

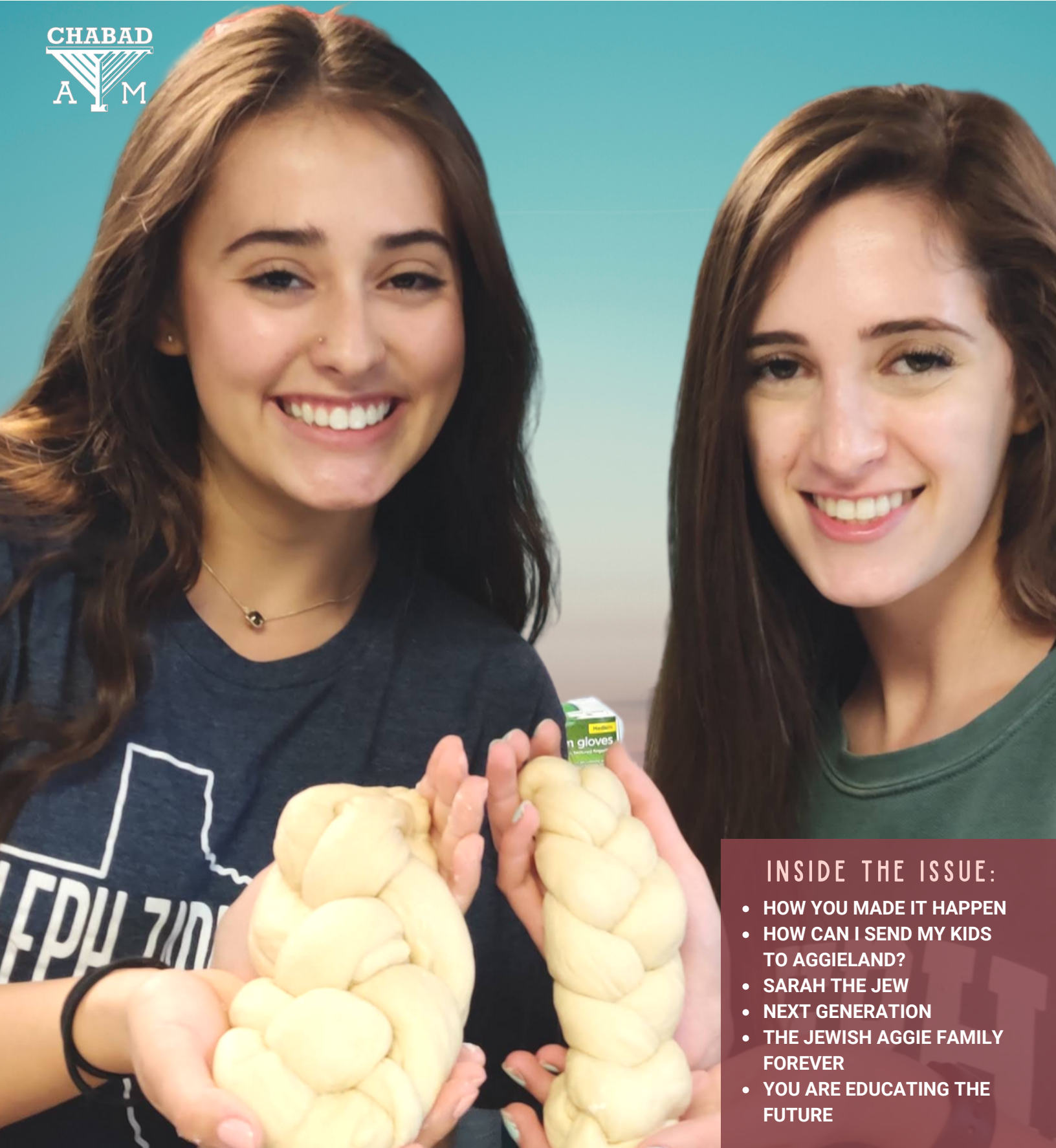
# JEWISHAGGIES

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Appreciation Report | Summer 2021



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# WHAT A YEAR!

Pivot they said Adapt they said. How to do that with loads of young Jewish Aggies relying on you. The need for a calm, enriching year was even more obvious. **YOU MADE IT HAPPEN!** Together we ensured that students had robust Covid-safe programming, a Lively Purim, large bustling Passover Seders, Torah Classes and a space to inhale, exhale and build essential relationships.

The most frequently heard comment was "At Chabad I could exhale and leave the chaos of Covid and my stressful hybrid online learning behind and feel like I was at home". **You gave students an INVALUABLE gift of calm and sanity this year.**

May we continue to partner together and impact Aggieland

**THANK YOU!**  
Rabbi Yossi & Manya



# FACTS & FIGURES



227 UNIQUE EVENTS & SOCIALS



981 SHABBAT DINNERS



2,500 UNIQUE STUDENT ENGAGEMENTS



120 TORAH CLASSES



190 SEDERS PARTICIPANTS



210 PURIM PACKAGES

**THE STATS ON YOUR IMPACT**

## You are educating the next generation

*Now more than ever we need to empower and educate young Aggies. The robust educational programming you provide is changing lives. Hands on learning that has impact for years to come.*

"I entered Sinai Scholars at a point in my life where I can explore my Jewish identity. The first lesson had me captivated and I was eager to keep learning. I went into Sinai Scholars not knowing what to expect and graduated with a gift far more valuable than \$350, or any amount of money that could have been offered."

"The Suicide prevention workshop was empowering and gave me real tools for real life."



"You gave me the chance to do Shabbat at home during the Texas Ice storm."



"You gave families a chance to connect and bond over Jewish experiential learning."



"Dessert and discussion really lets us get comfortable to explore our Jewishness & femininity in a safe and educational environment. I love it! It has really helped me start thinking about where I stand as a Jewish woman. THANK YOU!"





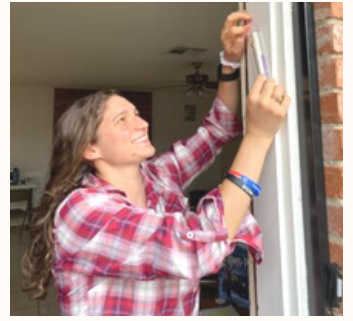


# I AM SARAH THE JEW

In late 2010, I enlisted in the National Guard to continue my family's military heritage. I am the 4th generation and the first woman to serve in my family. After I left the National Guard in 2016, I was lost, and I still did not understand my place in this world. Struggling to find that place was nothing new to me. I came from an interfaith marriage, my mother is Jewish, and my father is Christian. It led to **a lot of spiritual confusion for me growing up**. We celebrated both Jewish and Christian holidays with both sides of the family, and certain aspects of Judaism permeated our home. I would attend church growing up, and I was always more interested in the Old Testament than the New. Eventually, it came to a point I stopped going to church and did not understand what faith I even believed in.

For several years, my veteran identity became the strongest identity I had, and it at times would prevent me from seeing all the other parts of myself. It took me moving to Texas to start my masters at Texas A&M University to finally become grounded in my Jewish faith. I had met a couple of Jews in town, and they recommended that I go to Chabad. It was not until I was physically brought to the doorstep on September 11th, 2020, by a very good friend to meet Manya and Rabbi Yossi that **I understood that in my spiritual core, I was a Jew**.

Since I started coming to Chabad, many things have changed. My perspective on life is more positive, and I am more grounded as a person. I got involved with Girls Dessert and Discussion, took a Sinai Scholars course, and began taking classes with Bais Chana. **I am continuing to learn and grow as a proud Jewish Woman** named after our matriarch Sarah. I am not Sarah the Christian; I am Sarah the Jew who served her country and will now move on to serve Hashem. I have a mezuzah on my door to show the world that a proud Jew lives there, and this is my home. - Sara Tolley, Graduate Student '21



## YOUR NACHAS



BATYA RABIN



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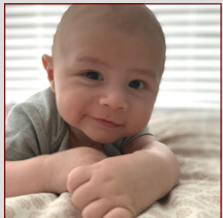
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MARGOT MARCUS



MURPHI MONTES



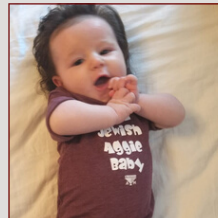
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LILLY MOVSHIS



SARAH HANCOCK



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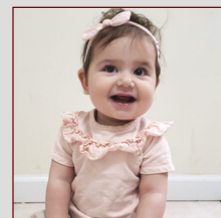
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JACOB DAVIS



ADIR MELLON



AMALYA RABIN



## CLASS OF 2042

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



# I'M A PROUD JEWISH AGGIE MOM

**How could I send my kids to such a large university with such a small Jewish population?**

The answer is simply because A&M has the MOST incredible Chabad family right there in College Station! Rabbi Yossi and Manya Lazaroff go above & beyond to make every Jewish student, no matter what background they're coming from, feel they have a "home away from home". Done with an abundance of love, warmth, smiles, humor and LOTS of delicious Kosher food!

Students are never judged or pushed with guilt, they can show up whenever they want and will always be welcomed with the same warm energy. They have food delivered to our kids when they're sick, they encourage & support them when it's exam time, provide meaningful Jewish holiday services & meals, and have plenty of unique social activities opportunities. They are there as mentors and a friend if your kid ever needs to confide & talk to someone they can trust and respect. They know all the students by name, **Rabbi Yossi & Manya are always there for OUR kids, that is why I try to be there for THEM!**

They can only keep doing what they do for Aggie students if parents (and grandparents, etc.) help by showing their appreciation by sending donations to help support Chabad at Texas A&M University. **They raise every dollar that is needed to take care of OUR KIDS.**

Start considering supporting and adding Chabad at A&M to your list of Tzedakah choices so that A&M keeps having an incredible place to have a safe & familiar place that welcomes them like a family. **Now is a great time to donate so they can be ready for our kids in the Fall.** - Kim Pokroy



## We Joined the Chai Club - YOU can too!



Chabad was the place where we could go for anything: food, counseling, spiritual reflection, a quiet place to study, and community. Now, as former students and young adults, **we want to make sure we give current students the same chance we had.** Having a safe place with a hot meal and a supportive family that welcome you into their home away from home. We are paying it forward and hope ALL former students will to!

**Alec & Ellen Becker, Class of 2012 & 2014**



**JEWISH AGGIES Alumni Chai Club**

### CHAI MEANS LIFE.

The Chai Club is a group of caring parents, alumni and friends who want to give Aggies a Home on campus. Their monthly giving creates community connections and financial stability for every Aggie.

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**Our Students are counting on YOUR warmth Today!**

**YES! I will make sure students are taken care of.**

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



**Students Bonding**

MAKE YOUR LEGACY A JEWISH FUTURE.  
CONTACT RABBI YOSSE TO LEAVE A BEQUEST AND  
INCLUDE YOUR AGGIE CHABAD IN YOUR WILL.