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#### Dear Community Member,

Our hearts are shattered by the devastating attack on our brethren in the Holy Land. It is difficult to not think about what has happened and what the people there are currently

experiencing.

It can be almost paralyzing, but the truth is that any small act of kindness we do helps us move forward in difficult times and supports our Jewish nation.

As you can read in this newsletter, we at Chabad, with your support, are forever committed to increasing acts of goodness and kindness within the Jewish community and the general community.

Praying for the continued safety and security of our brothers and sisters in Israel and around the world.

Am Yisrael Chai!

With much gratitude and appreciation, Rabbi Yosef & Hindy Plotkin **Co-Directors** 

#### **RECIPE**

#### STUFFED BAKED APPLE



**Ingredients:** 

- » 1 cup oats
- » 6-7 apples
- » 2/3 cup sbrown sugar
- » 1 can cranberry sauce » 1/2 cup oil
- » 1 cup flour
- » little bit cinnamon

#### **Directions:**

- 1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Coat an 8-inch square metal baking pan with cooking spray.
- 2. Cut apples in half horizontally.
- 3. Scoop out the flesh of each apple half. Fill them with a scoop of cranberry sauce.
- 4. Mix the 1 cup flour, 1 cup oats, 2/3 cup brown sugar, 1/2 cup oil, and a little bit of cinnamon.
- 5. Mound about 1/4 cup topping onto each apple. Bake until the apples are tender and the tops are browned, 20 to 30 minutes. Let cool for at least 10 minutes before serving.

#### JEWISH UNITY AT HIGH POINT FURNITURE MARKET

It's been more than a decade that Rabbi Yosef and Hindy Plotkin, co-directors of Chabad-Lubavitch of Greensboro,

have been operating a Chabad center at the High Point furniture market.

But everything felt different this year, as the market was held as the Jewish world was reeling from Hamas's barbaric murders and kidnappings.



put on tefillin, join a Torah class or minyan, or just be among fellow Jews.

> In light of the fact that the mitzvah is specifically associated with gaining divine protection, many people purchased mezuzahs to install in their showrooms, businesses and even their homes.

"At these times we realize how important it is for people to have a Jewish home Many participants reported that they felt the sympathy

away from home," says Rabbi Plotkin. "People so needed to be able to gather and show their support for the Jewish people, express their pride in their identity and strengthen their faith in G-d and his constant love and care for us, His beloved nation."

and support of non-Jewish fairgoers as well. At the Hall of Fame Event, attended by more than 1,000 furniture professionals and executives, Rabbi Plotkin was honored with leading a heartfelt prayer for Israel.

And more Jews than ever stopped by to eat a kosher meal,

## RECORD TURNOUT FOR SECOND ANNUAL MITZVAH WALK



Jews of all types and stripes got together for Chabad of Greensboro's second annual Mitzvah Walk. Most walks raise funds. But this one solicited mitzvah pledges of all kinds.

In addition to the actual walk, there was loads of fun for the entire family. As people walked, they were met by signs "advertising" various mitzvahs. And they were even accompanied by a Torah mascot.

On-the-spot mitzvah opportunities included hearing the shofar in advance of Rosh Hashanah, a Torah thought from Rabbi Yosef Plotkin, and giving tzedakah. There were also mitzvah-themed booths staffed by Chabad families from around the Carolinas.

Kosher attractions included a food truck, cotton candy, and more.

Ensuring that everyone had a good time, there was a beekeeper, a foam pit, and a bubble artist, activities by Ninja Nation, and soulful Jewish music by international sensation Tali Yess.

Held just weeks before Rosh Hashanah, the event featured a "High Holiday Shuk," in which attendees obtained holiday supplies such as honey, challah, honey cake, long-lasting candles, and other necessities.

## CARICATURES, CATAN, AND CONNECTIONS IN THE SUKKAH



Greensboro, along with the entirety of the Piedmont Triad, continues to attract a steady flow of young professionals, primarily from the Midwest and Northeast.

And for many, Chabad of Greensboro is the address where they find fun, friendship, spirituality, and social connections.

During the intermediate days of Sukkot, dozens of Chabad Young Professionals (CYPs) gathered in Chabad's giant sukkah for an evening of socializing and mitzvahs.

Just by shaking the lulav and etrog and enjoying a meal in the sukkah, participants fulfilled the two primary mitzvahs of the Sukkot holiday.

But this was not just any meal. It was a delicious glatt-kosher deli-carving station with all the trimmings.

Many also sat down to join games of Catan or to have their portraits drawn by a skilled caricature artist.

"Chabad never fails to provide us with just the right mix of Judaism and fun," says **Lauren Slakter**, a Chabad member, who is an environmental professional at S&ME. "I saw old friends and met new ones and just enjoyed the laid-back atmosphere."

#### ISRAELI CHALLAH BAKE ONE DAY BEFORE ATTACKS

It was the final day of Sukkot, a beautiful day to have an Israel-themed Challah bake. Twenty-five young women got together at Chabad's giant sukkah to perform the mitzvah of separating challah (a portion of the dough), one of the mitzvahs associated with Jewish women.

As per tradition, they used that time for prayer, for themselves, for their families and friends, and for the Jews living in our beloved homeland.

In keeping with the holiday's joyous theme, the women laughed and danced and had a great time.

Little could they have imagined that in just a few hours,

Hamas terrorists would cross into Israel and carry out the largest-scale murder of Jews since the Holocaust.

"Just last week I laughed, sang, and danced as I baked challah WITH my

Israeli friends," said Rebbetzin Hindy Plotkin, who hosted the event. "This week I'm crying, praying, and beseeching G-d FOR my Israeli friends."

She went on to urge women to light Shabbat candles and add an extra prayer for the safety and security of the Jews of Israel and for the success of the brave men and women of the IDF.



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