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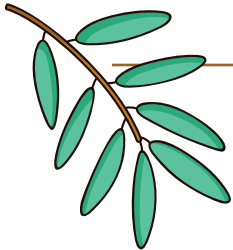
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DONOR APPRECIATION REPORT

SUMMER 2022



How u bring the joy of Judaism to our community



## MY FAMILY



A PLACE YOU CAN FEEL AS COMFORTABLE as home is the Mid-Suffolk Chabad. Since the first moment I got involved, I have been nothing but honored to talk about it with others. It was a wonderful place for my children to go to Hebrew school as well as a place to be able to observe the Jewish Holidays.

The High Holidays is different from what I was used to with men and women sitting separate, but it didn't matter because of the warmth the Teldon's offer. Mendy and Brocha work with so much heart and knowledge for the Jewish religion that it makes me want to be around them all the time to learn how to be a better Jew. Chabad gives me a sense of comfort, like I am doing something right.

Being invited for dinner in the Sukkah is nothing but extraordinary. It's a highlight of our year, spending time with friends and eating the most incredible food that Brocha works so hard to prepare. I am lucky to say that we have been at their home for Shabbat as well which is another wonderful feeling and experience and the food once again impeccable as well as the company.

Because of Chabad my daughter is involved in the Chabad at her University. She gets the sense of home and traditions whether observing the holidays or baking Challah like she has done so often locally.

Being part of Chabad has been a blessing and nothing but wonderful. Chabad and the Teldon's just mean the world to me and my family, including my husband who is not Jewish but has learned so much from Mendy. I am so thankful we are a part of such a wonderful place and wouldn't want it any other way.

I love Chabad of Mid-Suffolk and consider all of the community family.

**- Marni Lambertson**



## MY HOME



WHEN MY FAMILY FIRST MOVED to Commack we were in search of a Jewish home. A place for our children to become educated and involved in Judaism and a home for my husband and I to carry out and connect to our Jewish traditions and customs.

We first met Rabbi Mendy and Brocha at a friend's house where they were having a meet and greet. Our expectations of this evening were completely surpassed. We were pleasantly surprised with the sense of belonging we felt. We connected automatically, and it didn't matter what our level of religion was. What mattered that night was the new friendships we cultivated through common interests as well as our shared culture.

It wasn't just the enjoyable conversations we had, but the casual and comfortable environment along with the warmth, love and compassion that made this the ultimate deal maker for us.

For the past 8 years the Chabad has been a place where my family has been creatively educated in Judaism and has grown not just religiously but spiritually as well. Mendy and Brocha have opened their home and family to our family, through unforgettable Hebrew school experiences for our children, to memorable Shabbat dinners filled with great laughs, outstanding food and incredible company as well as meaningful and fun community events.

They have both become loyal and true friends. We are so grateful for their dedication to our family, they have dropped everything in their own lives to be by my family's side at life's most challenging times as well as the most joyous occasions.

To our family Chabad means light, love, clarity, truth and an ongoing Jewish education; there is no better place for our family to receive this from.

**- Keri Hettena**

a. Local teens say Shema with 2500 others during the Havdalah concert in Time Square.



b. We cried, laughed and were inspired hearing the story of the IDF soldier David Sussman.

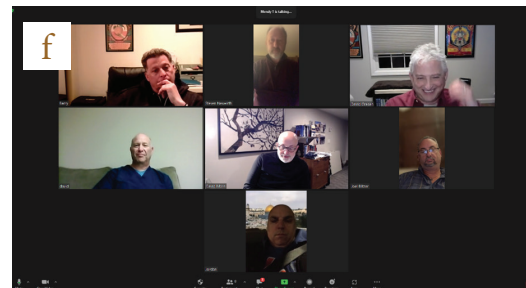
c. 50 volunteers came together to distribute Purim baskets throughout the town.



d. Good to be back again at our annual Purim Comedy and Sushi event.



e. Intimate Challah bakes brought the warm smell of Shabbat to homes.



f. Intellectual stimuli over the internet is still a thing.

g. 1200 families received Matzah, the Food of Faith and Healing.

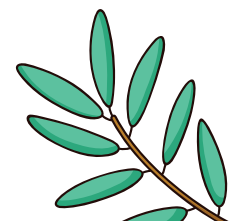


i. The next generation is moving up and in.

h. The guys got together for a Lag B'Omer BBQ and Kumzitz.



j. (and the front cover) The ladies learned the art of Bouquet Making in honor of Shavuot.





# RABBI'S LETTER

## DEAR FRIENDS,

As mortgage rates go higher, banks are more hesitant to lend money. The riskier the loan, the harder it is to get approved. Stronger guarantees are needed and more paperwork needs to be filled out.

Imagine G-d looking to give up His most precious item. His Torah. The greatest gift ever given to humanity. He is willing to invest it in this world to inspire us all to make the world a better place. But, He wants someone to make sure that it is going to pay dividends and be worth the whole hassle.

Moses, standing on the top of the mountain, says that he will commit. G-d says, NO. The sages offer their services: NO. The Elders: NO. Prophets: NO.

As a last-ditch attempt, Moses says, "How about the kids?"

Queue the thunder and lighting.

G-d signs on the dotted line and we receive the Torah and we become the Jewish people.

The children are our guarantors.

As we just celebrated the Holiday of Shavuot, when we marked the 3334 anniversary of that commitment, we thank the children for playing that crucial role.

And thanks to YOUR support, the children were brought to the table again and renewed G-ds commitment to all of us.

G-d bless!

- Rabbi Mendel & Brocha Teldon



LOTS OF NEW PEOPLE on the list this holiday! Very nice to see so many Jewish people around my neighborhood.

- Rachel



THANK YOU SO MUCH for the Purim box. It really cheered me up. I was so disappointed I couldn't come to the Purim celebratory evening but I wasn't well. The kit was a much needed replacement!

- Stephanie



I REALLY ENJOYED this past Saturday. It's been a while since I've been to temple. It's a nice crew at the service and the kiddush was delightful.

- Darren



I GAVE a Passover box to my Neighbor. She burst into tears.

- Igor



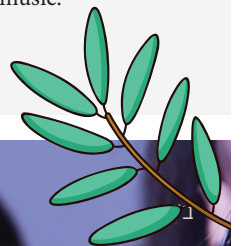
THANK YOU SO MUCH!! You made my day it's perfect! What a heartwarming touch for it to be delivered by a member of the Chabad community. My daughter in law is going to attempt the seder the second night as I am just in too much pain to do it. I will bring the box and guide her prior. A very happy Pesach to you and your family.

- Nicole



YO RABBI! Excellent time last night! Thank you for opening your home for the event! The food. The music. The wisdom. The company. Good times!

- David



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