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DONOR APPRECIATION REPORT

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THE LIVES YOU ARE IMPACTING

How you bring the joy of Judaism to our community



MY COMMUNITY



Chabad of Mid-Suffolk is my home for learning about Judaism and understanding my faith, within a warm, friendly, and joyful environment. I have been blessed with the desire to explore the world around me, appreciating its beauty and complexities.

Though raised in a Jewish home, my knowledge of the faith was initially confined to traditional experiences. As an adult, I followed the customs and delved into “The Jewish Book of Why.” Despite adhering to traditions, I lacked a clear understanding of my purpose in relation to my faith and belief in G-d. Nevertheless, I always sensed a higher power and yearned for deeper understanding.

And so, there was light—enlightenment through JLI courses. The depth of these courses allows me to feel more connected to Judaism. Rabbi Teldon’s warm and humorous presentation of the curriculum transforms learning into a joyous experience.

The learning journey extends beyond the courses. Traditional experiences, such as the Rosh Hashanah dinner at the Teldons’ home, the delightful sukkah where we shook the lulav and etrog, and the festive parties celebrating Rabbi and Brocha’s young sons’ upshernish, alongside the high holiday services with the Rabbi’s memorable sermons and affable manner—all of this, combined with the warm and friendly people I’ve met, has given me a genuine sense of belonging to the Chabad of Mid-Suffolk community. It’s an environment where I can truly understand who I am as a Jewish woman.

Chabad proves to be a fulfilling and enlightening experience for me. Both learning and traditions hold significance, and the Chabad community, along with Rabbi Teldon, Brocha, and the congregants I’ve encountered, make me feel happy and privileged to refer to the Chabad of Mid-Suffolk as my spiritual home.

-Elaine Lurie Thorschmidt



MY CAUSE

When I bought my house and needed help moving in, as well as koshering the kitchen and installing the mezuzot, Rabbi Teldon was there to help. When my son was born, and we needed to arrange the bris, Rabbi Teldon was there to help. When we had to do the Pidyon Ha’ben, Rabbi Teldon hosted it and arranged everything.

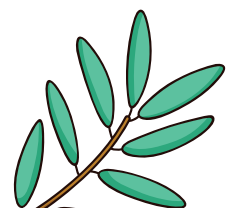
When I lost my job and was scared for the financial stability of my family, Rabbi Teldon was there to encourage me. When my infant son was diagnosed with an eye-condition, and I was terrified of him going blind, Rabbi Teldon was there to offer emotional support.

When I found new employment, Rabbi Teldon was ecstatic and celebrated with me. When I found out that my son wouldn’t go blind, and was on the long road to recovery, Rabbi Teldon celebrated that news with me. When I called Rabbi Teldon at 11pm on a cold and rainy Sunday night in January, crying hysterically over my marriage falling apart, he answered the call and was there for me.

When I was furious and angry at G-d and my lot in life, and screaming rage-filled and embittered obscenities at anyone and everything that represented Faith, Rabbi Teldon listened and gave me a hug. When I struggled to rebuild myself after the devastating and unexpected premature end of my marriage, Rabbi Teldon was there every step of the way helping me rebuild myself.

This is why I support Chabad and Rabbi Teldon, and this is why you should too. Because he is there for you, with no pre-conditions, no pre-commitments, and no-strings attached. He is simply there for you.

-Menachem



a. Starting the year off strong!



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b. Prepping for the community Rosh Hashanah dinner



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c. Hundreds shook the lulav and ate in the sukkah over the holiday



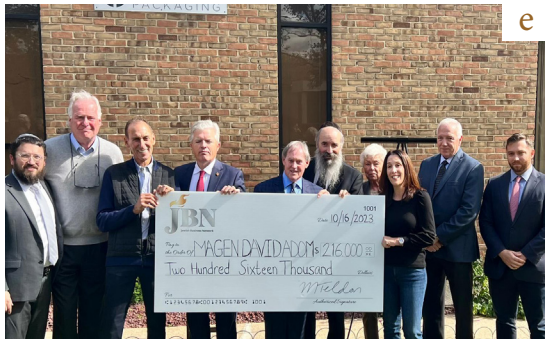
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d. Bound up with our Father in Heaven



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e. Sponsoring 3 Medical Motorcycles for the Israel Ambulance Corp.



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f. 3 generations making Challah in honor of Israel



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g. Over \$400,000 in medical supplies shipped to Israel



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h. Course on Kabbalah stimulating the mind, heart, and soul

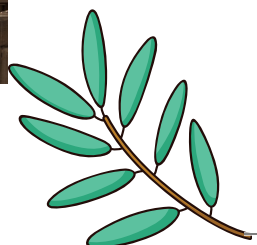


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i. Jewish business leaders came together to connect with some ancient wisdom.



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THOUGHTS FROM THE RABBI

DEAR FRIENDS,

The Jewish people are in a battle. It started over 3000 years ago when G-d gave us the mission of being the voice of morality and goodness to the world at large. We have taken some hits recently but we are back and fighting even stronger than ever.

This battle is fought on many fronts and on many levels. In a military sense, there can be a front to the North and another front to the South.

On a spiritual level, there is the battle for the minds and the battle for the souls.

In the IDF, no matter if you are in combat or in the kitchen, you are an integral part of the war effort. The

intelligence, mechanic or tank gunner are all wearing the same green uniform.

In the battle for the Jewish soul and identity, it is the same. Whether you are volunteering to set up for the program, donating towards the cause, or the one giving the class, we are all in uniform.

Over the last few weeks, we have realized that we are all in the reserves. We have all been called up to serve.

Thank YOU for doing your part in this war. Your support is playing an active role on the front line and we are all indebted to you.

Thank you,

- Rabbi Mendel & Brocha Teldon



“ I WANTED TO THANK YOU for inviting my family to your beautiful Sukkah last night. Not only was the food outrageously delicious, your words, your spirit, and your kindness were truly meaningful. Thank you again for a most enjoyable and spiritual evening.
- Mark

“ THANK YOU for presenting at the SYJCC. We made a dent in the minds of the young people who attended. Todah Rabbah!
- BatSheva

“ CHABAD IS AN INSPIRATION to all of the people involved. You emit love, kindness, inner beauty and the importance of faith. Although I have moved to NJ, I keep you all close in my thoughts and prayers always. I learned much from our short time together.
- Natalie

“ THANK YOU SO MUCH for having Randy and I for one of your famous shabbat dinners again. The food, company and the night was very nice. We are so very grateful to be part of this community.
- Sandy

“ I FORGOT TO TELL YOU how nice it was to spend Shabbat with your family and my son. He loved it too and was so special. Thank You. I appreciate it very much.
- Mitch

“ THE CLASS IS REALLY POWERFUL. It has changed the way I see my role in the world and my purpose each day.
- Rachel



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.

