

IMPACT REPORT

JAN-MARCH 2023



GREETINGS

About a year ago a woman we know informed us about her Jewish friend Sarah* who lives in the area but had no connection to anything Jewish. She encouraged Sarah to come on Rosh Hashanah with her children. Although Sarah rsvp'd she didn't actually make it to shul.

Sukkos came. We invited them to the Sukkah party, but they couldn't make it. We dropped off a Challah one Friday. We visited them with the Menorah trailer on Chanukah, but they weren't home so we left doughnuts and a menorah at their door.

Finally, on Purim, Sarah and her family came to the party. They had a fabulous time! This was the family's first Jewish experience. The children had a blast – the 7-year-old daughter even found her classmate at the party! Sarah's husband who is not Jewish was nervous he would feel uncomfortable, but relaxed immediately when he saw how friendly and warm the community is. And Sarah was just thrilled that her family's first Jewish experience was so positive.

We often measure success, based on numbers—it is, after all, the most logical way. But people are not numbers, and success within a community is measured by the impact made on a single individual. So although this Purim we had the largest party since we opened our doors in 2014 (it was indeed epic! See photos below), the attendance of a single Jewish family, is where I found the impact of Purim to be most felt. Who knows how far reaching that will be?

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Hebrew School dads exclusive behind scenes tour of Sloop Brewery
- Began new weekly Mishna class
- Mailed out Shabbat candle lighting time magnet
- Tefilin Club in memory of Warren Davis
- Purim Mishloach Manos Distribution
- Purim in Hawaii community celebration
- Hebrew School Moms Babka Bake
- Young Professionals Monthly Shabbat dinner
- New baby sheep and goats born on the farm





FEEDBACK

Dear Rabbi, Thanks for a beautiful service. Always love seeing you and your family.
-Michael D.

Thank you very much for the stuffed Torah scroll and prayer for our daughter. We appreciate you thinking of us. We look forward to making Judaism a part of her life as she grows up.

-Ben & Mel V.

Thanks for your guidance, it was truly helpful. Everything worked out well, it was so special. -Peter S.

Thank you for that Purim party, it was so nice, and so many people. I had a great time as always.
-Marsha P.

Hello! It was such a pleasure to see Rabbi Sandhaus at my house the other day. Thanks for the Matzah and keeping in touch. PS - I just ordered a Star of David necklace from Israel. Suddenly feeling more Jewish!
-Judith S.

Thank you Rabbi. I'm grateful that I have a Chabad to support and help me do mitzvahs. And a delightful rabbi and rebbitzen who give to the community with all their heart.
-Alan Z.







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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

