



# IMPACT REPORT

JANUARY-  
MARCH 2022





# GREETINGS

Dear Friend,

It is with great appreciation that we present this winter 2022 Impact Report.

We are pleased to report that this past quarter has seen tremendous increase in Jewish interest and in-person attendance. Thank you for being a partner in the growth of Jewish life.

Please take a moment to appreciate the impact you are having on our community, one person at a time. On behalf of the Jewish community in Southern Dutchess County, thank you.

With Appreciation,  
Rabbi Zalman and Goldy Sandhaus





# HIGHLIGHTS

- Launched monthly Tefillin Club
- Launched monthly Lunch and Learn at Crepini
- Monthly Shabbat day services
- Teen Hamantash bake and movie
- Community Shaloch Manot Project
- Community Purim Celebration with 94 people!
- Four new Jewish families
- Hebrew school grew from 14 to 16 children
- Celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Shane Kobak at Pardess Chabad Farm



# COMMUNITY PURIM CELEBRATION

Close to 100 men, women and children came out to celebrate the joyous holiday of Purim at the comfort Suites Hotel in Fishkill.





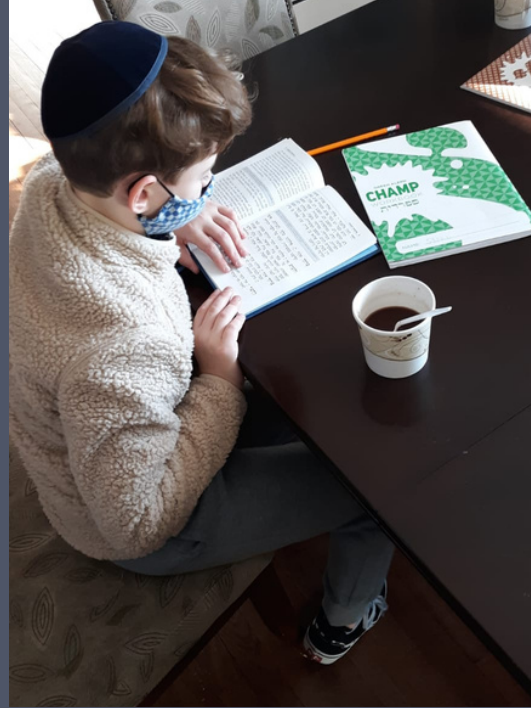


# *Purim*

TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY







# ZOOMING IN ON YOUR IMPACT

"Meeting Goldy and our lessons with her made my connection with G-d so much stronger. It made my understanding of who we are and where we come from a lot better. The get-togethers we have and the connections I've made with other people because of our visits to Pardess are very memorable and the highlight of our week. My sister, Callie and I love going to visit their barn with their very cute animals.

Helping out with the younger kids in the Hebrew school program is so fun! And the experience is rewarding! I've always been lacking the Jewish connections with other teens with the same religion as me, now I feel that we found it at Pardess with the rabbi and his wonderful wife." -Ella, 14

"I enjoy going to Pardess because it makes me feel a sense of belonging. It's given me a lot of new experiences. I used to think that being Jewish was rare. I didn't know anyone near my age or around me that was Jewish other than my family. Once I came here, I got to meet so many kids that were Jewish like me. It felt great and can't wait to learn more!" -Callie, 12





# BAR MITZVAH SPOTLIGHT



## **Mazal Tov Shane!**

Shane celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat, March 26 surrounded by family and friends. Shane has been part of our Hebrew School since our second year. Shane's smile lights up the room and brings great energy to the new week each Sunday. We are so proud of Shane's accomplishments and of how much he's learned.



# WHY I GIVE TO PARDESS, BY LARRY COHEN



**Why do I give?** I don't believe I give. The funding sent to PARDESS isn't a donation to a charity, organization or Schul, a gift to the Rabbi or any relief of guilt I may have for not being a perfect Jew. The funds sent are shared by us with Pardess as an extension of our family. It is a mitzvah for me except I am the one receiving it.

PaRDeS; "orchard" in Hebrew, "paradise" in English, "home" in the Fishkills.

Around seven or so years ago, as one of the few Jewish elected officials in the county, I met with Rabbi Zalman over coffee. The rabbi and his wife had just move to Fishkill to start a new Chabad center. As the months passed, I would participate in activities put on by Rabbi Zalman and his wife Goldy. I met individuals, families, older folks and children. These gatherings and events were more like a big family gathering than an organized event. We all had one thing in common, we are Jews. I wouldn't say I lost my way when it comes to Judaism, I just stopped moving. The years went on and I had grown further away from feeling like I "belonged". In the back of my mind, I always missed that feeling but didn't realize it until I met Rabbi Zalman. Everything has been and is at my speed, my tolerance and my time.

Then I moved to Albany. Geography has taken me far enough from Fishkill that I cannot participate for now. However, I still feel part of that community that I longed for so many years. We continue to maintain our financial support for Pardess because the participation knows no boundaries. I know I have been and still am a part of this community to the credit of that young Rabbi who showed up with his suitcase in a strange town, far from his home.

# WARREN DAVIS OBM



On January 30th, the 29th of Shevat,  
Warren Davis returned his soul to its maker.

Warren was a benefactor and visionary of  
Pardess Chabad Farm and its activities.

He was a big supporter of Jewish education.

He loved to see pictures and receive updates of children  
learning and having fun at Hebrew school each week.

May his memory be for a blessing.



THIS QUARTER

*Together We Raised*

\$50,186



*Thank you for being a  
part of this special  
community*

**Thank you to this quarter's donors.  
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The impact your contribution has had is beyond measure. We look forward to continuing this partnership and spreading the light of Judaism farther than ever.

Wishing you and your family a happy, Kosher and Zissen Pesach !

Warm regards,  
Rabbi Zalman and Goldy Sandhaus

