

# IMPACT!

**SPECIAL  
EDITION**  
SUKKOT 2024



**THE LIVES YOU ARE IMPACTING**

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



*Last night was filled with the bright light of true joy. An escape from the darkness of the outside world. The community of good people with open hearts; the perfect timing of scheduled stories; the most delicious meal, laughter and music - all filled the sukkah.*

*Brocha's talent for culinary delights and gracious hosting was gladly received by the blessed recipients. Her perfectly timed service is amazing and most appreciated. Just know I delighted in eating (not just tasting; cleaning the plate) everything... and that is a big accomplishment.*

*Needless to say I am so grateful to be a connected part of the community.*

*Thank you.*

*Chag Sameach.*

**- ESTHER**

*We can't express enough how wonderful and special it is for us to spend an evening in the Sukkah each year.*

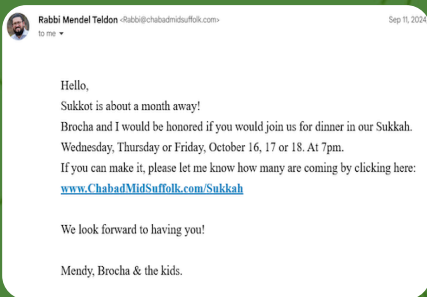
*As you know, this year is particularly special.*

*I don't know how it's done. It is amazing, and the preparation that goes into this special time and how Brocha does it, still boggles our mind. Plus, the food is delicious.*

*Can't thank you enough and can't express enough how special in our lives and amazing spiritual leaders for us!*

**- STEW**

## A USER MANUAL FOR HOSTING 500+ PEOPLE IN YOUR SUKKAH



**6 WEEKS BEFORE, SEND OUT THE INVITE**



**RENT 11 FRIGS & FREEZERS**



**EXPAND THE PANTRY**



**GET SOME PAPERGOODS**



**SO MANY CHEFS IN THE KITCHEN**



**..AND MORE CHEFS**



**MAKING LOTS OF CHALLAH**



**LOTS OF CHICKEN**



**AND THE FAMOUS STUFFING**



**MINI PIES**



**AND DONT FORGET DESSERT**



**THE A-TEAM BUILDS THE SUKKAH**



**PLUMBING INSTALLED**



**TABLES AND CHAIRS SET UP...**



**...BY THESE GUYS**



**WE RAN OUT OF SPACE...**



**...SO WE GOT AN EXTENSION**



**AND HAD TO CUT DOWN SOME TREES TO MAKE THE SUKKAH KOSHER**



**REMINDERS GO OUT**



**THE NIGHT BEFORE, EVERYTHING IS READY**



**CANDLES READY TO BE LIT**



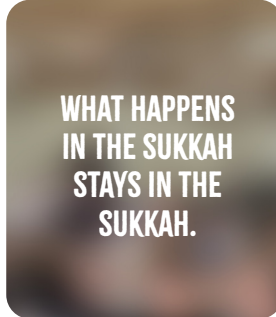
**SALADS ARE READY TO BE DRESSED**



**TABLES SET**



**WAITRESSES READY TO SERVE**



**...AND THEN**



**JUST FOR FUN, ON SUNDAY WE HAD 100 PEOPLE FOR BREAKFAST TO EAT IN THE SUKKAH...**



**...AND SHAKE THE LULAV AND ETROG**

**THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED BUILD, BAKE, COOK, STORE AND MORE!**

Eileen Baker  
Emma Baker  
Joel Blitzer  
Abby Brookstone  
Joe Carione  
James Carione  
Nicholas Carione  
David Cooper  
Dylan Cooper

Jared Cooper  
Aidan Cooper  
Derek Franks  
Jacob Fingerman  
Joseph Fingerman  
Barry Goldsholle  
Jordana Gresen  
David Gresen  
Sheryl Hecht

Alyse Kaufman  
Keri Lehon  
Marni Lambertson  
Brooke Margolis  
Michael Robbins  
Richard Reiss  
Geoffrey Wolfgang  
and more!

**COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE**

Stuart Almer: CEO, Gurwin Healthcare System  
Belinda Alvarez-Groneman: Deputy Police Commissioner, SCPD  
Jordan Cox: Superintendent of Commack School District  
Michael Fitzpatrick: NYS Assemblyman  
Nicole Garguilo: Town of Smithtown  
Nick Lalota: Congressman  
Rick Lewis: CEO, MIYJCC & SYJCC  
Carrie Lipenholtz: Principal of Commack High School  
Mario Mattera: NYS Senator  
Andy Raia: Clerk of the Town of Huntington  
Allan Richter: Suffolk County Jewish American Advisory Board  
Robert Trotta: Suffolk County Legislature

**THANKS TO SO MANY PEOPLE WHO DONATED TO HELP MAKE SUKKAH HAPPEN!**

**55 DONORS**



## THOUGHTS FROM THE RABBI

### DEAR FRIENDS,

It has been so enjoyable to witness the growth of our community Sukkot dinner over the years, as over 500 people celebrated in the sukkah this year. It truly takes the entire community to make it happen—from the volunteers who build the sukkah, to those who prepare the food or sponsor the event—it’s everyone coming together to care for each other.

The Torah describes the Messianic era as one when “there will be one big sukkah of unity where everyone fits.” We can say that

in our community, we experienced a small glimpse of that era. A taste of the coming of Moshiach, when we all came together in the sukkah and celebrated as one. From all segments of our community, and from the broader community as well, we united to celebrate our connection with G-d and with each other.

Thank you for being part of this experience and making this all happen.

- Rabbi Mendel & Brocha Teldon

“ I WANTED TO THANK YOU so much for a beautiful evening. That’s the first time ever my wife and I both enjoyed such a lovely Sukkot Dinner.  
- Adam

“ THANK YOU for a beautiful evening. It was magical.  
- Kim

“ I WANT TO THANK YOU again for a beautiful Sukkah dinner and service. Jimmy couldn’t stop talking about it And your insights and delivery of kind! You and Brocha and kids make a beautiful team. Firstly flowing with love to G-d and each other  
- Robbin

“ MUCH THANKS TO YOU and Brocha for the delicious dinner and nice time at the SUKKAH. I would just like to say I think you had too many jokes and not enough prayers for our Mets!!! Lolll  
- Bonnie

“ WHAT AN UNBELIEVABLE EXPERIENCE!! Brocha, you did an amazing job. Thank you for inviting me into your home and sukkah!  
- Renee

“ THANK YOU BOTH SO MUCH for the outstanding Sukkot dinner!!!! What a beautiful evening!! Thank you so much for letting me be a part of the festivities. Love you all!  
- Sandy

“ I WANT TO THANK YOU and Brocha for another wonderful night of friendship, great food, and great stories. Appreciate the invite. See you soon.  
- Reid



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