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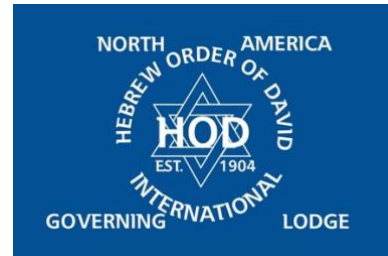
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Hebrew Order of David International's Successful United Hatzalah Campaign



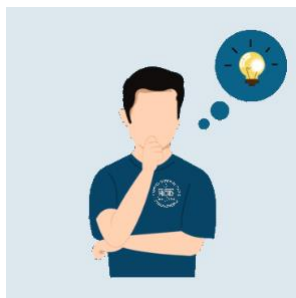
Hebrew Order of David Lodges worked with National and International Lodges to raise much needed funds for Hatzalah. Thanks to the work of HOD member Lowell Michelson within two days of starting the campaign, a matching donation was secured from Harlen and Amy Korenvaes. The campaign led by the Governing Lodge of HOD North America effectively raised over \$200,000 for United Hatzalah. Seen above are HOD International Grand President Anton Teper, from the UK and Deputy Grand President David Joss from Atlanta, with United Hatzalah director of regional development, Marcey Silber and the Kornvaeses, North American Governing Lodge President Lawrence Barris and Scribe Paul Wainstein with members Boris Gremont and Mark Gardner from HOD Lodge Shimon Peres in Dallas.

Since the beginning of the war, 1500 of the agency's volunteers have gone to the war zone and at least four have been killed. Working together with the IDF, these teachers and lawyers, accountants and entrepreneurs have served with their hearts, with determination. "I can't underscore the need for help," said Silber. "Our vehicles are damaged and destroyed by rocket fire, bullets and more. What HOD and the Korenvaes' family are doing is

HOD Tzedek Poker Evening



On October 25, 2023, HOD Tzedek (Formerly known as Lodge Edmond J Safra) in San Diego held a very successful poker evening to raise much needed funds for the HOD International United Hatzalah campaign.



Thought of the Month:
Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.

incredible, and we are grateful for every bit of support.” “We need the money, it’s that simple. United Hatzalah has, in the last two weeks, used the supplies provided for a year and they’ll need more and more,” said Korenvaes, United Hatzalah’s board chair of development.

The purpose of the Hebrew Order of David is to provide an opportunity for Jews of all persuasions to be in an atmosphere of friendship, care, and concern for their fellow members, known as brethren, and the wider community in general. Brethren are encouraged to practice the ideals of the order, which are Achdut (Unity), Achvah (Fraternity), Ahavah (Love) and Shalom (Peace), both amongst its members throughout the world and for the benefit of the less fortunate in the general community. Though brotherhood is the primary objective of the Order, the major emphasis is on charity work for the benefit of the Jewish, as well as, the wider community, making a positive difference in other people’s lives. The Hebrew Order of David International’s United Hatzalah Campaign more than met this objective.

Thousands Gather for Atlanta Kosher BBQ Festival

The community came together on Oct. 22 for the fun-filled, annual Kosher BBQ Festival, which enjoyed nearly record-level attendance numbers, as community members were eager to reconvene in-person after the lengthy COVID pandemic.

This year, with Israel engaged in a devastating conflict with Hamas, the festival attracted



an even larger number of attendees, as many were drawn to the tasty delicacies, but even more likely came to take comfort in their Jewishness in large numbers and in relative safety. The event, now in its 11th year and presented by the Hebrew Order of David, featured 21 cooking teams, with many teams from previous festivals returning, competing in four categories: Beef Ribs, Beef Brisket, Chili, and Chicken.



Members of the Atlanta Kashruth Commission oversaw the preparation standards and provided kosher certifications for all the competing cooking teams. To keep the minds of attendees at ease, event organizers provided enhanced

security detail at the festival. As many as 10 security officers patrolled the event grounds, more than twice the number of security personnel as last year. The festival also featured a Kids Zone with bounce houses, community expo, silent auction, and live music.

Roses for Rosh Hashanah

Lodge Galil of Houston held their annual Roses for Rosh Hashanah event. Galil Scribe WB Mark Katzenellenbogen organized a well-received activity provided roses for all the residents of the Seven Acres Home. Members of the Houston community were able to purchase roses for friends and family.



HOD Tikvah Casino Evening



HOD Tikvah held a successful Casino evening on October 22, 2023 to raise funds for United Hatzalah and Tunnel to Towers.



New HOD Initiative – Interest Free Loan Cooperative

While driving from Houston to Dallas for the installation of HOD Shimon Peres' Officers, Worthy Brethren Anton and Paul conceived the idea of a cooperation between HOD and the Hebrew Free Loan Association, to facilitate interest and fee free loans for HOD Brethren.

Worthy Brother Marc Passy took the initiative to work with Worthy Brother Paul to determine and set up the necessary procedures and forms. The concept is for HOD Brethren to form a pool of guarantors for HFLA to issue loans to other HOD brethren. This mutualizes AND anonymizes the risk. HOD guarantors are obligated to make good losses in proportion of their pledge to the size of the entire pool. For example, if a guarantor pledges \$1000 of a \$50K pool, then he would be obligated to cover 2% of all losses to any loan. Given HFLA's recent record of 1% default per year, should the entire pool be obligated, the syndicate would pay out about \$500 per year. For additional caution, no loan will exceed 10% of the total pool amount, and the total loans guaranteed can only total 80% of the pool.



HOD in Houston, which has already started working on this new program is asking Brethren to consider becoming a member of the syndicate, at any level from a minimum \$500 guarantee. As

noted, the potential actual money at risk will be very small. This allows us to further our mission of helping brethren in need.

Hebrew Order of David International Global Digital Project

Under the dynamic leadership of HOD Grand Lodge President Anton, a committee has been tasked with finding and implementing a GLOBAL digital solution for the running of, and administrative functions of all HOD International Lodges. The exact requirements and specifications were fleshed out further during the first scheduled zoom meetings, took place earlier this year. A Functional Requirements Document was reviewed and confirmed to meets all HOD lodge requirements and preferences.

Hebrew Order David UK brethren Nathan Relevy and Lior Maymon are implementing the project, with the assistance of a 19 member committee representing most of the HOD North American Lodges.

The project already contains much of the data from existing Wild Apricot sites. The project is expected to be live early 2024.



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HOD International Websites

HOD International: <https://www.hodavid.org/>

HOD North America: <https://hodnorthamerica.org/>

HOD UK: <https://hebreworderofdavid.co.uk/>

Brotherly Profile - Worthy Brother David Joss



David was born in Pretoria South Africa the same year Israel gained independence. He is the third of four brothers. He went to the renowned Pretoria Boys High School. The same school attended by Elon Musk. David played field hockey, tennis and swam



breaststroke for the school. He was very active in the Jewish Habonim youth movement, attending many camps and seminars. After completing his accounting degree, he served five years of articles. WB David was conscripted into the South African army. He was deployed briefly on the Southwest African Border, the Caprivi Strip, where an active war was being waged. He attained the rank of Lieutenant. WB David married his childhood sweetheart Cheryl Sher from Pretoria after the army. They are about to celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary. They have three children.

After moving to Johannesburg to join accounting firm Fisher, Hoffman, Levenburg, he was recruited by OK Bazaars as Head Office Accountant and Budget Controller. David took a leave of absence to do an MBA at the University of the Witwatersrand. He returned to OK Bazaars as Group Funding Executive responsible for Treasury and Tax functions.

WB David emigrated to the USA in 1978 and joined Neiman Marcus in Dallas as Assistant Controller. He also spent time in management at the Prestonwood store. After a brief stint as a partner in a business importing high end furniture from Germany, he was recruited by Federated Department Stores to their Richs department store in Atlanta as Director of Financial Planning and Analysis. WB David later joined Comsource Foodservice in Atlanta as Senior VP of Finance and Marketing. He merged in other Foodservice distributor groups. The name was changed to UniPro Foodservice. He was there for 25 years, becoming Executive Vice President and CFO. WB David retired in 2014. He loves reading, travel, golf and bridge, and spending time with his children and three grandchildren. WB David helped WB Les Kraitzick to start HOD Lodge Carmel in 1999. He became the third President of Lodge Carmel, and later North American Governing Lodge President. WB David has served many years on the HOD North America Governing Lodge Executive and on the HOD International Grand Executive, where he is currently Deputy Grand President.



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Lodges

Atlanta:

Bezalel
Carmel
Magen David
Shimshon

Boca Raton:

Tamir

Dallas:

Shimon Peres

Houston:

Galil
Tikvah

San Diego:

Tzedek

Toronto:

Ilan Ramon