



MyZuzah Moments - September 19, 2024

The IAC mezuzah, dubbed the “[Mezuzah of Hope](#),” will make its debut on Friday, September 20th, before thousands of attendees. In the program guide, the participatory experience is described as follows:

“From America to Israel: A Mezuzah of Hope and Resilience”

Be part of a historic first! Join us at the groundbreaking collaboration between IAC and MyZuzah, where we’re creating a monumental symbol of Jewish unity and resilience. Throughout the summit, you’re invited to contribute to a giant mezuzah – a powerful emblem of our shared heritage and hopes.

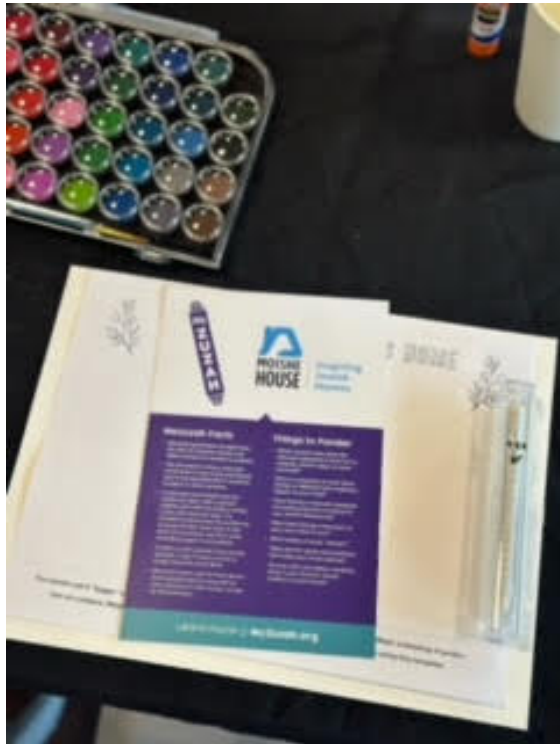
Add your personal touch with inspiring texts, artwork, or decorations that represent your vision for a stronger Jewish community. This isn’t just an art project; it’s a testament to our collective strength and a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in Israel. Your contribution to our giant mezuzah will travel from the heart of the Israeli-American community straight to Israel, where it will stand proudly in Hostages Square. By participating, you’re not only expressing solidarity with the hostages and their families but also reaffirming the unbreakable bond between Jewish communities worldwide. Let’s craft a powerful symbol of our enduring faith, resilience, and unity that will resonate from America to Israel and beyond.

Partner Updates:

Up in **Toronto**, **OneTable** hosted a special “**Permission to Unplug Shabbat dinner**,” where attendees took the time to focus on Kavanot/Intentions by crafting their own challah cover and mezuzah case. They had a great discussion, guided by our co-branded facilitation cards, and a lot of fun:



Beyond Toronto and across North America, **OneTable** community members have requested **61 mezuzahs** in the last month, after their **Senior Jewish Educator** highlighted the power of mezuzot in one of her weekly communications to their top hosts.



Rabbi Mendel Weingarten, from **Chabad at the University of Washington**, restocked his mezuzahs and went right to work supporting students:



Moishe House held their annual resident convening last weekend at **Ramah Darom** to share program and experience content, titled "**NattyCon**." They had 150 mezuzahs on hand to distribute, and featured a combined learning and case decoration activity for attendees to experience and bring home and replicate in their local communities.



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David's grandparents had to hide their Judaism in the Former Soviet Union.

Today, David moved into his dorm at the **University of Washington** with his Jewish star hanging proudly.

He even wrapped Tefillin for the first time.

David said "I'm going to wear it proudly and let everyone know I'm Jewish".

Am Yisrael Chai!



Tetteh Angel Wilberforce, of the **Beth Arizal Congregation in Ghana**, sent us another picture of a mezuzah placed in his community.

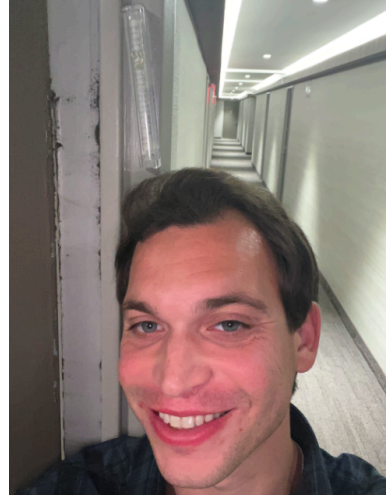
Recipient Pictures and Stories:

Talia Avigail Betancout, **Milwaukee, WI**



I heard about Myzuzah through a friend. I feel that my apartment is now officially a Jewish home. I loved learning the history of the mezuzah and now I am excited for guests to see it when they walk in.

Ryan Salzman, **New York, NY**



My partner Malachi and I got married on NYE in 2022. We traveled a lot, but came back from working in Holland to help with his ailing, aging parents.

Malachi is Jewish by blood, but never really identified beyond secularly. He used to get shit from people (Is that a Jew name, etc.), and when we moved to Atlanta, we began looking to build a community. After 10/7, Malachi got more crap, and said ""I don't wear Jewish jewelry, I never go to synagogue, not affiliated– why am I getting all this attention?""

*Amidst all of this, I've been considering converting – if our family is only getting the negative, then I might as well explore the positive. As I've come to understand the backstory of Judaism and Israel, I appreciate how it is totally misrepresented, so I'm now writing a book on countering antisemitism and disinformation, to be as helpful as I can. James Demmin-De Lise, **Belton, SC***

