MyZuzah Moments - October 27, 2022

MyZuzah received a donation this weekend from someone in **Australia**, who at first glance we appeared to have no connection with– they never received a mezuzah from us, and appeared not to be connected to any of our partners. Thanks to the sleuthing of Rabbi Google, it was revealed that they work with the **Kosher Authority of Australia**, and one of the shochtim on staff also serves as Cantor at **Sydney's Central Synagogue**– and is one of the first members of MyZuzah's **mohel outreach program**, where we provide mohels with mezuzahs to offer to families they notice are without one, when they visit for a bris. It's nice when positive word gets around!

In other positive news, we just confirmed **March 19th** for a "mitzvah day" event in **Chicago**, in partnership with the **Holocaust Community Services** and **Anshe Emet Synagogue**, to connect with the predominantly **Russian-speaking holocaust survivor community**. Families from the synagogue will canvass local apartment buildings and help survivors in need to put up mezuzahs, and we are already starting to get the word out with promotional materials in English and Russian.

Partner Updates:

Earlier this summer, **BBYO** featured a MyZuzah table at the **Judaic arts and ritual fest** during their Pennsylvania summer camp, with some hands-on learning about safrut and mezuzahs– and it was the best attended and most engaging of all the options! Our team will now be building a standard set of **program boxes** that we will make available for partners to use at events, complete with educational materials and props to help attendees learn about mezuzot and get their hands dirty (or inky). The teens will also be able to scan a QR code to request a mezuzah for their family home, if they are eligible.



Rabbi Mendel Weinfeld, out in **Almaden, CA**, had members of his community make their own mezuzah cases from glass– and now they will have klafim from MyZuzah!

Individual Messages:



Thank you so much for the mezuzah, which my wife and I affixed this morning. As a young, Orthodox baalei teshuvah couple just starting out - with both of us in school - we certainly struggle. Yet, mitzvos have remained an important cornerstone of our life together. Resultantly, it has hurt that we have been unable to afford mezuzahs. Thanks to your organization, we have finally completed our apartment with mezuzahs. Someday, when I begin my career, I hope to contribute some of my maaser to your organization. But, for now, I can only express my utmost gratitude for your service. Yisha and Malka, **Brooklyn, NY**



Neekoo Farahmandpour, **Roslyn Heights, NY**



The facilitator was wonderful and sharing the experience with her made it feel extra special. Amazing program. Thank you so much! Corrie Connor, **Jacksonville, FL**

I heard about MyZuzah through a friend in my introduction to Judaism class! Thank you so much for the amazing work you do and helping me to practice Judaism wholly. Amanda Montgomery, **Evanston, IL**





