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# FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

We're honored to share a glimpse into our 5785 activities. Your support, partnership and vision, are the driving force behind it all. As you review these pages, we hope you feel proud of the impact you've made. Here's to an incredible 5786, filled with new opportunities and growth!

Thank you for being part of our mishpocha. We bless you for a year filled with health, nachas, joy and success!

Sincerely,



*Rabbi Yossie & Chanie Nemes*

*Rabbi Mendel & Chaya Mushka Ceitlin*



*Rabbi Zalman & Libby Groner*



## 5785 YEAR IN REVIEW

2017 \$417,516      2020 \$485,882      2023 \$635,090      2024 \$744,491

**TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES: \$740,990**  
**TOTAL REVENUE: \$744,491**

Each Sunday, Parsha class, and Thursday, Tanya class, this past year, I have learned from and enjoyed courses on Zoom presented by Rabbi Mendel Ceitlin.

They highlight faith development, character growth, continuity of our rich heritage, as well as mitzvahs and goals. The inspiration to apply these teachings in our daily lives aids in our strivings to become our best self.

As an outreach to the community, these classes are on Facebook. I encourage you to join Rabbi Ceitlin for this educational experience.

- LYNNE KULLMAN



Chabad is welcoming and warm. They take care of the community and make people feel like they belong as they are.

- CARLA MARGOL

Chabad of Metairie is more than a Jewish institution - it's my spiritual home. Like any family, it's a vibrant mix of rule-followers, rebels, diverse political views and lots of children. Its doors are always open, warmly welcoming everyone - rich or poor, religious or secular, liberal or conservative, young or old, healthy or sick. You're invited to pray, ask questions, join a class or share a meal. If you can't come to them, they'll come to you to deliver a meal, fulfill a holiday mitzvah, or just to talk. Living alone in New Orleans, away from my family, Chabad and this community have been my anchor through the hard times - from my father's passing to my divorce to the never-ending search for the right job.

I appreciate the community's support and am constantly inspired to give back with the same warmth and generosity they've shown me.

- KG



Being involved with Chabad helps me connect with my Judaism on a higher spiritual and emotional level. The Chabad community has been a positive influence in all aspects of my life.

I look forward to the JLI courses as each one teaches me aspects of my Judaism that I never knew. Plus, it's wonderful being part of a Tuesday night family!

- LISANNE DAVENPORT

I was raised in a secular home in Southern California. I wanted to start learning what it meant to be a Jew, so I began studying the weekly Torah portion. Through a JLI course, I met Rabbi Mendel Ceitlin, whose wisdom and patient guidance, combined with the warmth and kindness of the Chabad community, have helped me become a better Jew, a better community member, and a better husband. I'm grateful for this experience.

- JONATHAN NUSSDORF



CTeen changed the course of my life. Through its trips, events, and community, I discovered a deeper connection to Judaism, pride in my identity, and a sense of purpose that continues to guide me. The International Shabbaton, in particular, was transformative; it helped me fully embrace who I am and inspired me to live with more faith, passion, and clarity. CTeen didn't just impact me spiritually; it gave me lifelong friends, mentors, opportunities, and a vision for the kind of person I want to become.

- MICHAEL KENNEDY

