MyZuzah Moments - September 22, 2022

It's always nice when we see how social media can really be a force for good– our team noticed **Dr. Hannah Lebovits** tweeting her intent to sponsor mezuzahs for those in need before Rosh Hashana, and we've now formally partnered to help her provide **61 mezuzahs to individuals and families in four countries** (the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Spain). A leading scholar on community development and poverty, we hope to tap her expertise as we explore different ways to help Jews in need grow their Jewish identity.



Thanks to our new practice of texting recipients, we are receiving photos from mezuzah recipients from the very early days of MyZuzah– Rena Bernstein of **Fair Lawn, NJ**, received her mezuzah from a partner in **June of 2019**, and just shared her picture this week! This outreach tactic would not be possible without the technological advancement of **MyZuzah Connect**, our database, which is proving in many ways to have been a great investment.

Our work with the domestic violence community is speeding along, and still gathering new partners. The team at **Jewish Family Services in LA** just joined the effort last week, and they have already provided mezuzahs to **three survivors** in the greater LA area. After the holidays, we will be making our first data call to all of our partners, to learn more about the individuals and families who are benefitting from this program. We look forward to sharing insights next month.

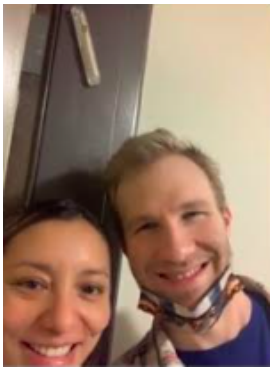
Partner Updates:



The staff at **Cornell Hillel** in **Ithaca, New York** took a bus of students to the **Corning Glass Museum**, where they ended the educational tour by making their own fused glass mezuzah cases! Here is what one student had to say about the experience:

"The trip to the Corning Museum of Glass was so much fun. I enjoyed creating functional and beautiful Jewish artwork that I will be able to keep for years to come while connecting with my friends from Hillel and meeting new Jewish students!"

The rabbinic fellows at **18 Doors** have been busy helping participants in their lifecycle programs place mezuzahs, from **Kingston, PA**, to **Kennesaw, GA**, **Chicago, IL**, and beyond!









One of the recipients also shared: *My family is going through a very difficult time, and we were so comforted by the blessing from our new mezuzah.*

Individual recipient photos:



Lucila Lagru Hong, of **Piscataway, NJ** recently completed her conversion to Judaism and made a donation after putting up her mezuzah, sharing these words: *This is the first time I've ever placed a Mezuzah on my door, it felt very special and a confirmation that I am part of the tribe. I loved learning more about the mezuzah and the explanation for the tilted position!*

Thank you so much for this mezuzah! I look forward to making a donation to help others, too! JJ Feldman, ***Kingston, PA***

