



LEARN MORE ABOUT THESE PROJECTS:

Thank you for participating in our service project kit initiative! These pencil cases provide essential items for individuals to thrive, embodying the Jewish value of *kehillah*, or community. By making these kits, you help individuals facing homelessness feel seen, cared for, and prepared for their day.

DID YOU KNOW?

Facts About Homelessness:

- Approximately 15% of U.S. citizens (about 47.5 million) live in poverty, with one-third under age 18.
(Repair the World's Facilitator Toolbox)
- 13% of Jewish Baltimore relies on public assistance. *(The Associated 2020 Community Study)*

A JEWISH LENS:

Reb Nachman of Breslov, an 18th-century Hasidic rabbi, taught that all Jews can speak to Gd like a friend. His wisdom remains relevant today:

"It is a good thing for friends...to give encouragement to each other." -Reb Nachman of Breslov

By assembling these kits, we put *kehillah* into action—helping friends and neighbors access basic needs.

CONSIDER THIS:

- What does community mean to you?
- How do you like to be encouraged?
- In what ways can you build community with others?