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Dear Community Member:

We are all really excited about the important *Chesed* Project initiated by Bob and Judy Hellman. The 13th Annual St. Louis Jewish Community Blood Drive will take place at our shul on Sunday, January 12, 2020 from 10:00am until 4:00pm. In addition to the blood drive we will be collecting non-perishable items on behalf of the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry.

A message from Elianna Dryer & her family to the community:

"If you're trying to decide if you have the time or desire to come out and give blood, I urge you to donate. In my family's recent experience, the support we have received has been beyond helpful, and we are thankful. A question that we are often asked by others is, "What can I do?" This is something you can do. You can donate blood - and you can donate more than once a year. There are many reasons a person may need blood or platelets, and you have the opportunity and ability to help those people. Giving blood is an altruistic and selfless act, and it upholds our values as Jews and as people. I ask that if you are able, please help other people like many helped me. Whatever your blood type, you are important and your blood can help. Ronald Reagan once said, "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." I ask that you help someone by participating in the Young Israel blood drive this year."

Of course, the Red Cross will have its professional staff present to help us organize ourselves efficiently and take care of all of the "medical" aspects of the day, from blood testing, through donations, safe disposal of medical instruments and donor recovery. But those of us who are not in the medical profession still have important and key roles to play.

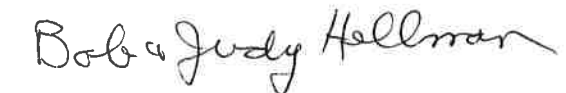
Join in the fun, enjoy the camaraderie and become a part of something for which we can all be proud. Let's encourage our high school students to participate in the day as donors and workers too. Parental permission is required for sixteen year old donors; anyone seventeen years and older is eligible to donate blood on their own. Everyone is required to bring a photo ID to donate.

Please contact Judy or Bob Hellman at 862-8432 or jrhellman@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.

"He who saves one life is as if they have saved an entire world." (Mishnah, Sanhedrin)

Thank you very much. *Tizku Le Mitzvot.*

Sincerely,


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