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





LET THERE BE LIGHT



We look around us and we see LIGHT. What an extraordinary year it's been at Chabad at Texas A&M, thanks to you. Your generosity brought Jewish life on campus to new heights and life in Aggieland is brighter than ever. Because of you, our Shabbat tables were full, holiday events overflowed, and Jewish Aggies stood prouder and stronger in their Jewish identity. With your support, we hosted the first ever BE LIGHT tour on campus, bringing Jewish arts and culture to the broader campus community.

Every day, Jewish Aggies study Torah, find friendship, and discover purpose within their buzzing Chabad house. This year saw record-breaking attendance, new initiatives, and a pulsating energy of unity, Jewish empowerment and joy. **None of this LIGHT would be possible without your partnership.**

Thank you for believing in a BRIGHT Jewish future and bringing so much LIGHT to Aggieland!

-Rabbi Yossi & Manya
-Rabbi Menachem & Moussie

FINDING COMMUNITY I DIDN'T KNOW I NEEDED

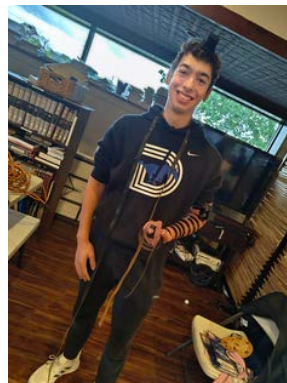
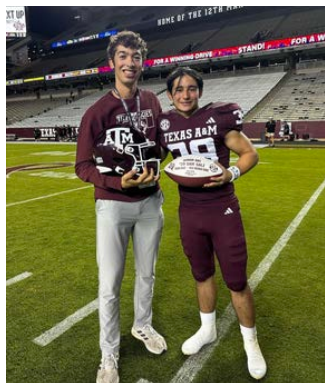
When I first chose Texas A&M, it was mostly for the strong Aggie Network and proximity to my family in Houston. **I didn't think much about Jewish life on campus.** That changed when I discovered Chabad.

After a personal loss, I stepped away for a while, but Chabad kept checking in. When I was ready, they welcomed me back with open arms. It's that kind of unconditional support that makes it feel like home. Chabad gave me a sense of community, especially during tough times.

I like coming to Chabad because I know that I always have a place to come and relax after a long week of school. I know I'm able to sit back, relax, talk to some nice people, and never feel any judgment. Everyone's there to have a good time, eat some good food, and just enjoy each other's company.

Whether it was Shabbat dinners, meaningful conversations, or just a chance to unwind after a long week, Chabad helped me connect—with others and with myself.

To the donors who make this possible, you've helped create a tight-knit, welcoming community where students like me can grow, connect, and feel safe. I'm deeply grateful for your support. - **Alex Lavine '25**





DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

I came to Texas A&M from New Jersey with a strong Jewish foundation. I grew up in a Modern Orthodox community, attended Yeshiva schools, and always kept kosher and Shabbat. Judaism wasn't something I thought about, it was just part of who I was.

College changed me.

It challenged my assumptions about what it means to be Jewish. I had always been surrounded by people who practiced the same way I did. But at A&M, I met students who had never kept Shabbat, who didn't grow up kosher, who had never stepped foot in a synagogue. At first, I didn't understand how we could all share the same identity. But **slowly, I realized that being Jewish is not about how much you do—it's about who you are.** That shift in perspective was life-changing. Chabad played a huge role in that transformation.

When I first heard about Chabad I was hesitant. I always assumed it would be "too religious" for me. I worried I'd be judged. But none of that happened. Instead, I was welcomed with warmth, with open arms, and with genuine care. People remembered my name. They asked about my day. They made me feel seen—not for how religious I was, but for who I was. That's what made Chabad feel like home.

I got involved quickly because I wanted to give back to the place that gave me so much. I became a Zinbarg Intern, joined Kappa Alpha Theta, worked with SSI and StandWithUs, and helped launch AHAVA, a program to connect Jewish women on campus. But no matter what else I was involved in, Chabad was the heart of my Jewish life. - Allison Heskiel '25



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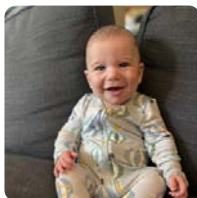
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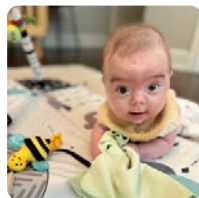
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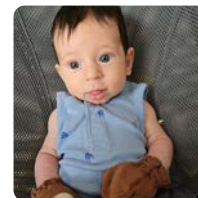
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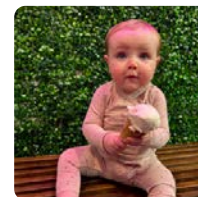
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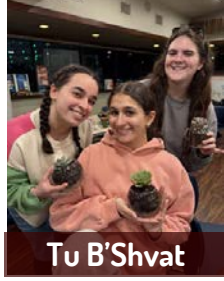
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providing for
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Lunch & Learn



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Cteen Shabbat



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