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HURRICAN KATRINA
NEWSLETTER

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RESPONSES TO KATRINA:

Organizations that need our support

“You are not required to complete the work, neither are you at liberty to abstain from it.”
(Pirke Avot)

CANADIAN

Canadian Red Cross (www.redcross.ca) 1-200-418-1111

Canadian Food for the Hungry (www.cfh.ca or 1-800-667-0605) is trucking in care kits to Louisiana that will be distributed to those in need, by local churches in New Orleans and surrounding communities.

JEWISH

The Union of Reform Judaism (urj.org/relief/katrina or 212-452-6526) has opened its disaster relief fund to aid congregations and communities affected by the hurricane.

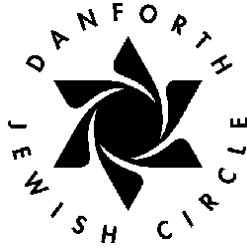
The B'nai B'rith (www.bnaibrith.org or 1-888-388-4224) has raised more than \$2 million in the last decade alone to help victims throughout the United States and around the world.

LOCAL GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS

(Run by and accountable to low-income communities and people of colour)

Below are just a few grass roots organizations providing direct relief to those impacted by Katrina. For a list of non-profit organizations trying to maintain services in the region for low-income advocacy, public schools, victims of domestic violence, lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgendered youth and other key communities services, see the web site of the Sparkplug Foundation (katrina.mayfirst.org).

ACORN (www.acorn.org), the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, is the U.S.'s largest community organization of low- and moderate income families, working together for social justice and stronger communities. ACORN is co-ordinating a massive response to find housing for its 9,000 displaced members.



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FELIC (Family and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children): "Come and help us walk through the shelters, find people, help folks apply for assistance, figure out what needs they have, match folks up with other members willing to take people in." For more information, contact familiescantwait@yahoo.com.

If you need more information or resources, e-mail me at djcrabbi@yahoo.ca.

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