

# NECHAMA'S NEWSFLASH



## THE MONTHS OF KISLEV/TEVET 5784

### TJJ FAMILY

THIS NEWSFLASH is in honor of the Aliyat Neshama for Asaf Ben Shlomo z'l: May his name be for a blessing. May his family find comfort in the words below.

This past month we suffered a loss in our community, a loss of a special man, someone that never said the word, "No." A man that always thought of the next person. A man who lit up the world with his positivity and humor. A man that was someone soft, didn't need to be seen, happy to be in the background doing all the heavy lifting. That man's name was Asaf Zinnar, the husband of our very strong very special very



organized, Osey. Our Leader, and oh does she lead by example, ALWAYS.

Tevet the month that began with the Light of Chanukkah.

**Light! Miracles! Heroism! Strength! Sacrifice!**  
**Torah study! Practice of Torah!**  
**Hashem's powers!**

These are words synonymous with the months of Kislev and Tevet.

The days are the shortest, it gets dark so quickly, They are the darkest months of the year, and we feel the darkness everywhere.



But Kislev is the month of Chanukkah, the holiday of lights! We look forward to the light of the menorahs that will light up the streets and bring the much needed light we all hope for in our lives. With each burning candle, it brings light and hope and shows our optimism that miracles happen in every generation.



During these past months, we prayed every day for the strength and well-being of the IDF soldiers, the innocent victims of the barbaric attacks, the innocent hostages that were abducted into the abyss of the dark tunnels of Gaza, those who lost their lives in the attack and those left to pick up the pieces from the attack.

We are praying for everyone to heal fully, physically and mentally. We are praying for individuals and praying for our people as one nation. We are grieving and yet trying to move forward to show strength as a Jewish nation united. We are praying that we come out of one of the darkest places in history to one of the brightest of places in our history where our Jewish pride is lighting up the world.

We heard from rabbis, rebetzins on college campuses, mothers of soldiers, Jews living in Israel and those wanting to go to Israel. We heard from TJJ Dads who returned from volunteer missions in Israel and saw first hand the atrocities that were committed against Israel but also saw the strength of the Jewish people and their resolve to defend their country and wipe out terrorism.

We heard from TJJ moms who have been involved in planning various fundraisers of much needed supplies in Israel and from Jewish teens who have taken the lead in their battle to fight anti-Semitism here on Long Island and those on college campuses. We heard from Jewish singers who give us hope with their beautiful melodies and lyrics that our hostages will come home, and our people will come out of this stronger than ever. We have so much rebuilding and repairing to do. And we know it will get done. Our survival counts on it.

We made challah in Livingston, Fairlawn, Manalapan, New City, and Commack. We rallied in Eisenhower Park, Plainview, Merrick, and of course Washington D.C. We lit the Shabbos candles with an energy from praying and singing on our pre Shabbos Ruach zoom for over 10 weeks. And we shared the miracles in our own lives at our delicious Chanukkah brunch filled with delicious bagels and sufganiyot. Dads were able to experience being in a very well known Yeshiva in Brooklyn where they prayed, toured, and learned about Tefillin, not to mention the delicious donuts they ate from Sesame

Just as the Jews witnessed the miracles of Chanukkah at the time of the Maccabees, we too pray to Hashem today that he will once again bring miracles to our nation. We are filled with emotion of gratitude and joy as some of our hostages are being released and yet we will pray with more intensity and resolve that the rest of the hostages will also come home as well. We believe in the miracles of Hashem can make and we will continue to stay united until each and every hostage is freed. We will not rest until they are all home.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TJJ for Moms Relief Mission in New Orleans**- February 7th -11th  
Sign up now:  
<https://new.ncsy.org/tjj-for-moms-relief-mission-2/>
- **Daily Tehillim Zoom with Nechama**- Join TJJ Moms daily at 9:00 pm for inspiration and Tehillim reading.  
Meeting ID 7356928415 Password: Tjjmom
- **Holocaust Survivor Speaker**- Date and time TBD
- **TJJ for Moms Reunions:** Coming up soon. More information will be sent out to all the TJJ moms
- **TJJ Moms and Dads Summer 2024 Applications are out:** If you pre-registered, you must still fill out an application for Summer '24  
[Momsummer24application](#)  
[Dadsummer24application](#)



**We are very excited as we plan for the Most Meaningful Summer Ever! This summer we have an amazing itinerary filled with tours, inspiration, and community service. If you would like to join us this summer or know someone who is interested in our summer journey, fill out the application link below:**

[TJJ for Moms Summer 24 application](#) [TJJ for Dads Summer 24 application](#)

