

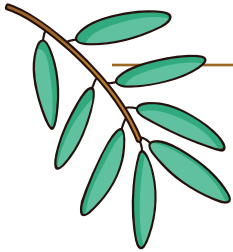
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DONOR APPRECIATION REPORT

WINTER 2021



How YOU are making a difference...



MY HOME



FOR US, Chabad means... acceptance, family, peace and fun!

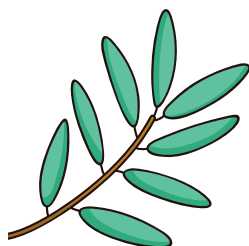
Also, specifically around the Holidays, the Chabad offers us a place/ home for guidance, reflection and introspection.

The Chabad is a welcoming community, within the community where we feel secure and peaceful

Rabbi Mendy takes great interest in the members of the Chabad, always offering his time, patience and guidance. Brocha, his beautiful wife, always makes us feel welcomed and special in their home for Shabbos, or any time, if desired. Together, with their children, they have created a beautiful family, who are always present, welcoming and available for the people in the community. Rabbi Mendy and Brocha are kind, generous, and caring.

For us Chabad means... home.

- Alyse Kaufman



MY CAUSE

I HAVE BEEN SO GRATIFIED to be among fellow Jews who are openly accepting and loving of each other. I grew up attending a conservative Jewish synagogue, which led me to question the tenets of the faith I was born into. The Rabbi was rather cold and distant. The Cantor, nice guy, led the choir, which my mother was a member of. It was all very sterile and not welcoming. Right after my Bar Mitzvah, which was devoid of any meaning, I had no desire to be part of that community.

My first experience with Chabad was in the basement of Rabbi Tuvia Teldon, where I attended Rosh Hashana services because I was curious about what "Jewish New Year" meant, as I was never actually told what anything meant in the Jewish culture. From the moment Rabbi Teldon explained the meaning, I suddenly had so many more questions about Judaism, which opened a world I felt comfortable being a part of.

When my 3rd daughter came into the world I was anxious to expose her to Chabad Hebrew School. She actually LOVED Hebrew School and the loving staff who welcomed the children so warmly and cheerfully. My daughter embraced Judaism as a young adult, which my contemporaries had abandoned right after Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Her life is more meaningful as a result, and she is a happy person facing the stress of young adulthood armed with a solid moral compass.

I feel comfortable lending support to these efforts when I see my contributions used to reach out to Jewish people who would otherwise miss out on the richness of Judaism. Being a Jew means making the world a better place, putting Biblical values into our lives and our communities. Chabad has helped me fulfill this obligation by adding so much meaning to our lives. As we need spiritual leaders and organizations to guide us, it is incumbent upon us to support them financially.

- Ron Roth

a. 800 Rosh Hashanah boxes were delivered to families around the community.



c. Inspiring, safe and meaningful High Holiday services in an outdoor tent were attended by hundreds.



d. Lulav and Esrog were shared throughout the town in celebration of Sukkos.



g. During the Mens trip to Israel, we paused at the top of Masada in the oldest synagogue in the world for some prayer.



i. Intimate Challah bakes in homes around town brought the smells and tastes of Shabbat to so many.



b. Hebrew School continues with joy and fun for all the children.



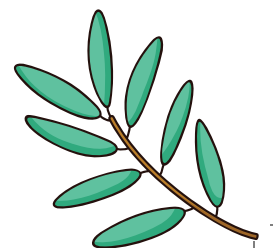
e. When the teens came to build the Sukkah, some put on Tefillin for the first time.



f. The men got together for some good food and deep convos.



h. Blessing a new home with the ultimate security





RABBI'S LETTER

DEAR FRIENDS,

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

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

But the star of the Chanukah season is the Menorah!

Silver, clay, funky or traditional, a whole year it sits on the shelf. Maybe beautiful, but still lifeless. Then, when you put a candle in, it becomes a Mitzvah!

The world around us can be at times

beautiful and at times lifeless.

But when you stepped up and brought light to the community, you turned it into a Mitzvah!

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.

Happy Chanukah,

- Rabbi Mendel & Brocha Teldon



“ THESE BOXES are such gifts of unity and Judaism for so many people. Thank you for all that you do.

- Sandy

“ THIS IS a donation in honor of the very nice lady who delivered the Rosh Hashanah gift box to our home last week. I don't know her name but she was very nice and gracious.

- Howard

“ BROTHERHOOD. That is one of the main themes for me from this trip. Brotherhood at the Kotel when guys in military uniform carrying automatic rifles mix it up with Haredi Jews to welcome in the Shabbat. Brotherhood when we stand in the same place our fellow Jews stood two millennia ago. Brotherhood when we make eye contact with an Israeli speaking Hebrew and we know that despite that we live over 5,000 miles apart and speak different languages, we are part of a common bond. And last but not least, brotherhood among a dozen or so of us from the Commack area.

- Steve

“ MY FAMILY and I attended the shofar ceremony this week and found it so beautiful. As someone who is new to the Commack community, it was a great event to attend. Very welcome and warm!

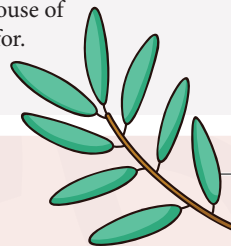
- Amanda

“ THANK YOU for another smashing night in the Sukkah. This is the reason Chabad is our life. It is not only our lifeline to Judaism but it is also the light that shines bright and constant in this world of uncertainty.

- Randy

“ I SPOKE with her a few moments ago and she said she LOVED the services at Chabad. I couldn't go into the New Year with anything better than to hear those words. She plans to go for some Shabbat services; I pray that this will be the foundation of her finding a house of worship that she has so very much been longing for.

- Tammy



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