



# IMPACT REPORT

CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF NORTH ORLANDO

JANUARY  
FEBRUARY  
MARCH  
2021



**Chabad**  
NORTH ORLANDO

# GREETINGS

Dear Friend,

We just celebrated the Passover Seder. We read about the four sons in the Haggadah. The Lubavitcher Rebbe teaches that there is yet a fifth son: the son who doesn't even show up to the Seder. The Rebbe inspired his Shluchim to not forget about this fifth son. He urged his followers to move to cities across the globe to ignite the soul of every Jew and inspire each one to be more involved in their precious heritage. This is the mission of Chabad, motivated by the Rebbe's love and care for each individual.

A mother of two alumnae of Chabad Hebrew School of North Orlando told Chanshy that her two teenage daughters are surviving the anxieties of COVID-19 because of the faith they gained through their years at Hebrew School.

A community member lost his father recently. He flew to be at the funeral out of town. His wife who was not feeling so well was sad to have to stay home with a birthday that weekend. We decided to bring her some flowers to just remind her that we are thinking of her on her special day.

These two stories are very minuscule but they share a similar theme. Each person is a world. The community is made up of many individuals. We are honored to be part of the Rebbe's army looking out for each and every Jew to help them connect on some level to the community and to their roots.

In this report we share with you the many happenings in our community over the past three months. With your generosity we are able to keep the flame of Judaism alive, one by one. Thank you for your unwavering support!

Rabbi Yanky & Chanshy Majesky



# JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

-C-teen Jr. Bowling Event - for middle school age kids

-Zoom Lecture – "The Rapping Rabbi" - the fascinating story of how Rabbi Motti Flikstein transformed from a drug addict teenager to a Chabad Rabbi

-Cteen Winter Events:  
Defy Orlando Regional Trip event  
Havdalah and Bonfire  
Friday Night Shabbat Dinner

-Babka Bake for Women & Class #3 on Joy: Finding our unique mission

-Tu B'shvat Kids Gummy Workshop





# FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

-Zoom Lecture – Rabbi Noach Majesky on Jewish life in Ghana

-Cteen-U Graduation & Trip

-Cteen Shabbaton

-Class for Women on Joy #4: Overcoming Stress

-Hamentashen Making at Winn Dixie

-Purim on the Avenue

-Mishloach Manos Project

-Cteen Jr BBQ and smores





# MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

-JLI Journey of the Soul

-Jewelry Making & Class for Women on Joy: Dealing with Regret



-Zoom Lecture: Nazi Hunter Efraim Zuroff

-CKids Passover Pyramid Dig & Seder Plate Making

-Pre-Pesach class for Adults





## REGULAR ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- 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





# Mezuzah Campaign

MAZEL TOV TO THE FAMILIES WHO NOW HAVE A MEZUZAH ON THEIR FRONT DOOR!



# PASSOVER DISTRIBUTION

Before the arrival of Passover Chabad of North Orlando distributed:

Matza and Hagaddah coloring Books to families with kids

Passover Food for those who could not afford or could not get access to what they needed

Seder Kits for people to celebrate Passover at home





• “Boruch Hashem for you guys.  
 • Thank you very much for the food for  
 • our Seder (I hope to be on my own  
 • feet soon due to a new job, but for  
 • now really appreciate the help)

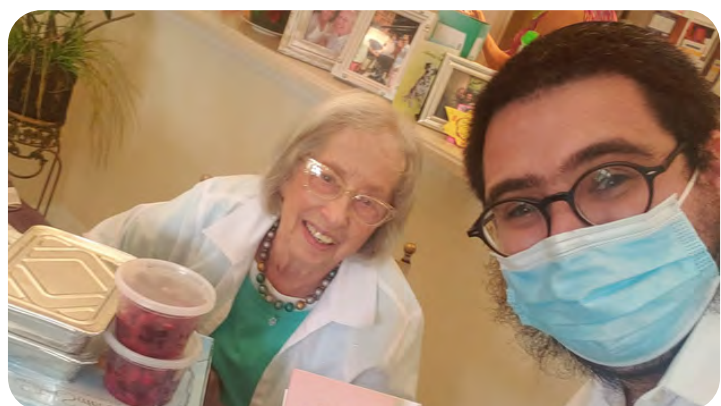


• One family planned to join their  
 • entire extended family Seder in  
 • Atlanta but it all fell apart when the  
 • father needed emergency surgery,  
 • we brought items for the Seder to  
 • the hospital so Passover Seder  
 • could still be a possibility.

• This message is one we  
 • received from an elderly woman  
 • living alone: “Thanks so much  
 • for the goodies you brought and  
 • the warm wishes. You are truly  
 • such a good person. I  
 • appreciate your caring for me”

• A woman living alone said  
 • “You really touched my  
 • heart. Thank you”

• “My Rabbi Yanky Majesky called  
 • yesterday to wish me a wonderful  
 • Passover and I told him I was not doing  
 • anything this year. Several hours later  
 • there is a knock on my door and it was  
 • the Rabbi with a bottle of wine, matzo  
 • from Israel and a Seder plate with  
 • everything you need to have a Seder  
 • including the Haggadah. I promised him I  
 • will have a Seder tonight and I am  
 • blessed to have a Rabbi who is so caring  
 • for a senior who can no longer drive and  
 • will be celebrating this special holiday  
 • alone. Chabad of North Orlando has the  
 • best Rabbi and Rebbitzen in the whole  
 • world”



A young nursing student in Sanford living away from family was not planning on doing a Seder, knowing this, we made sure "Passover to go" was on its way to her home!

A man who grew up in religious home but not involved in Judaism at all since he left Brooklyn received the Passover kit to remind him that Hashem does not forget any one of his precious children.

**“You gave us Pesach which we otherwise would not have had”**



A Father of one family we visited called from prison “I have made some bad choices in my life which destroyed my medical practice and landed me in prison. It saddens me that I won't be able to lead a Seder for my family as in the past. Both of my children have non Jewish spouses and not raising their children as Jews. I was extremely comforted by your bringing Shmurah Matzah and Hagadas for them to connect with their heritage”

“Thank you for bringing the Seder plate to my sister. She was very touched and will use it tomorrow night! I could tell how excited she was. You did a beautiful mitzvah.”



“The wine was the best I ever tasted. the Seder plate was fantastic, and matzo plus the Haggadah was perfect for my own one on one Seder. ... Rabbi you gave me a wonderful Seder and I really appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. Hashem has blessed me with a Rabbi who really cares for all of us. Thank you, thank you, thank you”

A woman in the Longwood neighborhood, just home from mastectomy, was planning to watch The Exodus in lieu of a Seder. We rushed over to deliver Matza and Seder items so she and her husband can celebrate in the best way possible.



# BAR & BAT MITZVAHS IN THE COMMUNITY

Despite the pandemic kids in Longwood, Lake Mary & Sanford are still celebrating their Bar and Bat Mitzvahs.

Am Yisrael Chai! The Jewish people live on despite the many challenges that come our way



*Event  
Highlight*

## GILLI'S FOOD TRUCK COMES TO TOWN

Gilli's Food truck is now visiting Longwood once a month to offer Kosher Israeli style cuisine to the local community. The joy from seeing the community come together for something light, fun and Jewish is heartwarming.



# "RAIN OR SHINE"

Before Passover Chabad's Chai Partners and Pillar donors received a small token of appreciation for partnering with Chabad of North Orlando to keep Judaism pumping in our town. We delivered umbrellas to say "Chabad is there for every Jew rain or shine and our partner and pillar supporters are the reason we can continue to do this very special work."



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## CTEEN-U GRADUATION

Teens in 11th and 12th grade received college credits for participating in Cteen-U a weekly class on Judaism.

After the final test the group of Cteen-U students went on a graduation trip to celebrate their accomplishments



# MICHELE DAVIDSON BUNCE FUND

This quarter we recognize the yartzeit of Esther Miriam bas Shamai Yehuda in whose memory a special fund has been set up to grow and enhance Chabad youth programming.



• Date of Passing: •  
• Feb 18, 2019 •



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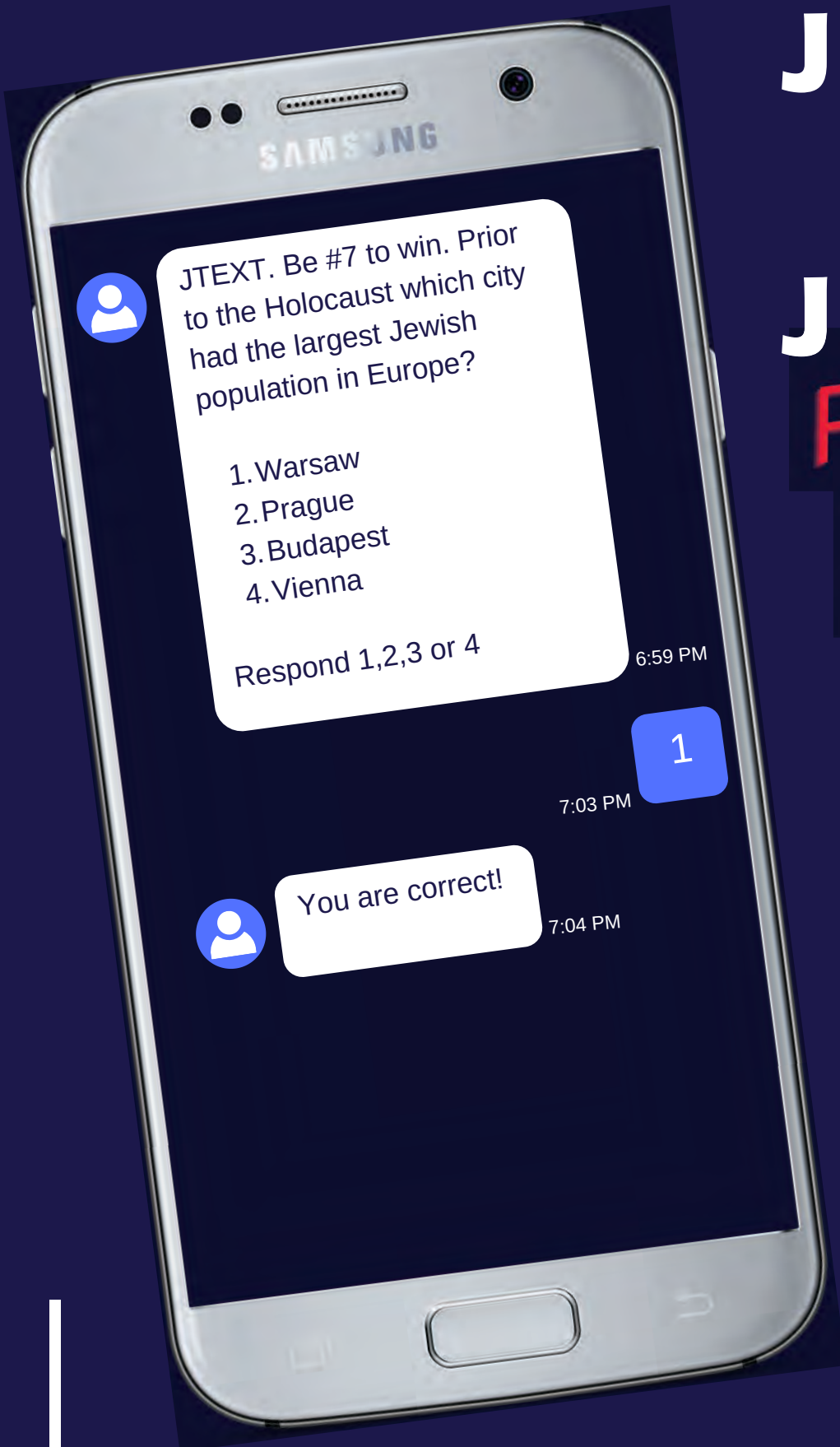
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For  
Teens



Jtext is a fun texting Jewish trivia game that's being played by hundreds of locals twice weekly. The Jtext Teen track is especially impactful in keeping youth who are post Bar and Bat Mitzvah age engaged in Jewish learning



## **JTEXT WINNERS**

### **JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH:**

Gloria Levine	Marc Morrison	Natan Brenner
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## **JTEXT FOR TEENS WINNERS**

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