

IMPACT
REPORT

APRIL - JUNE 2024



GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

Among the many beautiful events of the April-June quarter was our Hebrew School Award Ceremony and end of year celebration.

It was during our preparations for this event that we realized just how crucial this school year was for our students.

In a year when Jewish youth was being challenged for their identity throughout the world, here we were pumping them with Jewish pride and a strong sense of identity. Our students learned about the Biblical history of Israel and their everlasting connection to the land. We prayed weekly for the safety and security of the soldiers, hostages and all of Israel. We learned about believing and trusting in G-d, and acknowledging all the gifts He gives us every day.

It is no doubt that the knowledge they gained and the values that were emphasized will empower the children in our community to be confident Jewish adults.

Thank you for playing a role in this vital work.

Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus







HIGHLIGHTS

- Matzah Deliveries
- Passover Seder
- Education and Sharing Day Proclamation with County Executive Sue Serino
- 2 Hebrew School Bar Mitzvah celebrations at the new Shul
- School group farm visits
- Volunteers groups and interns learn and help on the farm
- Hebrew School end of year award ceremony
- Shavuos celebration with a beautiful turnout







WHY I GIVE Dr. Steven Shuchat Ed.D.

When I first met Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus, he was new to the Hudson Valley region from the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. He and his wife, Goldy, and their children, set their sights on building roots in the area with the goal of establishing a vibrant Jewish community in Fishkill and beyond. With a phone book in hand, he visited the homes of many people. He saw the name Shuchat (pronounced in Yiddish Shoichat), saw a mezuzah on the door, and rang the bell. That is how I met Rabbi Zalman.

The Rabbi's presence in our community is a blessing. From his little home in Fishkill, Rabbi Sandhaus began teaching classes and holding services. The more we davened the more the people came to celebrate in our faith as children of Hashem. With growth came responsibility, and as the congregation grew, so did the need for financial support. I found it not only my honor, but duty and privilege to contribute as often and as much as possible. Small dollars add up, and in concert with larger donations, the purchase of the property alongside the farm for a shul was realized.

Pardess Chabad Farm has become our home. It is more than a shul, but a community of Jewish learners where people young and older, and everyone in between, can meet, pray, and enjoy friendships and favorite Jewish delicacies, especially Goldy's famous challah.

It is only through generous donations that Pardess is able to expand its programs, such as offering regular Shabbos and Holiday Services, a growing Hebrew School, a petting farm, a market, writing a Torah, private counseling, hospital visits, end-of-life support, and much more.

I donate to Pardess so that these services can continue uninterrupted. Donations to Pardess are meaningful, purposeful, tax deductible, and greatly appreciated by the entire Pardess community.





You brought Passover and friendship to Richard

It was a Friday afternoon and I went with the kids to go deliver Matzah in a neighborhood in Hopewell Junction.

We finished our last house and headed home. As we were driving through the neighborhood, we noticed a home with a Mezuzah on the front door.

"Let's stop and see if the people living there need shmurah Matzah for Pesach," I told the kids.

So we parked the car and rang the bell. Richard answered the door, and a big smile broke out. We spoke for a while. He told us that only recently had he decided to put up the Mezuzah, and was happy he did!

He wrapped Tefilin for the first time in many years and was extremely thankful for our visit and grateful for the Matzah.

Richard told us that he lives on his own, and doesn't get out much, how meaningful it was to him that we stopped by to visit.

We exchanged phone numbers and have been in touch since.





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Thank you for your partnership!

Rabbi Zalman and Goldy Sandhaus

