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An Incomparable Gift

Mazel tov to Rabbi Efraim Simon of the Chabad of Teaneck on his kidney donation! I spoke to his lovely wife, and it was successful — both Rabbi Simon and his recipient, who is a father of ten, are doing well, *baruch Hashem*.

I am the one who made the kidney match. Rabbi Simon got in

touch with me after seeing a posting in his Teaneck shul for someone who needed a kidney. He ended up being a back-up donor for that person. When I had other postings, Rabbi Simon said to me, "What about me?" Rabbi Simon wants to save the world!

Rabbi Simon is a father of nine, *ka"h*. His youngest is only

two years old. His *eishes chayil* deserves credit for allowing her husband to do this — equal applause and *yasher ko'ach* to her as well!

I have spoken to other wonderful people with large families who donated kidneys, all to strangers. All are feeling great, *baruch Hashem*, with no regrets.

So many people are desperately in need of kidneys. I have no one to test for a seminary teacher, a *maggid shiur's* wife, and so many others. I am also desperately seeking someone for a 35-year-old man from Israel. He has been on dialysis for 14 years, hooked up to a machine for about 12 hours every night, and is hoping

to find someone in the U.S. to donate a kidney to him, so he can go back to Eretz Yisrael, get married, have children, and learn more Torah! He's hoping Rabbi Simon's kidney donation will spur others to do the same!

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