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> **JULY-DEC. 2023** EXPANDED EDITION



## GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

Since the last impact report (June 2023) so much has happened at Pardess Chabad Farm, and we are excited to share our developments with you.

Over the summer, the farm hosted hundreds of children on camp trips from the greater NY and NJ area. We feel so fortunate for the opportunity to expand our reach beyond the local community, and engage Jewish children in positive Jewish experiences from within a 2 hour radius.

The Kosher market has seen a 100% increase in visitors in comparison to 2022. The Kosher market has been a huge resource both for locals as well as travelers and tourists, providing delicious kosher traditional food and farm fresh produce.

Hebrew school enrollment this school year has been a huge success, we are looking forward to celebrating at least four Bar Mitzvahs over the course of this year. We are loving our expanded classroom space in the downstairs of 177 Blue Hill Road. The upstairs is almost done being furnished, and we are looking forward to hosting you there! The Shul too, is near completion.

Considering how many people have been moving to Beacon in recent years, we took the huge leap in facilitating the establishment of Chabad of Beacon. Rabbi Shaya and Esty Itkin have already been hard at work creating a vibrant and welcoming Jewish community serving the needs of the Jewish population in Beacon.

Goldy and I are extremely grateful for your trust, support and partnership in providing a haven of Jewish life and tradition to Southern Dutchess County.

Rabbi Zalman Sandhaus









## HIGHLIGHTS

- Summer groups farm visits
- Weekly Kosher Market
- Hebrew School 2023-24 kicks off
- New Chabad Center in Beacon
- High Holidays
- Sukkos
- Unity Shabbat for Israel
- Israel gatherings and Mitzvah Campaigns
- Shul Construction
- NEW Kosher Club at the local High School
- Matching fundraiser for the Shul
- Chanukah







### WHY I GIVE TO PARDESS BY DR. MICHAEL RICHTER

Chabad became my home about 15 years ago. I had a mentally ill stepson at the time and we had him in therapy on strong medication. My wife was having a very hard time with his struggles and we asked Rabbi Paltiel, the Chabad rabbi where we were living at the time, for spiritual guidance. We left that day with new hope.

I moved to Dutchess county 10 years ago and joined Chabad with Rabbi Zalman . I have a new home to help me reinforce my Jewish identity and spirituality. I find Chabad to be non-judgmental, accepting and always welcoming over the years.

I have donated what I can and am proud to be a sponsor of Chabad.





Hebrew School



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## FEEDBACK

Rabbi Sandhaus, thank you for inviting us into your community. Jake was extremely honored be called to the Torah for an Aliyah, and help roll the Torah. When I told my father he cried and was so proud. And so was I. Shana Tovah to you and your beautiful family.

- Jann and her son Jake who we met through the weekly Kosher market

Thank you for hosting such a beautiful Rosh Hashanah service and Luncheon! We hope to see you again soon!

Cooper is boarding at a non-Jewish high school and with Chanukah coming felt he wanted to celebrate. He got in touch with one of his teachers who informed him about our Menorah in Pawling. Cooper then asked the teacher if he would be willing to take him to the menorah lighting, which he readily agreed. Here they were standing proud with the Menorah shining bright with Jewish pride on the streets of Pawling.









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Your partnership is essential in continuing to bring meaningful and joyful Judaism to Southern Dutchess County. Thank you!

> Warm regards, Rabbi Zalman and Goldy Sandhaus

