



MyZuzah Moments - December 18, 2022

On top of the map shared last week, we played around with more of our MyZuzah Connect data to create **four more visualizations of our reach and impact!** Click below to get a sense of where we are:

- [MyZuzah Mezuzahs - U.S. 2018-2022](#)
- [MyZuzah Mezuzahs - International 2018-2022](#)
- [MyZuzah Global Partners, 2017-2022](#)
- [MyZuzah Campus Partners](#)

Partner Updates:

Rabbi Ariel Belinsky, who works with the Russian-speaking Jewish community throughout **Maryland**, put up two mezuzahs this week:



Following on last week's pictures from **Brisbane, Australia**, where Rabbi Yehuda Niasoff gave a mezuzah to a family after performing the **bris** on their baby boy, he shared more details with us about how he hopped on a plane at the last minute to replace a surgeon, and brought something really special into the family's life. [Please listen to his whole story here](#) – you won't regret it!

Within a day of receiving mezuzahs in the mail, Rabbi Dr. Kotal Da-Don of the **Bet Israel Jewish Community of Zagreb, Croatia**, helped a community member and two Israeli medical students at the University of Zagreb put their mezuzahs up. There is a sizable Israeli student population in Zagreb, and we look forward to helping more of them keep their homes Jewish while in medical school!





Over in **Chicago**, our collaborative team partnership to recruit community members to offer mezuzahs to Holocaust survivors is kicking off its promotion efforts. We are inviting the local Russian-speaking Jewish organizations and Moishe House communities to join the program as well. If you know anyone in the Windy City who may be interested, **please share the news!**

Mitzvah Day Mezuzah Opportunity!

Anshe Emet's Mitzvah Day is Sunday, March 19, 2023!

Families with children in 6th grade and older are invited to join Holocaust Community Services and MyZuzah for the unique opportunity to deliver, dedicate, and help affix a mezuzah to the doorpost of a local Holocaust survivor.

MyZuzah is an international organization that provides mezuzot with kosher, hand-written scrolls for the doorposts of Jewish homes across the world.

Holocaust Community Services, under the auspices of JUF of Chicago, is the only local program solely dedicated to survivors' needs, providing financial assistance for food, medication, or personal in-home care, and one-time funds during times of crisis.

REGISTRATION FOR ANSHE EMET'S MITZVAH DAY WILL OPEN IN EARLY FEBRUARY.

Please consider participating in this exceptional opportunity!

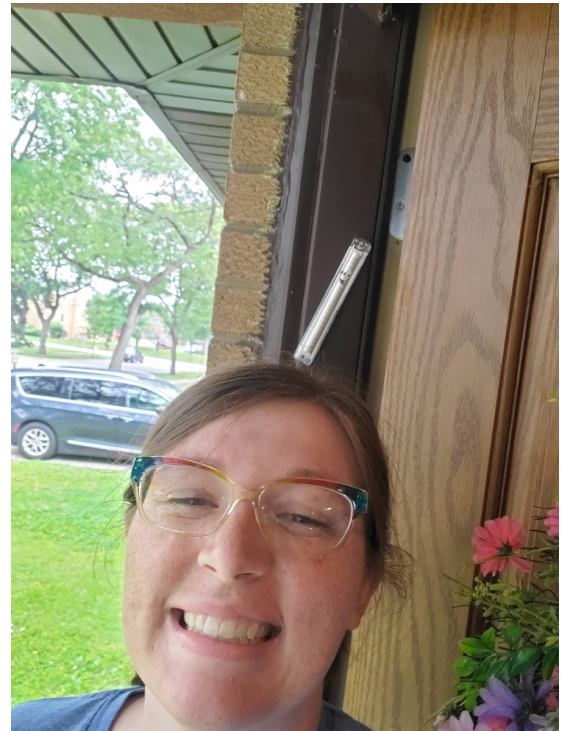


Individual Stories:

Georgina Ramos Avalos, a college student in **Baton Rouge, LA**, who is originally from **Ecuador**, grew up with shabbat and Jewish traditions at home, but when she came to the U.S. for college she felt the loss of that practice and tradition. Thankfully, on TikTok, she saw a mention of MyZuzah, and feels much better with her own mezuzah!



Emily Kaplan,
Beverly Hills, CA (left)



Karen
Shanahan, **Mt. Prospect, IL**
(right)

Daryl Gamerman, from **Owings Mills, MD**, shared a video of putting up his mezuzah on the door of his father's hospice room. He said *"Thank you so very much– I'm glad to be part of the community. The mezuzah is on the door to get to my father's room at the assisted living facility as he is now on hospice care and I just like saying prayers for him. We wanted to replace a mezuzah that had mysteriously vanished."* [Click here to watch!](#)

