

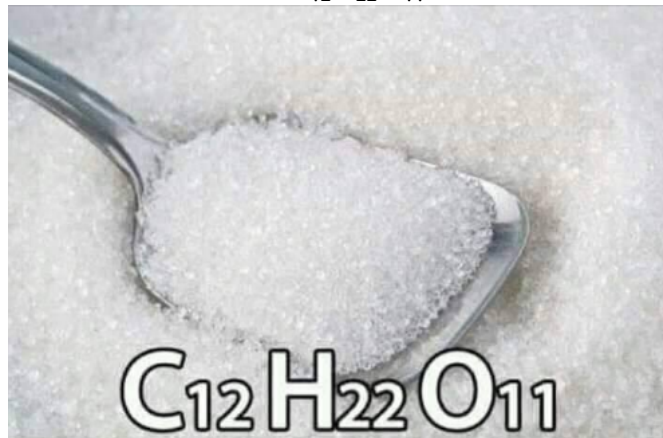
I'm wondering if the tradition of eating foods fried in oil during Hanukkah was started by a heart surgeon! 🙄

[from Jim Adler]

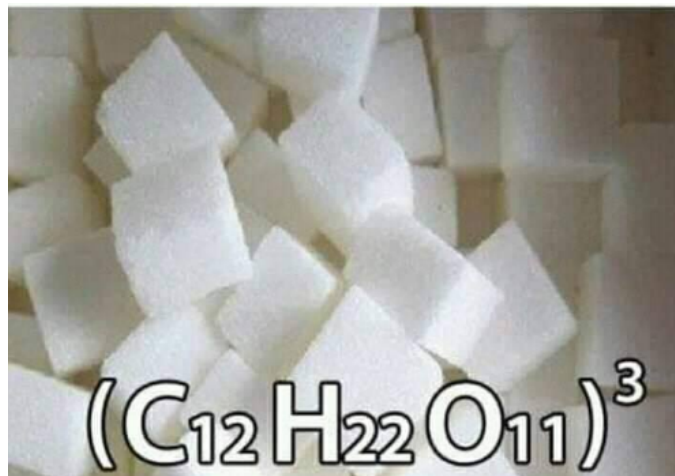
During a special prayer time a leader was laying hands on those in need and praying for them. One man came up and was asked him what he needed prayer for. He said for his hearing. Immediately the preacher spit on his fingers, put them in the man's ears and began shouting prayers for healing. He asked him, "How's your hearing?"

The man said, "I don't know. It's not until next Tuesday."

table sugar = sucrose  
=  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$



[Sugar. But, do you know what this is ...?]



[cubed from Andrea Robinson]



[Last week about unfaithful servant who justified his sloth and non-cooperation by believing lies ... about his Master.]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 25:31

”כְּאֲשֶׁר יָבוֹא בְּרִהְאָדָם בְּכְבוֹדוֹ וְכָל הַמַּלְאָכִים אִתּוֹ,

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, accompanied by all the angels,

### Son of man?

The idiom is thoroughly Hebraic and has no counterpart in Greek culture. The "Son of Man" is a Messianic title that refers to the supra-natural figure from heaven who establishes a kingdom on the earth.

Dan 7:13-14 “I kept watching the night visions, when I saw, coming with the clouds of heaven, someone like a son of man. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. To him was given rulership, glory and a kingdom, so that all peoples, nations and languages should serve him. His rulership is an eternal rulership that will not pass away; and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

David Flusser, Orthodox Jewish scholar and professor at Hebrew University, explains,

For first-century Jews the "Son of Man" is Daniel's divine redeemer in human form.

Flusser: “In all of the sources, the one resembling a man is portrayed in a consistent manner. The Son of Man has a superhuman, heavenly sublimity. He is the cosmic judge at the end of time. Sitting upon the throne of God, judging the entire human race with the aid of the heavenly hosts, he will consign the just to blessedness and the wicked to the pit of hell. Frequently he is identified with the Messiah, but he can also be identified with Enoch, who was taken up into heaven.”

[<http://www.blainerobison.com/bible2-matt/mattnotes25.htm>]

Mattityahu (Matthew) 25:31

יָשֵׁב עַל כִּסֵּא כְבוֹדוֹ

He will sit on his **glorious throne**.

**then He will sit:** Grk. *kathizō*, to take a seated position in order to assume a position of authority. **On His glorious throne:** This throne corresponds to the "judgment seat of the Messiah" (2Cor 5:10) before which "we" must all stand.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 25:31

וַיֵּאסְפוּ לִפְנֵיו כָּל הַגּוֹיִים.

All **the nations** will be assembled before Him,

*Ethnos, goyim*, neutral terms. Jews and all the other nations.

[Ex 19.6 Israel is called “goy kadosh”

*Overwhelms the imagination. All the billions. 7,670,027,111 at 11:28 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018.*

*Quite the sound system!*

*Envision the imagery: Son of Man, seated on His glorious throne, ALL nations]*

Mattityahu (Matthew) 25:32

אֲזַי יִפְרִידֵם זֶה מִזֶּה כְּרוֹעֵה הַמִּפְרִיד אֶת הַכֹּבָשִׁים מִן הָעִזִּים

and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates **sheep from goats**.

Mattityahu (Matthew) 25:33

ה וַיִּצִיב אֶת הַכֹּבָשִׁים לְיְמִינוֹ וְאֶת הָעִזִּים לְשְׂמֹאלוֹ.

“The sheep he will place at his right hand and the goats at his left.”

**Right and left??**

[*Kohelet 10.2 The heart of the wise is to his right, and the heart of the fool is to his left.*]

<sup>1 K 2.19</sup> So Bat-Sheva went to King Shlomo to speak to him on behalf of Adoniyah. The king rose to meet her and bowed down to her. Then he sat down on his throne and had a throne set up for the king’s mother, so that **she sat at his right**.

<sup>T'hillim/Ps 110.1</sup> Adoni says to my Lord, “**Sit at my right hand**, until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

<sup>T'hillim/Ps 45.9</sup> Daughters of kings are among your favorites; **at your right stands the queen in gold** from Ofir.

[*One of the most quoted verses in the Tanakh: 4x*

*cf. Matt. 22:44; Acts 2:34-35; 1 Cor. 15:25; Heb. 1:13]*

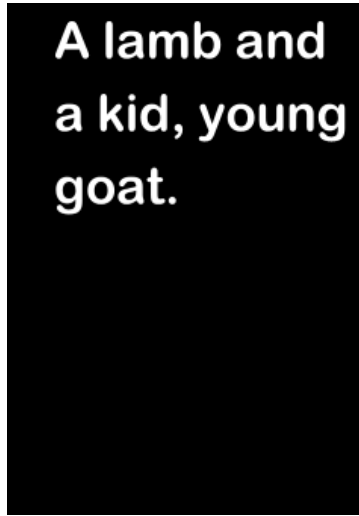
<sup>Ykhez/Ezek 34.17</sup> ‘As for you, my flock,’ Adoni Elohim says this: ‘I will judge between sheep and other sheep, between rams and billy-goats.

Why sheep and goat imagery?





[<http://www.sheep101.info/sheepandgoats.html>]



A lamb and a kid, young goat.



Ellis family goat farmers in Tsipori, N. Israel

Boaz Ellis was part of Or HaOlam for a while, when he worked for Cerner. Olympic-class fencer.

Loves goats, and didn't like scriptural representation of goats as evil. Oh well.



Adi Ellis goat farm in Tsipori







Each is a distinct species and genus. Sheep have 54 chromosomes, while goats have 60.  
*[Humans have 23.]*

Most goats are naturally horned. Some goats have beards. Many breeds of sheep are **naturally hornless** (polled).

*[My cousin Lowell had a goat that just suddenly butted us, when we were petting it.*

*Are you a sheep or a goat? Lash out?]*

A goat's tail goes up (unless it is sick, frightened, or in distress). Sheep tails hang down.

Goats are naturally curious and independent, while sheep tend to be more distant and aloof. **Sheep have a stronger flocking instinct** and become very agitated if they are separated from the rest of the flock. It is easier to keep sheep inside a fence than goats.

*[Are we family loyal, or aloof? Time for solitude is real, but isolation?]*



Sheep are grazers, preferring to eat short, tender grasses and clover. Their dietary preference is broadleaf weeds, and they like to graze close to the soil surface.

*[<https://www.flickr.com/photos/baalands/2454731081/>]*

Goats are natural browsers, preferring to eat leaves, twigs, vines, and shrubs. They are very agile and will stand on their hind legs to reach vegetation.



[<https://www.flickr.com/photos/baalands/406356266/in/photostream/>]

Most goats have hair coats that do not require shearing or combing. Most sheep grow woolly coats that need to be sheared at least annually.

[<http://www.sheep101.info/sheepandgoats.html>]

*Useful, even in relatively minor things.]*

Sheep are gentle, quiet, innocent animals. They do not give their shepherds a lot of problems. They are easily led. Sheep are grazers, unlike the goat, which likes to browse. Goats are rebellious. In the Bible, goats are sometimes used to symbolize evil.

[<http://www.sheep101.info/sheepbible.html>]

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[Kohélet 10.2 The heart of the wise is to his right, and the heart of the fool is to his left.]

1. Yeshua’s explanation of what qualifies a person to be considered as sheep-like and goat-like...
2. The narrative changes the title of the Judge from heavenly "Son of Man" to "King."

[<http://www.blainerobison.com/bible2-matt/mattnotes25.htm>]

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Mattityahu (Matthew) 25:34-40 **1I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; 2I was a stranger and you invited Me in; 3I was naked and you clothed Me; 4I was sick and you visited Me; 5I was in prison and you came to Me.’...I tell you, whatever you did to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’**

*[Five points of people served in compassion. Sheeplike.*

1. *Thirsty*
2. *Alienated*
3. *Unclothed*
4. *Ill health*
5. *Jailed*

*None are admirable, attractive qualities.]*

Mattityahu (Matthew) 25:46 **These shall go off to everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life.”**

Daniel 12.2 **Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake—some to everlasting life, and others to shame and everlasting contempt.**

**What is Messiah Yeshua’s qualifier that divides the sheep and the goats here? What distinguishes those welcomed as righteous and those rejected as wicked?**

**Those who serve the needy,  
who serve and bless  
the “least of these my brothers.”**

*[<http://www.blainerobison.com/bible2-matt/mattnotes25.htm>]*

**Someone might say, “I thought salvation is by faith alone.”**

**Consider, “Faith without works is dead.”]**

Proverbs 19:17 **One who is kind to the poor lends to Adoni, and Adoni will reward him for his good deed.**

Isa. 58:7 **Share your bread with the hungry...bring the homeless poor into your house...when you see the naked, to cover him.**

**Who are these needy “brothers of the King?”**

The identification of “these brothers of mine” has five possible meanings.

1. The blood siblings of Yeshua
2. His native Jewish countrymen. Fits with original calling of Avraham. Mutual blessing.

*[<http://www.blainerobison.com/bible2-matt/mattnotes25.htm>]*

1. **Restricted to Yeshua’s day. Too limited**
2. **How people treat the Jews?]**

Ber/Gen 12.2-3 **My heart’s desire is to make you into a great nation, to bless you, to make your name great so that you may be a blessing. My desire is to bless those who bless you.**

**Reciprocal blessing**

**Jews ⇌ Nations**

**[We don’t all need or want to be Jewish. We all need to be and give blessing. Sheeplike.]**

**Other possible identification of these needy “brothers of mine”**

3. Yeshua’s talmidim/disciples.
4. Jews and Gentiles who believe in Yeshua and are obedient to the will of God
5. Needy humanity.

*[<http://www.blainerobison.com/bible2-matt/mattnotes25.htm>]*

**3. Restricted to Yeshua’s day. Too limited**

**4. How people treat believers.**

**5. How people treat the needy in general.**

**Who are the brothers that we are called to serve? Primarily, at Or HaOlam?**

The vision of Or HaOlam is to **draw** Israel, and all Nations, to their covenantal identity in Messiah.

**Jewish Yeshua-ish renewal**

**fulfilling Ro. 11.15 “life from the dead to all the world”**

**[So, #2 primarily, but not exclusively. “To the Jew first” but not only to the Jew.]**

**Outreach is Yeshua’s definition of sheep-ness**

**[Let’s explore outreach.]**



A leader recently asked me why I thought his congregation was not growing. I asked him what his people did every single week to reach, invite and serve the community. His silence was his own answer. Many of us conservative believers would rather fight each other than fight against the gates of hell.

[\[https://www.charismanews.com/marketplace/74349-why-america-s-churches-are-at-a-tipping-point?utm\\_source=Charisma%20News%20Daily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=subscriber\\_id:5160390&utm\\_campaign=CNO%20daily%20-%202018-12-10\]](https://www.charismanews.com/marketplace/74349-why-america-s-churches-are-at-a-tipping-point?utm_source=Charisma%20News%20Daily&utm_medium=email&utm_content=subscriber_id:5160390&utm_campaign=CNO%20daily%20-%202018-12-10)

Is attendance important?

- Book of numbers has lots of numbers.
- B'sorot [Gospels] and Acts records numbers.

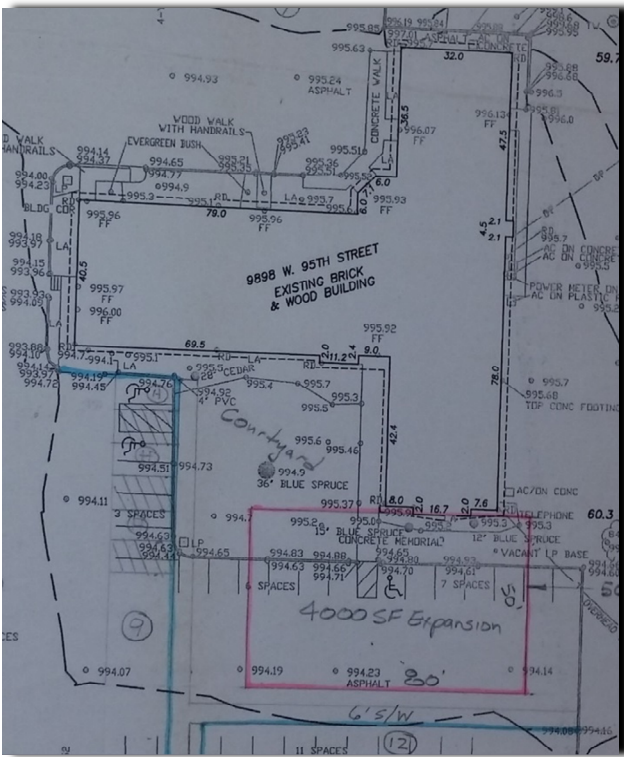
<b>Our average</b>	2011 was 155
2017 was 137	2010 was 139.
2016 was 142.	2009 was 119.
2015 was 136.	2008 was 120.
2014 was 122.	2007 was 147.
2013 was 133.	2006 was 163.
2012 was 147	

*[Many of you were here and saw this. Meaning? "150 wall?"]*

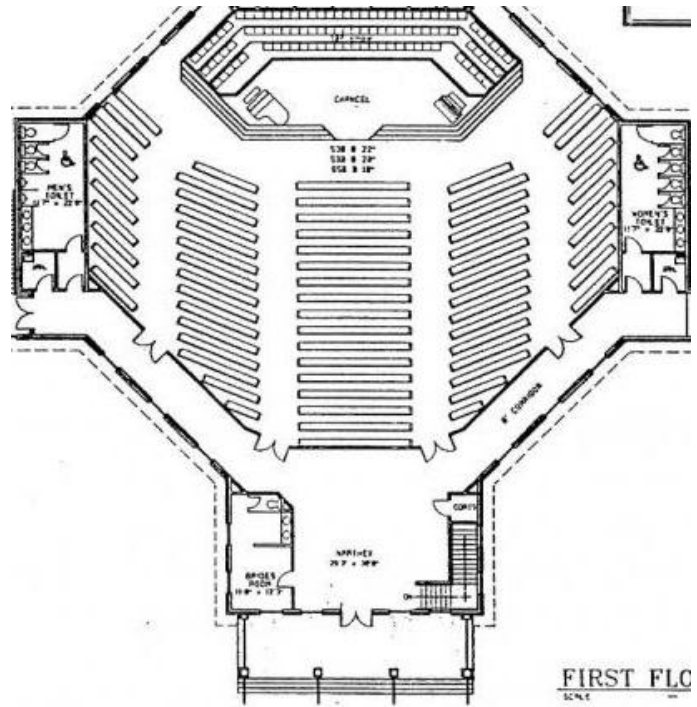
Or HaOlam leadership recently considered a building expansion as a way to break the "150 wall."  
"If you build it, they will come." Really?

A growth study: If you don't have a certain amount of space, Americans won't come – 80-85% capacity and people will turn away or not come back.

*[We considered ...]*



50 x 80 addition to the south.  
Behind where I stand.



Octagonal addition, also to the south



**Downsides to building expansion**

1. We had thought exposure, Jewish décor, handicap access, would bring growth.
2. Parking is already limited.
3. Sukkot takes up more parking.
4. Future resale of overbuilt lot.

*[So, maybe not. Then what? How to break the 150 wall?]*

**Other growth options:**

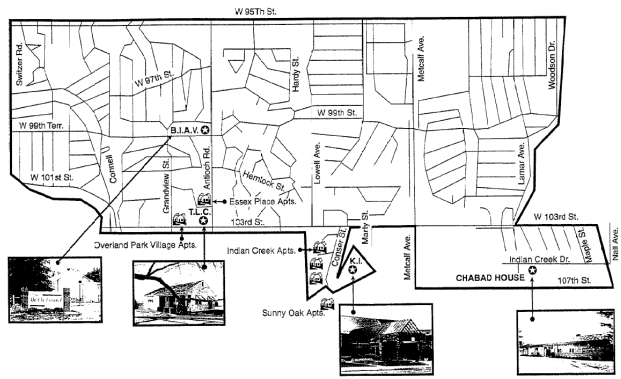
1. Two services??
2. Improve facility: children's wing
3. Expand parking. Sometimes FULL currently!!
4. Serve community.
5. Pray.

*[In the time that remains, present to you HOW to do these ...*

*Sheep-ness means outreach.]*



**Overland Park Eiruv**



Shalom Shmuel, great talking to you. I also meant to say that on prayer-drives you can do things that you can't do when walking out in the open without drawing attention to yourself – you can sing, open your Bible and quote Scriptures, and such, even blow the shofar.

*[20 people have signed up.*

*Have you?]*

There's more freedom in the car, especially in winter when no one's on the street. I pray the Lord will guide and give you MUCH fruit in a much SHORTER time than I had to wait.

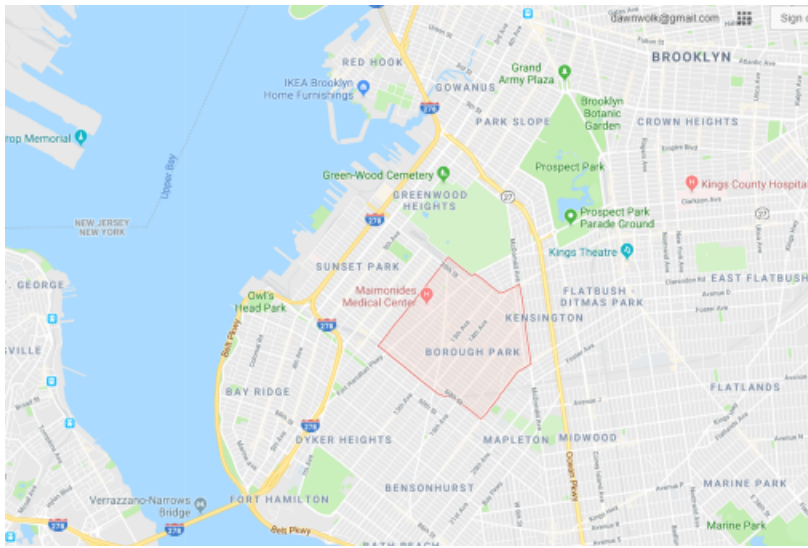
Blessings and Love in Yeshua, xxx

*[Some Eruvim ...]*



[\[http://hefkervelt.blogspot.com/2018/02/interactive-eruv-map-for-east-lakewood.html\]](http://hefkervelt.blogspot.com/2018/02/interactive-eruv-map-for-east-lakewood.html)



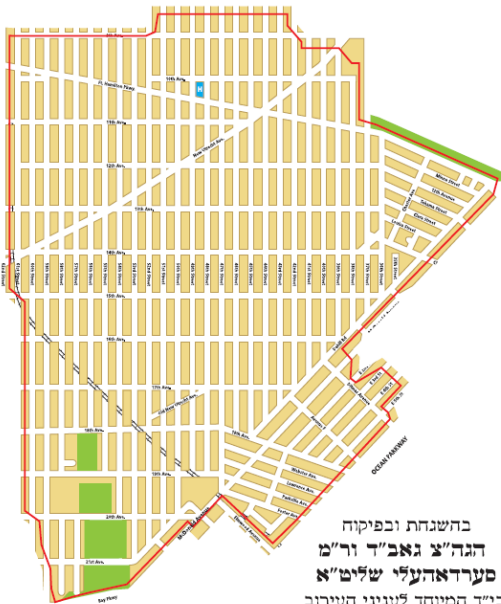


See where the two streets cross and there is a hospital to the northwest of the intersection?

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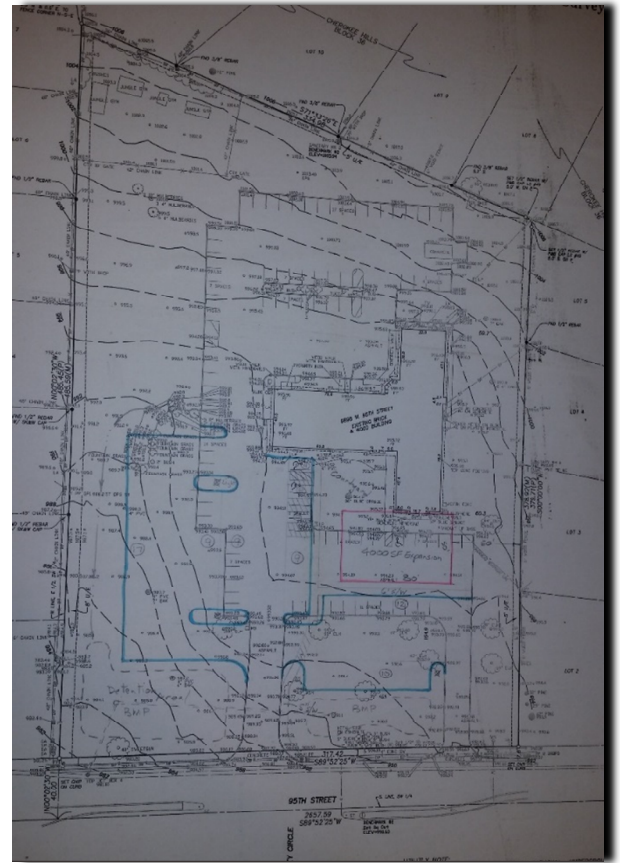
Other opportunities, follow up to prayer, for growth, for outreach, for sheep-ness

1. Upgrade children's classroom.
2. Expand parking.
3. Pay down and retire the mortgage, currently \$449,789, down from \$520,000 in July, 2016. How does that serve the community? Frees us up for everything else!!

1. Children's wing concerns:

- Window AC noisy and not that effective. Need central air. Furnace in west wing ancient.
- New doors in W wing.
- Split Nursery door
- Better sound barrier room dividers

## 2. Parking lot expansion.



### An example



- Bronze \$250-\$499
- Silver \$500-\$999
- Gold \$1000 and up





**Beit Tikvah Messianic  
Congregation  
Newcastle,  
WA  
beittikvah.us/**



Outreach strategies from Rabbi Hylan Slobodkin, **Beit Tikvah Messianic Cong.**, Newcastle, WA [suburb of Seattle] [beittikvah.us/](http://beittikvah.us/)

1. We bought an ad in our local paper for years.
2. We are on a semi-major road, so our sign gets lots of drive-by attention.
3. We also have city signs on the road with arrows pointing to turn at the next intersection.
4. I have a radio show that airs two to three times a week and has the potential to reach 50,000 homes, vehicles, radios, etc.
5. We encourage our people to participate in events at the JCC for Yom HaShoah, Purim, etc. We are involved with the local Holocaust Center for Humanity in Seattle.
6. We have an annual food drive for Jewish Family Services.

**6.5 We could host a Blood Drive**

**What the Host Provides**



- **Location.** — A large open room with enough space to ensure donor privacy.
- **Volunteers.** — For recruiting scheduling and supporting donors.
- **Donors.** — You'll need to recruit and schedule donors for your drive.

**What the Red Cross Provides**



- **Planning Assistance** — Your Red Cross representative will work with you to plan and organize the blood drive.
- **Recruitment Tools** — We'll help you determine how many donors you need and how to recruit them, including an online scheduling tools for your donors.
- **Equipment & Supplies** — We'll bring everything we need to your location, set it up and take it down at the end, including snacks and drinks.
- **Trained Staff** — Our staff will confidentially screen donors and collect donations, safely and professionally.

7. We update our website all the time and people find us online. We average 5-10 visitors every week.
8. Twice a year we offer a Getting To Know You luncheon where we invite all those who filled out visitor slips to a catered lunch where we explain our vision, mission, history, identity and destiny. We average 15-20 each time.
9. We do an annual concert in the park where we have a congregational picnic and our worship team performs on the big stage (we rent a professional sound system) and do some local advertising.
10. We printed beautiful, full-color welcome cards that we pass out at these community events.
11. I occasionally preach in churches, since I'm free on Sundays, which attracts those wishing to learn more about their Jewish roots.
12. We are members of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, and I attend the monthly luncheons and special meetings affecting our community.
13. We let local groups use our parking lot, which fosters good will.
14. We are also on the City of Newcastle list of emergency shelters. We support numerous local homeless ministries, which in turn tell their "clients" about us.



15. We print thousands of Invitation Cards and make them available in our foyer for our people to take and pass out wherever they go.
16. We have volunteered in the local elementary school in August to help teachers prepare their classrooms for the fall semester.

[https://www.citywideprayerkc.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=83&Itemid=480](https://www.citywideprayerkc.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=83&Itemid=480)

[Local “Caring for Kids” by City Wide Prayer Movement.]

#### Sheep-ness Summary:

1. Pray [Eruv]
2. Give
3. Serve

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