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**FROM OUR COMMANDER, JERRY BOOTZIN**

**COMMANDER'S NOTES**

We just finished a wonderful Hanukkah Pot Luck Dinner on the first night of Hanukkah at Ricki and Howard Greenspon's home. Thank you for all who participated and the Greenspon's for hosting. Hopeful our next social function as a post will have even better participation.

Our Post membership continues to go down as not all members renew their membership year after year. It is incumbent on all of us to stay in touch with our members and make them feel like they are part of the Post. The best way to do that is to give them a call and let them know they are missed and are an important part of the Post. I believe all members get an updated Membership Roster and just give another member a call who you have not talked to in a while. Think about why you joined the Post and in all likelihood other members share your motivations as well.

Lets' all of us make some efforts at revitalizing Post 64 and increase its 2022 membership and activity. We need to do more than our semi-annual poppy drives and placing flags at the cemetery. As a Post, we need to do more for the Jewish Community. We should be open to some suggestions from those that are also willing to participate in events that they suggest. Lets' get more of our members involved in 2022.

**Jerry Bootzin**  
**Commander**

**L A U G H L I N E S**

Dad always bragged about the gunners on his ship. Once during target practice, an unmanned drone flew past an anti-aircraft cruiser. The cruiser opened up, shells furiously flying all around the drone but not hitting it. Then came Dad's ship's turn. The gunners' very first shot sent the drone into the water! Forty years later, Dad met the man responsible and he told him how impressed he had been. "Yeah, I got in a lot of trouble for that," the gunner said. "Turns out we were supposed to shoot around it, not hit it."

**Q U O T A B L E Q U O T E S**

**"Kindness is the nobles weapon to conquer with." ...Unknown**

**"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." ...Eleanor Roosevelt**

**DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>Jerome Kaye</b>	<b>December 1</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
<b>Mort Friedlander</b>	<b>December 14</b>	<b>Birthday</b>
<b>Barbara &amp; Greg Abbott</b>	<b>December 25</b>	<b>Anniversary</b>
<b>Judy &amp; Jerry Bootzin</b>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>Anniversary</b>
<b>Lucille Thaler &amp; Ben Zanoff</b>	<b>January 28</b>	<b>Anniversary</b>

**(IF YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY IS NOT LISTED, PLEASE SEND THE DATE(S) TO ME AS I DO NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION ON FILE.)**

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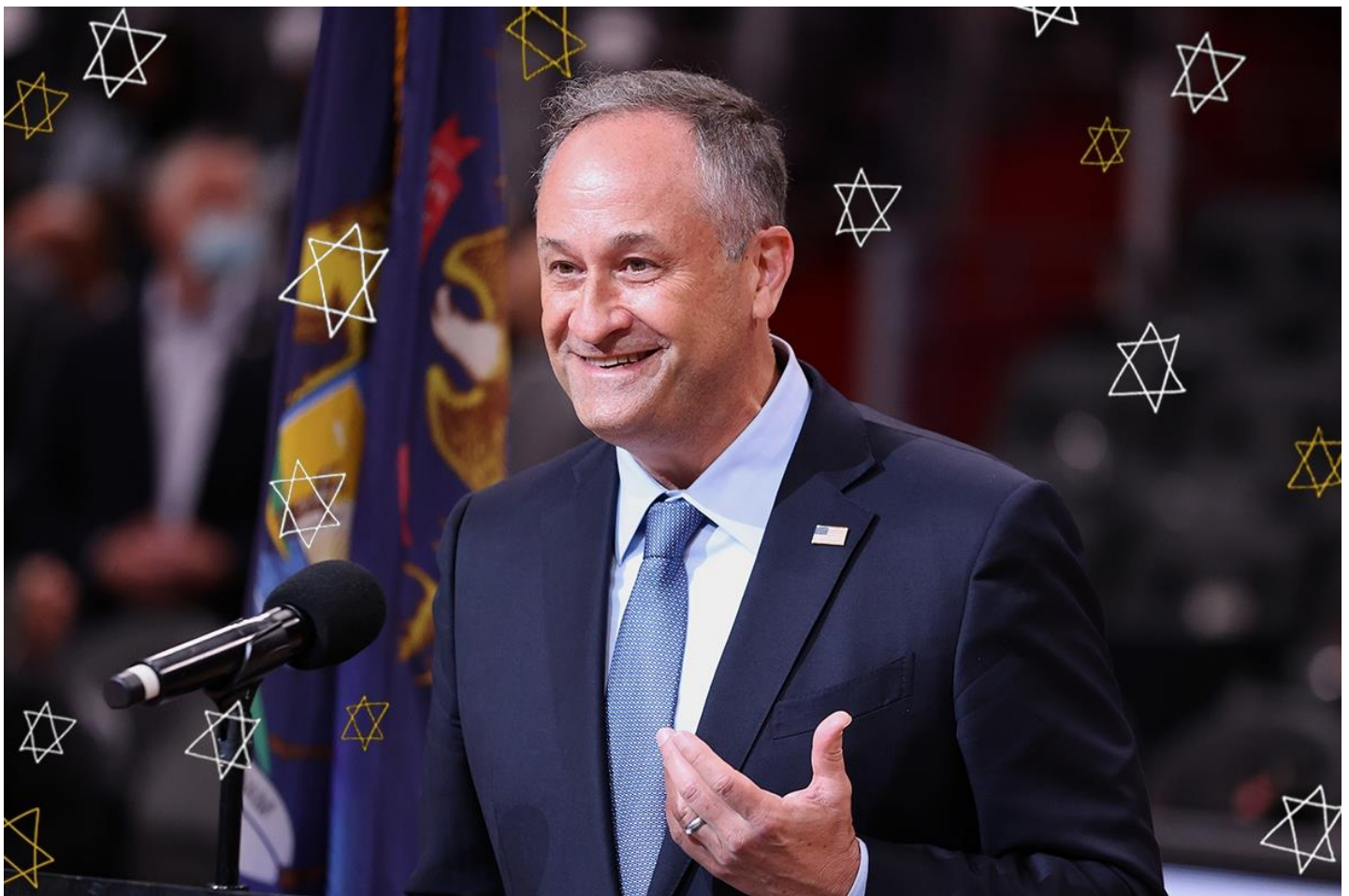
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## **Doug Emhoff Was Extra Grateful to Hang a Mezuzah in the VP House**

By Lior Zaltzman Nov 18, 2021



*Gregory Shamus/Getty Images*

**Jewish second gentleman Doug Emhoff just won our hearts again with his super Jewish Thanksgiving tweet! The Jewish dad of two, Vice President Kamala (Momala) Harris' hubby, and the first-ever second gentleman said that the moment he was more grateful for this entire year was putting up a mezuzah in the Naval Observatory, the residence of the Vice President.**

**“For us, and for everyone, Thanksgiving is a time for reflection on the past year,” Emhoff wrote on Twitter. “One of my favorite memories was when our family visited and together we hung a mezuzah on**

the front door of the Vice President's Residence," he wrote, sharing some truly sweet photos from the event. For us, and for everyone, Thanksgiving is a time for reflection on the past year. One of my favorite memories was when our family visited and together we hung a mezuzah on the front door of the Vice President's Residence. [pic.twitter.com/Lj5jYM4Hic](https://pic.twitter.com/Lj5jYM4Hic)

— Douglas Emhoff (@SecondGentleman) November 18, 2021

First of all, in case you need a refresher, a mezuzah is a traditional rectangular box filled with a scroll of scripture that is affixed to the doorways of Jewish homes. The ritual comes from Deuteronomy, where it is written that “you shall inscribe them on the doorposts (mezuzot) of your house and on your gates.”

The mezuzah hanging ceremony took place back on October 7, and was officiated by Rabbi Peter S. Berg of Atlanta's The Temple synagogue. Emhoff affixed the mezuzah himself, and you can see it is correctly slanted. Kamala stood behind him, admiring the handiwork because that is what a loving spouse does. The traditional prayer for affixing a mezuzah — “Baruch ata Adonai Eloheinu melech ha-olam, asher kiddeshanu be-mitzvotav ve-tzivvanu likboa mezuzah” or in English, “Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to affix a mezuzah” — was read.

But what makes it even more special is that Emhoff was flanked by his Jewish parents — Michael and Barbra, better known among his family as Mike and Barb, who schlepped over all the way from California. Harris' impression of her Jewish mother-in-law is, lest we forget, nothing short of iconic. I also can't help but point out how lovely the actual mezuzah, which was received on loan from The Temple, is! It is just so cute, with a rose gold hamsa and the Hebrew letter “shin” — which stands for “Shaddai,” the acronym for “shomer daltot Yisrael,” the guardian of the doors of Israel, another name of God.

There is something so moving about affixing a new mezuzah — and consecrating the space for your family. It's one of the affirming moments of moving into a new residence, a thing that turns a house into a Jewish *home*.

But in this particular case, this moment was also history-making. This is the first time the VP house has been marked as a Jewish residence, which is truly momentous.

Many of the incredible moments we've admired Doug Emhoff for partaking in — from celebrating Jewish holidays to honoring Jewish justice RBG — have been especially moving because of his Judaism. Emhoff recently returned from Paris, where he visited the Shoah (Holocaust) Museum and ate pastries in the very Jewish Le Marais neighborhood. Late last month, Emhoff also paid a brief surprise visit to his childhood synagogue, Temple Shalom in Aberdeen, New Jersey, where the second gentleman had his bar mitzvah.

It is so lovely to see him celebrating and embracing his Judaism wherever he goes, and we can't wait to see him partake in this year's Hanukkah festivities — might we suggest procuring a pair of matching Vice Presidential Hanukkah pajamas or sweaters?



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