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MY CAUSE

I AM the granddaughter of four holocaust survivors. They all came from orthodox families and lost their faith after World War II. Upon being separated from their families at concentration camps, they made promises to their parents that if they survived, they would keep the Jewish traditions. Thank G-d, they did survive and they kept their promise.

Growing up, my mother lit Shabbat candles every Friday night. We celebrated holidays and attended Shul but I never learned any of the stories or reasons behind the words and traditions. Once I had children of my own who attended Jewish preschool, I realized that I did not know much of what they were learning.

I reached out to the Rabbi who would deliver us challah on Fridays and matzahs on Passover. He took our phone call and the following week we were guests at his Shabbat table. From then on we were constantly surrounded by community and Yiddishkeit, which were the pieces that we realized were missing from our lives.

Chabad has given us so many ways of connecting with Judaism and allowing us to be a part of a thriving community where everyone feels like family. We have made life long friends, baked challah together, taken courses, decorated sukkahs, experienced a mobile chanukiah lighting in our driveway, and so much more. Chabad has provided us with a community full of love and support where we can celebrate simchas and life's trials and tribulations together.

I believe that it is our responsibility as Jews to support Chabad so they will be able to continue to provide meals to the hungry, emotional support to those who seek it, holiday boxes filled with everything needed to observe, knowledge to those who seek it, funeral services for those with no families, and opportunities that spark Judaism to those that crave it.

Supporting Chabad makes me feel comforted in the knowledge that our traditions and values will be passed down to future generations.

Supporting Chabad will ensure that my children and my grandchildren will always have a place they can call a home away from home anywhere they go in this world; a familiar place filled with light, warmth and Yiddishkeit.

- Michelle Herman

MY FAMILY



TO ME, Chabad means family. An extended family with whom to learn Torah, bake challahs, build sukkah, and have zoom calls. In the good old days we used to have many get togethers including Shabbat meals. Dinner in the Sukkah with many other families, weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs etc. We are looking forward to the post pandemic life and being able to sit at the Shabbos table and enjoying Brocha's onion challah with friends and family.

My family loves to attend social events with our friends. It is great to be able to hang out with our Jewish friends in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Rabbi Mendy always makes sure we walk away with a new spiritual thought while having fun. (remember those days?)

Chabad has programs for all ages. Our daughter was able to continue her Jewish education all the way through college with Chabad on campus that allowed her to visit Israel 3 times. The values learned at Chabad will be with her/us for life.

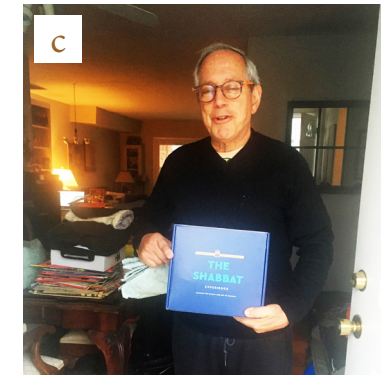
Chabad has helped us recognize that Jews are one big family. We are always inspired by the learned words of Rabbi Mendy. He is able to turn religious education into stories that we can relate to in our daily lives.

- Joel Blitzer

a. A Pickup truck with a lit up Menorah on the back popped into driveways around town for families and friends to celebrate their own little (safe) Chanukah parties.



c. Over 700 members of the community received beautiful Shabbat boxes filled with all the Friday night mitzvahs bringing a special spirituality to town.



e. Hebrew School continues to educate the next generation safely, in person and online.



g. 35 volunteers delivered 500 Chanukah boxes filled with holiday goodies and supplies throughout the neighborhood.

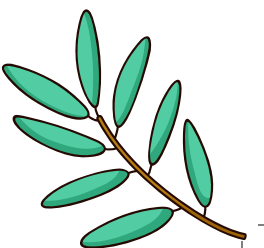


f. Intimate, Covid-Friendly Bar and Bat Mitzvahs continue to bring joy and meaning to families during their Jewish lifecycle moments.



h. 35 families baked Challah and filled their homes with that delicious smell after a Zoom Challah bake.

d. 50 cars with rooftop Menorahs drove through Commack to share the light with thousands. They joined an additional 40 more vehicles for an outdoor Drive-In Chanukah concert and Menorah lighting.





RABBI'S LETTER

DEAR FRIENDS,

Esther is the Queen. The one that risks it all for her people. But the Talmud adds another detail of the Purim story that is so relevant to us today.

At the height of Haman's decree against the Jews, Mordechai made gatherings of Jewish children to study Torah. Some were big with thousands of kids and some had just a few. He knew that for the future of the Jewish people it was crucial to make sure that at all times there were kids learning about their Judaism.

Even in the most trying times, the next generation is guaranteed when we are invested in their physical and spiritual safety. When Haman saw what was happening, he knew it was a lost battle.

Thank you for being this generation's Mordechai. You are ensuring the next generation of Jews by making sure that at all times there are Jewish children learning about their heritage and their connection to G-d. And when G-d sees our commitment to the next generation, the miracles start to happen!

Happy Purim :)

Mendel

- Rabbi Mendel Teldon

“ THE SHABBAT BOX was amazing. I did all the shabbat blessings on a Friday for the first time in years and I was able to use the box to educate my partner on Judaism. We used the conversation cards to get to know each other. I loved it and I would be happy to deliver some future boxes.

- Cassy

“ THANK YOU for making me a Mitzvah Ambassador. This is a very nice outreach program at a time when a lot of people need it emotionally.

- Sandy

“ I OVERNIGHTED the Chanukah package to my daughter upstate who was having difficulty finding Hanukkah supplies. Perfect timing. Thanks!

- Alan

“ YESTERDAY'S ZOOM was like a fuzzy picture made clear as to the why of the Mitzvah and the beauty. I learned so much and it gave me inner peace.

- Fran



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

Name: _____ Address: _____

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

During the Passover season, Chabad of Mid-Suffolk has an increased need for your support.

Enclosed please find my tax-deductible gift of:

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

...to bring the warmth of Judaism to the people in our community. I want to help give them Passover Experience in a Box, Zoom Classes, and other creative programs to help them stay connected.

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

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

Signature _____

For online donations: www.ChabadMidSuffolk.com/Donate

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

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