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CHABAD
MID SUFFOLK

How YOU are making a difference



Mark Badoff

YOUR NEIGHBOR

The day I started attending Chabad of Mid-Suffolk brought me back to my Jewish Heritage. As a youngster growing up on the Lower East Side of Manhattan I was brought up in a modern Orthodox tradition and attended Hebrew School five sometimes six days a week. We also kept a kosher home.

As the years progressed, I left this environment and did not really follow my religious upbringing, even stopped attending synagogue on the High Holy Days, although I did fast on Yom Kippur.

Chabad, and especially Rabbi Mendy, have become very influential in my 're-embrace' of my Judaism. The various classes I have attended at Chabad, as well as coming to synagogue again, has awoken in me a much different perspective of life as a Jew.

Thanks very much for these enlightening experiences.



Sandy Schwartzman

WHY CHABAD

My husband and I strongly believe that every Jewish person should have an affiliation to a Temple and a strong connection with a Jewish community. This connection for us has always been, Chabad of Mid-Suffolk.

It is because of our affiliation to Chabad that every holiday seems as though it has a personal touch, as though we are part of an extended family. When Brocha comes over to let us know that she reserved a seat for the High Holiday service just for us, we feel very special. It is not the act of reserving the seat but the thoughtfulness and caring that counts so much towards our positive experience. While we are one of many congregants, we are made to feel special.

We understand that Chabad needs funds to sustain its existence. We do our part because we understand that we are really giving towards the sustenance of having an extended family that has opened our eyes to the Torah, unity, charity and overall Jewish life.

We support Chabad because it is an anchor in our community and it continues to teach us the role that Jewish life plays. We support Chabad since it has brought us together with such wonderful friends and helped us create special bonds that will last a lifetime.

By supporting Chabad, it has brought out the Jew in us.



Portraits of Growth



Hebrew School



Adult Education



High Holidays & Sukkos



Mitzvahs Around Town

You wrote this:



Although I have fasted since I was 11 years old, in the past several years I really have not attended services on the High Holy days. I really am truly thankful that I have met Chabad. You have brought me back to my faith and I feel so much better about myself. I feel rejuvenated and more alive than I have felt in a long time. Thank you so much for bringing me back to my faith. I thank G-d for that.

B.M. Dix Hills

Thank you for a great and spiritual holiday. I cannot begin to tell you what a difference and impact Chabad has had on my life. Thanks for the Aliyah this morning. Haven't done that since my Bar Mitzvah. Like riding a bike, lol.

T.R. Commack

I want to thank you and Bracha again for inviting us to your Sukkah. We had a wonderful time. All the love and hard work you and your family put into this radiated throughout the night.

L.W. Commack

Chabad has been a vessel for us. It has given us a sense of belonging. It's a formula that has given us a home, forever friends, and spiritual sense. Thank you does not seem an enough word to equate our feeling we felt in the Sukkah.

S.R. Smithtown



Art or Mitzvah

Dreidels, Latkes, Gifts & Gelt. It's Chanukah!

These things are warm and fuzzy, perhaps evoking pleasant childhood memories.

But the star of the Chanukah season is the Menorah!

Silver, clay, funky or traditional, it's not supposed to sit on a shelf, lifeless. On the shelf it is artwork. When you put in a candle, it becomes a Mitzvah!

I thank you for being the candle to our Menorah. While Chabad is the facilitator of so much good in the community, it is *you* that is the fuel, candle and wick that actually makes the light happen. So for all that light and warmth that you bring in the belly of the dark and cold winter, Thanks!

You are the candles that generate light.

Mendel Teldon