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**CHABAD
SUTTON PLACE, NYC**

CELEBRATING OUR 20th YEAR
SEPTEMBER 2025

FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Friend,

As we reflect on the past two years, our hearts are full—with both the weight of sorrow and the strength of gratitude.

The events of October 7th, 2023 shook the soul of the Jewish people. The unthinkable brutality we witnessed in Israel, and the waves of antisemitism that followed around the world, pierced us all deeply.

And yet, in the face of darkness, our community responded with light.

Here at Chabad Sutton Place, we saw a surge in people yearning for connection, for meaning, for each other. From overflowing Shabbat tables and powerful gatherings in support of our precious hostages, army wives and campus warriors, to packed Torah classes and soulful gatherings on front stoops and living rooms, we witnessed a beautiful outpouring of unity and love.

What became clear is this: when the world feels fractured, the Jewish heart seeks wholeness. We seek community.

Whether through the laughter of children at Baby Shabbat, the thoughtful questions in our adult education classes, or the quiet moments of shared prayer, every interaction this year felt more purposeful. More precious. There was a collective realization that Jewish life, tradition, and community are not luxuries—they are lifelines.

We want you to know that your support made this possible. Every smile in these pages, every story of transformation, every spark of Jewish pride—you were part of it.

With deep thanks, we invite you to continue walking with us. Let's keep building a Jewish home in the heart of NYC that radiates warmth, wisdom, enthusiasm for the strength of our heritage and love for all mankind.

May we merit a year of peace, healing, and continued strength.

Rabbi Shmuel & Raizy Metzger and family



THE OVED FAMILY CHABAD SUTTON PRESCHOOL CHABAD SUTTON HEBREW SCHOOL



FIRST PERSON

I cannot overstate how truly meaningful, even transformative, their impact has been on my and my husband's lives. It has rekindled our Jewish identity and introduced us to the Chabad community, the beauty of Yiddishkeit and the study of Torah. I attribute much of the appeal of Chabad Sutton to the authenticity and warmth of Raizy and Rabbi Metzger who have made a genuine connection with me and my family. There is no judgment- everything is done with, joy, love, acceptance and humility. Through my involvement with Chabad Sutton, I now have a deeper appreciation of what it means to be a Jew and feel a stronger connection to our community. My husband and I feel fortunate to have met the Metzgers and consider them role models, mentors and friends."

Dr. Barbara Baskin- Elowitz



YOUTH PROGRAMMING



SHABBAT & HOLIDAYS



As a mom of three in the Sutton Place area, I have had the pleasure of really getting to know the Metzgers and their beautiful family. They have become a vibrant thread in the tapestry of my life, weaving together faith, community, and love. Through our shared moments, from listening to speakers, to baking challah, making hamantashen cookies, sharing Shabbat Dinners and talks on “the stoop” they have illuminated the beauty of Jewish tradition and shown me that even in the darkest moments, like those following October 7th, there is always hope and always a reason to come together in love and support. Knowing them has been a gift, a reminder of the profound difference that kindness, compassion, and generosity can make in our lives. The Metzger family is truly the definition of #fabulyss.

Lyss Stern

*Entrepreneur, Author, Wife and Mom of Three.
Lyss and her husband Brian live with their
three children in Sutton Place*



SUTTON PLACE WOMEN UNITE FOR ISRAEL



Chabad of Sutton Place has become a deeply enriching part of life for both myself and my family. I was truly honored when the Rabbi invited me to serve as gabbai of the shul – it has strengthened my connection to the community and to Jewish practice in a meaningful way.

I love the Shabbat prayers, and the classes have offered valuable opportunities for learning and growth. Chabad Sutton also has a great Shabbat morning program that my child eagerly looks forward to engaging in. There is a genuine sense of warmth, purpose, and belonging at Chabad Sutton, and we are grateful to be part of such a dedicated and vibrant community.

Bobby Shamsian



ADULT EDUCATION



Chabad Sutton is an inviting place to level up one's Jewishness. From fascinating, immersive weekly Torah Classes to interesting authors who share their wisdom, to family events and Shabbat dinners. This is my spiritual Jewish home.

With all that is going on in Israel and here I come to heal amongst my friends.

Raizy is an amazing teacher, inspirer and outstanding hostess. The children are adorable, smart and creative. Rabbi Metzger is wonderful. I have met many neighbors at the Torah classes who have become friends. I'm so happy and grateful to be a part of Chabad Sutton.

Marlene Steiner



Baby Shabbat is the highlight of our week!

We love preparing for shabbat with Morah Raizy. She has fun and creative activities for children of all ages which engage them for the entirety of the class.

We sing the songs and use our crafts from baby shabbat for shabbat and holidays at our own home which is so special. We can't wait for next semester to begin!

Grace Southworth



FIRST PERSON

Words fall short to express the gratitude my husband and I feel towards the Chabad Sutton community. When choosing a nursery program for our daughter, we wanted a place she would feel safe and free to be herself, explore, and grow. The love, care, and deep intention infused into the Chabad experience exceeded our expectations. Our family experienced many changes and challenges over the last year and we believe Chabad's unique environment was a major factor in allowing our daughter to thrive during this time.

- The Yeshurun Family

Kate Yeshurun



FIRST PERSON

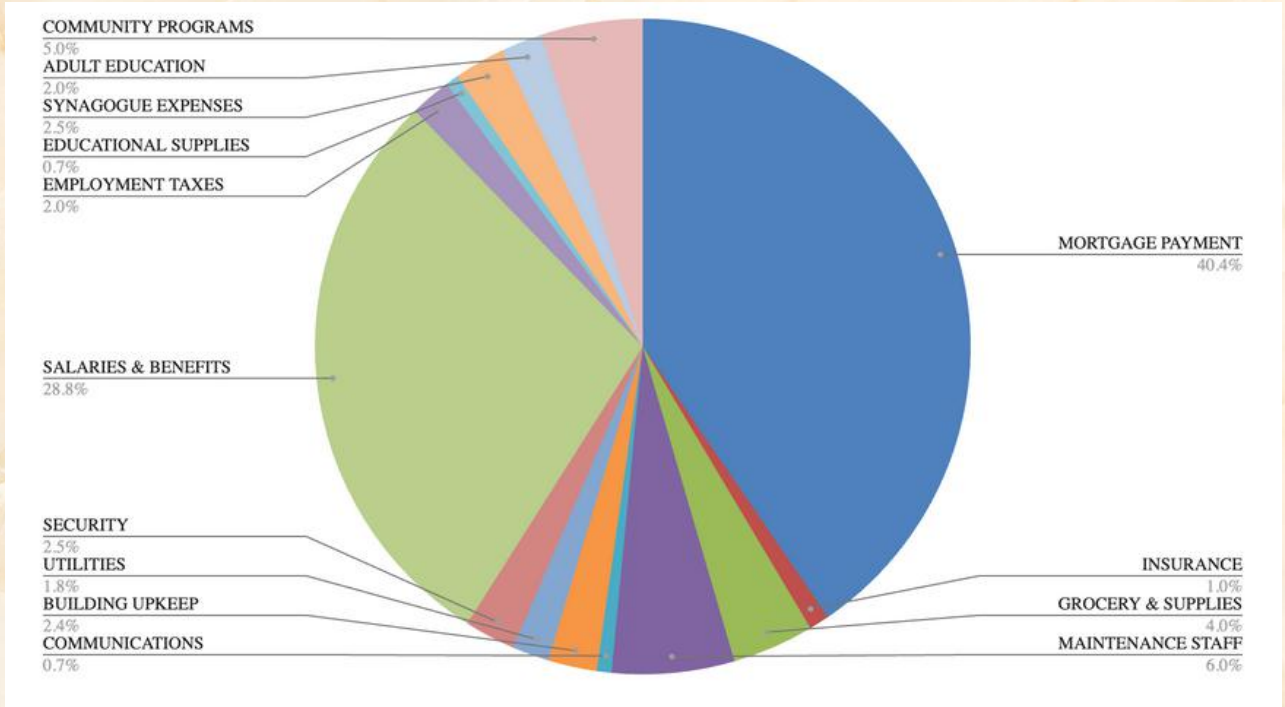
Though our time at Chabad Sutton Place wasn't long, it was deeply meaningful. From the moment we walked in, we felt embraced — not just by Rabbi Shmuly and Rebbetzin Raizy, but by the entire community. There's a special warmth here, a sincerity and love that radiates from every interaction — love for each other, love for Torah, and love for Hashem.

We are so grateful for the sense of belonging you gave our family. That connection will always remain with us, no matter where we are. May Chabad Sutton Place continue to grow and shine, spreading light and kindness in every direction.

Levi Grunblatt



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September 2024–September 2025
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