

## Mighty Mezuzah

The hallmark of the Jewish home is the mezuzah, which guards our doors from all misfortune. Did you know that a kosher mezuzah is comprised of a parchment scroll, on which the Shema is handwritten by a scribe? Since every letter must be perfect and complete, it is customary to have the mezuzah checked every few years to ensure that nothing has faded or cracked.

Chabad of Kirkland can help you get your mezuzahs checked or assist you in purchasing new ones. With a kosher mezuzah on your door, you can rest assured, knowing that you are in good hands!



## From Refuse to Rejoicing

On Sukkot, we sit in sukkahs to remember how G-d transformed the arid desert into a hospitable home for our ancestors. This year, we relived that experience as we made our community sukkah in a dumpster. Thoroughly cleaned and freshly painted, it was surprisingly roomy and pleasant inside.

On the final day of Sukkot, it was filled to capacity with men, women, and children, who enjoyed the opportunity to “dwell” in the sukkah and make the blessing over the lulav and etrog.

Then, after cocktails were enjoyed by the adults (and mocktails imbibed by the children), everyone was in high spirits and ready to dance up a storm with the Torah.

Everyone was involved in the fun--even the youngest children who enjoyed earning prizes and treats throughout the evening.



## Coffee Philanthropy

Did you know that the average North American millennial spends as much as \$2,000 on coffee every year? That's right. Sip by sip, cup by cup, it adds up.

But this works in the positive as well. Many members of our community have joined the Partner's Club. Every month, they donate a set amount, anywhere from \$18 to \$180, to Chabad of Kirkland. And you know what? By the year's end, they've managed to enable quite a lot of programming and social services right here on the West Island.

Looking to get involved? Contact Rabbi Cohen and we guarantee the good feeling will last longer than your caffeine rush.



## Teen Time!

It's always a pleasure to walk into Chabad of Kirkland and see a crowd of eager teen volunteers working on one project or another. Right before Chanukah, more than 20 of Chabad's dedicated teens enjoyed a latke fry off competition, in which they demonstrated their culinary prowess in a fun holiday atmosphere.

Feel bad that your teen missed it? Don't fret. The group meets regularly for exciting events where fun programming (some recent events included chocolate fountain creations and poke bowl building), great friends, and cool vibes all coming together for a memorable and wholesome Jewish experience.



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# Chabad Jewish Center

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Celebrating over a decade of vibrant Jewish life west on the West Island

Activity Update #6

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## A Teaching of the Lubavitcher Rebbe



More than 3,000 years ago, the Jews in Egypt had sunk to a dangerously low spiritual state, even serving idols. When G-d sent Moses to them, He did not tell him to rebuke them. Rather, G-d instructed him to announce that they were about to be redeemed.

Only much later, when he had an alternative for them--a Torah to embrace--did Moses tell the Jews to stop serving idols.

In our times, the most effective way to draw the hearts of our fellows closer to G-d is by first showing them the beauty of our heritage and uplifting them with the promise of the Redemption.

## Dear Friend,

As we go to press, Jews around the world are gearing up to celebrate a great milestone: 70 years since the Rebbe took leadership of the Lubavitch movement. Building on the charred ashes of the Holocaust, the Rebbe led a global renaissance of Jewish life that continues to expand and swell from year to year.

In Montreal alone, there are over 35 Chabad centers serving every segment of the Jewish community. As we look back at 70 years of inspired growth, teaching, and leadership, we celebrate the miracle of Jewish life and look forward to the era of Moshiach, when “the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of G-d like the water covers the sea.”

May it be today. Amen!

L'chaim,

Rabbi Shmuel and Chana Cohen

## Chanukah ROUNDUP

Chanukah, the most public of the Jewish holidays, is a special time for spreading light and sharing joy with others. Here are some highlights of our light-filled Chanukah activities.



Even before Chanukah, kids gathered at Chabad Jewish Center to cook up some yummy holiday treats.



Teens got ready for Chanukah by showing off their skills with the skillet, each attempting to fry up the perfect latke.

On the first night of Chanukah, the assembled enjoyed dreidels, latkes, music and more as a giant public menorah was lit overlooking Boulevard St. Charles.



A parade of menorah mobiles then drove through the streets of the West Island, letting everyone know that it was time to begin celebrating.



Every night, Chabad team members visited Jewish homes, where they celebrated Chanukah with goodies, menorahs and fun.



Volunteers packed and delivered more than 700 menorah kits, ensuring that as many people as possible observed the mitzvah.



Making sure that no one was left out, Chabad volunteers made sure to visit with local seniors, who relished the opportunity to celebrate Chanukah and schmooze.






# Coming

# up: ➤

**Community Shabbat Dinner**

Friday, January 31 @ 6:30 PM  
Enjoy tasty food, lively song and a chance to hear from our guest speaker

Celebrating 70 years of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's leadership



\$12/person • \$180/sponsor

**KIDS GET COOKING**

The yummiest place to be

KIDS AGES 5 AND UP- COME PREPARE YOUR OWN DELICACIES!

SUNDAYS, 2:00-4:00 PM

JANUARY 19 - SHABBAT DELICACIES    MARCH 22 - MATZAH MUNCHIES  
FEBRUARY 23 - HAMANTASH BAKE OFF    APRIL 26 - SPRING INTO FOOD

\$5/CHILD

**PURIM BASH**

You are invited to celebrate Purim with Chabad of Kirkland

FOOD & DRINKS    INTERACTIVE DRUMMING SHOW    GRAGGERS & MEGILLAH

Come dressed in costume and receive a prize  
**Tuesday, March 10 @ 5:30 PM**

\$8/child, \$12/adult, \$180/sponsor

**FAMILY HAMANTASH BAKE**

Create, fill & shape your own unique hamantaschen.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 @ 2:00 PM**  
\$8 / per person • Reservations required

**MONTHLY CHALLAH BAKE**

Thursdays @ 7:00 PM  
January 30, February 27, March 26, April 30, May 21  
Suggested \$8/ person

**Paint Nite For kids**

February 9 @ 2:00 PM  
\$12/child  
Reservation required

**JUDAISM 101**

A crash course on some of the basic Jewish practices

Ever wondered about the how's and why's of Judaism? Come learn about some of the Mitzvot- their practices, relevance and meaning.

Join us for 4 Wednesdays as we begin the discussion  
Begins Wednesday, February 12 @ 7:00 PM (Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 4)

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Jan. 19 Kids Get Cooking  
Jan. 25 Community Shabbat luncheon \*  
Jan. 30 Challah Bake  
Jan. 31 Community Shabbat Dinner

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Feb. 9 Kids Paint Nite  
Feb. 12, 19, 26 Judaism 101  
Feb. 23 Hamantash Bake  
Feb. 27 Challah Bake  
Feb. 29 Community Shabbat luncheon \*

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Mar. 4 Judaism 101  
Mar. 10 Purim Bash  
Mar. 22 Kids Get Cooking  
Mar. 26 Challah Bake  
Mar. 28 Community Shabbat luncheon \*

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