# DONOR QUARTERLY REPORT

OCTOBER 2020 -DECEMBER 2020



### GREETINGS

Dear Friend,

It is with great appreciation that we present this Fall 2020 Donor Report.

Eight year old Sara, who comes every week to the Frisco Hebrew School, has a place to be proud and celebrate her Judaism thanks to your investment in her Jewish education.

Abe, who is a senior and is unable to leave his home for health concerns, thanks you for making sure he was not forgotten about.

2020 was a difficult year, and we are stronger because we are together.

May the year of 2021 bring with it happiness, moments of connection, and togetherness. May 2021 be a year of tremendous growth for our community allowing us to be there for each other in an even more profound way.

With Appreciation, Rabbi Mendy and Mushkie Kesselman







# OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Hosted a 6 week zoom course on the topic of "Days Are Coming - The Redemption Process"

- Launched the start of the Frisco Hebrew School and rebranded with the incorporation of more art based learning and Montessori centered Aleph Bet learning.

 Hosted a Zoom class on "Second Chance at Life" - hearing the story of Sharon Weinberg, a community member who underwent a kidney transplant this past year.





## NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Started Bat Mitzvah Club for this school year. 17 girls meet monthly to explore what it means to become a Bat Mitzvah. This month our girls met to learn about our Jewish Souls, roast marshmallows and complete a treasure chest project.

Hosted a Jewish Genealogy
Workshop led by Felix Yukilevich.

- Celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Dustin Mazey at Chabad of Frisco, surrounded by his wonderful family.









## DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

- Celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Eli Machlev.
- Hosted a Zoom candle making workshop for women with pre packaged craft supplies.
- Celebrated Chanukah at City Hall with the annual Community Menorah Lighting.
- Gave out free Chanukah gift bags with treats, crafts, fun sheets, song sheets and more to over 100 people.
- Celebrated "Chanukah Together at Home" on Zoom with the Frisco community.
- Hosted our annual crowd funding campaign.
- Zoom Bat Mitzvah Club session.

#### COMMUNITY MENORAH LIGHTING

Despite the frigid weather, we celebrated Chanukah at City Hall with our annual Community Menorah Lighting. Community Health Care Heroes were honored and participants enjoyed a performance by Yoel Sharabi.



#### CHABAD IN THE NEWS

Rabbi Kesselman and Chabad of Frisco were featured in the Dallas Morning News in a Covid Safe Chanukah celebration article.





Families take a photo at the Chabad of Frisco's 2019 menorah lighting. This year's event, honoring health workers, includes COVID-19 precautions such as social distancing. (Juan Figueroa / Staff photographer)







## ZOOMING IN ON YOUR IMPACT

We wanted to take a minute and zoom in on the direct impact your contribution has on the individuals in our community.

This Chanukah a Hebrew School mom reached out and said she wanted to give Chanukah gifts to a family who may need the extra love this year. We connected her with a family and she went above and beyond showering this family with more gifts than you can imagine. The recipients were so touched. I don't want to share more to protect privacy but it was a moment I will forever feel grateful to help facilitate. The givers friends then called and asked if he can do the same, and showered single mom with gifts in the most generous way. These moments are when we are able to step back and say that this community grew beyond anything we imagined. It's people coming together and giving and connecting in beautiful ways. Covid has made it hard, but the connection is still there.

From our Inbox



And we are so thankful for you and everything you do for these kids! I'm so grateful for all of the thought and love poured into every lesson! Thank you so much!

### BAR MITZVAH SPOTLIGHT





# ILAI MACHLEV



# ANNUAL END OF YEAR FUNDRAISER













Thank you for being a part of that accomplishment.

# Thank you to this quarter's 193 donors. Your partnership is directly enhancing Jewish life in Frisco:

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In conclusion, the impact your contribution has had is beyond measure. We look forward to continuing this partnership and spreading the light of Judaism farther than ever.

Wishing you and your family a beautiful year filled with health and happiness!

Warm regards, Rabbi Mendy and Mushkie Kesselman

