

ג'יה

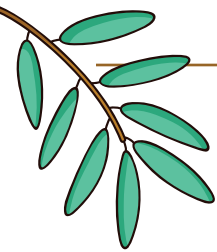
IMPACT!

DONOR APPRECIATION REPORT

SPRING 2023



How you bring the joy of Judaism to our community



MY CAUSE

WHEN I THINK OF my relationship with Chabad it brings me back to my college days. My first experience was through friends while studying law in Manhattan. They invited me to attend Tefillin and it is here that I started my journey with Chabad. Regardless of the different Chabad's I have attended I always felt that my spiritual needs, even if different from others, were accepted.

I find it interesting in looking back that the people I have met are somehow connected. I met Rabbi Saacks while working at a firm which ultimately led me to meeting Rabbi Mendel and Chabad of Mid Suffolk...and my experience with Chabad of Mid Suffolk has been one of true connection and I have loved it ever since.

I have always felt that Chabad has a way of bringing Judaism to ALL Jews, regardless of denomination and stands as a pillar in the Jewish community. I see it as removing all the labels, it does not matter if you are orthodox, liberal, where you are from, how much knowledge you have or how much interest you have, it just brings you together in a non judgemental way. It shines the light of Judaism and helps bring a solid foundation for all that are willing to accept and interpret your own individual way. You are not made to feel as if you don't belong but quite the opposite.

In helping to continue and share this part of my life I find it very important to give back in any way I can. Should that be donating of time, donation of money, whatever will help continue the mission and the legacy of the Rebbe. I feel it is my honor to help current generations keep growing and future generations to have the opportunity to be introduced and experience what Chabad can do for their path in Judaism.

I truly hope one sees the joy of the life I live through Chabad!

- Steven Neuwirth

MY COMMUNITY



THE RECAP of our glorious trip to the Holy Land. Where do I begin...

The experiences we shared were life altering, often rendering us speechless or weeping... Other times, we belly laughed so hard, we cried. Some highlights included: attending a "Farbrengen" orchestrated by our beloved leader, Mendel Brocha Teldon, at the unique home of her friend - a brilliantly talented artist; a playful yet poignant presentation at the Ethiopian Israeli Heritage Center; emotional visits to the Kotel where we each prayed and placed heartfelt messages in the wall; floating in the Dead Sea; Shabbat lunch at the home of a warm, hip young host family; a visit to the magnificent home of the Claman couple (founders of the organization Thank Israeli Soldiers) followed by a rooftop festive Havdalah with stunning views of the Old City of Jerusalem. Daily lectures delivered by impressive speakers yielded abundant lessons, messages profound.

Time for reflection provided opportunities for vulnerability, revelations and growth. For each of us, there were uncomfortable moments with steps outside of our respective comfort zones and painful emotions. Throughout this entire journey, we carried each other's hearts and sometimes, each other's heavy bags (literally and figuratively).

We were endlessly moved by the stories, passion and dedication of the inspiring people of Israel. So proud we are to be Jewish... of course, while loving and respecting people of all faiths.

- Sandi Bloom Frank



a. The guys visiting The Wall.



b. 10 Ladies. 8 Days in Israel. Inspiration for a lifetime.

c. Hearing from The Rabbi of Shanghai about Jewish life in Communist COVID China.



d. Kids learning the scribal arts in Hebrew School.

e. Having a great time at the Chanukah Adult Social.



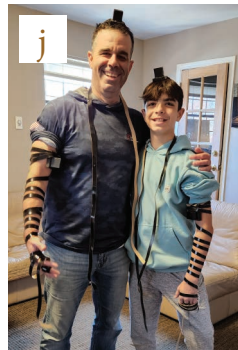
f. 50 cars parading the Chanukah Lights through town.

g. Teaching women the skill and meaning of making Challah.

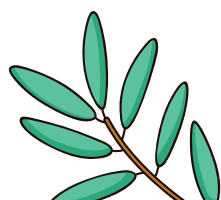


i. Serious and thought provoking Jewish Study.

h. Girls Night Out in honor of Tu B'Shvat.



j. Bound to G-d. From generation to generation.





RABBI'S LETTER

DEAR FRIENDS,
Purim.

Just the mention of the word brings to mind creative costumes and crummy hamantashen. Good memories of children dressed as the evil Haman and the beautiful Esther. The taste of the apricot jam and poppy seed makes our mouths water in anticipation.

But why do we have these customs on this special day.

As the story of purim played out, it becomes clear that there was more than meets the eye.

Esther was really a Jew. Achashveirosh was really a fool. And Haman was just there to set up a really cool miracle.

What you see on the surface is not the whole story.

It was all Gd behind the scene making it happen according to His plan.

So the batman mask is really the same message as the triangular apricot cookie. There is so much going on beneath the surface that makes everything what it is.

So as we celebrate purim, and the parties go on and the kids are celebrating, we stop and acknowledge that it is you the donor, the one that gives of your time, energy and resources that is the secret sweet strawberry sauce that most people don't ever see.

Thank you.

- Rabbi Mendel & Brocha Teldon



THANK YOU for creating a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. I appreciate all that you do
- Lenore

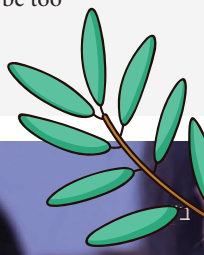
WE WANT TO THANK YOU, Brocha, Rabbi Teldon, your children, and all the other people who helped to make last night such a joyous evening. We learn so much and feel so welcome to be with you. The spirituality I feel with Chabad has been just what I've been searching for.
- Steven & Susan

THANK YOU for all you do for the Commack, Kings Park, Smithtown, Northport Communities. As always-Chabad of Mid Suffolk did a Wonderful job bringing light, spirituality and love into our lives. Stay Well.
- Barbara

THANK YOU, your family and the other guests for the most wonderful evening. Love and unity was abundant.
- Mike

IT WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT. The company was the makeup of the community we live in. The holiday was the focus of the times which reflected tradition, mitzvah, family and friends and unity. Thank you. The journal definitely accentuates how much work, love and time went into it.
- Sandy

GREAT JOB this morning. I really enjoyed the class. It answered a lot of questions that I probably would be too embarrassed to ask. Enlightening. Thank you.
- David



LEAVE AN ETERNAL LEGACY

Contact Rabbi Mendel Teldon about the spiritual and financial benefits that a legacy gift can bring to you and your family: 631.767.3144.

Remember Chabad of Mid Suffolk in your will.