

JEWISHAGGIES



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A PERSONAL THANKS



Thank YOU! With all you have on your plate and all the places you can give, you keep investing and changing lives here in Aggieland. There is such a ripple effect. Jewish Aggies are going into the world stronger, prouder, more connected and anchored as proud Jews. They also create friendships and a culture of volunteerism at Chabad.

On a personal note, this year was exceptional for our family. Baruch Hashem It was loaded with Simchas as you know. From Levi's Bar Mitzvah, to the engagements and weddings of our son's Meanchem and Lazer, to welcoming baby Elimelech and Rabbi's 50th. YOU showed up for Jewish Aggies again and again and gave students a vibrant and inspiring semester, meaningful Pesach and so much more.

- Rabbi Yossi & Manya

MORE THAN AN INTERNSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

- SOMETIMES AN AGGIE HAS A HARD TIME SETTLING IN.
- SOMETIMES AN AGGIE NEEDS TO BE CONNECTED.
- SOMETIMES AN AGGIE NEEDS EXTRA INCOME.
- SOMETIMES AN AGGIE NEEDS AN INTERNSHIP AND HANDS-ON WORK EXPERIENCE.



The Zinbarg Internship is the answer! That's right, through interning and volunteering at Chabad, young Jewish Aggies gain leadership training, non-profit management, and get to see what goes on behind the scenes. This Internship and volunteer program keeps Chabad moving forward and young Aggies are learning that when you give, you get so much in return.



Chabad has given me a home away from home from the start. The people who show up genuinely want to be there and it just radiates off of everyone. One of my favorite parts of Chabad is Kosher Cooking Club, because **I love being able to give back, since Chabad gives me so much.** The Jewish Aggie family wants to help and give back to the community and Chabad. This just adds to the amazing atmosphere of Chabad, and makes me and others want to be there and show up to events. Volunteering at Chabad was definitely one of the best decisions of my freshman year. - **Sarah Kerr**

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When I was an undergrad elsewhere, I didn't have an opportunity to go to Friday night dinners and Jewish social events on my campus. I am appreciative for everything that Chabad does for our community. **I have gained a deep understanding of who I am and my Jewish identity.** In addition, at Chabad I have the ability to meet and hopefully inspire the next generation of Jewish students to become the best versions of themselves that they can be and continue giving back. - **Aaron Benjamin**

KOSHER IN KYLE FIELD?!

YOU HELP SAM LIVE HIS DREAM

I grew up in Philly keeping Shabbos and kosher and I went to a private Jewish school. I was always encouraged to learn about Judaism. As I was looking towards college it came to a time where I needed to make my Judaism my own.

When I looked into the schools I had heard about Texas A&M from Dude Perfect. I visited and I loved the values and saw how unique Jewish life was in Aggieland. **There was a strong Jewish family where everyone was valued as an individual.** It was VERY unique and different. It felt warm and I knew I belonged. I felt I could grow and thrive as a Jew and follow my dreams.

"Right off the bat, I had to explain that I wasn't going to be able to be at the first practice because it's Yom Kippur, and they were fine with it,"
Salz says.

Ever since I was a kid I felt like I needed to play College football. I loved the football culture and Aggie spirit. I realized at TAMU the pulse of life was football. If I was able to make it onto the team and use my strengths and keep Shabbat, I would prove that you can keep true to their values and succeed in life. I knew I was in for a challenge. There is no Kosher meal plan or daily Minyan in Aggieland. I knew I would need to trust Hashem to grow as a Jew but I needed support.

"I want to teach other Jewish kids that they don't have to give up on Shabbat, they don't have to give up on kashrut, in order to do the things they want to do in life."

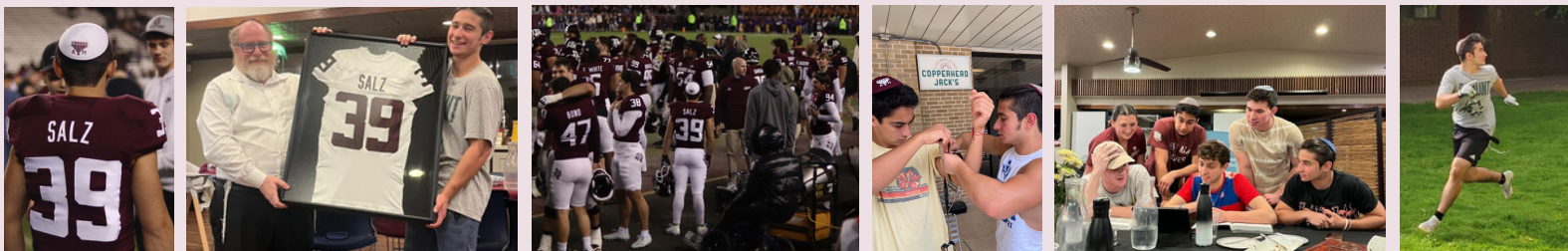
Without Chabad, I am not sure how I would have made it. Aside for actual sustenance and good food, **I rely on Chabad for my friends, family and so much more.** I have gained independence and have learned so much. I am at Chabad at least once a day, it is my home in Aggieland.

At a school where there are 73,000 students, I can be myself! Though my observant background is unique - **at Chabad we are all Jews, from ALL backgrounds and we are all one. At Chabad, I continue to GROW.**

When I joined the football team, Texas A&M and the coaches embraced me for who I am and what my standards are. I keep Shabbat and they know it. I won't travel to games which are in conflict with Shabbat. They have gone through great lengths to import Kosher food just for me. It was NOT what I expected and I am able to see Aggie values in action. My teammates have embraced me with open arms and I feel like a brother.

We can all bring light to the world and I am doing my part, one yard at a time, one snap at a time.

Texas A&M WR, Sam Salz #39



Jewish & Proud on and off the field - You help Sam learn, grow and inspire others



CAMPUS LIFE IS STRESSFUL AND YOU ARE HELPING

Aggies spend a lot of time stressed out about everything from academics, dating & relationships and overall heartache. We have a serious issue! Putting all the data about anxiety and depression aside, we know anecdotally, we need to be proactive in providing support for young Aggies.

YOU can be proud of our **Re-Joy-Venation 360°** Program. It examines the key pain points for young students and meets their needs. You are giving Aggies support ALL year round and their lives are better because of YOU!

Enjoy a glimpse into Your nachas and impact on campus with all the programs and workshops we have done together. - **THANK YOU!**



Stress Management Workshop



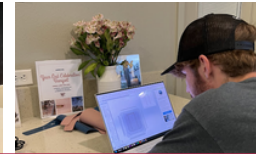
MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST

"Midnight Breakfast was amazing! I studied until it was time for me to head to Chabad. Midnight Breakfast provided a great study break where I got to hang with friends and have smoothies and crepes, which are my favorite breakfast foods."



GIRLS SPA NIGHT

"Chabad's Spa night allowed me to properly destress and provided a calming study place where I can focus on my education so I can ace all my classes."



STUDY ZONE AT CHABAD

"Chabad giving me a space next to campus to enjoy snacks, quiet, and caffeine meant the world and helped me do well on my exams. Chabad is my new favorite study spot!"

We Need ALL students TO HAVE A WARM HOME - Will you help?!

YES! I know that all Jewish Aggies deserve a calm space and I will give it to them!

- I will Sponsor a program \$250
- I will Co-Sponsor a Workshop \$770
- I will Sponsor the ENTIRE Shabbat \$1500
- \$ _____ Other *(Any amount is appreciated.)*



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