

REPORT

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF NORTH ORLANDO

2020



GREETINGS

Dear Friend.

We are so excited to present this new quarterly publication highlighting current events and inspiring interactions which are all the dividends of your investment in the Jewish community. Eleven year old Levi has mostly been at home since the start of the pandemic. The weekly Hebrew reading zoom through Chabad Hebrew School is "his favorite ten minutes of the week" says his mom. Levi is thrilled to be able to celebrate Judaism thanks to your financial gifts.

After calling up Susan to see how she had been doing, she mentioned to Rabbi Majesky that she hadn't lit the Menorah at home in several decades. Chanshy went to her address with a menorah and candles in hand. They sang the blessings and lit the Menorah together helping Susan celebrate after so many years.

2020 was a difficult year and we are stronger because we are together. May the year of 2021 bring happiness, moments of connection and togetherness. May it be a year of tremendous growth for our community allowing us to be there for each other in an even more profound way.

With Appreciation,

Rabbi Yanky & Chanshy Majesky







OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

Community Sukkos Dinner

Pedi Sukkah - with our innovative sukkah on a bike, we brought the holiday of Sukkos to the Jewish residents in the neighborhood allowing them to perform the mitzvah of shaking the lulav and etrog and eating in the sukkah.

CTeen Fall events - 1. Special guest lecture by past IDF soldier, 2. Regional event with chapters from all over Central Florida 3. Pizza in the Sukkah Party

NEW EVENT! Cteen Junior - we kicked off our very first Cteen junior group for post Bar/Bat Mitzvah aged kids with a Sukkos party.

Sukkos Drive Through Celebration - community members celebrated sukkos with a drive-through. Cars made their way through Nate's shul property stopping at each station to perform different fun sukkos themed carnival activities.

Hawaiian Simchas Torah - We celebrated with Hakafot, Drinks and Hawaiian Dinner.

Zoom Lecture by Holocaust Survivor Dr. Jacob Eisenbach







NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Community's New Torah starts to be written.

CTeen Junior Friday Night Dinner

Zoom Guest lecture Comedian Joel Chasnoff

Ckids Restaurant Impossible kids modeled their own restaurant and created real kosher dishes all while learning about Kosher in a fun innovative way.

JLI Class Series on 'Secrets of the Bible'







DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Chanukah Community Celebration and Menorah Lighting - at Reiter Park in Longwood

Chanukah Car Parade for Seniors

Zoom Chanukah Celebration and Menorah Lighting at Home

Rosh Chodesh Women's Class

Cteen Alumni Shabbat Dinner - For college aged students

CKids Light Up the Town Event

Toy Drive - for abused and neglected children

Zoom Guest Lecture Genie Milgrom - life story of a women who found her way back to Judaism after her family lived outside of the faith for many generations.

Cteen Junior Musical Havdallah and Go Karting

Event Hyhlight TORAH

This event marked the start of the scribe beginning to write a brand new Torah for our community initiated by the Waizman family.

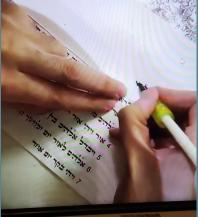
"THIS DAY WAS SO SPECIAL A REAL GREAT CELEBRATION.
WE SHOULD'VE BEEN SHARING L'CHAIMS, AND DANCED IN JUBILATION.

THOUGH COVID HAS LIMITED OUR ABILITY TO MEET,
THE JOY IN OUR HEARTS CANNOT BE BEAT.

BUT DEAR TORAH PLEASE KNOW WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN
WE WILL MAKE IT UP TO YOU WHEN YOU'RE COMPLETED AND BROUGHT TO OUR TOWN

WE LOOK FORWARD TO DANCING AND SINGING TOGETHER
WHEN IN ONE YEAR FROM NOW WE'LL WRITE IN YOUR FINAL LETTER"





COMMUNITY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

Hundreds joined the community Chanukah Celebration at Reiter Park with world renowned singer Ari Lesser, dog show and lots of fun for young and old.









"It's incredible the amount of toys we've received this year from your community, and we are really appreciative of all your efforts..."

-Lt. Brad McDaniel Seminole County Sheriff's Office



Event Hyhlight CHANUKAH PARADE FOR SENIORS

Ruth's father, a local Holocaust Survivor living in quarantine expressed that the lock down made him feel like he was back in Auschwitz. Teaming up with the Jewish Pavilion we organized the Chanukah Car Parade for 3 senior facilities in our area. The parade included giant floats, balloons, Chanukah decorations and signs. We were accompanied by the Sheriff's Department and the Fire Department. There was lively Chanukah music as the onlookers waved at all the cars that drove by. The parade culminated with a giant Menorah lighting.



FIGHTING DARKNESS WITH KINDNESS

We wanted to take a minute and zoom in on the direct impact your contribution has on the individuals in our community.

During these past few months many have been suffering financially and emotionally. We were humbled to have been able to facilitate being of assistance to so many through the generosity of community members. Here are a few special moments:

A family in between jobs fell in hard times. Their car was repossessed. A gift card for groceries was slipped under their doormat anonymously. A young family with a sick mother was gifted Nanny and housekeeping help. The father expressed that he was so thankful that he could now go to work knowing his kids were being cared for.

Jewish kids books were purchased for a family whose kids love reading but just didn't have extra funds to get Jewish books.

A family whose business was hit hard during COVID-19 got help this year for their extra Chanukah expenses.

A young mom was able to speak to a therapist pro-bono to work through the added stress she was experiencing because of the pandemic.













REGULAR ONGOING ACTIVITES

- Chabad Hebrew School
- Prayer Services 5 days a week
- JText Trivia texting game for adults
- JText for teens
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah Classes
- CTeen-U Accredited course on Judaism for 11th and 12th graders

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Rabbi Yanky and Chanshy Majesky

