



YOUR IMPACT

A glimpse into the success you created in Woodbridge - Kleinburg



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Your Support Transforms Lives

Dear Friends,

Your generosity strengthens and nurtures our Jewish community in Woodbridge. Your support is felt in countless ways, and I am delighted to share some heartfelt stories of gratitude from our members.

Our local grocery store now stocks Jewish foods. For Dana, this change meant her family could easily find and enjoy traditional foods, especially during holidays.

Your contributions support our Hebrew School, providing a rich education for our children. Eva's children attend our school and learn about their heritage, religion, and traditions.

For Diana, a mother of a lone soldier in Israel, your support brought comfort during a challenging time. Through community events and support networks, she found solace knowing our community was praying for her son, David.

After October 7, Melanie sought a connection to her Jewish roots. Your support allowed her to find a welcoming community at Chabad.

Your donations made it possible for our community to experience the joy of Jewish traditions, even during difficult times. From reading the Megillah during Purim to blowing the Shofar on Rosh Hashanah, these moments brought peace and connection to our area.

Your support transforms lives and builds a stronger, more connected community. Thank you for your generosity.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Rabbi Shalom and Chana Bakshi



Thank You for Bringing Jewish Foods to Our Local Stores By Dana



Dana with close friends at the Lag Baomer Celebration

When I moved to Woodbridge, I felt that something was missing in my life. There were no Jewish foods in the local supermarket, and it was so inconvenient to have to make a special trip to another neighborhood just to buy the foods I needed, especially during Jewish holidays.

But thanks to your advocacy, our local grocery store now stocks Jewish foods. When I first started seeing Jewish food on the shelf, I felt a spark of hope. In these times, with all the rising anti-Semitism, it feels so meaningful that our local grocery store now sells Jewish food. It's not just about the convenience, or my kids recognizing these foods when we shop together. It's about being seen and embraced by our community. That's what this change represents to me.

This year, achieving this change has been one of the biggest and most meaningful differences in my life. In recent times, it's become crucial to stand up as a community, to be seen, heard, and welcomed.

I'm so grateful to you for making these foods readily available. It feels like a warm hug from the community. Now I feel like I truly belong.

My Children Are Getting a Jewish Education By Eva

My children attend public school, so they only learn secular subjects in school and don't get a Jewish foundation.

But thanks to Chabad Hebrew School, my children now have the opportunity to learn about our heritage, religion, faith, Torah, and the Jewish holidays. This kind of education and exposure is priceless, and my children are truly blessed to have it.

Additionally, my children feel a part of the growing community here at Chabad of Woodbridge. It means a great deal to me that my children participate in community events. These gatherings are an amazing opportunity for



us to connect with so many other Jewish people in the community that we didn't even know were here because we are so spread out.

These events highlight how our Jewish life, voice, and identity continue to thrive and grow. Every time we attend an event, it feels like we're just getting bigger and stronger. It is an amazing sight to behold, and I am very grateful to be part of this community.

As a Jewish mother and woman, I am deeply grateful to you for all of this. Thank you for making it possible for my children to receive a Jewish education and feel part of the community!

My Son Was Bar Mitzvah'd, Thanks to You! By Karen

When it was time for my son Ben to have a Bar Mitzvah, we didn't know what to do. Ben is the oldest grandchild on both sides of the family and we didn't have any experience with Bar Mitzvahs.

Fortunately, Ben attended Chabad Hebrew School, which he absolutely loved. Morah Chana makes the program so much fun that my children look forward to going each week. Ben was the first student to graduate from Chabad Hebrew School!

Rabbi Bakshi helped my son learn the text for his Bar Mitzvah, and helped my shy son feel comfortable with the whole process.



Morah Chana went out of her way to prepare, catering the food, decorating the shul, and making it so beautiful.

Rabbi Bakshi led the services and the celebration with great meaning and joy, which was inspiring for my family and friends who were unaffiliated. One of my family members said: "This is my first time that I haven't left shul in the middle of the service!"

It was a great event, and we received such nachas! Thank you for making it possible for our children to celebrate these important Jewish milestones.

You Brought Me Back to My Roots After October 7

By Melanie

After October 7th, my heart became very heavy. I just could not believe that this atrocity had taken place in this day and age, and I deeply needed to reconnect with my Jewish roots and be a part of a community. I wanted nothing more than for my son to have that experience as well.

That Chanukah, my husband, who is not Jewish and Italian, found a menorah lighting at Woodbridge Community Centre. I was so grateful to meet Rabbi Bakshi and his beautiful wife, Chana, who warmly welcomed us into the community. I felt a deep sense of belonging, and I'm so grateful that my son and my



Melanie with her family at the recent Purim celebration

husband felt embraced by the community as well.

Since then, I've attended other events at Chabad, such as the challah baking, and it was a wonderful experience to connect to with other Jewish women. My husband and son joined me at the Purim celebration, and they had an amazing time. My experiences at Chabad have taught me how important it is to be united as a people. I've strengthened my faith in G-d and my love for the community.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to connect to my people and to my faith when I needed it most.

You Helped a Worried Mother

By Diana

This past year, my son David went off to fight in the war in Gaza, and I was left at home, scared and unsure of what would happen next.

Thankfully, the entire Chabad community of Woodbridge gave me comfort and support during this time of uncertainty. I was able to focus on myself, my community and my religion through participating in activities such as challah baking, community events, praying, and giving back through volunteering. Rabbi Bakshi and Chana connected me to people who could relate to my situation, and through talking to other mothers of lone soldiers, I realized I wasn't alone. I quickly felt more at ease knowing that my son was taken care of through



the resources that our community has provided, such as food, clothing, prayers and much more. I feel utterly grateful to have this community by my side when my family is back in Israel.

Chabad Jewish Centre of Woodbridge has become my big family that I can always turn to for comfort. I'm no longer scared, knowing that the community is praying for my son David and all our soldiers. I know we can get through adversity with solidarity and mutual support. We are together and we are united.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.