

JEWISHAGGIES



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JUST 3 MONTHS OF YOUR IMPACT..



It is really hard to imagine another Academic year has come to an end. One Friday night this semester, we looked around. There were clusters of students laughing, chatting, connecting and bonding. The energy was electric. We looked at each other smiled and nodded. **We know you are giving Jewish Aggies the greatest gift and there is NOTHING better than that.** Week in and week out, YOU make sure young Jewish Aggies tap into their Jewish identity, experience the tranquility and magic of

Shabbat, especially amidst the chaos and demands of Academic life. We nodded in agreement how LUCKY WE ARE. We tried to capture some of your impact on these pages so step inside. **Get to know the lives you are changing every single day.** Enjoy seeing your impact and we hope you join us soon in Aggieland.

- Rabbi Yossi & Manya



YOU KEEP ME SUSTAINED-LITERALLY.

How is a young Jewish Aggie supposed to study, cook and prep Passover food?

My name is Jacob Powell from San Antonio and I'm in Medical School at Texas A&M University. Being on Campus for 5 years, Chabad has meant a lot to my Jewish identity. Without Chabad, I may have lost touch with celebrating the high holidays. Because of Chabad, I know that I always have a place to connect. I have had many positive moments in my college career that Chabad has provided. **I've always grown up keeping kosher for Passover, and I love that there is a way for me to keep doing so in college without resorting to constant jarred gefilte fish and matzah + cream cheese.** My favorite part of the Passover Meals provided is Shepards pie or anything Rabbi puts in the smoker. The meal plan has made Passover something I look forward to every year because of the great cooking and spiritual connection. It made my studies go unaffected, as Chabad is right next to campus for meals, and **when I needed coffee, they would even deliver it to me on campus with snacks.**

Not every student spends every day or moment of free time at Chabad. Always having the opportunity to celebrate your Judaism in any capacity is invaluable. If you go to Chabad even one time, you might have your Jewish identity impacted forever. **Chabad goes out of their way to be there for every Jew - orthodox or secular, young or old, student or alumnus, active or newcomer.** I've done everything that Chabad has to offer. I've been to dozens of Shabbat dinners, high holidays, many college events, Birthright, Sinai Scholars, or just to stop by and relax. I promise that there is something for everyone, and **thanks to you, the donors, Chabad is available for everyone.** I consider this Chabad my synagogue.

TEENS TAKE OVER AGGIELAND

A weekend with Chassidic hip-hop artist, Nissim Black

We have an issue? How can we proactively boost Jewish life in Aggieland? You gave 50 Texas teens a fun action packed, unforgettable meaningful Shabbat. They now know Aggieland is the place to be, for a young adult on Campus. **YOU ARE HELPING JEWISH LIFE GROW IN AGGIELAND!**



New Friends



Pre-Shabbat Group photo



Good-Bye

I am one of two Jews in my High School. The Shabbaton gave me the opportunity to meet other Jewish teenagers. Our College Station chapter joined other Texas groups in NYC. Our little group became some of my best friends. We then hosted them for another weekend in College Station. It made me realize how important it was to have people in my life that actually understood me and what I was going through as a Jew. The Shabbaton in Aggieland allowed me to connect with other Jews, make amazing friends while having so much fun along the way. I know many teens will now consider coming to Aggieland for College since they had such an AMAZING time and the local Aggies were so welcoming.

- Abby Guindi

YOU ARE BUILDING THE JEWISH NATION

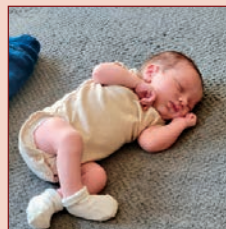
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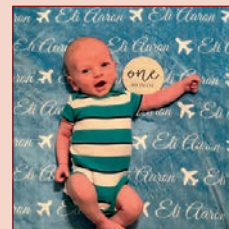
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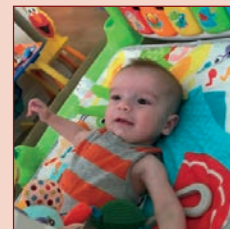
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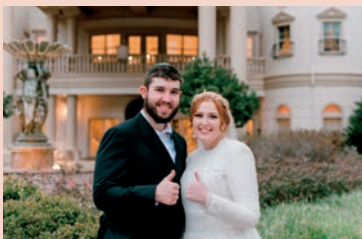
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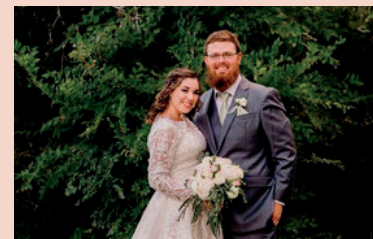
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A TEN DAY BOOST

You gave students a trip of a lifetime with the Aggie Birthright trip. Lives are impacted daily!



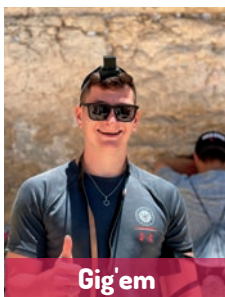
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When in Israel.. Camel Riding



At the Kotel



Gig'em

Coming from a school where I am a minority and at times the only Jew in a room. It was very empowering being among so many Jews and so many people who believe in what I believe in. Every person I talked to, I felt a deeper connection with because I knew we at least had one thing in common, our Judaism - **Noam**

Being at the Kotel on Shabbat with so many people praying, dancing and singing, it was the most safe and peaceful feeling. - **Taylor**

This trip strengthened my Jewish identity, I learned so much in such a short time. - **Sammy**

THE POWER OF A STORY

Many students feel tremendous pressure about their current reality and future prospects. How can we alleviate this? NOTHING like Former students stepping up. This semester we piloted 'Recipes for Success', a platform for current Aggies to get up close and personal with former students in various fields. A chance to hear about their unfiltered raw journey. Stories of challenges and triumphs, left Aggies uplifted and positively moved.

"I walked away with so much to think about and so many ideas on how to see my struggles and stresses in a positive light, it was AWESOME", said Elan.

Thank you Samantha Schlanger '12 & Ryan Coane '11 for sharing your stories.



**The cost of Providing for Jewish Aggies is going up.
Can YOU HELP?**

YES! I know things are more expensive, please do NOT compromise on Jewish Aggies having positive experiences!

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



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