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# **COVID-19 REPORT**

Chabad Ocean Drive's Response to Covid-19

#### **DEAR FRIEND,**

I hope this finds you and your family in good health and happy spirits. These recent months have been a difficult and turbulent time for all of us. Covid-19 has wreaked havoc on many lives and created financial turmoil as well as emotional distress from the uncertainty we all face. As a supporter of Chabad, we are grateful to inform you that thanks to your unwavering support, Chabad Ocean Drive has been stepping up and

responding in an unprecedented manner.

## YOU have ensured that thousands of lives have been touched and uplifted at this most crucial time.

Jack, who lives by himself, knows he's not alone because of your kindness. Sylvia, who is still acclimating to the challenges of being a full-time caretaker of her husband, had someone to turn to for help when she needed groceries and medicines picked up from the pharmacy.

Thanks to YOU, Mark is able to check in on a daily basis for a virtual class and social engagement which is otherwise impossible due to Quarantine requirements.

I hope you shep nachas and feel satisfied with the myriads of ways that you have been a blessing for the community at this most challenging time.

YOU are ensuring that Chabad Ocean Drive is here and on call to respond at this great moment of need.

### COVID RESPONSE

- Weekly Shabbat Care Packages
- Weekly Lunch & A Smile
- Seder To Go Kits
- Matzah Distribution
- Zoom & Facebook Classes
- Shavuot At Home Deliveries
- Synagogue Modification Allowing for Social Distanced Services
- Emergency Financial Assistance for The Needy
- Shopping for the Homebound



## FROM THE MAILBOX

Chabad's Zoom classes conducted by Rabbi and Sheina are just wonderful as they keep us engaged and connected. We are able to continue our Torah study with our group and seeing and hearing them reduces social isolation which is a blessing. There is a Monday evening class on Zoom that is a learning experience not to be missed. Additional films and guest speakers are offered.

- Lynn

Dear Rabbi Kudan, Thanks you very much for the Mishebrach for my father. My parents are enjoying the care package as I am writing this to you. Again thanks and good shabbos. - C. R.

Hello Rabbi Leibel - Just when I think my Shabbat Surprise cannot possibly get any better, along with my delicious matzoh ball soup, I had the best chocolate rugelach ever. I do love chocolate! Thank you so much for remembering me, you are so thoughtful!

Dear Rabbi Kudan, Sheina, Rabbi Sholom Ber, I am beyond words, to express how Yael's warm smile, greeting and food package made me feel so cared about before Shabbat. Besides enjoying the delicious soup, receiving an important mask, having a friendly volunteer stop by surely brought much light into my home.

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### HERE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU HAVE BEEN DOING:

### Shabbat Care Packages

Every Friday, our dedicated team of volunteers helps pack and deliver Shabbat care packages to many in the Hallandale/Hollywood Beach Community. Challah, chicken soup and more are sent with love to many of those who are homebound or alone. To date, well over 3500 packages have been delivered!

### Passover

Passover was the first holiday to be majorly up-ended due to Covid. For many it was a Pesach of Ioneliness never experienced before in their lifetime. Although every year, Chabad Ocean is famous for its large community Seders, this year YOU provided hundreds of people with prepared meals, seder plates, wine, and Shmurah Matzah to celebrate Passover in their own homes. Many recipients told us they hadn't been planning to celebrate at all since they couldn't imagine a Seder alone. You were there to save the day! While eating their matzah and full Seder dinner, they knew they weren't forgotten.







# Soup & A Smile + Welfare Check

Our Tuesday weekly check-in and lunch for our most vulnerable population.

### Virtual Programming

When our physical doors closed due to Quarantine, our virtual doors swung right open! Chabad offers daily, weekly and special events all on Zoom and Facebook. This is particularly meaningful for those who, due to medical vulnerability, remain in complete lockdown after almost 5 months.

This is also an opportunity to celebrate and mark life cycle events such as birthdays, anniversaries, and Yartzaits – making sure these milestones aren't observed alone.

- Daily Talmud & Chumash Classes
- Weekly JLI Class
- Weekly Parsha Discussion Group
- Special Guest Lectures
- Womens RCS Classes
  & Special Events
- Cooking Demos
- Pre-Shabbat L'chaim with Rabbi Leibel

### **GOING FORWARD**

Our pledge to YOU is to continue this partnership of caring, providing, and maintaining a supportive community. We continue to look ahead and anticipate what the future needs of our people are as this unscripted story continues to unfold.

While this a time of unpreceded need, Chabad unfortunately has had a decline in financial support, both due to having to close our doors during critical seasons of charitable giving (such as Passover and the summer), and because some of our major donors have taken large financial losses and have cut back on their support.

Can you be there to fill the void and make sure we can continue serving the community uninterrupted?

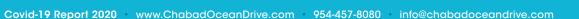
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On behalf of the hundreds of beneficiaries of your kindness, attention and care, THANK YOU!

We sincerely pray that these turbulent moments of uncertainty and chaos lead us to the ultimate time of peace, with the arrival of Moshiach.

Rabbi Leibel & Sheina Kudan • Rabbi Sholom Ber & Malka Kudan





Dear Rabbi Leibel and Sheina Kudan...

This is a very stressful time for all the world...and as Shabbos approaches it's important to pause and take time to be grateful for our blessings.

I'm so grateful to know you both...as you always provide warmth and inspiration to all who know you. Thank you for all you do for so many!

These past several months of volunteering for Chabad Ocean Dr. have helped me recognize invaluable time, vision and life realization while our societies have been regrettably forced to contend with a pandemic.

Delivering Shabbat meals on Fri., checking on neighbors and friends, nurturing our Shul's evolution have all helped me keep good footing and spirits.

- Ira (Volunteer)

As volunteers we really got to see the hard work that the Kudans put into everything, how Chabad Ocean Drive goes above and beyond and is there for every single Jew at any time in need. When we strive for some level of normalcy, connection, and inspiration, I thank the shluchim at Chabad Ocean Drive for everything that they do and for our opportunities to be part of it! I thank the Kudans for giving my entire family a place to connect to their Judaism and to give back. I look forward to reuniting with all of you in person with only simchas very soon.

- Vanessa (Volunteer)





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