



MyZuzah Moments - May 25, 2023

Our partners were incredibly busy this week, delivering meaningful experiences and strengthening the Jewish community all over the world! We also made some tremendous progress in expanding the financial support for our program– more than **one thousand new mezuzahs** were sponsored! This portends great things for our other, ongoing, development conversations 😊

Partner Updates:

The professional leadership of our partner, **Kulanu**, visited **Zimbabwe** last week and delivered a parcel of our mezuzahs to the community. While we wait for pictures, she shared that

The mezuzahs were given out on Shabbat after services. People were so pleased to have their very own mezuzah to hang on their doorpost like at the synagogue. I received so much thanks and appreciation, which is due to MyZuzah!



In **Tel Aviv**, a group of forty women who had left their homes in Russia, Ukraine, and Belorussia over the past year were gathered by **Momentum** as part of an ongoing series of programs to help them integrate into their new country, and to engage with the Jewish heritage that many had never explored. [Rabbi Motl Gordon](#) led a session on mystical significance of the mezuzah, while touching upon the ideas of changing homes while remaining in covenant with G-d– something that tied together the overall theme about the meaning of home, in the context of fleeing your home, finding a new one in Israel, and having a Jewish home. Following the discussion, a Judaica artist came and taught the women how to decorate the *beit mezuza* (case) with their drawings. Each participant was given a klaf at the end, as a big highlight. Almost for all women who joined, this will be the first time they own one.



In the **Washington, DC region**, the counseling team at the **Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA)** let us know how important our **SRE-funded mezuzot** are:

The mezuzot have been very impactful for our clients. One client in particular moved to a new apartment with her daughter now that she is safe from her abuser and we were able to give her brand new kosher mezuzot to create a space of spiritual safety in her new home. She was so excited and moved to have them.

In **Offenbach am Main, Germany**, Rabbi Yaakov Barasch continued his work with the local Jews, mainly of **Soviet/Russian extraction**. While the image is small, the first recipient has the names of relatives who perished in the Shoah tattooed on his forearm.



Individual Stories:

*I put one on for my adult son who lives at home, and recently his sister got engaged after I put the mezuzah up! Dee Lee, **Oklahoma City, OK***

Linda Pantale, **Chicago, IL**



Alexis Berlin, **Baltimore, MD**

Callia Wolff Devre, **Powhatan, VA**