



MyZuzah Moments - December 9, 2022

As we jet towards the end of the calendar year, our mezuzahs traveled **33,242 miles in November**. We mailed out another 115 mezuzahs this week, and hope to reach more homes in the next few weeks.

Our team had a forward-looking conversation with Rabbi Avraham Lessin, one of MyZuzah's earliest partners and the head of STAMP - the STAM Project, which is creating accountability and recognized standards in the world of Jewish ritual scribal work. Rabbi Lessin is helping us diversify our supply chain in Israel, and build a network of scribes and checkers across the United States to facilitate the periodic checking of all the mezuzahs we have distributed. More details to come soon!

Partner Updates:

Following last week's photos from the **Toronto Senior Network**, we connected with the **Jewish Hospice & Palliative Care Programs** at a **Baltimore, MD**-based healthcare network, and began planning to assist their staff and chaplains to provide mezuzahs to residents of their facilities. As they expand, we may also help them ensure that their new residences are equipped with mezuzahs.

Down under, **Rabbi Yehuda Niasoff** flew up to perform a bris in **Brisbane, Australia**, and also provided a mezuzah for the family's home. The family was very appreciative, and the grandmother particularly thrilled:



Chabad at UCLA in **Los Angeles, CA**, helped these three students make their apartment a home!



Michelle Minkoff and her husband, of **Atlanta, GA**, received the mezuzah from the team at **18 Doors**.

Dina Linfoot, of **Savanna, GA**, sent us her mezuzah picture almost two years after receiving it through our partnership with **Momentum**.



Individual Stories:

A Noahide family in **Wenatchee, WA**, while not obligated to put up a mezuzah, had always wanted one. They purchased a mezuzah and made a generous contribution to MyZuzah in memory of a family member who recently passed away, and were thrilled to finally put it up.



Sam Sherman, in **Chicago IL**, realized that the mezuzah on his door probably wasn't kosher, so he requested a new one from us. When it came time to put it up, he wasn't able to remove the old mezuzah case— so now his home is doubly adorned!

Finally, I had the pleasure of facilitating a Virtual Mezuzah Dedication this week with Michelle Rose (below, right), an English faculty member at a community college in **Portland, Oregon**. Michelle is a recent convert to Judaism, as well as an openly transgender woman. We had a long conversation about how being publicly Jewish invites the same risks as being transgender in this day and age, and she looks forward to being a proud member of our community and standing together with Jews around the world.

After meeting Michelle, another individual who identifies as transgender shared her photo with us. Lovely evidence of solidarity among our many niche communities!

