



MyZuzah Moments - August 5, 2022

This week, our team participated in two days of discussions and workshops to review our organizational goals, team roles, and potential new areas for expanding our program. With a new team member, our ability to check up more frequently on our partners and their initiatives has improved the feedback we hear from them out in the field, including requests for support beyond the mezuzahs and materials we already provide. MyZuzah began as a small program with a very targeted kind of support to offer, but as we have matured and gained renown (check the news next week!), we are looking into potentially adding to how we educate people about the world of mezuzahs.

Partner Updates:

In **Western Ukraine**, Rabbi Nochum Tamarin looks after the Jews in many small towns and villages. In the note below, he shares how right before the war broke out, he rushed to put up 50 mezuzot on all the Jewish homes in a particular town, and after the fighting passed through **not a single one of those homes was damaged**. The community is in need of more mezuzot, and other humanitarian supplies, but he shared their collective gratitude for the strength and protection we provided.

תודה לקל, אנחנו ברוך השם בסדר; עברנו תקופה מאוד מאתגרת באמת. עכשיו קרבות במזרח ודרום, אנחנו במרכז ומערב. הספקתי לקבוע כמה וכמה מזוזות ממש ערב המלחמה בכפר הסמוך לגבול בלילה בה התחילה מלחמה. שמנו שם מזוזות לכל יהודים בעיירה - ואף אחד מהם לא ניזק ת"ל. מצב כאן עדיין מתוח מאוד. כל יום ממשיכים לחכות לכניסה רגלית מצפון מצד בלרוס - מצד אמת יש צורך גדול במזוזות.



Rabbi Mordechai Lightstone (left), of **TechTribe** in **Brooklyn, NY**, shared a mezuzah with Adi Barman for her home.

Rabbi Zamir Isayev, head of the Jewish community in **Baku, Azerbaijan**, shared an interesting photo (right) of one of the mezuzahs he has placed. MyZuzah

looks forward to welcoming him to Washington in October, when he visits as part of an official government delegation to attend a conference on interfaith cooperation.



Rabbi Adiel Boaron was busy this week, placing mezuzot in the northwest of Israel. The Asulin family, in **Ma'aleh Tarshicha, Israel** excitedly placed a new mezuzah in their home. [Watch the video here!](#) Other mezuzot went to the Shitrit and Siskov families, living in **Nahariyya**:

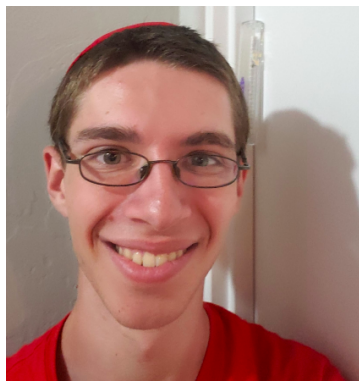


Individual recipient photos:

Each week, we send out text messages to all of the mezuzah recipients who have yet to send in their picture, and this week Andy Zwierzyna, of **Camp Hill, PA**, texted back not with a picture, but with a request for help finding more Jewish resources. Our team worked within our partner network to find him a local rabbi, and they are now set up for regular learning together.



I have to hang it on the inside of the door jamb, because my other one got stolen outside. I thank you for your donation – unfortunately I am under a scrupulous budget, but I still do my mitzvot! Caryn Weiss,
Phoenix, AZ



Kenneth Shanneck, of
Huntsville, AL (right)

Fresh off a Birthright trip to Israel, David Jurkowitz of **Tucson, AZ** shared his mezuzah picture (left).

