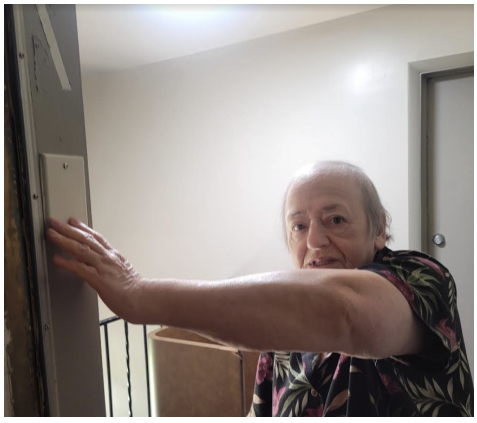
MyZuzah Moments - May 18, 2023

Last month, our packages traversed “only” **16,241 miles** in the United States, but regular readers will know that we can add **many thousands of miles** to that tally when we include our overseas partners (some mentioned below!). We have been working on a large backlog of requests from both partners and individuals, so next month our numbers should be significantly higher!

MyZuzah is also kicking off a new partnership with the **Israeli American Council** (IAC), working to build the Jewish identity and literacy of the Israeli community living in the U.S. **Twenty-five participants of an IAC leadership program** currently traveling in Israel will be receiving our mezuzot as a capstone to their experience, symbolizing a tangible challenge to them to bring more Jewish values and meaning into their homes when they return.

Partner Updates:

Just north of our offices, in the **Baltimore, MD** area, Rabbi Velvel Belinsky of the **Ariel Center** continued his work with the local Russian-speaking community– some of whom are facing serious adversity for expressing their Jewish identity:



Ella Novikova, a elderly Russian immigrant, lives in an area that is not very safe. This is the #1 reason to have a Mezuzah to protect her. But the problem is that her neighbors have torn down her mezuzah already twice. I went to Home Depot and bought an electric cover plate to hide a scroll in it. In the picture, you see a paint mark of where the Mezuzah was, and a new Mezuzah 'hiding' right under it.



A brother and a sister bought townhouses next to each other. I put Mezuzos in both of them!



A few more pictures and powerful words were shared by the community in **Aba, Nigeria**, from the many new families who now have mezuzahs thanks to our partnership with **Kulanu**:



It's a great experience. I never thought I could get a mezuzah, so it feels great to perform this mitzvah. We are so grateful to all who made it possible-- thanks to Kulanu for supporting my community and helping us get this wonderful mezuzah. Reciting the mezuzah blessing is the most exciting part of it all! I feel connected to all Jews around the world. Adoniel Onyemechi

The mezuzah protects, unites and connects all the Jewish people across the globe .I feel great! because our homes are now complete Jewish homes. Ohr Torah community are surprised to receive free mezuzah. We are grateful! Ishayahu Iwu



Chabad at SUNY Buffalo provided this mezuzah to a recent graduate for her new apartment, helping start the next chapter of her life:



Individual Stories:



I heard about myZuzah from a PJ Parents Facebook page– and my family is so excited to have our own mezuzah! Jess Wexler, **McPherson, KS**

I'm very happy with my mezuzah! Ori Bonen, **Spring Valley, CA**



Jessica Tintsman, **Raeford, NC**

