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THE LIVES YOU ARE IMPACTING

Find out how YOU raised Jewish pride and commitment throughout our community



MY CAUSE

Supporting Chabad has become important to me in a very personal way, even though I am not a religious Jew. My connection to them started more than twenty years ago when I first met the Chabad Rabbi in Port Washington regarding a real estate deal. He gave me great advice and then simply asked if I wanted to come to services. I remember feeling a little nervous and unsure of what to expect, but within minutes I realized I had walked into something special. I was completely taken back by how open and accepting everyone was. They did not care what kind of Jew I was or what level of observance I came from. They welcomed me exactly as I was.

The first time I put on tefillin with the Rabbi, tears came to my eyes as I remembered watching my immigrant grandfather do the same when I was a little boy. Moments like that stay with you. And what has always stayed with me is that it never mattered whether it was my first time walking through the door or my hundredth. They treated me with the same warmth, the same genuine interest, and the same feeling of belonging. There was never any pressure or judgment. Just a true sense of community.

Over the years I have taken many learning courses at Chabad that helped me understand Judaism in a deeper way. Not in a heavy or overwhelming way, but in a way that showed how Judaism connects to real life and how it can shape the way we live, work, raise a family, and appreciate the meaningful moments that really matter. They helped me see that Judaism does not have to be all or nothing. It can be something you grow with at your own pace.

I will never forget how quickly they welcomed me in, even offering me an Aliyah right away, something I never expected. That simple gesture made me feel valued and included in a way I had not felt before, and it made my family proud to see me up on the bimah.

Supporting Chabad is important to me because they gave me a place to feel connected without having to fit into any box. Their kindness and openness made a lasting impact on my life, and I am truly grateful for it.

- Lawrence Pinner



MY COMMUNITY

Chabad Mid Suffolk means a lot of things to our family.

It means Local Community. A place to feel welcome and stay in touch with our heritage. A place to get involved on any level and spread the goodwill that Chabad offers.

It means Global Community. It connects us globally and makes us feel welcome at temples in any city we travel.

It means Friendship. Growing up, Rabbi's were intimidating. Our children consider Mendy and Brocha friends. All of their children are involved and part of the connection to the temple and our lives.

It means connections outside of temple. Shabbat Dinners, Sukkot Dinners and the best Challah in Suffolk County. Shofar in the park, Adult activities, Children's activities, family activities.

It means Education. Not just doing as Rabbis says, but understanding the reasons and meaning behind our traditions. Making education fun for our children and preparing them for Bar/Bat Mitzvahs.

It means being as Actively Jewish as we choose. Mitzvahs, Tfillin, Lighting Candles, Mezuzahs in our doorways, Challah bakes & being a part of services are all encouraged as ways to honor our heritage.

If you asked us in our twenties if we would have been part of this community, we would have questioned it. Living through our thirties, forties and now fifties within it, has made our Jewish experience more rewarding and engaging than we would have thought.

- Alan & Toni Newman



a. 9-11 Memorial
in Smithtown



a.



b.

b. Meeting
with the Town
regarding the new
building

c. Next
generation
connection to
Hashem



c.



d.

d. The guys
gather to build
the sukkah

e. Women's Tour
of Chassidic
Brooklyn



e.



f.

f. So many
good chefs in
the kitchen

g. Babka bake
for the girls



g.



h.

h. Start
them young



THE RABBI'S THOUGHTS.

DEAR FRIENDS,

As we finish the preparation for the first Chanukah candle, I'm thinking about you. Your generosity is the shamash, the helper candle, that ignites every other flame at Chabad of Mid-Suffolk. Because of you, a child learns Alef-Bet with joy, a senior receives a warm visit, a family finds community, and a public menorah brightens our town with Jewish pride.

In a season obsessed with getting, you exemplify the deepest kind of giving: quiet, steady, courageous.

In addition, your partnership fuels our upcoming move to our new location and ensures every room will shine with learning, song, and welcome, every single night.

May the One who "performed miracles for our ancestors" bless you and yours with revealed light, health, parnassah, and nachas. Thank you for turning darkness into daylight.

With boundless gratitude,

- Rabbi Mendel & Brocha Teldon

Thank you again for a beautiful Shabbos Dinner experience! Brocha, all your hard work was so appreciated. I absolutely love being with the community and connecting to Hashem together is the warmest feeling on earth. It was so special! Lots of love!

- Wendy & Fam

Thank you so much for the Shavuot service which I enjoyed so much. It was my first Shavuot service. My Granddaughter Kayla enjoyed it too. I want to congratulate you for establishing such a fine congregation, everyone so friendly and welcoming, and I took away a lot from your remarks.

- Muriel

Thank you so much for making our day so special! We have both enjoyed getting to know you. Hope to see you and many more special occasions. Thanks again for your guidance.

- G & O

Rabbi, thank you for all you have done. Thank you for all the time you put aside to help me learn and prepare for my bar mitzvah. You've been a big help this year. You've done so much. Thank you!

- Hank

Thanks for my first Simchat Torah - it was pretty amazing. (I wish I had your energy—and Brucha's!) And I'm glad I got to see the "old" space. Onward & upward!

- Mitch

You have made a difference in my life and my family. I am incredibly grateful for your kindness, patience, non-judgemental acceptance, and willingness to help me in getting Hank to become a Bar Mitzvah. I'm blessed to have met you and look forward to many years ahead praying with you.

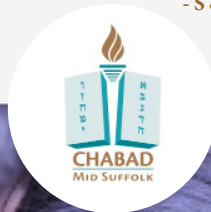
- Brian

I just want to thank you and your beautiful family for your incredible hospitality. It was truly an enjoyable night with great food, company, and many blessings.

- Patrick

Thank you very much for including us in the Shabbat services. As always, we were enriched by all your knowledge and nourished with Brocha's gourmet meal and encouraged about how special Shabbat dinner is to have in our home.

- S & R



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