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DONOR APPRECIATION REPORT

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THE LIVES YOU ARE IMPACTING

How you bring the joy of Judaism to our community





MY CAUSE



As we navigate the complexities of modern life, it's important to reflect on the organizations that shape our communities and provide invaluable support.

For Ezra and I, Chabad of Mid-Suffolk embodies the very essence of such an institution. Rabbi Mendy and Bracha have an unwavering dedication to making Judaism accessible to all Jewish people in the Commack area, which resonates deeply with me. Operating our business in Hauppauge, we often benefit from Chabad's services to help us lead our business and life. Chabad is more than just an organization; it's a lifeline. Whether it's ensuring us access to kosher food, providing educational resources, or offering spiritual guidance, they are a support in so many ways.

Joining the community trip to Israel in March, 2023 was the ultimate connection to the community. We got to experience Judaism in a multi-faceted way that gave us a greater appreciation for our our history, heritage, and culture. One of the most remarkable aspects of Rabbi Mendy and Bracha is their commitment to inclusivity. Regardless of one's level of observance or affiliation, they welcome all with open arms. This inclusivity creates a sense of unity within the community, bridging gaps and strengthening bonds.

For me, supporting Chabad isn't just about Tzedaka; it's about investing in the preservation of Jewish identity and tradition. By supporting Chabad, I'm ensuring the continuity of a rich Jewish community that spans generations. In essence, Chabad Mid Suffolk represents resilience, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to Jewish values. By supporting Chabad, you and I are not only giving back to the community but also safeguarding the future of Judaism for years to come.

-Rachel Lebowitz

MY COMMUNITY



I discovered Chabad of Mid-Suffolk steps from my house after we moved here from the city. At Chabad, I found a warm, welcoming, and compassionate community that makes sure that when someone is mourning, celebrating, or needs support, that person has a place to go. During services on Shabbat morning, Rabbi Mendy's talks are not only spiritually but practically enriching, with amazing lessons on how to better handle the challenges of professional and family life.

At Chabad, I found a group of friends that meets every Shabbat to pray together. I found families that celebrate holidays and Jewish occasions together. I found an organization that delivers Matzah to each member of our community that needs it and that cares about all Jewish communities, here, and all over the world.

My wife and two girls love Chabad and are always asking me to let them know about any programming that Chabad organizes especially for them. Whether it's chanukah, purim, passover, or sukkot, they love coming and leave with memorable moments that leave them excited for the next occasion to celebrate their Judaism.

I am proud to support and be supported by Chabad of Mid-Suffolk and I encourage anyone looking to enrich their Jewish experience to get involved.

I like to say that I found Chabad of Mid-Suffolk by accident. But maybe it wasn't such an accident after all.

-Shlomo Schwarzbard



a. Bringing gifts to families evacuated from Israel's South



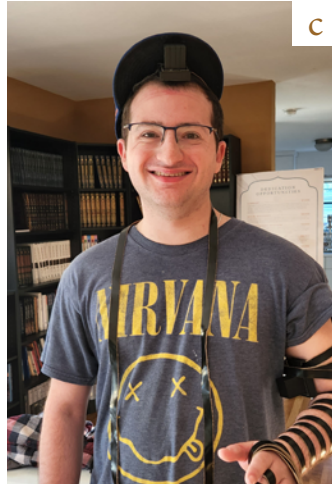
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b. A new Menorah in the middle of town

c. It is great when a Hebrew School student stops by 10 years later for a Hello



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d. Adult Chanukah Social brought smiles to so many

e. The Menorah parade celebrated Chanukah throughout the town



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f. Another successful Jewish Business Networking event



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g. 50 students taking the "Advice for Life" course

h. Fascinating lecture on the situation in Israel and some things we all can do to help.



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i. Another home is blessed!





THOUGHTS FROM THE RABBI

DEAR FRIENDS,

I was at the Israeli Ramon Airbase in December visiting the troops on the front line. It is only 10 miles from the Egyptian border and the Apache and F16 pilots stationed there play a crucial role in the war against the terrorists in Gaza.

As we were walking through the base, we were hearing from many of the soldiers about their experiences over the last 2 months.

We talked. We prayed (picture on the cover). We ate. We laughed.

And they expressed to us a deep appreciation for our support, even though we live so far away physically. They kept saying over and over how much it means to them and how much it makes a difference to their morale.

When they fight the good fight, they know that millions of people around the world are part of

their effort to protect the Jewish people.

And I find that as well with all the things that are done here locally to strengthen the Jewish community and our extended family.

You play such an important role in this effort. Thank YOU, the supporters, for making an impact on the front lines in the Land of Israel and here at home. You are not only doing the Mitzvah of Tzedaka. But every prayer said, every Shabbat candle distributed, every Tefillin wrapped, every class taught, is only possible because of your donation.

You might not be there when every act is done, but you are part of the fabric of each and every experience.

Thank you for bringing so much good to us all!

- Rabbi Mendel & Brocha Teldon

“ I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU so much for the new menorah on the corner of Commack Road and Motor Parkway. It brought so much joy to my boys! Stevie*, now that he's seven, is acutely aware of being a minority in his school, and in the world, and after a winter concert that included two Xmas songs, and no Hanukkah song, That just made his day! Thank you so much for the new addition to our community!!

- Amanda

“ I wanted to reach out and THANK YOU for exposing me to the wonders of Chabad. I want to thank you for the referral. Rabbi Leaf was awesome at the cemetery. A really, really good person and a wonderful Rabbi. Today was my last day of Shiva and I was at Temple and I was saying the Kaddish and it's just been a wonderful experience for me. It's as wonderful as the death of a mom can be, I just wanted to thank you. Talk to you soon, thank you.

- Andrew

“ WE WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY. As always, the dinner was delicious and the evening was most enjoyable.

- Laurie

“ I REALLY ENJOYED TODAY'S CLASS. I especially liked the perspective on work and home life balance. That insight would be really helpful to young working parents to hear!

- Audra

“ THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE BRAVE TRIP TO ISRAEL. I followed your journey every day on Facebook and was moved by what you were able to do with the soldiers and families. It brought me to tears each time. May we share good news very soon!

- Michelle



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Remember Chabad of Mid-Suffolk in your will.