



MyZuzah Moments - March 13, 2024

Way down in **Santa Catarina, Brazil**, we fielded a mezuzah request from an individual last year, and upon receiving his personal mezuzah, he volunteered to be our emissary and help outfit the homes of his entire community with kosher mezuzot. We're waiting for all the details and pictures, and next week will share the story of this remarkable Jewish community.

Partner Updates:

Our friends at the **Apeloig Collection**, acrylic artists extraordinaire, gave away scores of their colorful mezuzah cases to promote Jewish pride after October 7th, along with our klafim for those needing a mezuzah on their front door. Here we have a couple from **Little River, CA**, who chose a loud and proud case for their home.



Our **Momentum Bat Mitzvah Project**

partner returned to Israel with more mezuzah cases, decorated and accompanied by sweet messages from **Toronto**-area bat mitzvah students, to give them as an encouraging present to injured soldiers recuperating in Hadassah Hospital, in Jerusalem. She shared this message:

An unusual soldier received his Bat Mitzvah Mezuzah today. He happens to be the head of the MicroNerve Surgery Department at Sheba Hospital, the hospital that has the largest incoming patients requiring amputations and surgery to hopefully avoid amputation. When he heard of the Mezuzah Mitzvah project, he requested to have one affixed to his office door, where he sees patients and their parents, on the surgical recovery floor. The reaction of gratitude and overwhelming appreciation to be able to create a connection between you and him, when, like all soldiers, so much pressure rests on his shoulders, truly made him feel seen in the army of all fighting for Am Echad b Lev Echad.

The bat mitzvah girls and their families in Canada have also been in touch with “their” soldiers by WhatsApp, and the connections being built between these mezuzah pen-pals are really special and sweet.

Individual Stories:

*We got the mezuzah in the mail and were lazy about putting it up but it was really comforting to put it up after October 7th. We were proud to have it up then even though it was a little scary. Sarah Freeman, **Independence, MO***



*We have put up mezuzahs at previous houses and it was a spiritual experience. However, this was much better as it was a scheduled time we could look forward to and the facilitator was wonderful at building a sense of community. Gary Margolis, **West Des Moines, IA***

*My surprise has already been to receive the mezuzah very quickly (because I live in France). I heard about MyZuzah from friends who are members of the Moishe House. I live in a neighborhood where very few Jews live and I was very proud to fix my mezuzah and show that there is still a Jewish presence in this neighborhood and in this city. Arthur Taillandier, **Paris, France***



*Saying the blessing with focus and intention is great – I love feeling the Mezuzah protect my house. Olga Kats-Chalafant, **Westfield, NJ***