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Dear Community Member,

It has been a wonderfully busy and uplifting spring at Chabad, filled with meaningful moments for every age and stage of our community.

Our **Youth Zone** brought excitement and purpose to local children, giving them opportunities to learn, create, and experience the joy of Jewish life in a warm and welcoming setting. Our **Women's Circle** continued to inspire, highlighted by a memorable museum trip that brought together friendship, learning, and meaningful connection.

Our **Young Professionals** enjoyed a special pre-Pesach outing that brought fresh energy to the season, while the broader community came together for a spirited Purim celebration and a beautiful Pesach Seder that welcomed many around the table.

Week after week, our **pre-Shabbat farbrengens** have remained a cherished time of connection, song, and thoughtful conversation, strengthening the sense of family that makes our community so special.

We are deeply grateful to each of you who helps make these moments possible. In the pages ahead, you can read more about many of the events and programs that made this season so meaningful for our community.

Warmly,
Rabbi Yosef & Hindy Plotkin
Co-Directors

RECIPE Spinach Tart



Ingredients:

Crust

- » 3 cups flour
- » 2 tbsp sugar
- » 1 tsp salt
- » 1 cup oil
- » 1/4 cup apple juice

Filling

- » 1 (32 oz) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained well
- » 4 eggs
- » 4 tbsp flour
- » 2 cubes frozen garlic
- » 1 (16 oz) container cottage cheese
- » 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°F.

Mix crust ingredients until crumbly.

Press dough into the bottom and sides of 2 greased 9-inch tart pans.

Mix all filling ingredients well.

Pour filling into crusts.

Bake for 45–55 minutes, until the filling is set.

PASSOVER: COMMUNITY & CELEBRATION

Community members from across Greensboro gathered for an engaging and lively Passover Seder hosted by Chabad Greensboro, bringing together families, students, and young professionals for an evening filled with tradition, warmth, and connection. The Seder drew a strong turnout, reflecting the ever-growing vibrancy of Jewish life in the Triad and the community's enthusiasm for celebrating the holiday together.



A special highlight of the evening was a visit from the Mayor of High Point, **Cyril Jefferson**, who joined in the festive atmosphere and shared in the spirit of the occasion. In a lighthearted moment that quickly became a favorite anecdote of the night, Mayor Jefferson even requested an extra piece of kugel before heading out to officially kick off his holiday schedule.

Chabad Community Member **Beatrice Schall** shared, "It was a really meaningful Seder — warm, engaging, and something I'll remember for a long time."

Separately, leading up to Passover, the young professionals community gathered for a special kickoff event featuring an ax-throwing experience.

The event was designed as a fun and reinvigorating way to enter the holiday season, and it quickly became a standout evening of friendly competition, laughter, and connection among participants.

Together, these programs reflected a thoughtful balance of tradition and creativity—pairing the depth of the Passover Seder with engaging social experiences that helped bring the community together in meaningful and memorable ways.





GIVING AND GROWING

Over the late winter and early spring Sundays, the Youth Zone became a vibrant place where children experienced the true meaning of giving and getting in a fun and meaningful way. Each week brought engaging programs that blended hands-on projects, acts of kindness, and exciting activities, creating something the children eagerly looked forward to.

A highlight of the season was the Cheder project, where the children learned how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. They put these lessons into action by baking treats for local firefighters, showing appreciation for their dedication and service. The children also visited elderly residents in their homes, sharing warm conversations, smiles, and thoughtful gifts that brightened their days and created meaningful connections.



Alongside the giving, the children enjoyed unforgettable experiences that added to the excitement of the program. An energetic afternoon of laser tag encouraged teamwork and laughter, while a special trip to the Carolina mountains for snow tubing gave them the thrill of racing down snowy hills with friends.

Parents shared how much the program meant to their families. Chabad Community Member **Mateo Eckstat** said, “My child came home every Sunday talking about what they gave to others and what they experienced.

It was beautiful to see them learning that happiness comes not only from receiving, but from giving as well.”

The Youth Zone created a season filled with joy, growth, and lasting lessons.

A DAY OF ESTHER, ART & CONNECTION

The Women's Circle recently enjoyed a beautiful and inspiring trip to Raleigh, traveling together on a full coach bus from Greensboro for a special visit to the Esther exhibit at the North Carolina Museum of Art. The full bus reflected the excitement surrounding the event and created a warm atmosphere from the start, with women connecting and enjoying the journey together.

Before visiting the exhibit, the group was treated to a delicious kosher lunch at the newly established Chabad center for young professionals in downtown Raleigh. The welcoming setting offered a chance to experience another vibrant Jewish space while sharing meaningful conversation over a thoughtfully prepared meal.

The Esther exhibit brought the Purim story to life through stunning artwork and immersive displays, highlighting



Queen Esther's courage, faith, and inner strength. For many, it provided a fresh and personal perspective on a familiar story.

Chabad Community Member **Victoria Milstein** shared, “Seeing a full bus of women come together for something so meaningful made the entire day feel incredibly special.”

In addition to the trip, the Women's Circle recently hosted a pre-Pesach resin art workshop where participants created their own decorative Seder

plates, blending creativity with meaningful holiday preparation.

Through inspiring outings and creative programs, the Women's Circle continues to foster connection, growth, and community.



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