

IMPACT REPORT

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GREETINGS

Dear Friend.

When preparing this quarterly report, I couldn't help but marvel at the drastic change of season in such a short period of time.

At the beginning of this quarter, we celebrated Sukkot outdoors under the warm sun, and by the end of this quarter we were bundle in our coats drinking hot cocoa at public menorah lightings. Yet while the weather turned cold and the nights grew longer, somehow the warmth, light and joy associated with the summer months didn't fade.

We gathered for an awesome, sun-filled family Sukkah party where the kids refused to leave. We continue to gather every Sunday for Hebrew school where Jewish kids are forming bonds and having fun. We gather every Shabbos for davening, hot cholent, and words of inspiration. Young professionals gather one Friday night a month to celebrate Shabbos together.

And on Chanukah we gathered... and gathered... and gathered. For the largest bowling party yet. For the largest Adams Menorah lighting yet. For mini celebrations all around East Fishkill, Fishkill, and Beacon with our Menorah trailer. And for the small Jewish population in Pawling – in freezing rain – so they should experience the light of Chanukah and the warmth of community.

Thank you to all our monthly donors and contributors to the end of year matching campaign. Without support for our general operations, all these programs and celebrations would not be possible.

A special thank you to the exceptional individuals who believe in us and the potential of our community, and have generously donated towards the purchase of 177 Blue Hill Rd. to expand the scope of our operations. (Scroll down for more on that!)

With appreciation,
Rabbi Zalman and Goldy Sandhaus









HIGHLIGHTS

- Yom Kippur services
- Young Professionals Sukkos Dinner
- Family Sukkah party
- Men's wine and cheese social
- Completed the purchase of the neighboring property 177 Blue Hill Rd
- Lunch 'n Learn
- Hebrew School Mothers' paint party
- Young Professionals Monthly Shabbat dinner
- Distributed farm fresh eggs in collaboration with the EF Library Food Pantry
- End of year crowdfunding campaign
- Chanukah Community Bowling
- Chanukah Public Menorah Lightings
- Chanukah Wheels of Joy Menorah mobile

ZOOM IN ON YOUR IMPACT BY DR. SHARON WEIBMAN

Who knew a little Chabad farm on Blue Hill Road could open doors to a Jewish haven in Hopewell Junction, NY? Witnessing the Pardess Farm grow from the ground up has been an absolute joy.

Every time I visit Pardess Farm, I learn something new. Whether it be Rabbi Zalman's divrei torah (which often conclude with a thoughtful joke) or the Sandhaus kids excitedly sharing what they learned in school that week.

Pardess Chabad Farm is a hidden gem for Jewish learning and so much more. It has enhanced Jewish traditions and values to my life in many ways. Wandering the grounds of Pardess Farm in and of itself has been a tranquil experience for me. A walk to the stream and mountainside affirms the beauty of Hashem's creations.

Rabbi Zalman and Goldy have uniquely created a working farm, welcoming community participation in many ways. Whether on shabbatot, holidays or various gatherings; it is always exciting to be able to meet local Jews that would otherwise not have a place to come together as a Jewish community. I very much look forward to the next chapter of the Pardess Farm... the addition of the new shul!





THE PURCHASE!







We are excited to share that thanks to a number of extremely generous donors Pardess was successful in purchasing the neighboring property, 177 Blue Hill Rd.

This property, which was originally part of 171 but later subdivided, sits right adjacent to the farm, with the deck overlooking the farm.

Our plans for this property for the very near future include:

- The transformation of the 650 sq ft garage into a shul.
- Youth game room
- Additional Hebrew School learning space.
- Additional community gathering space
- Shabbos guest house, for local families to experience an authentic Shabbos.
- Lots more parking, including separate entrance and exit points





Chrukah Bowl







WHY I PUT PARDESS IN MY WILL

BY DR. MALKA VEGA-GRALNICK

I chose to include Pardess in my will to make sure Judaism thrives in our community even after I am physically not on this world. I want to make sure the next generation knows about their Jewish heritage and how important it is!

I think every person should include Pardess in their will even if you don't have much, even if it's a small portion, a little "oil" can last a long time, a little makes a lot.

I've lived in this area for many years and I can tell you, Rabbi and Goldy took a complete Jewish desert and turned this area into a beautiful flourishing Jewish oasis. From all I've seen and my involvement with Pardess, this organization does absolutely incredible work and I am proud to be a part of it.

When I got to deliver Matzah to Jewish homes in the area, those short positive Jewish interactions kindled the Jewish spark and friendship within us. And that makes us a united community instead of being each on our own, isolated; we feel part of a united people.

I encourage you to join me in the Pardess Legacy Society and be one of 10 people this year who will write a letter of intent or actually include Pardess in your will.

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Your partnership in spreading the light of Judaism makes a real difference and for that we are extremely grateful.

Warm regards, Rabbi Zalman and Goldy Sandhaus

