

## A Letter from the Editor

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Dear Readers,

It is hard for me to believe that it has been 6 years since the inception of Chidushei Torah @NDS. I take such pride in my association with this publication. The quality of the articles is so impressive. The requests for copies of each volume keep growing. I appreciate and respect the responsibility of Chief Editor entrusted to me by Yossi Tsuria. The authors and editors that I have met have become treasured friends. I feel so blessed, to be employed at NDS where Torah and Avodah are united.

As always my job is made much easier by the contributions made by the editors and mentors. I extend my appreciation to David Imber, Yochay Lachish, Lior Festinger, Eli Farkas, Michael Har-Even, Chaim Mayerson, Shabtai Atlow and Yitzchak Zuriel for their devotion and time to this special project. Of course, to the authors, with their fresh and intelligent ideas, there are not enough words to say thank you. As always a special note of gratitude to my husband, Reuven for his ongoing support and encouragement for all my projects.

It should be known, however, that there is much more Torah at NDS. There are several Mincha minyanim everyday, now, also including fast days with a Sefer Torah. In the winter there is also a Minyan for Maariv. Several private shiurim take place early in the morning or during lunch hours. There is a public candle lighting ceremony every evening during Chanukah. We are a Torah community.

The Mitzvah of Tzedakah at NDS is thriving. There is a recycle drive for deposit cans and plastic bottles and the proceeds are donated to a very worthy cause. Blood donation drives are sponsored every 3 months. The level of participation is outstanding. Our travelers and our vacationers bring in their hotel and airplane giveaways of soaps, shampoos, etc., and they are distributed to women's shelters. Of course, there is our MATAN campaign. Tens of thousands of shekels are given to many charitable foundations including Ahavat Rivka. Ahavat Rivka

has been “adopted” by NDS. Not only has NDS made donations of restored computers but, several of our employees have volunteered to tutor the young residents of the area to learn computer skills. The lessons give these below poverty level students the opportunity to keep up with their more advantaged classmates. NDS and the employees have helped bring joy to the senior citizens of the center by providing entertainment and gifts at holidays.

I would be remiss if I did not mention how many of our employees give so generously of their time for personal volunteer commitments. I know of NDS employees who help in soup kitchens, distribute Shabbat and holiday food packages, collect clothing, volunteer at hospice, run food drives, work towards uniting Jews of all streams, assist new immigrants. The list is endless. It is no wonder that there would be a reason to publish Chidushei Torah @ NDS. People from all walks of life give selflessly and walk their individual Torah paths.

With all the troubles in our time, I am proud to say that there is unity, harmony and generosity at NDS. May you all be blessed for your efforts on behalf of your brothers and sisters.

May God shine His countenance upon us and may we all be blessed with the very best in life - good health, happiness, success, prosperity and peace. May we continue to help one another.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Chaya B. Grodner  
Editor-in-Chief