

Southern NCSY Regional Board with Shevet Glaubach Fellows at Shabbaton

### PURIM, PESACH, AND WRAPPING UP THE YEAR

The year may be starting to wind down, but the Shevet Glaubach Fellows continue to make great strides in connecting with their teens and making an impact in their SGF communities. Between collaborating on and carrying out shabbatonim this past month, to leading Torah learning sessions, to conducting mock seders, Fellows have been busy sharing inspiration and Torah with their communities.

Leading up to and throughout the holiday of Pesach, Shevet Glaubach Fellows were busy preparing with their teens and communities. From offering pre-pesach "matzah baking workshops," to conducting chocolate mock-seders with public

sessions about the messages of Freedom and elements of the Haggadah with their teens, Fellows ensured that their communities felt ready and inspired going into the holiday.

Beyond programming with their specific communities, throughout this past month Fellows have additionally continued to hone in on their own leadership skills and expand their horizons as role models and educators in their communities. Fellows had the opportunity to come together for our April Fireside Chat with Dovid Lichtenstein, moderated by R. Dr. Josh Joseph, and hear more about evaluating when to defer to as school teens, to leading learning opposed to disrupt the communal

status quo, balancing living a Torah lifestyle and navigating secular spaces, and sharing Torah and halacha with a wide audience. Fellows also had the opportunity to learn more about and partner with the NCSY education department to begin collaborating on creating and preparing educational content leading up to Shavuot.

As we look towards the rest of the year, we are excited to see how the Fellows will continue to grow and connect with their teens and communities, and in turn how their teens and communities will continue to be impacted by the Fellowship.

### A NOTE FROM R. DAVID ROTENBERG, OTTAWA COMMUNITY



R. DAVID ROTENBERG rabbidave@ncsy.ca

Over the weekend of Shabbos HaGadol. April 8-10, NCSY Ottawa held a Pre-Pesach Weekend featuring our four Glaubach Fellows, during which we ran five distinct Sandwiched between NCSY events. Canada's mini-Yachei Kallah in Montreal and the first days of Pesach, it was quite ambitious and more than a little nutty to squeeze in a weekend of this magnitude, but truly speaks to the dedication and mesirus nefesh of our Fellows and staff. The weekend was a tremendous success on all fronts and really highlighted the incredible impact of the participation of

our amazing Fellows.

Ottawa, Canada's capital city, has a small but active Jewish community of approximately 15,000 Jews. With great personalities and beautiful midos, our teens have always been a special group. Over the last several years, NCSY has grown significantly in our role in the community, our reach to different parts of the city, and the volume and variety of the programs we offer, with that growth continuing steadily despite the challenges of the past two years. However, with only one full-time staff person and limited local advisor support, I

**CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

### SGF SPOTLIGHT ON

## GREATER MIAMI CHAPTER BY: SECOND YEAR FELLOW. LEEYAN COHEN



The Greater Miami Shevet Glaubach Fellowship Community has been on fire! Coming right out of March with our Ukraine Toy Drive and Decades Purim Party, we shifted into the Pesach mood. We joined forces with the Hollywood Chapter and hosted a matzah bake! We made handmade matzah and learned about the special mitzvah. Teens were able to see the process for making matzah from the absolute beginning with separating the wheat. We were reflecting on different ideas including stepping back and recognizing all the details Hashem takes care of in our individual lives.

After lots of Pesach prep with the matzah bake and chavrutas, we were ready to have a meaningful holiday. Hence, coming right out of Pesach, the Greater Miami Chapter teamed up with Don Soffer JSU and the City of Aventura for a meaningful

Night of Remembrance. We watched a beautiful documentary called Who Will Write Our History with a powerful message aboutnotbeingabystander and taking action in our Following society. film, Anita Karl, a local Holocaust survivor, shared her powerful story. It was incredible having such a diverse audience of teens, mayors parents, senators listening to her speak and taking initiative to #Never Forget.

Additionally, the Greater Miami Chapter created Asher Yatzar cards in honor of a chapter board member's sister's refuah shelema. Our chessed board members introduced and passed them around at latte and learn. We then had a learn and earn program in zechut of her refuah shelema.

I am so lucky to be part of such a committed and warm chapter and I'm so excited for our chapter shabbaton, Shabbat By The Beach, next week in Bal Harbour!

### A NOTE FROM R. DAVID ROTENBERG (CON'T)

can definitely use help in satisfying our teens' obvious appetite for programming and engagement. When the Shevet Glaubach Fellowship became open to all regions for this year, I was excited and proud that we were chosen to be the first Canadian chapter to participate.

The Pre-Pesach weekend marked the Glaubach Fellows' second visit to Ottawa. In December, they joined us for a meaningful Shabbos dinner followed by an incredible Chanukah party featuring trivia, holidaythemed carnival games, and a photo scavenger hunt. The Fellows were also matched up as the advisors for Ottawa teens at two large regional Shabbatons in November and February, helping to build relationships that have continued from a distance in between trips. This recent weekend, however, was our biggest triumph to date.

On Friday, the Fellows assisted with shopping, setup, and cooking, to help make the weekend run smoothly. Then on Friday night, we hosted a beautiful Shabbos dinner with an amazing mix of our core teens and some newcomers. Following dinner, one teen shared an impromptu Dvar Torah that spurred on deep meaningful discussion that lasted well beyond any of us expected the entire evening to last. While some participants needed to go home right after bentching, other stayed - singing, snacking, and shmoozing, until close to midnight. Saturday morning, some of our die-hards joined participants from our alumni program for a delicious lunch and board games, after which the Fellows spent the rest of the afternoon hanging out with other teens from the neighbourhood. Saturday night was a quick turnaround to get our storefront NCSY Centre flipped over to host a raucous Chocolate and Candy Seder. 30 teens packed in after Shabbos for a musical Havdallah followed by a tremendously fun evening of songs, videos, Pesach insights, and most importantly, junk food. On Sunday, Montreal-based

**CONTINUED ON PAGE 3** 

# FACES OF THE FELLOWSHIP



CHANA COUGHLAN

DENVER, CO

My name is Chana Coughlan and I'm from Denver, Colorado! I go to Stern and I am majoring in psychology and minoring in English. I am so excited to be a part of the Shevet Glaubach team for a second year! I love connecting with new people, learning from and with different people from different places, and broadening my Torah knowledge through different mediums.



**AARON BLUSTEIN** 

SCARSDALE, NY

Hi!! My name is Aaron Blustein, I am from Scarsdale, New York. I went to SAR High School and then spent a year in Israel at Yeshivat Torat Shraga. I then went to University of Maryland for my freshman year before transferring to Yeshiva University this semester! I am now studying Business with a focus in finance. I was a counselor on Sulam this past summer in which I had one of the best summer's of my life. NCSY is a dream to be a part of and I am loving working with my community. Having the opportunity to grow, learn, and have an awesome time with everyone involved in the program is something I am truly honored to be a part of.



SHIRA KNAPP

BERGENFIELD, NJ

My name is Shira Knapp, and I am from Bergenfield, New Jersey. I attended Bruriah for high school, followed by a year and a half in MMY for seminary. I am currently in my junior year at Stern College Psychology. studying privileged to spend many amazing summers in camp, including one on NCSY give, where I was lucky enough to build relationships and learn from so many mentors and counselors. I am so grateful for this opportunity to form connections with and gain from my NCSYers as a Shevet Glaubach Fellow.

### A NOTE FROM R. DAVID ROTENBERG (CON'T)

Fellow, Gaby Mamane, stayed in Ottawa for several extra hours to assist with two additional programs. Following davening, Gaby and a group of boys from the local Orthodox day school enjoyed a delicious breakfast featuring learning and games as the launch of our new 4B program. Then later in the day, another group of teens - including many involved in Live2Give - joined in for a Pre-Pesach car cleaning event in partnership with Beit Tikvah shul. Teens stayed for hours, partying with music, pizza, and popsicles, in between shifts vacuuming and wiping down an absolutely sold out slate of vehicles, and raising hundreds of dollars for the local Federation's Ukraine relief fund.

When all was send and done, the weekend was both meaningful and enjoyable and it emphasized the opportunity for continued NCSY growth here in Ottawa. And whether it was Shalom Zobin grabbing a group of teens and using more candy to explore additional aspects of the Seder, Felicia Kingsbury chatting at length with older teens about what to expect from

life as a Jewish student in university, Gaby Mamane bringing props, instruments, and even outfits...as well as staying an entire extra day to create the best experience possible, or Noa Muscat contributing both behind the scenes by making a delicious cholent (despite being a bit unclear on her family recipe) and in the spotlight, using her teaching skills to keep a wild group of teenagers engaged during a wild Chocolate Seder, the Fellows each used their extraordinarily talents to make the weekend a success.

Our teens (along with other community leaders and congregants) can't wait to see the Fellows again soon as we're set to host Spring Regional here in Ottawa in early May, and plans are underway for one final visit for our year-end Shabbattawa weekend. As a proud but exhausted City Director, always striving to do more in our community, I am grateful for the tremendous contributions of our Fellows and I'm looking forward to continuing to work with them for the rest of this year...and hopefully beyond.



Rabbi Barak has put together an amazing pesach program that I was zchus of being a part of. There were teens from all levels of yiddushkite looking to connect to HaShem. Each one with different opportunities and understandings of what Pesach is. Something that made the program special was seeing the Matzah bake. For some of them it was their first time seeing what Matzah is and for others they know what it is and were able to connect to it on a deeper level. Its this kind of programming that makes jewish teens drawn to NCSY and I can't wait for the next one!



## **WORDS OF TORAH**

ELISHEVA ADOUTH FROM MIAMI, FL

SECOND YEAR FELLOW, DENVER COMMUNITY

All throughout Tanach, we are taught about different leaders in Jewish history. Leaders who shaped the foundation of Klal Yisrael today, who taught us all about what it means to be true leaders. In Parshat Shemot perek bet, we see the famous episode where Moshe Rabbeinu sees an Egyptian beating a Jew. For context, this is Moshe Rabbeinu! A man who at the time had been living in a house full of Egyptians for his entire life, not knowing that he had any connection to the Jewish people. What did Moshe do? He struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. This story is a catalyst for a lot, including Moshe fleeing to Midian. Moshe in this story is a leader, he sees something going wrong, and he makes an active effort to change the situation. He makes it right, correcting the wrongs that he sees in the world. Moshe has no active connection to this person that is being hit, but somewhere in his body, even after living in the Egyptian palace for so long, he knows that a change needs to be made. Moshe is one of the many people who saw a gap somewhere, a piece of the voices of protest? Let my soul he did it. Sometimes, to many this, he overthrows the world." to. In the אמת ליעקב על התורה' which translates to, "What to learn from the Glaubach's,

world that needed fixing, and dwell in peace!"—if he does of us, Moshe seems like this We all have a responsibility "big person", somebody who to take leadership roles in our we could never ever come close communities, this is not a to relating to or being similar suggestion, it is an obligation. If we see a gap, we must fill it, it שמות פרק ב' פסוק ז, Rav Yakov is our duty as members of Klal Kaminetzky z"tl says that the Yisrael. We, as Shevet Glaubach source for a child not being able Fellows, are doing our best to to nurse from a non-Jewish step into this role, not just by woman comes from Moshe learning from people like Moshe not nursing from an Egyptian Rabbeinu, but by the Moshe Kaminetzky Rabbeinu's which we surround z"tl adds that although most ourselves with each and every children will not grow up to day. The Glaubach's saw a hole speak with G-d on the level of in our community, something Moshe Rabbeinu, each parent which was lacking and needed must raise their child to strive to be fixed, and they did it. They to reach those heights. We created a community, they are may not be Moshe Rabbeinu, leaders, and they are inspiring the man that took a risky us to take after them. The leadership role in the land in Glaubach's have contributed which he was raised, but we an immense amount to each can try our hardest to be. In the and every one of us, they have Midrash Tanchuma on Parshat inspired us, showing us how Mishpatim it says that if a to impact a community. They person sits at home and says, have shown us how to patch up the holes that we see and "מהַ לי בטורחַ הצַבּוּר ?מהַ לי בדיניַהםַ? מהָ לי לשִׁמְועַ קוּלֹםָ? שׁלָּוִם עלָּיֶרְ turn our lives into impactful ones. We are zoche to be able נפַשָּיָן ֶהְרֵיֵ זֹהֶ מחַרֵיִב אתָ העָולֹםַ.״ have the affairs of society to the leaders in our lives, and do with me?... Why should I hopefully with their guidance, trouble myself with the people's become leaders as well.

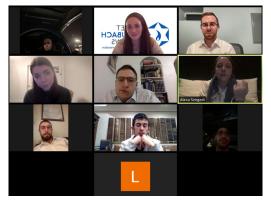
# HIGHLIGHTS



Boca chapter Matzah bake with Shevet Glaubach fellows



Boca chapter Matzah bake with Shevet Glaubach fellows



Shevet Glaubach Fellows on a planning call with the NCSY Education department for Shavous



Havdalah with Shevet Glaubach Fellows and Regional Board





Ottowa NCSY Pre Pesach Seder with Shevet Glaubach Fellows



Shevet Glaubach Fellows help prepare for Pesach with their teens in Ottawa



Fellows lead Seders in the Five Towns

# HIGHLIGHTS



Shevet Glaubach Fellows lead mock Seder in Ottawa





Ottowa Teens participating in Mock Seder with Shevet Glaubach Fellows



Fellows on Regional Community Shabbaton in New Jersey









