



MyZuzah Moments - March 2, 2023

Earlier this week we hosted an information call for **Jewish Family Services** staff across the U.S. to detail our program in support of **victims/survivors of domestic abuse and violence**, where we invited 30 more organizations to join our efforts. One attendee, from the **Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty**, shared that “as soon as I read about this initiative I knew that we had to get involved.” From **New York** to **Detroit** and beyond, we’re excited to help them make a serious impact.

On the long-term side, we saw someone from **Philadelphia** who received a mezuzah last fall return to our website and **purchase a second mezuzah**. When asked about his motivation to buy another mezuzah, he replied with this moving statement:

I received a mezuzah prior for free when I was in a much tighter financial spot and when I didn't have any. I have always thought a mezuzah was put on each door with a certain size room that isn't a bathroom, so I wanted one on each door in my home. I received a huge raise at the end of last year, enabling me to purchase two mezuzot to fulfill the Mitzvah, and I wanted to make sure to purchase one from you guys to return the favor. I also am upping my observance which is why I all of a sudden am fulfilling this Mitzvah. Hope that explains!

Partner Updates:

At the **JCC in Rockville, Maryland**, our **PJ Library partners** hosted **two events for 41 families**, where they learned about writing a mezuzah scroll, decorated cases, and heard a local educator read a mezuzah-related book. Next up, **DC** and **Virginia**!



Jewish Family Services in **Tucson's LEAH** program (Let's End Abusive Households) are distributing cards to local organizations, announcing the availability of mezuzahs through our partnership.



LEAH (Let's End Abusive Households) is partnering with MyZuzah to provide kosher, fair-trade mezuzahs to Jewish domestic violence survivors.



MyZuzah offers a program to provide free mezuzahs to victims and survivors of domestic violence. As victims and survivors face myriad challenges in rebuilding a home or starting fresh after leaving an abusive relationship, MyZuzah offers kosher, fair-trade mezuzahs to assist those in need.

TO ORDER YOUR FREE MEZUZAH
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Rabbiner Nathan Grinberg, of Lubeck, Germany, sent us photos from his recent work in the community:



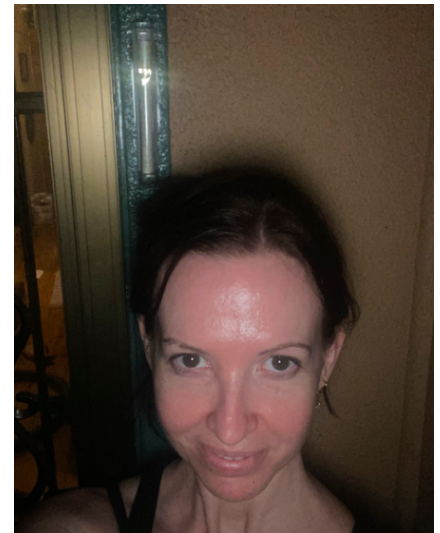
With our grant support from the **National Center to Encourage Judaism**, to provide mezuzahs to recent converts, we are finding excited partners through the networks of the major denominations– the **Beit Din of America/GPS, Rabbinical Assembly**, and the **Union for Reform Judaism**. Rabbis overseeing conversions from all three movements will be sharing our mezuzahs shortly!

Individual Stories:

I heard about you through a TikTok video! I loved learning about the significance of mezuzot.
Brianna Walters, Milton, Ontario, Canada



I was told about the program on Reddit, r/Jewish I was surprised how nervous I was and also how happy my usually grumpy 13 year old daughter was to do it with me! We hung the Mezuzah and said the prayer it was amazing moment thank you all so much. Jess Resnekov, Hornsby, Australia



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