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A RAW & PERSONAL NOTE..



As we reflect on this past year, we are overwhelmed with gratitude.

To our students: thank you for allowing us to be part of your lives. Your participation, enthusiasm, and commitment to building a vibrant Jewish community are what make Chabad at Texas A&M so special.

To our donors and supporters: thank you for making this work possible. This past year brought both tremendous growth and profound challenges.

Jewish life at Texas A&M continued to flourish, with more students participating in Shabbat dinners, classes, holiday celebrations, leadership opportunities, and social programs than ever before. Week after week, students filled our home, formed meaningful friendships, and deepened their connection to Judaism and the Jewish people.

At the same time, our family experienced one of the most difficult periods of our lives following the terror attack in Bondi Beach, Australia, where our son, Leibel, was seriously wounded and his mentor, Rabbi Eli Schlanger HY"D, was among those murdered. During those painful months, we felt the strength of this community in a way we never could have imagined.

Students stepped up. Community members and former students offered support, meals, prayers, encouragement, and countless *mitzvot*. Many of you checked in regularly, helped carry responsibilities, and ensured that Chabad remained a place of warmth and stability for students even while our family navigated an uncertain and emotional time.

Your partnership reminded us that Chabad is far more than a building or a program; it is a family. Because of your support, our students continue to have a home away from home. Because of your generosity, Jewish life on campus continues to grow. And because you believe in this important work, hundreds of students continue to find friendship, meaning, purpose, and Jewish pride at Texas A&M.

Thank you for standing with us, especially when we needed it most. We are deeply grateful for your friendship, your trust, and your commitment to the future of Jewish life at Texas A&M.

With heartfelt appreciation,

-Rabbi Yossi & Manya
-Rabbi Menachem & Moussie



Leibel & Rabbi Eli ה"ד



Menorah Lighting



Minyan for Leibel

SHABBAT AT CHABAD

YOU GAVE AGGIES THE BIGGEST GIFT WEEK AFTER WEEK



Shabbat: The Oasis You Create

Every week, amid the rush of college life, something remarkable happens. Students close their laptops. Exams are set aside. Deadlines, stress, and the pressures of university life fade into the background. As the sun sets on Friday evening, nearly one hundred Jewish Aggies gather around Shabbat tables to share delicious food, friendship, song, and a sense of belonging.

That calm exists because of you

For many students, Shabbat at Chabad is far more than a meal. It is the heartbeat of their week. Some arrive after a difficult exam. Others come after a week of stress, loneliness, or homesickness. Some walk through our doors knowing no one. Within minutes, they are surrounded by friends, welcomed like family, and reminded that they are never alone.

As one student, **Sydney Goldstein '28**, shared:

"Shabbat at Chabad feels like sitting at one big family dinner table! It has made me and so many Jewish Aggies feel at home here at A&M and more connected to the Jewish community overall!"



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Gabby Woll '24 still remembers her very first Shabbat as a freshman, when complete strangers welcomed her like family.

Amid the challenges of college life, Shabbat provides consistency. In a culture that celebrates busyness, Shabbat offers rest. For many Jewish students far from home, Shabbat becomes a place where they are known, valued, and cared for.

Your support transforms Friday nights into powerful moments of connection. Around these tables, friendships are formed that last well beyond graduation. Students explore their Jewish identity. Future Jewish leaders gain confidence and pride in who they are.

Some attend their first Shabbat dinner ever. Some come for the food. They all return for the friendship, the warmth, and the sense of community.

Every candle lit, every challah eaten, every song sung, and every student welcomed becomes part of a ripple effect that extends far beyond campus.

- **Because of your generosity:** Jewish Aggies know there is always a seat waiting for them.
- **Because of your support:** They have a place to belong.
- **Because of you:** Shabbat is not simply observed at Texas A&M, it is lived and celebrated.

Thank you for creating this oasis, week after week, year after year.





MAZEL TOV

CLASS OF 2026

This spring, Chabad at Texas A&M celebrated one of its largest and most diverse graduating classes in recent memory. Engineers, biologists, nurses, public health professionals, computer scientists, and finance majors. Students from Houston and Dallas, Los Angeles and Mexico City, Paris and McAllen. Each walked across the stage carrying not only a diploma, but also four years of Shabbat dinners, holiday celebrations, lifelong friendships, and a deepened connection to their Jewish identity.

Thank you for creating a home away from home, for believing in me, and for investing in so many Jewish Aggies. The friendships, mentorship, and community I've found here have meant more than I can put into words. While I have graduated, Chabad will always be a part of who I am, and I'll always be proud to call myself a member of this incredible Jewish Aggie family. -Dani Van Creveld, '26

While each graduate's journey was unique, one theme emerged again and again: Chabad became an important part of their college experience. Around the Shabbat table, they found friendship, belonging, mentorship, and a community. Some arrived knowing no one. Others came from across the country or across the world. They left not only with a degree, but with a Jewish community they will carry with them wherever life leads.



Amara Freedson



Abby Guindi



Amber Traub



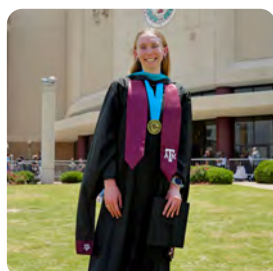
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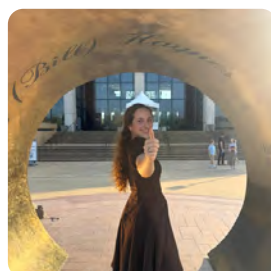
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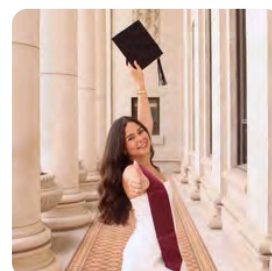
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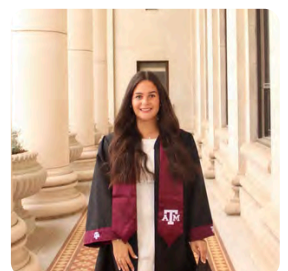
Gabby Woll



Alice Asinovsky



Vero Attias



Dani Attias



Royce Brik



Ilanit Algranatti



Ilan Shmoysh



Eythan Hayat



Julio Dondisch



Dani Van Creveld

YOUR GIFT IS THEIR HOME



Every Shabbat meal, social event, class, and meaningful conversation was made possible by donors who believe in the future of Jewish life at Texas A&M. Through your support, students strengthened their Jewish identity, and created memories that will stay with them long after graduation.

*I miss Chabad!
I know I can take
all I learned
and make a
difference
wherever I go.
-Royce Brik '26*

Your generosity made that possible.

- ***Because of you: Jewish Aggies leave empowered in their Jewish identity.***
- ***Because of you: Jewish Aggies go on to build Jewish community, wherever they go.***
- ***Because of you: The Jewish future is brighter.***

Thank you for investing in today's students to help build a stronger Jewish future and a lasting Jewish home in Aggieland.

MAZEL TOV! מזל טוב



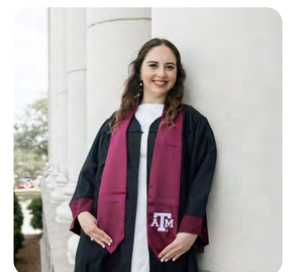
Dylan Mandel



Rebekah Stafford



Michael Timinsky



Ella Goodweather



A YEAR OF MEGA EVENTS

Despite the challenges of this past year, we have never seen such growth, mega events and moments of historic proportion in AggieLand.

GALA DINNER - CELEBRATING 18 YEARS ON CAMPUS



OCTOBER 7TH HOSTAGE SPEAKER ON CAMPUS - OMER SHEMTOV



TEXAS SHABBATON - INTERCOLLEGIATE WEEKEND



NEW TORAH DEDICATION - AGGIE TORAH COMPLETED



MIKVAH GRAND OPENING - GRINSHTEIN JEWISH FAMILY LIFE CENTER



We are grateful to the Aggie Family, Donors, Parents, BCS Community and Former Students who stepped up to make this all possible.

CELEBRATING TOGETHER

You gave Jewish Aggies a year full of robust Holiday celebration, making their Judaism alive, vibrant and relevant.



ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR



SUKKOT & SIMCHAT TORAH



CHANUKAH



PURIM



PASSOVER & LAG BA'OMER



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JEWISH AGGIES THANK YOU

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO CURRENT STUDENTS, FORMER STUDENTS, PARENTS AND
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YES! I want to welcome Fall 2026 Jewish Aggies! I will make sure that
they have a welcoming Jewish home.

- ☐ I will Sponsor a Shabbat Table \$180
- ☐ I will Co-Sponsor a Shabbat \$900
- ☐ I will Sponsor the ENTIRE Shabbat \$1,800
- ☐ \$ _____ Other (Everything is appreciated.)



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