

JEWISH AGGIES



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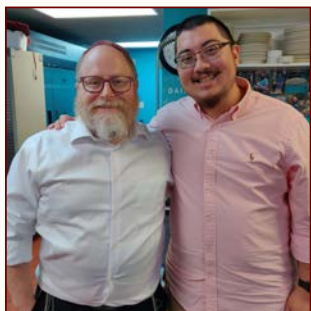
IN ONE SEMESTER ALONE



THANK YOU. You are changing lives. This semester alone, two couples got engaged that met at Chabad. You are building the Jewish nation on many levels. You have provided incredible Mental Wellness workshops. After one of the workshops, a student walked out and said "Thanks to this workshop, I knew I needed help, but kept pushing it off. This workshop minimized the stigma of Mental health struggles and is exactly what I needed".

Thanks to you, there is a warm home and family for Aggies 24/7. While on the phone with a current student she shared "I have been so overwhelmed and stressed, and I haven't had a chance to exhale, except Shabbat at Chabad"! Enjoy seeing your impact.

- Rabbi Yossi & Manya



It is safe for me to say that without the love and acceptance, and all the amazing opportunities for growth that I had at Chabad at Texas A&M University, I would not be typing this today. **I would certainly not be the man I am today, living my dream life in Israel.**

One of the things that has been amazing about the relationship with Rabbi Yossi and Manya is, that our connection did not end when I graduated. After graduating, I attended a yeshiva and that set me up for a love of Torah learning. When I needed guidance in law school they were there for me. When sick, I got a delivery of matzo ball soup straight from College Station to Houston. When my Aggie wife, Golda and I were considering Aliyah, they continued to provide love, guidance, and friendship. **They take that Aggie maxim, once an Aggie always an Aggie, and bring it to Jewish Aggie life.** When I need someone to talk to late at night, living in Israel, I know who is on my list of people to contact. I've made many memories as a student, but even more as a former student.

Current students: **Take advantage of every opportunity you have as a Jewish Aggie.** Time slips by faster than you think. Explore who you are as a Jew. Take a Torah class at Chabad, and never miss out on a Shabbat at Chabad. You may never have the **kind of time and space you have in college to really figure out who you are as a Jew**, and there's no better place to do that than at Chabad at Texas A&M University.

THE JEWISH AGGIE FAMILY, ALWAYS.



Golda visiting from Israel outside the Powell Pavilion



Rabbi Yossi visiting with Ari & Golda in Israel while leading an Aggie Birthright Trip

OUR GRADUATES THANK YOU



Your impact is real, tangible and changing lives daily.
thank you for investing in the future Jewish leaders.

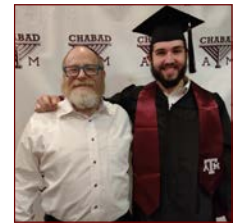
Manya & Yossi -

12/10/2021

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I don't have the words to write to y'all to describe how thankful I am for the love, support and care you both have given me the past 3.5 years. You both do amazing things for Jewish aggies and have made my experience at Texas A&M so much more comfortable. I am so appreciative to have had a Chabad on campus that has made me feel comfortable to walk in the doors. Your whole family - the kids too - has made Chabad at Texas A&M so welcoming - the hugs I get when I walk in for Shabbat - after a long week of balagan - sometimes all you need is a hug to feel 1000x better! Thank you for all the advice you both have given me and for having listening ears. Thank you for the living links Poland Trip, snorkel & study, Regisha - they have all contributed to keeping me engaged in my Jewish soul! If I didn't have a Chabad on campus, being alone in a school of nonjews, it would have been hard to keep my traditions. I am so thankful for Manya's speeches during Shabbat too - they were always so meaningful and left me with a take home thought! All in all - I cannot express how much love and appreciation I have for you both!

♡ Nicole Karani



Thank you to all the donors who make it possible for all the Jewish students in College Station to have a home away from home and a place to learn to grow and live as a Jew.

-Joey Fuchs



There is opportunity for everyone at Chabad to be themselves and celebrate their Judaism in their own way.

- Elle Shaw



I made so many friends through Chabad at A&M and wouldn't be where I am spiritually, religiously, emotionally, and physically today. They are one of the greatest experiences of my time at Texas A&M.

- Jessica Pfrenger

Chanukah Lights



LIVES YOU IMPACT!

During the Menorah Lighting on Campus, a young student stood back from the crowd pensively. She looked at me and asked **“Who put this Menorah here, who arranged this public Menorah lightning?”** I told her people who care about young Jewish Aggies and Jewish continuity - YOU. She looked over and calmly and emotionally and said **“Thank them for me and thank you for this light I need in my life right now. Thank you for making me feel comfortable and proud to walk on campus as a young Jew”**.

THANKS TO YOU - JEWISH PRIDE IS LIT!

Each of these smiling faces are young Aggies who enjoyed warm latkes, fresh donuts and Menorahs at Chabad, in their dorms and apartments.




Grand Menorah Lighting on Campus

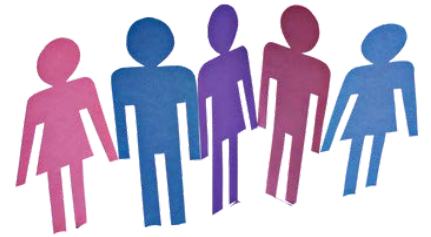
"Holidays on Campus can be sad, boring and lonely. Chanukah at Chabad was the opposite. Amazing people, food, warmth and the chance to light Menorah and meet new people".

AGGIE CHANUKAH

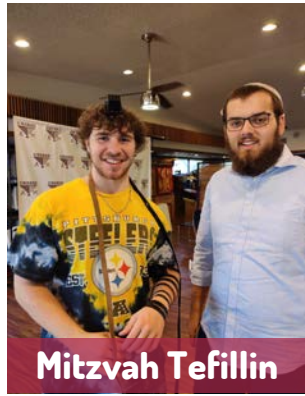
ONE WEEK OF CHANUKAH BROUGHT WARMTH - LOVE & JOY TO SO MANY AGGIES

JEWISH GREEK LIFE?!

You have given Greek life a boost this semester with two Wellness workshops, Pink Mega Challah Bake; benefitting  SHARSHERET, and the 15th Annual Pink Shabbat, Menorah Lighting at SAM meeting , care packages and more



Campus Menorah



Mitzvah Tefillin

THANK YOU!

Chabad has given AEPHi an insane amount of support. No matter what, Manya and Rabbi have made it clear that **they will always be there to help us out.** Having this kind of support is amazing and appreciated. They have helped us improve and make sure that we have more girls that feel comfortable. They help us plan a variety of educational and fun programs. Without the support of Chabad, we wouldn't be where we are today. - N.Y.



Mega Challah Bake

ΣAM
You provide the men of SAM opportunities to socialize, learn, and serve our community and a place to observe Shabbat and celebrate holidays with Jewish Aggies. All Texas A&M Sammies, regardless of religious affiliation, have a home away from home and resources which make our lives and college journeys easier. - R.G.



Menorah Lighting at Sigma Alpha Mu



Pink Shabbat Prep with AEPHi

YOUR NACHAS

These Precious Jewish Aggie babies are the continuity of our people.



THEODORE WHELAN



SHMULIK FILLER



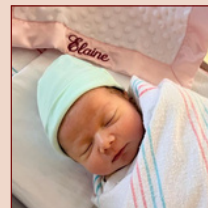
BATSHEVA GUTA LAZAROFF



JAMES FORD STEIN



ALVIN BREED



ELAINE SORKIN



CLASS OF 2042



"The NY Pegisha trip was INCREDIBLE. The bonding and connection to my Jewish identity were all tapped into - oh, and the bagels". - A.T.



"There is no doubt, that Jewish life on campus is enhanced by the activities and classes that Chabad offers us". E.G.

A PEEK AT ALL YOU DO FOR JEWISH AGGIES



"Dessert & Discussion is perfect girl time. Deep, meaningful, & fun and gets me thinking about important things". - T.L.



HOME OF THE 12TH MENSCH

"Its Midnight and I am stressed, but man these pancakes and extra love are hitting the spot". -R.G.



"As a Freshman, I felt intimidated but I ALWAYS had a place to connect and feel at home at Chabad". - S.P.



WE GOT A SERIOUS PROBLEM!

It is called happiness.

This is what **YOU** accomplished this past semester. Lets take the wellness of each Aggie seriously, together we can continue to make a difference.

August

We made sure all **incoming students** and returning sophomores got individual attention and outreach with care packages BEFORE they arrived. Our student board reached out individually to each Freshman so they knew they had members from the community to turn to when they got to College Station.

September

We cherish each and every student individual needs. We grab coffee together, meet on campus and offer rides to students. One of the Freshman said "I didn't even realize I was numb and not exhaling. The **ONLY** place I can breathe and relax is on Shabbat at Chabad".

October

We co-hosted with the ladies of **AEPi**, an essential workshop , called "**THE HAPPINESS MINDSET**". It was an interactive session and girls were really affected positively and focused on practical tools the girls can utilize to work on their mindset.

November

We co-hosted a new workshop "**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**". A workshop that teaches the basics of mental health, including the signs, how to get help, healthy vs. unhealthy, coping skills and more. Co-hosted by **SAM & AEPi**, it was a powerful evening where over 50 Aggies got together breaking the stigma and initiating healthy conversations.

December

Baking up a storm and packed up **Final Care packages** for over 65 Aggies. It was a warm hug at a stressful time. In addition, there was a full house at Midnight Breakfast which gives students a social break late at night, the difference it makes to the life of a student is incredible.



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Our Students are counting on YOUR warmth Today!

YES! Rabbi Yossi and Manya, I want ALL Jewish Aggies to have smoother and happier experiences in College.

- I will Sponsor Care Packages \$180
- I will Co-Sponsor a Shabbat \$500
- I will Sponsor a Workshop \$1,000
- \$ _____ Other *(Everything is appreciated.)*



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