

LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROJECTS:

Thank you for participating in our service project kit initiative! Mugs of Love provide recipients with nice-to-have items needed to feel confident and valued. This exemplifies the Jewish value of compassion, which in Hebrew is *chemla*. Members of our greater community experience homelessness and by making these kits, you are able to show compassion and make them feel cared for.

DID YOU KNOW?

Facts About Homelessness:

- In the US, 95 million people (or about 1 in 3) have housing problems such as payments too of large a percentage of their income, overcrowding, poor quality of the shelter, and homelessness. (*Repair the World Facilitator's Toolkit*)
- Over the course of a year, 750,000 – 1,000,000 children are homeless in America – approximately 25% of the homeless population. (*Repair the World Facilitator's Toolkit*)

A JEWISH LENS:

The *Tanakh*, or Bible, contains a variety of books, including the Book of Prophets. Zechariah's teachings are just one chapter within this book. Particularly, Zechariah speaks about compassion for others as a means to redemption.

Thus said G-d: Execute true justice; deal loyally and compassionately with one another. -Zechariah 7:9

By putting together these kits, we are expressing the Jewish value of Compassion into action by recognizing the needs of others, both physical and emotional.

CONSIDER THIS:

- What does it mean to see yourself in another person?
- How do you want others to see you?
- In what ways can you show loyalty and compassion to others?