

# JewishAggies

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**CHABAD AT TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**  
ROHR JEWISH STUDENT CENTER



# MORE. BIGGER. STRONGER.



We have three words to describe this past semester. **More. Bigger. Stronger.** Yes, that's is right. It's hard to believe that we would see **MORE** Jewish students involved and engaged in their Jewish identity. You hosted the largest Shabbat of the year with over 150 proud young Jews. Holiday celebrations were **BIGGER** with Purim hitting record numbers of Jewish Aggies dancing the night away with joy and Jewish pride. Record numbers, of students attending Passover Seders, crunching on matzah and taking advantage of the kosher

meal plan you provided. **STRONGER.** We've seen Aggies step up and increase their advocacy for Israel, stronger Jewish pride with a NOVA festival survivor speaker and speakers on campus. **As we begin our 18th year at Texas A&M University, we celebrate 'n Chai - Life.** We look forward to partnering together, to continue creating vibrant and robust Jewish life for may years to come. L'chaim, to Life!

- Rabbi Yossi & Manya

## IS IT GREEK TO YOU?

Thank you to community partnership from the **Houston and Dallas Jewish Federations**



As young Jewish students at Texas A&M, we and our friends have faced numerous challenges in a post-October 7th world. We find ourselves called upon to explain the **complexities of the conflict in Israel and confront ignorance and antisemitism proactively.**

Being in Greek life, I came to the realization that this amazing Greek community I'm a part of, doesn't know what being Jewish means. After October 7th, the idea of the Greek life Q&A was our way of trying to help bridge the gap between my communities and encourage education and knowledge. It's been amazing seeing people leave so informed and so happy to learn all they can. In collaboration with different Greek houses, We've organized events like Hamentash bakes with Theta members and Challah bakes with AEPHI sisters. These events not only celebrate our culture but also educate our peers, promoting understanding and solidarity. - **Ariel Feldman '25**

Transitioning from a Jewish community where my lifestyle was understood, to **going to College, where many had never met a Jew before, was challenging.** You stepped in, and with your support, we introduced many new collaborative programs that allowed my sorority sisters to learn about me and engage in meaningful conversations. It made me feel seen, understood, and deeply grateful." - **Allison Heskial '25**

As we continue to navigate these waters, Chabad's goal remains clear: to promote peace, education, and mutual respect across all communities at Texas A&M. **You make it happen.**



Greek Open Q&A



PURIM with Theta



Open Q&A part 2



Challah Bake with AEPHI



# HAPPILY EVER AFTER - A VERY AGGIE LOVE STORY

In today's fast-paced world, finding a sense of belonging and connection can be challenging, especially for young people navigating college life.

For Jacob Powell '21 and Elizabeth Grant '24, two Jewish Aggies, Chabad became more than just a community, it became **the heart of their journey towards finding love and connection.**

Elizabeth's search for community in Aggieworld led her to Chabad. **"I didn't know anyone in town, but all my friends were at Chabad,"** she recalls. This new social circle quickly became her anchor, providing the support she needed.

For Jacob, their love story began unexpectedly with an Instagram post. **"I saw her on Instagram at a Kosher cooking club and messaged her,"** he recalls. Their initial connection blossomed into shared moments, like warm Shabbat dinners filled with laughter. They bonded over their faith, dreams for the future, and the significance of preserving Jewish traditions. "Deep down, I always hoped to be with a Jewish guy, I just could not imagine how that would happen in College Station", Elizabeth reflects.

Jacob and Elizabeth speak fondly of the safety and warmth they found within the Chabad community. Elizabeth recalls a poignant moment during the challenges of the COVID era - where she thought the community was waning. **"Aggieworld wouldn't be the same without you guys,"** she says, acknowledging the profound sense of security and belonging Chabad provided during uncertain times.

In their journey through Chabad, Jacob and Elizabeth discovered not only a community but a sense of belonging, that continues to enrich their lives. They look forward to building a strong Jewish home together.



*"You never know when your other half will show up at Chabad. In this case, Kosher Cooking Club and Chabad's Instagram brought us together".*



Jacob & Elizabeth at Chabad's Latka Cook-Off

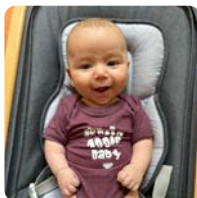


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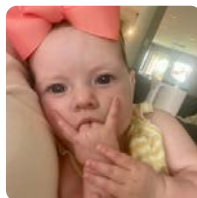
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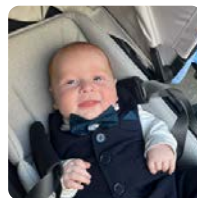
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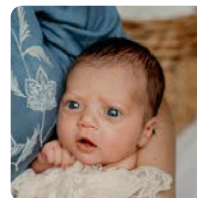
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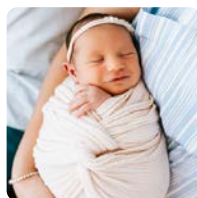
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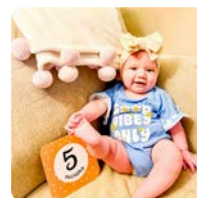
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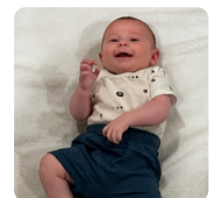
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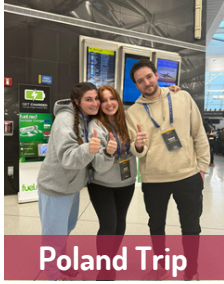
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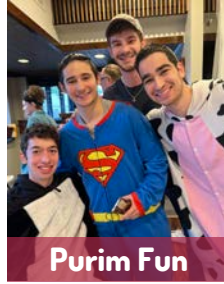
Noah Marcus

# THE JOY YOU GIVE TO JEWISH AGGIES

LOOK at what your Investment in Jewish life is providing for Jewish Aggies.



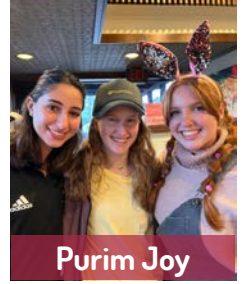
Poland Trip



Purim Fun



Guys Day Out



Purim Joy



2024 Sinai Scholars



Tu B'Shvat



Girls Dessert & Discussion



Graduates Good-Bye



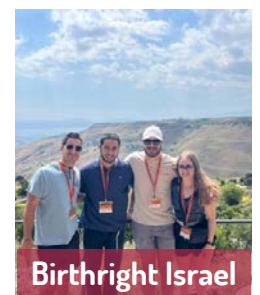
Weekly Shabbat



Purim



The Jewish Aggie Family



Birthright Israel

## FORMER STUDENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR! OCTOBER 25TH

*I joined Chabad in December 2007. Initially drawn by the promise of Chabad kosher food. I found a welcoming community that became my 'Home away from Home'. I give back to pay it forward for current Aggies*

- Ryan Coane '11

**CHABAD AYM** JEWISH AGGIES Alumni Chai Club

**DID YOU ENJOY SHABBAT AT CHABAD?**

**DID YOU MEET YOUR BASHERT AT CHABAD?**

**WAS CHABAD THERE FOR YOU DURING COLLEGE?**

**PAY IT FORWARD? JOIN THE CHAI CLUB TODAY!**

**JEWISH AGGIE FALL 2024 FORMER STUDENT SHABBAT**

After an incredible Spring Alumni Shabbat - its BACK! Join together for an unforgettable Shabbat in Aggieland this fall

25th October 2024

Aggie Chabad 201 Live Oak St College Station

For more information: contact Ryan Coane



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