SHAKER CHABAD
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OH

OUR FIRST YEAR / 2025-2026

Our first year
and just the beginning

Building Jewish life, friendship, and community in Shaker Heights.



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2025-2026 / OCTOBER 2026

It starts with people

Dear friends,

It's hard to believe that a little over a year has passed since our family moved to Shaker Heights. We came here inspired by the Rebbe's visionary love for every Jew.

What a year it has been! We've had the pleasure of meeting so many wonderful people, welcoming new friends into our home, celebrating Jewish holidays together, and getting to know this community, one person and one family at a time.

From Shabbat meals around our table to holiday celebrations, Torah discussions, women's gatherings, and Jewish Professionals Nights, each experience has brought new faces, new friendships, and opportunities to connect.

Some of our most meaningful moments have been the simplest ones. Sitting with a neighbor over a cup of tea, delivering a homemade challah before Shabbat, visiting someone at home, or having a conversation that turns into a friendship.

We've been so touched by the warmth with which Shaker Heights has welcomed our family, and by the many people who have joined us, shared ideas, opened doors, and helped bring these experiences to life.

As we look through the photos and memories from this first year, we're grateful for everything we've shared and excited for all that lies ahead.

Thank you for being part of our beginning. We look forward to continuing to build Jewish life in Shaker Heights together.

And if we haven't met yet, we'd love to get to know you!

Warmly,

Choli & Chana

P.S. If you'd like to help make another year of Jewish experiences and connections possible, you'll find opportunities to partner with us on page 15.



THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE BEGINNING.
CHOLI & CHANA MISHULOVIN

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Year one at a glance

FALL 2025	*Getting to know Shaker* Holiday encounters, a Rosh Hashanah picnic, and personal connections at Van Aken.
DECEMBER 2025	*Light in the heart of the city* Our first public menorah lighting brought 50 local residents together.
WINTER & SPRING 2026	*A place at the table* Shabbat Matinee, Purim celebrations, Passover Seders, and the start of Jewish Professional Night.
SPRING 2026	*New ways to connect* Little Movers & Shakers, learning groups, and a Shavuot ice cream gathering.
SUMMER 2026	*Meeting our neighbors* More professional evenings and a Shaker Chabad booth at the Van Aken farmers market.
FALL 2026	*Celebrating together again* A challah bake, the second Rosh Hashanah picnic, and gatherings through the holiday season.

OUR GROWING REACH

200+
Shaker residents personally connected

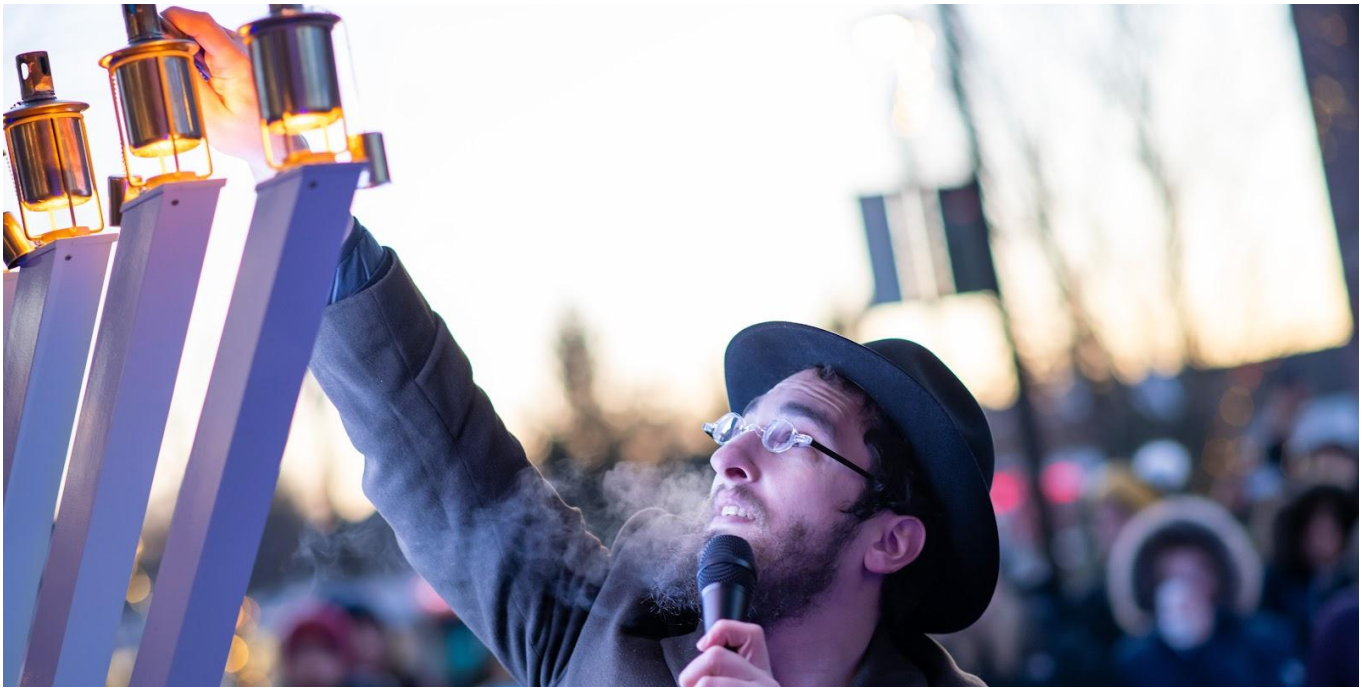
800
households sent a Jewish New Year mailing

> *"Thank you for bringing together the Jews of Shaker Heights. It is so needed."*
> **ELLEN R.**

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

A Little Light Goes a Long Way

CHANUKAH



It was twenty degrees outside when we gathered for our first public menorah lighting at Van Aken. Nearly fifty neighbors came out to celebrate with us! We lit the menorah outside Market Hall, shared donuts, and enjoyed seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones. It was a wonderful way to celebrate our first Chanukah in Shaker Heights.

50

local residents at our first
public menorah lighting





HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

Sweet Traditions All Year Round

PURIM • PASSOVER • SHAVUOT



Purim, Together

We celebrated Purim at our home with a Megillah reading, festive dinner, costumes, and plenty of hamantaschen. The evening ended with singing and a lively musical kumzitz.

Room at the Seder

One of the joys of hosting our Passover Seders was welcoming guests who didn't have family nearby to celebrate with. We shared the traditions of the Seder together, with plenty of conversation, singing, and questions around the table. In the days before Pesach, we also visited Jewish neighbors throughout Shaker Heights with handmade Shmurah Matzah.

Something Sweet for Shavuot

We welcomed friends and families to our home for the reading of the Ten Commandments, followed by an ice cream bar and cheesecake which everyone enjoyed.

> *"Thank you so much for including me in your Seder.*
>
> **JEN G.**

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

New Year, New Faces

ROSH HASHANAH & SUKKOT





A New Year in Shaker

We celebrated our second Rosh Hashanah in Shaker Heights with another picnic at Van Aken, where neighbors joined us for the shofar, apples and honey, and activities for the kids. We also visited residents at the Chelsea apartment building to blow the shofar, welcomed guests for holiday meals, and gathered for Neila and a community break-fast on Yom Kippur.

Time in the Sukkah

Over Sukkot, we enjoyed welcoming friends and neighbors into our sukkah for meals, holiday lunches, and Soup in the Sukkah. We also had the pleasure of helping visitors shake the lulav and etrog, including some who were doing the mitzvah for the very first time.



SHABBAT

Shabbos at Our Table

SHABBAT DINNERS & LUNCHES



One of our favorite parts of the week is welcoming guests around our Shabbos table. Some are longtime friends, others are neighbors we're just getting to know, and often people arrive having never met one another.

Over good food, conversation, and a little Torah, we enjoy the opportunity to spend Shabbos together and get to know each other better.

> *It was a warm, friendly and special Erev Shabbat, made all the more so by the delicious food, the interesting other guests and your meaningful words of Torah.*
>
> **JULIE AND IRV A.**

JEWISH LEARNING

Learning and Good Company

LEARNING GROUPS • ONE-ON-ONE LEARNING



Throughout the year, Choli and I have enjoyed learning with friends and neighbors, both individually and in small groups.

Our conversations range from the weekly Torah portion to Jewish philosophy, Chassidus, and questions about everyday life. We also share a short Torah thought in our weekly newsletter, giving readers something to think about and take into the week ahead.

> *“I’ve been involved in the Jewish community consistently, but I didn’t realize how much I miss the spiritual side of Judaism.*
>
> **AMANDA M.**

JEWISH PROFESSIONAL NIGHT

Good People, Great Conversation



Our Jewish Professionals Night series in the Van Aken District has become a wonderful opportunity to bring together people from different professions, backgrounds, and parts of Cleveland.

Over dinner, we've enjoyed hearing from accomplished local professionals about their careers, experiences, and lessons learned along the way. Just as enjoyable has been watching people meet, exchange ideas, and make new acquaintances.

This year, we hosted four evenings featuring Haim Mayan, Ray Rund, Scott Garson, and Bruce Hennes.

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evenings completed.
Four evenings of ideas, conversation, and connection.

> *"These professional nights are better than any other networking events I've been to. It's a small group, and you get to meet everyone.*
>
> **JEREMY P.**

The Conversations

Stories behind what people build.



MARCH 29
Haim Mayan

Building a business and putting down roots in Cleveland, with an entrepreneurial eye on what comes next.



MAY 14
Ray Rund

Insights into emerging technologies, the growth of AI, and investing in a rapidly changing world.



JULY 15
Scott Garson

Building organizations that last by empowering others and planting seeds for future generations.



OCTOBER 22
Bruce Hennes

Protecting trust and reputation when the stakes are high, with practical lessons in clear, thoughtful communication.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Little Kids, Big Jewish Moments

LITTLE MOVERS & SHAKERS





Sunday mornings at Little Movers & Shakers were filled with music, bubbles, sensory activities, and little hands exploring Jewish traditions. It was also a chance for parents of babies and toddlers to meet other young families in the neighborhood.

WOMEN & COMMUNITY

Time for Ourselves. Something Shared.





Our women's gatherings have brought together women from different backgrounds for evenings of baking, creativity, and good company. We've enjoyed making challah together, sharing ideas, and getting to know one another while working side by side.

> *Chabad has always been my husband's thing, but that was really fun. Thanks for hosting.*
>
> **JENNIE B.**

VAN AKEN FARMERS MARKET

Out and about in Shaker

On Thursday afternoons throughout the summer, we set up our Shaker Chabad booth at the Van Aken Farmers Market with freshly baked challahs, Shabbat candle kits, and activities for the kids.

We loved meeting neighbors who stopped by, catching up with familiar faces, and introducing people to our challahs. Hundreds of challahs went home with local families over the summer, and we're now offering Friday pickup from our home as well.

> *"Your Challah is like a warm hug. It is so delicious.*
>
> **DANA G.**



THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT THE NORTH UNION FARMERS MARKET, VAN AKEN DISTRICT





PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

The Little Moments in Between





Some of the most meaningful parts of our first year have happened outside of our events and programs.

We've had the pleasure of visiting Jewish neighbors throughout Shaker Heights, often bringing along a freshly baked challah or a little holiday treat. We've spent time with older residents, visited friends recovering from illness, and enjoyed conversations that have turned into lasting friendships.

We're grateful for the opportunity to get to know so many people personally, one visit and one conversation at a time.

LOOKING AHEAD

Just the Beginning

THE NEXT CHAPTER





It’s been a wonderful first year of meeting neighbors, making friends, and sharing Jewish experiences throughout Shaker Heights. We’re looking forward to continuing what we’ve started and finding new ways to reach more people.

Loaves of Love

We’ve especially enjoyed our visits with older and homebound Jewish neighbors, and we’d love to make these visits a regular part of our week. Through Loaves of Love, we’re hoping to deliver freshly baked challah each Friday, together with a friendly visit and a chance to catch up.

More Opportunities to Learn

We’re looking forward to offering more opportunities to learn together, through small groups, individual study sessions, and new classes with Choli and Chana.

Growing Together

We’re excited to continue our holiday celebrations, Shabbat gatherings, women’s events, family programs, and all the personal connections that have made this first year so special.

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Help us keep growing

Our first year has brought new friendships, meaningful Jewish experiences, and a growing sense of community. While we're part of the worldwide Chabad movement, Chabad of Shaker Heights is independently funded through the generosity of our supporters. Everything we've built this year has been made possible by people like you, and your partnership will help us continue to grow.

$1,000	**Sponsor a women's gathering** An evening of challah baking, creativity, Jewish learning, and friendship.
$1,800	**Sponsor Jewish learning** Personal study sessions and Torah classes with Rabbi Choli and Chana.
$3,600	**A Jewish Professional Night** An evening of dinner, networking, and inspiring conversation.
$3,600	**A holiday celebration** Bring the community together for Chanukah, Purim, and other holidays.
$10,000	**Invest in What's Next** New programs and more ways to connect Jewish Shaker Heights.

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