

# Your Stories. Your Community.

Donor Appreciation Report

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HARFORD CHABAD

INVIGORATING, INSPIRING, COMMUNITY



#### Kayla's Story (cover)



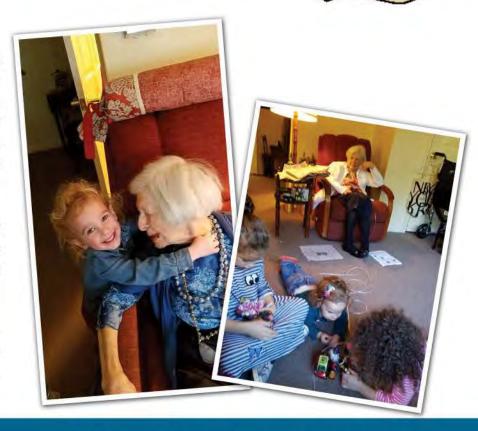
Imagine you are 3 years old. The whole world is exciting and full of learning opportunities. Every leaf can be turned over. Every flower smelled. Where can you learn about the Jewish holidays? Kayla can tell you! Kayla loves baking and is extremely curious about every interesting detail. Apple dipped in honey! Challah with raisins for Rosh Hashanah! She loves it and can't wait to learn more every Sunday. Kayla's mom thanks you for creating a warm and friendly place to learn and grow.

Lonely No More.

We love Muriel. She just celebrated her 99th birthday and lives in an assisted living facility. She grew up in Boston and is used to a much larger Jewish population. She once remarked, "I feel like the only Jew in Harford County."

Well now, the girls visit her every Sunday and she loves watching the kids play and discussing life's lessons with Fraida.

You create community. You help Muriel feel less lonely and a lot more connected to the Jewish people. Thank you!



### You Create Family By Leslie

I feel like part of a family, rather than just a member of a congregation. The Schustermans dedicate every day of their lives to the lifestyle and belief system that they bring to Harford Chabad. I look up to them as role models. Rabbi Kushi and Fraida have taught me so much just by the level of commitment in which they live. Their home truly feels like a center point of Jewish activity, harkening back to a time that no longer exists, and yet is so relevant today.



Rabbi and Fraida remember you, and every detail you tell them. They listen and care, and are ready if you just want a cup of coffee and good conversation. They spiritual leaders, amazing chefs, super parents to their children. the They are congregation's treasurers, social chairs, and teachers. I hope that I can help them to



keep Harford Chabad thriving. I love it. Rabbi's services weave so much meaningful interpretation of how Judaism translates into our daily lives, and I am completely tuned in to his services, rather than watching a clock to see when it is time to leave. He has helped life make sense for me.

## You Make People Comfortable.

Meet Stacy! She just moved back to the area. Growing up, Jewish rituals didn't make sense to Stacy. She tried to find her place among various different synagogues but never managed to find one that "fit". After many years, Stacy is thrilled to discover a place where she can feel comfortable. Stacy feels accepted for who she is and says that Chabad has a "a genuine warmth in a very happy environment". Thank you for making Chabad such a wonderful place!



### You Light the Way

Do you ever wonder, what if things were different? What our world would be like had we made different choices?

Sometimes I wonder what would my world look like if I never had the joy of meeting you. How would the community be different? What kind of Jewish presence would exist in Harford County?

After prodding by some and with the help of others, I present you with this newsletter, a newsletter with stories about the effect of your gifts.

You are a lighthouse. You are a beacon of light to those around you. Your support lights the way for those who are lost in the dark.

We want to thank you for your support, and share with you a ray of the light you have shined on Harford County. You have made it a more invigorating and inspiring community.

Thank You!

Rabbi Kushi and Fraida Schusterman

## Share your story

Is there a story we missed? Sometimes we find out years later about the effects of a gift that was made. Do you know a story of how Chabad has made your life better? Made Harford County better? Please let us know by emailing Rabbi@HarfordChabad.org



LIGHT UP THE NIGHT! As Chanukah approaches you can help bring the light of Chanukah to everyone in Harford County.

Yes! Enclosed is my gift to help brighten Harford County with the light of Chanukah.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_

Address

- □ \$10 will give a home the colored candles they need to light the menorah
- ☐ \$36 will send a full Chanukah kit to a family
- \$180 will bring donuts, sufganiot, for the community celebration
- ☐ \$ 360 will give the gift of Chanukah to 10 families
- □ \$ 540 will light up the community celebration like never before
- □ \$1000 will replace the menorah that was stolen last year during Chanukah

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