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longtime board member, and annual Super Sunday volunteer said, to him, the campaign can be summed up in three words: *tzedakah*, *mitzvah* and *philanthropy*.

He said he believes that *tzedakah* entails righteous behavior, *mitzvah* our obligation as Jews, and *philanthropy* loving one's fellow men enough to help out the less fortunate among us.

Specter said he believes in "quality" giving — people giving what they can afford to give at their own income levels. He compared his own situation to that of many other Jews here and elsewhere in the world. His own good luck, he said, has motivated him to help others.

"I am so fortunate and I realize that my good fortune is not shared by all," he said.

Seth Forman of Carrollwood was volunteering for the first time. "I've gotten two pledges so far," he said, "although one woman who gave in the past said the economy is too bad to give this year."



Lisa Robbins, Tampa JCC & Federation director of the Outreach and Engagement Initiative, gives volunteers a few pointers. Behind Robbins is Steve Specter, former Federation president.

That wasn't an unusual comment. Volunteers, however, encouraged community members to try and donate whatever they could. It all adds up.

Callers just kept trying, combating obstacles such as no answers, voice mail, caller ID and, this year, the fact Super Sunday fell on Pu-

rim when Purim carnivals were underway.

Magda and Milt Orkin of Tampa came down together to help out and took the responses as they came in good spirits.

"I've gotten two donations this morning," said Magda Orkin, "and one who said she'd consider it"

She was pleased with the results of her first efforts of the day.

Her husband said his best response so far had been a request for information to be sent through the mail. His hopes, though, remained high.

Two assistant teachers at the Jewish Community Center preschool, Lee Ann Lewkowiec and Rennee Spacone, decided to pitch in as well. Their early results were mixed, they said, but not discouraging.

"One person asked me what she gave last year," said Spacone. "She gave the same as she gave last year."

Lewkowiec said her best offer of the morning was to send a bill.

At a string of long tables off to the side sat three individuals with a different sort of job: locating "lost" donors who had either moved or changed phone numbers. Lisa and Ty Gannon have volunteered for several years. Along with their research on missing donors they were sending thank you notes to those who had given gifts. Greg Miller, also a returning volunteer,

did the same.

"We also send cards saying 'Sorry we missed you' and include a donation form," said Lisa Gannon.

In addition to going to local organizations, such as Tampa Jewish Family Services, the JCC and the Hillel School, money raised will be put to use for social service programs and humanitarian causes in Israel, and 58 other countries around the world — wherever there are Jews in need. For instance in the former Soviet Union, meager government pension plans are supplemented, helping older Jews to maintain some quality of life and pay for basics such as medicine. Campaign donations allocated through the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the Agency for Israel rescue Jews endangered in some countries and assist many in making aliyah.

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