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OF THE NYACKS



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DEAR FRIENDS & PARTNERS,

We live in a time of great anxiety. It seems everyone is worried about something. We know local families are struggling. Many people express fear about the future.

You are a light in the darkness.

By giving generously, you are alleviating peoples' pain. You are stepping up. You are making a difference. You are helping those in need. You are doing a big Mitzvah.

As we transition from the festive month of Jewish holidays to the routine of "regular life," one thought keeps coming back to me, again and again:

You are amazing!

As I reflect upon the past few weeks, I cannot help but be filled with pride and **gratitude to you**. Your generosity is helping hundreds of local families. You are inspiring women and men of all backgrounds. Because of you, we welcome countless children and adults.

Your kindness is touching many lives. Your friendship is uplifting young and old alike. Your commitment is making our community a better place.

At Chabad, we consider it an honor to serve local families.

We are privileged to have you as our generous partner.

We are thankful you choose to give to our community. Together, we are doing much good. And we are grateful.

You give from your heart. You are making a positive impact. From the bottom of our hearts, we express our gratitude to you.

On behalf of the countless people you are helping: Thank You!

Rabbi Chaim Zvi & Chayala Ehrenreich

We appreciate your friendship and support so very much.

P.S. Our sages tell us, "Hearing cannot be compared to seeing." We want you to see the good you are doing. The following pages bring you a collection of stories you made happen. I trust they will bring you much joy. Enjoy!



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Chabad is a Miracle

SARA BURNBAUM - NYACK

Finding an orthodox shul to attend on Yom Tov was difficult. One year I saw a Chabad'nik at the Sukkah at the JCC of Rockland. I approached him, and the rest is history as they say.

I grew up in a secular Israeli home, and I was more than familiar with the magical work of Chabad. I was so excited! No more trips to the city! I began to attend services at Chabad.



When plans were announced to establish Chabad of The Nyacks, it was truly my personal miracle!

I live here! Rabbi Ehrenreich and his family continue to be an inspiration. I attend every event possible. **Chabad is so authentic. They are caring and sincere, and ensure that everyone is comfortable at Chabad.**

I donate, financially supporting Chabad as well as I can. **Whatever I can give does not equal what Chabad gives back to me.** I remember the Rabbi's talks so well, that I give them over to my family. Finding my way back to the Jewish lifestyle with Chabad enables me to continue to strive to be a better Jew.

The community that Chabad and the Ehrenreichs have been working so hard to create is really making an impact on the Jews in Nyack and the surrounding areas. It is a blessing that deserves to grow into a true Jewish community.

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JEN MAYER - UPPER NYACK

Rabbi Ehrenreich performed my grandmother's funeral about 18 years ago. He was new to the area, (I think this was his first religious ritual here in Nyack.) My parents fell in love with him! My parents talked and talked about Rabbi Ehrenreich, but I was just not interested.

When my friend Leigh needed memorial services for her mom, I got first hand experience of who the Rabbi was, and realized what a gem I was not taking advantage of.

When it came to my son Leo's bar mitzvah, I decided it's time to pick up the gemstones left at my door (in the forms of pamphlets, Matzah for Passover, and countless invitations to come and join.)

He did a dazzling job for the Bar Mitzvah. ***It was just done so right!! So on point, intimate, funny, religious, inclusive, joyous, it was everything!***

I love that I can ask, "Why?" And Rabbi Ehrenreich is happy to answer my questions. He never pushes anything on me, and accepts me for who I am. He literally crushed all the stereotypes that I grew up with, in regards to Orthodox Rabbis.

I donate to Chabad regularly. Chabad has a vision. And I would love to see it come to fruition. A building where we could all come together in unity. ***I love the message and the way Chabad goes about trying to achieve its goals.***

Until I actually took up Chabad's offers and invitations, we were unaffiliated with any religious sector here in Nyack. I am comfortable with being affiliated now.



Chabad is the Glue that Keeps Jews Together

STUART MITCHELL, ESQ - GRAND VIEW-ON-HUDSON

I first became aware of Chabad approximately seven years ago. Since that time I have observed Rabbi Ehrenreich and other Chabad Rabbis put into practice the teachings of Rabbi Schneerson.

While religious observance is encouraged and taught, it is not a prerequisite. ***Whether a person is an atheist or nonreligious if you are a Jew you are welcomed.*** In that sense Chabad is a glue that holds Jews together.

On a personal level I have been the recipient of that graciousness from Rabbi Ehrenreich during a period of mourning when he obtained a personalized Mishnah in memory of my wife for me and my children. Chabad has also sent thoughtful Sabbath and appropriate holiday gifts to me.

I have learned of the assistance Chabad provides to less fortunate Jews who are in need. ***The work that Chabad of The Nyacks does is significant and generous and it deserves financial support so that it can continue to be available to all Jews.***



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