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DONOR APPRECIATION REPORT

FALL 2021



How YOU are making a difference...



MY HOME



AS AN OFFICER in the United States Army I have lived in New York, Alabama, Afghanistan and Colorado within the past 4 years. With all of these moves, I have often found myself using the term 'home' for more than one place simultaneously. During the work week, I go 'home' for dinner in Colorado. Following dinner, I usually make a call 'home' to New York to speak with my parents. I have realized that 'home' isn't a specific location but rather anywhere I feel supported. Chabad and the Jewish community play a critical role in my feeling that support.

A while ago, I was home on Long Island during a brief break from the Army. I was outside helping my father rake leaves when Rabbi Mendy passed by in his car and stopped to catch up. After a few minutes, he pulled Tefillin out of his car and on the side of the road walked me through completing the Mitzvah of Tefillin. That was representative of the support Chabad provides me, and at that moment I was home.

Several years ago, when my younger brother was preparing to turn 13 and have a Bar-Mitzvah I was at West Point and unable to leave the campus. After some creative thinking, my mother had worked out to have Rabbi Mendy complete the service in the Jewish Chapel on campus. Surrounded by friends and family and with the support of Chabad I was able to partake in my brothers' Bar-Mitzvah. At that moment I was home.

These are only a few instances of how I have felt supported by Chabad as a member of the Jewish community. No matter where I am or who I am with I know that I will always have a place I can call my Jewish home.

- AJ



MY CAUSE

FOR AS LONG as I can remember, every time that Rita and I would get our mail, we were inundated with dozens of requests for charitable donations.

Although we were sure they were all worthy causes, and in need of our support, it was impossible to assist every one of them. Thus, we had to decide upon one deserving cause.

Soon after moving to Commack, we became involved in Chabad of Mid-Suffolk introducing us to the Teldon family. Chabad reaches out to so many people, in many different ways that are so meaningful. They have touched the lives of many and continue to touch even more through the Hebrew School, Shabbat dinners, high holiday services, and the delivery of Shabbat and Holiday boxes.

Thanks to Chabad, Rita and I have reconnected with Torah studies and Jewish life.

Studies show that people with a strong religious faith, are more than two times more generous in their donations than people without a particular religious affiliation. Uniquely, each Chabad location is funded from its own fundraising campaigns and the charitable donations of its congregants. Despite a common misconception, no individual Chabad receives any monies for operational costs from the Chabad headquarters.

Rita and I proudly support Chabad of Mid-Suffolk because we know firsthand that the donations and funds that are raised are put to good use to reach the community.

Our message here will hopefully inspire more members of the community to donate as much as they are able to keep the influence growing so that Chabad will always be a place filled with faithful worshipers and welcoming to all.

Rita and I will soon be relocating permanently to Florida to begin a new chapter and adventure in our lives. It will be very difficult to replace the Teldon family and all our friends in Chabad. Although we will join another Chabad in Florida, we will remain loyal and continue to support Chabad of Mid-Suffolk. We hope to return to New York several times a year and each time that we do, we will surely stop by Chabad of Mid-Suffolk to worship and share special times with all of you.

We look forward with faith that our paths will cross again. We will miss you all.

Warm regards,

- Rita & Carl Talesnick

a. For Shavuot, over 700 families received all their holiday needs...



b. ...Thanks to a dedicated group of 50 volunteers who packed and delivered some Judaism in a box.

c. CTeen members are thanked for their community service throughout the year by the local government.



d. After an exciting year of Hebrew School, the children finish the year with song and dance.

e. Paying tribute to those that made the ultimate sacrifice with the Hauppauge Fire Department.



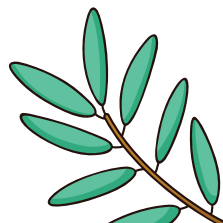
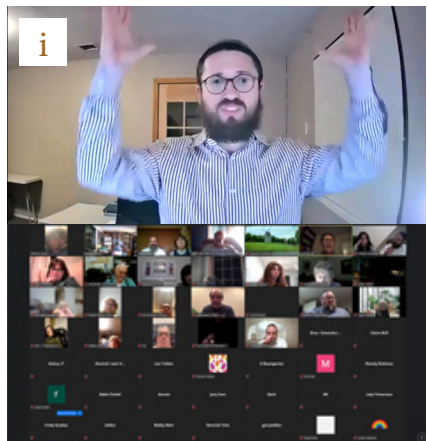
f. Random Mitzvahs continue strengthening the Jewish people.

g. Another home is blessed!



h. Camp Gan Israel Horse Camp is giving close to 100 children a Jewish summer to remember.

i. Online learning continued the whole summer with classes, lectures and one-on-one study sessions.





RABBI'S LETTER

DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you, I want to.

It sounds weird, I know. Grammatically I should have said: "I want to thank you".

But hear me out..

There is a Jewish custom that the first thing we say each morning is a short prayer called "Modeh Ani." It is only 12 words long and it thanks G-d for giving us back our soul for the new day. There as well, grammatically, it should read, Ani Modeh: I Thank.

But our sages switched the words around so

that the first words we say each morning are "Thank you."

Each morning we connect with the truth that without G-d returning our soul to us and giving us life for a new day, we wouldn't be able to do anything. And once we have that mindset, so much more can be accomplished during our waking hours.

The same thing is here at Chabad. We recognize that it all happens because of you.

Thank you.

- Rabbi Mendel & Brocha Teldon

THE COURSE touched on some really foundational ideas that I never considered. Hmmmm....They didnt teach this in Hebrew School. Or maybe it is just that I see the world differently now and can finally appreciate the depth. Either way, I look forward to the next one.

- Adam

THANK YOU for always including me to receive a holiday gift box. I've been depressed with my daughter away and feeling very isolated and alone. Receiving the Shavuot box reminded me that I am not alone and lifted my spirits. It does more than you even know.

- Name withheld

I LOVED the terrific effort it took to get the boxes out! Next time please call me so I can be included in preparing the boxes. You know how much I support this activity.

- Susan

THANK YOU for a beautiful shavout service. It was our first social outing so it restored some normalcy that was much needed for our mental health.

- Sandy

THANK YOU so much for inviting me for dinner last Friday night. There was something about the food, the people and the conversation that made me so proud about my Judaism. It gave me much to think about.

- Michael

I REALLY APPRECIATE the gift in thanks for my volunteering. However I feel that it was my blessing, so I am sending it back to you and use towards something the synagogue needs or a family in need. That would give me much joy

- Robin



YES! I want to support Chabad of Mid-Suffolk during these special times.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Enclosed please find my tax-deductible gift of:

\$1000 \$500 \$180 \$50 Other \$ _____

My check, payable to Chabad of Mid-Suffolk is enclosed.

I wish to charge my gift to: Card # _____ Exp. Date ____/____ CCV (security) code _____

Signature _____

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Please contact me about leaving Chabad of Mid-Suffolk in my will so I can leave a Jewish legacy! Thank you!