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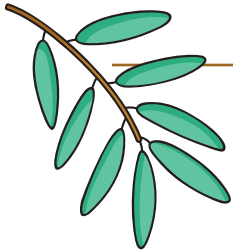
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FALL 2022



How you bring the joy of Judaism to our community



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## MY FAMILY

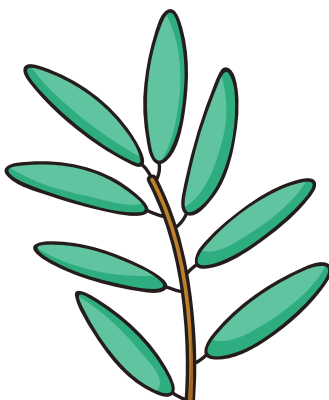
MY FAMILY FIRST STARTED COMING to Chabad when we moved to Long Island in 1984, and services were held in Rabbi Mendy's father's house. We were immediately welcomed in as part of a small community, and that has never changed. We have watched Rabbi Mendy grow up over the years. He's become not just a Rabbi that fills the very large shoes his father left for him, but also an amazing husband and father, and Brocha always makes us feel warmly welcomed as part of Chabad.

Although the congregation has grown over the years, it's still managed to keep that family feel, and we treasure the relationships we've built and maintained. Mendy and Brocha know all of us by name, and reach out to us throughout the year, and they've always been there for us, whether we need spiritual guidance or simply someone to talk to.

One of our most treasured memories was the way they pulled together one of the most meaningful moments in my husband's life, and provided a bar mitzvah to him 75 years later than expected, and my entire family will never forget the most joyful smile that was on his face.

Chabad has always been more than just a congregation to us, whether it's jokes and a parsha, sushi in a sukkah, baking challah together, or the rabbi coming over to blow the shofar at our house when my husband was too sick to come to services. Chabad will always mean family to us.

- Nerma Miller



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## MY COMMUNITY

IT'S NOT DIFFICULT to write about something when it comes from the heart, when you feel it is part of your soul.

Yiddishkeit is just that. There is no searching for words or difficulty in describing the joy it brings. That same joy and connection is what I feel whenever I'm at Chabad. It's welcoming, engaging, allows one to find oneself while at the same time makes one realize that they were never lost to begin with, that we all belong to the same community.

My siblings and I grew up in a modern conservative/orthodox household where Judaism with all its traditions and celebrations gave us the foundation for our way of life. Our immediate and extended family practice Judaism anywhere from a reform to an ultra-orthodox point of view. We were all taught and teach each other to be accepting, understanding and respectful of one another, after all we are all Jews. At the same time we were taught to give each other that encouragement to learn that one more thing that makes us a more knowledgeable and better Yid that will bring us closer to Yiddishkeit.

What draws me to Chabad is that all the traditions and way of life that was instilled in me comes alive. There is an understanding that we all come from different experiences and levels of Judaism. That while accepting our differences there is a joyful teaching that we on an individual and collective basis can learn and gain the wisdom to be a better Yid. It's because of the special way Chabad delivers that teaching, helps one feel as if they're at home and most importantly part of a larger community.

And it is why I support Chabad with my donations through out the year, so others can feel that same joy and connection and feeling of community that Chabad brings to fruition.

Chabad celebrates Judaism in a way that draws one closer to what is already in one's soul and heart.

- David Levy

a. Inspirational visit to the Rebbe's resting place



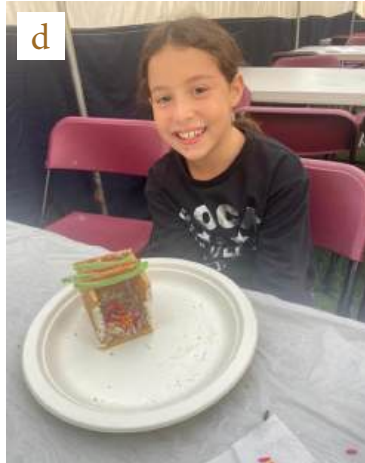
b. End of Summer, Scotch and Steak Social



c. A good time was had by all (in the rain) at Meir's haircutting ceremony



d. Making edible sukkahs at the community sukkah party



e. The next generation of Hebrew readers



f. Brotherhood at a social event in the summer



g. Close to 300 people joined in the beautiful tent for High Holidays



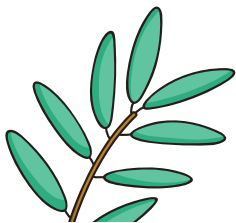
i. Prepping for the 351 guests in the Sukkah



h. One man bound to his creator

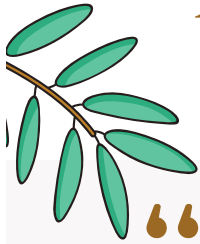


j. The guys getting together to bind themselves to G-d





# RABBI'S LETTER



## DEAR FRIENDS,

I admit, I have a favorite holiday. It isn't Yom Kippur. I know, shocking. It is Sukkot.

We were sitting together in the sukkah a few weeks ago. Outside, surrounded by friends, with the stars peeking through the roof.

There were people of all ages and backgrounds. People of extreme opposite political beliefs. Even Mets and Yankees fans at the same table.

But we were all equals, sharing in the same celebration. Under the same sky, connecting so beautifully with each other. As equals.

It is such a powerful message that is so important to hear over and over again. Especially in today's environment.

So thank you for helping to bring that message to the community. Thank you for bringing unity to a divided world. Thank you for bringing the message and experience of Sukkot to so many. So many of them for the first time.

As we conclude the high holiday season with a record amount of engagement, thank you for the impact you have on our community.

G-d bless!

- Rabbi Mendel & Brocha Teldon



JUST GETTING AROUND to sending this long overdue email. You sent special hand-baked Shmurah Matzah for Passover. My residents loved them and it meant a lot to them to have something so special over the holiday. Thank you for thinking of us

- Marissa



I WISH YOU and all your loved ones a Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year. My sister went to services and she was so EXCITED to tell me about how inspired she was- I am so grateful she had such meaningful holidays at the Chabad.

- Anna



Just want to say THANKS for the stop by at the house and shofar blowing last night. VERY THOUGHTFUL AND APPRECIATED.

- Patti



SINCE COMING TO CHABAD I have been spiritually inspired to do more regarding my religious practice. You truly are an inspiration.

- Steven



THANK YOU so much for last night! The kids and me (and my parents) had such an amazing time celebrating.

- Leah



I WANTED TO THANK YOU again for such a wonderful experience last night. It's been years since I've been in a sukkah.

- Daron



THANK YOU for all your support to me and my family during our time of need. Your warmth, caring and knowledge has been a great help for me.

- Sharon



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