

THE MONTH OF CHESHVAN 5784

TJJ FAMILY

The calendar year stands at 5784, and the month of Cheshvan, also known as Mar Cheshvan, is upon us. "Mar" translates to bitter, and it seems an apt description for this month, devoid of any holidays that typically mark joyous occasions.

This year, however, the bitterness takes on a different meaning. It's a bitterness born from the tears, the sobs, and the pain that have permeated in the past weeks of our collective experience. The festival of happiness, Sukkot, or Zeman Simchatainu, with its accompanying mitzvot, feels like a distant memory. It was just three short weeks ago that many of us gathered in the Sukka, some for the very first time, sharing meals with neighbors and friends beneath Hashem's sky.



We've come together nearly twenty times to pray. We've prayed for all those that need salvation, for the families grieving lost loved ones, for those who have had loved ones taken captive, and for the success of our soldiers. As the days pass, our prayers extend beyond our immediate concerns, encompassing Jews all over the world as anti-Semitism continues to rise.

We've been inspired by the teachings of Rav Shay Schachter, urging us to be creative and proactive, rather than passively watching events unfold. Mrs. Elisheva Kaminetzky has encouraged us to connect deeply with the words of Psalms and the timeless wisdom of the Torah. Just as we learn from our matriarch Rachel on the anniversary of her passing, we are reminded that some things remain constant and eternally relevant. Stacy Nechama Goldman inspired us and made connections with the parsha and present day.

Sukkot, a holiday where we leave the comfort of our homes to acknowledge that we are under Hashem's divine protection, holds a deeper significance now. In these trying times, we yearn for that shelter more than ever.



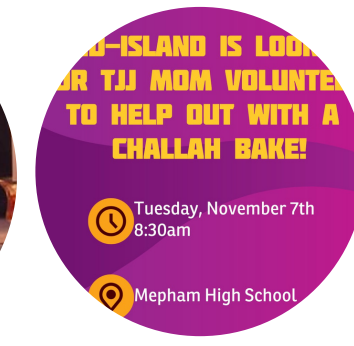
Some people pray, while others raise funds, send essential goods, or convey their sentiments through letters. In Livingston, more than 30 mothers and their teens united in a meaningful event that combined both baking and prayer.

As Jews, we draw strength from our unity and our enduring faith. We will come together and do whatever it takes to navigate through these bitter times and emerge stronger on the other side.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Friday Night of Inspiration: The Home Edition**– November 3rd. Join us in spreading the beauty of Shabbos all over New York and New Jersey. Sign up today! You will be hosted by one of our leaders in their home. They are excited to have you at their Shabbos table. <https://tinyurl.com/fridaynighthomeedition>
- **Mid Island is looking for TJJ Moms to help out with a challah bake on November 7th. Reach out to Nechama if you are interested 718-669-3367**
- **Manalapan Challah Bake**
November 13th at the home of Shari and Bryan Gelfand.
- **Challah Bake in NYC**– November 16th 7:00pm

- **Pre-Thanksgiving event in Livingston**– November 14th at the home of Susan and Keith Abramson 7:00 pm
- **Pre-Thanksgiving event in Rye Brook**– November 15th 7:00 pm at the home of Robyn and Eric Hoberman
- **Pre-Thanksgiving event in Long Island**– November 19th at the home of Ilana and Michael Davidov
- **TJJ Moms and Dads Summer 2024 Open House**– November 28th



If you know someone who is interested in our TJJ for Moms or TJJ for Dads Summer 2024 Trip, Please share this link to pre-register. <https://tinyurl.com/Israel24pre-register>

