



MyZuzah Moments - October 20, 2023

Around the world, many in our Jewish family continue to be threatened because of our Jewishness and affiliation with Israel, but rather than intimidate us these actions may only succeed in making us stronger. In **Cleveland Heights, OH**, Alessa Nicholson and her son proudly had their mezuzah on their door until last week, when it was ripped off and stolen. She never considered leaving her doorpost bare, and **immediately** wrote us to ask for a new mezuzah, partially in shock, writing *"I personally have never experienced antisemitism until then, so it was very eye-opening."*



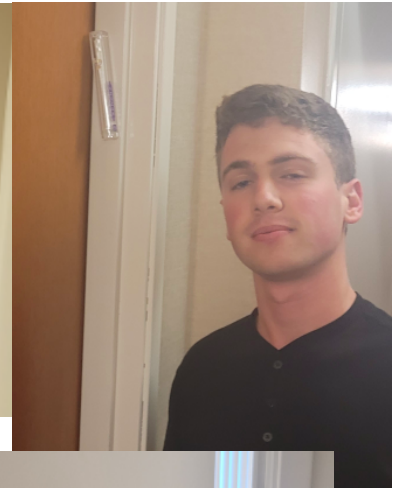
In **Crown Heights**, in **Toronto**, in **South Florida**— there are groups all over trying to help protect the Jewish people and IDF by collecting mezuzah klafim or raising money for new mezuzahs for IDF bases.

Students and their supporters on college campuses in **Argentina, California, Michigan, Canada, England**, and elsewhere are showing up and putting mezuzot on every Jewish dorm room that they can, proving the naysayers wrong and giving students a positive outlet for their emotions and identity.

Partner Updates:

The Chabad teams at **UCLA** and **UC Davis**, in **California**, blitzed their campuses this week, sharing dozens of pictures of proud Jewish students with their mezuzahs:





More California students



In **Sydney, Australia**, the team at **Central Synagogue** just requested **200 mezuzot** for members of their community to use and offer to other Sydney Jews without mezuzot. A great example of every Jew being responsible for each other!

Individual Stories:

*My brother told me about MyZuzah. Learning more about the origins and traditions of mezuzahs was really exciting. We feel our home is officially initiated now! David Belenko, **Alpharetta, GA***





I heard about Myzuzah from my time living in Moishe House. When I moved into my first apartment, I knew I wanted to have a mezuzah on my door frame. It has helped me feel connected to the Jewish community, especially amongst everything happening in Israel at the moment. This has been a very special experience. Hannah Rappoport, **Arlington, VA**



I love having that constant reminder every time I open the door that my house is a Jewish house. Especially now, it's important to hold on to the small rituals that keep our people going through hard times. Anna Burford, **Ft. Bragg, GA**

Julie Whittemore, **Rome, NY**



I heard about MyZuzah through the URJ intro to Judaism class! This whole experience has been perfect. Jenna Hunsinger, **Sacramento, CA**

