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DONOR APPRECIATION REPORT
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How YOU are making a difference...



MY FAMILY



I AM TEMPTED here to recount my Jewish evolution by sharing the story of my early life. I was raised in a reform Jewish family by a single mother who was raised orthodox, and who chose to immigrate to Greenwich Village (NYC) for a bohemian life. However, I want to reflect upon how connecting to myself spiritually, and with consistency, has shifted my own life circumstance.

Chabad has supported my spiritual growth. This community has allowed me to thrive as a Jewish learner. Today, I am comfortable when I pause and be quiet within myself, frequently throughout the day; lighting candles, and acknowledging and identifying the gratitude for what I have, as well as accepting that it is the EFFORT I put in to appreciate the Jewish calendar for holidays and rituals. The effort is easy to put in because we have made many friends within the Chabad community. My family and I look forward to continuing to learn together on a regular basis. These are friends who will be there to support each other going forward. How fortunate is that?

Chabad does not judge, but rather supports the individual spiritual effort and the desire to learn. Supporting the heart, modeling and living by example is what the Chabad does so well. The “looking within habit” is a great tool for self-reflection.

As a member of the Chabad family, and the Teldon family specifically, I am grateful for the support that lovingly and consistently enhances the members’ lives, with love, acceptance humility, and a sense of humor as well.

- Madeline Wolfgang



MY CAUSE

FOR AS LONG as I can remember, every time that Rita and I would get our mail, we were inundated with dozens of requests for charitable donations.

Although we were sure they were all worthy causes, and in need of our support, it was impossible to assist every one of them. Thus, we had to decide upon one deserving cause.

Soon after moving to Commack, we became involved in Chabad of Mid-Suffolk introducing us to the Teldon family. Chabad reaches out to so many people, in many different ways that are so meaningful. They have touched the lives of many and continue to touch even more through the Hebrew School, Shabbat dinners, high holiday services, and the delivery of Shabbat and Holiday boxes.

Thanks to Chabad, Rita and I have reconnected with Torah studies and Jewish life.

Studies show that people with a strong religious faith, are more than two times more generous in their donations than people without a particular religious affiliation. Uniquely, each Chabad location is funded from its own fundraising campaigns and the charitable donations of its congregants. Despite a common misconception, no individual Chabad receives any monies for operational costs from the Chabad headquarters.

Rita and I proudly support Chabad of Mid-Suffolk because we know firsthand that the donations and funds that are raised are put to good use to reach the community.

Our message here will hopefully inspire more members of the community to donate as much as they are able to keep the influence growing so that Chabad will always be a place filled with faithful worshippers and welcoming to all.

Rita and I will soon be relocating permanently to Florida to begin a new chapter and adventure in our lives. It will be very difficult to replace the Teldon family and all our friends in Chabad. Although we will join another Chabad in Florida, we will remain loyal and continue to support Chabad of Mid-Suffolk. We hope to return to New York several times a year and each time that we do, we will surely stop by Chabad of Mid-Suffolk to worship and share special times with all of you.

We look forward with faith that our paths will cross again. We will miss you all.

Warm regards,

- Rita & Carl Talesnick

a. Thanks to the Purim Experience boxes, hundreds of mini Purim parties popped up with joy for all ages!



c. 800 families received their Passover Experience Box bringing the holiday to thousands.



d. Hebrew School continues to inspire the next generation safely in person...



e. ...And interactively online.



f. The teens are connecting socially in a Jewish atmosphere while doing good for others

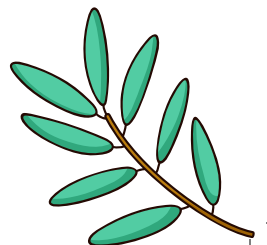


g. Close to 50 people are inspired in monthly online lectures by speakers from around the world.



b. Over 40 Volunteers spent countless hours assembling and distributing some Judaism around the community.

h. Bar and Bat Mitzvah preparation is creating more reasons to celebrate!





RABBI'S LETTER

DEAR FRIENDS,

3333 years ago (give or take a few hours), we all stood by the foot of a mountain in the Sinai Desert.

The festivities were about to begin and we were all going to receive the 10 commandments from Above.

But there was a delay.

G-d wanted to know why He should trust us? Who is going to guarantee that the Torah is going to be kept and passed on from generation to generation?

The negotiations began...

The Sages? No.

The Prophets? No.

The Elders? No.

The Patriarchs and Matriarchs? No.

We were running out of options.

Moses tried his luck...The Children?

The Thunder and Lightning began and the rest is history.

The Youth. They are the guarantee.

Thank YOU for guaranteeing that we have the guarantors.

We can't continue without them. And they can't do it without you.

The entirety of Jewish history is grateful.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer,

- Rabbi Mendel & Brocha Teldon



THERE WERE DEFINITELY more than one Aha moment throughout the course. It touched upon a very sensitive subject that an average person may not think about too often. However, I feel the lessons learned empower me now on the daily basis. In addition, having this knowledge lets me approach difficult discussion topics about death and the afterlife with more ease and clarity.

- Natalya



SHABBAT DINNER was lovely! I was brought back to my days of growing up with Kiddush on Friday nights... so heartwarming and much needed at this time!

- Marla



I SENT THE PURIM BOX to my granddaughter at Skidmore. She was surprised and delighted with it. In fact, she was planning on taking some of the games to the Hillel Purim Party at school. She also thought the other materials were meaningful.

- Susan



I WAS REALLY GETTING SAD before Passover. I couldn't find the shmura matza anywhere. It was going to be the first time in like 10 years that I wasn't going to have it at the Seder. 3 hours before the Seder started, the door rang and UPS brought me the Passover box. It made my holiday! Thanks so much.

- Caren



YES! I want to support Chabad of Mid-Suffolk during these special times.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Enclosed please find my tax-deductible gift of:

\$1000 \$500 \$180 \$50 Other \$ _____

My check, payable to Chabad of Mid-Suffolk is enclosed.

I wish to charge my gift to: Card # _____ Exp. Date ____/____ CCV (security) code _____

Signature _____

For online donations: www.ChabadMidSuffolk.com/Donate

Please contact me about leaving Chabad of Mid-Suffolk in my will so I can leave a Jewish legacy! Thank you!