Good Shabbos Everyone. The Torah tells us this week in Parshas Emor: "You shall not desecrate My holy Name, rather I should be sanctified among the Bnai Yisroel. I am Hashem Who sanctifies you." (Vayikra 22:32) Whenever a Jew acts according to the Torah, especially in public, he causes Hashem's name to be sanctified. Why is that? Because when an onlooker sees a Jew acting properly according to the beautiful ways of the Torah, then the onlooker is himself encouraged to follow in the ways of the Torah.

And whenever, Chas v'Sholom, one acts against the Torah, especially in public, onlookers say "what is the whole thing (religion) worth?" if it does not influence peoples actions for the better? The following letter to the editor recently published, illustrates the power of the "Kidush Hashem."

"I am writing to tell you of an incident which happened to me on a wildly snowy Thursday afternoon. On my way home from work in Mendota Heights, my car had already gotten stuck several times.

As I reached the unplowed streets of Cottage Grove, I knew I would be getting stuck again. I approached the 80th Street and East Point Douglas intersection, which is very busy.

When the light turned red and the wheels lost their traction, I sat there spinning my wheels as many cars and even snow plows went around me without stopping.

All of a sudden, a white passenger van pulled alongside me and several young men dressed in black fedora hats and long overcoats jumped out of the van. Without the benefit of mittens or boots, they selflessly began pushing my car until I got moving again. And it took several of them to push to keep my vehicle moving!

The van and passengers went on to follow me to my destination. I was very touched and unable to thank them, because I knew if I stopped again, that I would get stuck again.

I am making the assumption that these young heroes are Yeshiva school students due to their distinctive, formal clothing. The school is doing a very good job teaching the students about basic decency and courtesy. They cheerfully waved at me as I pulled away, trying to shake the snow out of their now wet shoes.

They had put themselves at risk dodging other cars that probably couldn't have fully stopped in that slop. I admire their courage and compassion. What a tribute to the school's work and their families!" (Ann M. Mattson Cottage Grove, Minnesota Published Wednesday, April 29, '09) <u>South Washington County Bulletin.</u> **Good Shabbos Everyone.**