assistance.

I have been privileged to work closely with the Yad Yehuda team to help evaluate the needs of families within my Shul, and greater community who find themselves in crisis. Everything happens in a timely fashion, with the utmost respect for the family's privacy, and specific needs.

As we watch our community blossom, at the very same time, the needs of our neighbors and friends increase as well. Yad- Yehuda is a most worthy institution that needs the support of our community, to give back to our community.

We are all witnessing something incredible happening with the emergence of Yad Yehuda, and we can each be a part of a growing organization that is helping our neighbors, friends, acquaintances, and shul members.

Thank you to Nechemia Mond, and all the volunteers of Yad Yehuda for your tireless efforts on behalf of the multitude of people you help. Mazel Tov on this wonderful accomplishment, and may you continue to see abundant success, and enormous siyata d'shmayia in all your holy work.

with much hakaras hatov,

Moshe Walter