צדקה אחת

כלל ישראל UNITES

IN A CENTRAL צדקה PARTNERSHIP VENTURE

TO ENSURE AND SECURE כלל ישראל's

צדקה ORGANIZATIONS.

"ציון במשפט תפדה, ושביה בצדקה" (ישעי' א, כז)

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1. The purpose of the organization "**צדקה אחת**" is to **unite all of Klal Yisroel,** hundreds of thousands of Yidden worldwide, under the umbrella of a **joint צדקה effort,** in fulfillment of the פסוק – **"ציון במשפט תפדה ושביה בצדקה".**
2. **"צדקה אחת" will support the many Tzedakah**, assistance and Chesed organizations, through funding and backing, **that will enable them to achieve and accomplish what they were unable to previously** due to insufficient funding, **specifically targeting Tzedakos that lack sufficient support** to fund their wonderful work.
3. **"צדקה אחת" will assist the גדולי ישראל and מנהיגי הדור to help Klal Yisroel** via their organizations.
4. Each member, through his donation, will **receive a tremendous זכות and shares in every good deed** that will be done by each and every one of these

Tzedakah organizations at any given moment, day-in day-out, and all the ripple effects of these מעשים טובים, indefinitely.

5. By participating daily in "**צדקה אחת**", the member gets to feel that he plays an integral part in עם ישראל. Without outside consideration, he makes כל "ישראל חברים" (שופטים כ, יא) **"וְיֵעָשׂוּ כולם אגודה אחת לעשות** a reality and his mission. "כאיש אחד - בלב אחד" – **רצונך בלבב שלם"**

6. Our sages have taught us: "כל ישראל ערבים זה בזה" (שבועות לט.). Therefore, every yid really has a responsibility to partake and support all the various צדקות benefaction and חסד being done by Klal Yisroel himself. It is however, impossible for each individual to support all the different amazing צדקה causes! Yet now, by participating daily in "**צדקה אחת**" one has the opportunity to fulfill all his חיובים by means of invoking **"שלוחו של אדם כמותו"** (קידושין מא:), a messenger represents the sender himself.

7. Having the option of taking part in such a tremendous צדקה venture will lead to many Yidden, from all over and from all walks of life, becoming more committed to giving צדקה, since they can now fulfill the מצוה in the most perfect manner possible.

8. Never before was **Klal Yisroel given the opportunity** to play an active role in all vital צדקות as is available now through "**צדקה אחת**".

9. The daily support brings nonstop merits, each hour of the day, to every single member specifically, and to Klal Yisroel as a whole, especially in today's day and age, when all of **Klal Yisroel is in desperate need of merits.**

10. Member donations would be activated every Erev Rosh Chodesh, taking advantage of the day which is "זמן כפרה לכל תולדותם", a time for forgiveness for all humankind, making it possible for Tzedakah

organizations to receive monthly support, as has been the accepted custom in Klal Yisroel since time immemorial (ויקרא רבה פר' ל, א).

11. **<u>The idea of this fund is not to replace the צדקה causes one normally donates to. Rather, it is an opportunity for each Yid to additionally take part in all the wonderful and amazing מעשים טובים being performed by all the other organizations in Klal Yisroel universally.</u>**

12. צדקות in Klal Yisroel can be primarily divided into four categories:

a. Organizations of הרבצת תורה ומצוות, that spread Torah study and Mitzva fulfillment
b. Outreach to disenchanted and estranged Jews (קירוב רחוקים)
c. Multi-level assistance programs (חסד ועזרה)
d. Communal support (צרכי ציבור).

*We have compiled a sample list of organizations that come to mind, and divided them according to these four categories (see attachment I). As time goes on, we will אי"ה add additional organizations that will follow through the application process, so long as their answers satisfy the guidelines set forth by the Rabbonim of "**צדקה אחת**".*

13. All contributions will be distributed directly to the qualifying organizations listed in the above four categories, for their specific use. It is our intention that all other expenses incurred, such as advertising, management, office work, etc. will be funded independently by a group of philanthropists. As declared, **all צדקה money contributed will be strictly set aside for the organizations approved by "צדקה אחת"**, per the criteria pre-established by Torah and community leaders.

14. All **organizations reaching out for support** will have to qualify and comply with pre-established criteria. They **must accept upon themselves to use the money only** according to the conditions that were set forth between צדקה אחת and those who shall benefit from "**צדקה אחת**", and may only use the money **towards the core founding purpose for which the מוסד was originally established** (not for erecting buildings, employee perks, marketing purposes, etc.).

15. **The shared responsibility and communal participation** that unites all members **will increase the performance of the מצוה of צדקה more and more**. Every Rov in his Kehila, every Yid in his circle, will turn to his fellow acquaintances and encourage them to join "**צדקה אחת**", saying: "Have you still not joined '**צדקה אחת**'?! Aren't you going to connect with the rest of Klal Yisroel in this blessed philanthropic venture, benefiting tens of thousands of Yidden from all the multifaceted Tzedakah activities being performed in Klal Yisroel through your donation?!"

16. **It is impossible for every Yid to participate in all צדקות,** and is one able to support every cause generously; after fulfilling one's regular commitments, now, however, by participating in "**צדקה אחת**" **one is able to "secure a small share" in all צדקות that are being performed by Klal Yisroel daily**, through small percentages that comprise a large sum: "פרוטה לפרוטה מצטרפת לחשבון גדול" (ב"ב, ט, ב).

17. Ultimately, **all צדקות in Klal Yisroel supported by "צדקה אחת", will bring "returns" that** benefit each participant. As the membership numbers of "**צדקה אחת**" increase, so in turn will the benefit and merit that everyone

receives from this joint endeavor increase, to oneself, one's family, friends, acquaintances and associates.

18. Although **we all have a responsibility to express our appreciation to all the Tzedakah organizations for their tireless effort, since they are doing what we should really be doing ourselves,** now every Yid should be thrilled that he now has the opportunity to be part of this amazing Tzedakah venture enabling him to fulfill his Mitzvah of Tzedaka in such a remarkable way, by donating regularly to "**צדקה אחת**".

19. The daily membership amount of one dollar is the minimum donation, not the maximum. **Moreover, צדקה אחת should not be used to substitute or replace any donation currently being given to any charitable organization. The idea here is rather to unite Klal Yisroel around the concept of one Tzedakah – צדקה אחת",** a central and major Tzedakah organization that will help ensure the continuity of other צדקה organizations, making possible tens of thousands of acts of הרבצת תורה, chesed, צרכי ציבור and קירוב רחוקים וקרובים daily.

20. **Each member now becomes a mini "עסקן" who is involved in communal needs, "עוסק בצרכי ציבור באמונה",** earning Torah blessings mentioned in the Shabbos Mussaf prayer. The Jewish unity that will be accomplished through everyone's participation is immeasurable, as each individual Yid assists and supports all כלל ישראל, fulfilling the commandment to love your neighbor: (ויקרא יט, יח) "**ואהבת לרעך כמוך**".

21. The tremendous מצוה of everyone's significant donation **will bring merit to tip the מצוות scale of Klal Yisroel,** thus awakening the favorable

recommendation, thereby causing the gates of mercy to open for Klal Yisroel as a whole and for each individual among us.

22. This great מצוה **is the best insurance-policy and greatest protection, cheaper** than any other kind of personal or family insurance on the market. הקב"ה conducts Himself measure for measure, (משנה סוטה "מדה כנגד מדה") (א, ז), and will therefore fulfill His promise to gladden the families of those who bring joy to the impoverished, אני – (עניים) "אם אתה משמח את שלי משמח את שלך (אתה, בנך, בתך וכו')" (רש"י דברים טז, יא).

23. The many מצוות that can be performed by participating and being a member of "**צדקה אחת**" are innumerable. **Each donation encompasses all מצוות connected to צדקה in all its variations,** which are beyond our count or measure. *[A partial listing can be found in attachment I.]*

24. **As Klal Yisroel grows and expands** from day to day and from month to month *bli ayin hora*, **so do their individual, communal and infrastructure needs grow accordingly… "צדקה אחת" offers the assistance necessary to secure** the infrastructure and expansion of the Tzedakah organizations.

25. ***Fellow Yid!*** *As you open your hands and wallets to give צדקה, retain these precious words of the Vilna Gaon* משלי (י, ב) *in front of your eyes:*

"Not only is Tzedakah inherently good, it is better than anything else… there is nothing in the world that can help more than it."

"לא זו בלבד שהצדקה היא טובה בעצם, אלא היא גם
מועילה יותר מכל דבר... ואין מועיל בעולם יותר ממנה".

26. Your donation is a **certified guarantee to fulfill the מצוה of צדקה in the fullest sense of the word!**

Letter of Recommendation and מכתב ברכה

From the Rabbonim, Admorim and Roshei Yeshivos, Shlit"a

With all our heart, soul and power, we unitedly recommend to every single Yid, to undertake to become "**חבר אני לכל אשר יראוך**", and take part in "**צדקה אחת**".

"**צדקה אחת**" was founded in order to unify all of Klal Yisroel worldwide with one joint צדקה venture that will be divided amongst all the various Tzedakah organizations, supporting all the present causes. This will allow one to support the broadest range of needy Tzedakah beneficiaries, including all the good deeds being performed throughout Klal Yisroel daily.

It is impossible for every Yid to reach most צדקות, nor is one able to support every cause generously; thus, after fulfilling one's regular commitments to צדקות that are close to his heart, by participating in "צדקה אחת" one is able to "acquire a small share" in the majority of צדקות that are being performed in Klal Yisroel daily, as small coins add up to a large sum, (ב"ב, ט, ב) "פרוטה לפרוטה מצטרפת לחשבון גדול". These צדקות undoubtedly return and benefit one's own family and friends.

Indeed, we all have an obligation to express our appreciation to all the Tzedakah organizations, as they are in fact fulfilling our duties, ensuring that everything is done in the best possible way. Thus, every Yid should be thrilled that he now has an opportunity the likes of which has never been in Klal Yisroel before: to fulfill the מצוה of צדקה in a most remarkable way, by donating regularly to "צדקה אחת", whose agenda is to secure the Tzedakah organizations and assist the גדולי ישראל and מנהיגי הדור via their organizations, allowing them to accomplish that which

they have been previously unable to do, specifically Tzedakos that have little outside support.

This option will surely encourage Jews worldwide to become members in "**צדקה אחת**".

The daily membership amount of one dollar is the minimum donation, not the maximum, and is a certified guarantee to fulfill the מצוה of צדקה in the fullest sense of the word. However, this should not be used to substitute or replace any current or previous צדקה that one normally gives to any particular Tzedakah organization. This idea is rather a way of uniting Klal Yisroel around the concept of one prime central Tzedakah – "צדקה אחת", one donation that encompasses all the מצוות connected to צדקה; a chief organization that sponsors tens of thousands of acts of הרבצת תורה ומצוות, חסד, צרכי ציבור and קירוב רחוקים וקרובים. Thus, each member becomes a mini "עסקן" who is **"עוסק בצרכי ציבור באמונה",** and receives all the ברכות האמורות בתורה, as we say in Shul every Shabbos. This shared responsibility and communal partnership will surely cause a major growth in the מצוה of צדקה. As Klal Yisroel grows and expands *bli ayin hora*, so do their needs grow accordingly…

Each donor merits a great זכות daily, and feels that he is an integral part of Klal Yisroel. This is the greatest of all צדקות. With just one act of charity you are donating to all possible צדקות that exist. One earns great ongoing protection for oneself, one's family and all of Klal Yisroel, especially during this time, when all of Klal Yisroel is in desperate need of זכויות. Every ערב ראש חודש the pledges will be activated, simply supporting the approved Tzedakah organizations on a monthly basis.

Our goal is that all contributions will be transferred and distributed **only** to the organizations in the above four categories. Other expenses, such as advertising, management, office work, etc. will be funded by independent philanthropists. As declared, all donations will be strictly set aside for the organizations approved by, and according to the pre-conditions set forth by **"צדקה אחת"**, (mainly, that the grant be used strictly for the core purpose that the organization was originally founded for) as decided by גדולי ישראל ומנהיגי הציבור.

We thus call upon every fellow Jew to accept upon himself בלי נדר to partner in this project with a minimum daily donation of one dollar, [the account will be charged every Erev Rosh Chodesh]. If one can afford more, and has the ability and desire, then increase accordingly, to support the organizations of Torah, Chesed, צרכי ציבור and קירוב רחוקים וקרובים. He will then fulfill the מצוה of צדקה constantly in the most preferable manner, to the כלל and to the פרט, and brings upon himself merits to no end, and helps tip the scale of Klal Yisroel to merit.

In reward, we bless abundantly and fully all those that join in this tremendous project, which is a life insurance policy and protection, that they should merit all the ברכות mentioned in the תורה; this is the fitting שכר for all those that support תורה and keep Hashem's mitzvos, בנים ובני בנים עוסקים בתורה ובמצוות, with מזל, ברכה and הצלחה in all their endeavors.

In the זכות of this great מצוה may we merit speedily the ultimate

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