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Chaya Lipschutz was leafing through the Jewish Press last year when she saw a series of similar ads from people pleading for kidney transplants. "I felt like I had to do something to help these people," she said.

So Lipschutz, a **Borough Park** resident, donated a kidney to a complete stranger from Ocean, New Jersey, and since then she's been on a mission to recruit other donors. "One of the reasons I'm so passionate about this is because I know that a lot of people can do it," she explained. "When I came home after donating a kidney, it was business as usual. I took out



◆ Chaya Lipschutz's good deed

the garbage, I went shopping, I took a long walk." She added, "If people only knew how easy it was to donate a kidney, and how it would change their lives and the recipient's life, more people would do it."

Lipschutz was so moved by her donation experience that she laid out \$2000 of her own money to rent a booth to raise awareness at the Javits Center's Jewish Marketplace. She made flyers and kits, contacted donation centers and found other donors to testify. In fact, Lipschutz said, "Every kidney donor I talked to would do it again." Unfortunately, you can only donate once, and that's why Lipschutz tries so hard to enlist others. "My goal is to try to find kidney donors—whatever it takes."

For more information, call Chaya Lipschutz at 917.627.8336 or email to kidneymitzvah@aol.com.

Right to left: Chaya Lipschutz, Kidney Donor
Marcelle Bale Krieger, Kidney Recipient

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