



MyZuzah Moments - October 27, 2023

Between the break that sofrim take during the holiday season and the ongoing war in Israel, we've fallen behind in our mezuzah supply and there are over 900 requests outstanding. The MyZuzah team has been using our **Partner Scorecard** to prioritize deliveries,, but this week we were presented with an opportunity to make an immediate impact for families who have had to relocate from the Gaza envelope to the Jerusalem area. Even in Israel, many new apartments are without mezuzot, so we have diverted some of our supply to assist **thirty refugee families** in their new apartments. Outside of Israel one can wait a bit before putting up a mezuzah, but in Israel it is supposed to be done immediately, and we are glad to be able to provide this support.

Partner Updates:



One of our educational contributors, Rabbi Julie Gordon, is adventuring in **Jakarta, Indonesia** this month, and brought some of our mezuzot to the **United Indonesian Jewish Community**. She shared that *"they are very grateful for the mezuzot and your learning sheets. I hope these pictures put a smile on your face during these difficult days."*

Chabad of Bristol, UK, shared a picture of one of their many recipients from a recent community mezuzah campaign:



Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, a synagogue in **Dollard des Ormeaux, Quebec,** shared this lovely picture of Chelsea Pacaldo-Cohen, putting up a mezuzah with her husband following the completion of her conversion program.

Our Australian “Rabbi of All Trades,” **Yehuda Niasoff**, took his plane for a spin from Sydney to **Taree, New South Wales**, to perform a bris, and the family enthusiastically took him up on his offer of a mezuzah for their home. We often speak of good things arriving on the wings of eagles, but in this case, it is via the wings of Rabbi Niasoff’s Cessna propeller plane!



Individual Stories:

I love it. I wanted something to bring appreciation and hope into my life when I leave into the world and arrive back safely. I just recently converted to Judaism, I'm thankful to have this as a part of my spiritual practice.
Michael Hamlin, **Murfreesboro, TN**



Like many of you, our family is distressed by current events and missing family of our synagogue members, we are a close knit community. In addition I had some frightening medical news come at the same time for what was supposed to be a simple pre-procedure exam and I simply lost track with my many new appointments. I knew it was soon. I rescheduled, hoping I can get home between one and the next and devote a still, special moment to this occasion. Now more than ever I find it important to be beautifully, meaningfully, visibly, and perhaps even defiantly Jewish. This month has shown me how deep that ages old connection goes for me and kindled a desire to deeper my spiritual practices. I wondered if these events would scare away my convert friends, but they feel much as I do, more ready than ever to embrace Jewish life. If not now, when?
Solomon Brown, **St. Louis, MO**

The MyZuzah Team will never claim to be social media experts, but this week we did pretty well– thanks to the posts of two interesting Instagrammers! Special shout-out to **Rabbi Shmuel Feld** for leading the virtual mezuzah dedication!



Having put up the mezuzah, especially during this time, I feel more connected to the community and pray that Hashem will safeguard my home. Everyone was very nice and informative in the organization. I truly enjoyed this experience and feel blessed to have taken part in it.
Chantae Vetrice, **Brooklyn, NY**