

Shevet Glaubach Fellows and southern NCSYers exploring the land of Israel together and learning about its history.

### REFLECTING ON THIS PAST SUMMER; LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

As we close nominations and move closer to finalizing our SGF Communities and Fellows for the year, we look forward to the year ahead with great excitement and anticipation. With more than 25 Communities across the country, and over 100 Fellows gearing up to a wonderful year ahead of learning, Torah growth, and inspiration, we could not be more grateful that we are starting out the year on a more than "sweet" note.

Over this past summer, Shevet Glaubach Fellows have been keeping busy continuing the eadership skills they developed and the relationships they formed throughout their experiences as members of the Shevet throughout

together for the 2022-2023 cycle, we look forward to continuing to build on the relationships that have been made and fortified on programs throughout the summer. From preparing and sharing Torah content, to really getting to know and deepening their relationships with their teens and peers, SGF have so much richness to draw from as they enter into the new year. It was truly remarkable at the kickoff event to see new Fellows, returning Fellows (and even some SGF alumni) coming together to continue the transformative work of the SGF program. At the Kickoff event at Shenk Shul earlier this month, Fellows had the opportunity to meet

the academic year. As we come back with their regional teams, hear from inspirational speakers, and start working with one another. Through reflecting on Elul, and the opportunities for growth the new year brings, Fellows are ready to greet the new year, new teens and communities, and new opportunities with open arms. Now that our Fellows are matched with their communities and teams, the real work of our Shevet can begin!

> We are so grateful to the Glaubach family for everything you have created—may this truly be a year of sweetness, of health, of brachos, and of continued nachas. Looking forward to sharing a wonderful year ahead.

#### SGF SPOTLIGHT ON

#### **OTTAWA COMMUNITY**

#### BY: SECOND YEAR FELLOW, GABY MAMANE



My name is Gaby Mamane, I will be starting my second year as a fellow in the Ottawa region of NCSY, and my Shevet Glaubach story, along with so many others, shows how much of an opportunity it really is to be part of this fellowship and why it is so much more than it seems.

My story as a Fellow has consisted mainly of shabbatons and special programming. Due to Canada's COVID-19 protocols, weekly programming for younger NCSYers in the jewish day school took a while to get on its feet (We love Canada).

One particular anecdote that I want to share with you started on one of the shabbatonim I was a part of as a Fellow in Shevet Glaubach. I together with my cohort of peer Fellows spent Shabbat Hagadol in Ottawa, and created programming for the seudot shabbat with the teens in the NCSY center. Together we sung lots of songs and discussed many deep questions asked by the teens. The teens' desire to learn and to grow really shone during those

seudot. On motzaei shabbat we planned and conducted chocolate seder with many visual, musical and culinary aids to enhance the learning experience for the teens. Outlining the various details that made that shabbat special would take up the rest of this newsletter, so I'll leave the overview of the experience at that (for more details, ask your local Shevet Glaubach Ottawa Fellow). The next morning, the other Fellows left and I stayed to run a Torah learning program with the junior boys, where we learned mishnayot over breakfast and then we all participated in a car wash to help the families of the community prepare pesach.

While this was just one small episode from my time as a Shevet Glaubach Fellow last year, I can tell that the impact and the full extent of The Shevet Glaubach Fellowship continues to be realized. After I wrapped up an incredible summer with TJJ AP this summer, I spent the two subsequent weeks in a Canadian sleepaway camp for religious Jews. As all the counselors gathered to welcome the campers who had just arrived to

spend the last two weeks of the summer in camp, I recognized one of the new boys. As ratzon hashem would have it, this familiar face was that of none other than one of the boys that I had learned with as a Shevet Glaubach Fellow on that Sunday morning in the days leading up to pesach.

The weeks that followed, while not being an official part of Shevet Glaubach programming, were really an extension of and made possible because of the relationship that I had the opportunity to have as a Fellow.

The relationships that I have had the opportunity to develop—with this particular teen and so many others that I had built during the previous year— and many more relationships that I hope to start this year, is a big part of why I am coming back to Shevet Glaubach this year.

As I look forward to the year ahead, I first want to say thank you to Rabbi Dave Rotenberg, regional director of NCSY Ottawa, for giving everything you have to the teens of Ottawa and giving the Fellows a second home in Ottawa every time we are there. I also want to say thank you Drs. Felix and Miriam Glaubach for giving the Fellows and their communities incredible opportunit<u>ies</u> build to relationships with so many precious neshamas.



### **WORDS OF TORAH**

MIRIAM ROZIN FROM COLUMBIA, SC

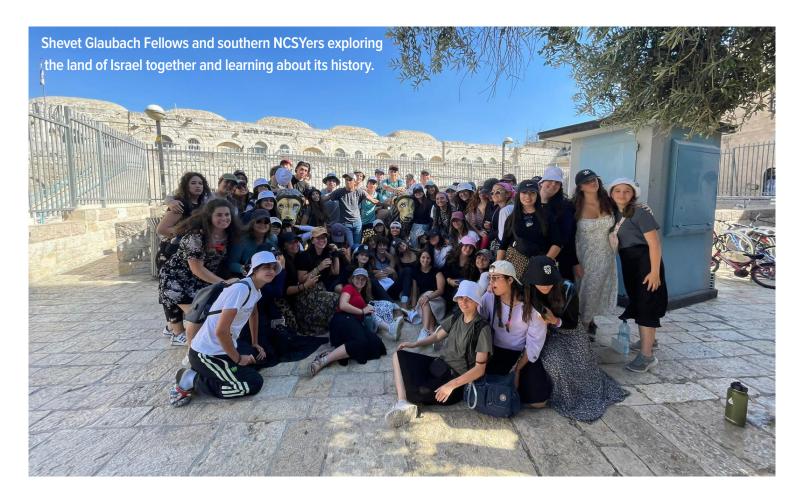
SGF ALUMNUS

Ever since creation, Hashem has always put an emphasis on describing each and every function of everything that He creates. He had to in order to make sure that the things He wanted to put into this world was "tov" - good. When it came to Adam and Eve, the first people, he also made sure that they were "tov". But ever since they were kicked out of Gan Eden, it is very hard to understand what true tov means and how to look for it. One thing did stick to us though:

identity. Through Hashem's carefulness of creation, He made sure that each item had its own identity. Through its identity, we are able to know what it is and its function. The same is for us: our Jewish identity is what allows each and every Jew to be able to be grounded in themselves and know the true tov in this world. Without our Jewish identity, through all of the turmoil and tribulations of this world, we would not have come out of it alive and even stronger than before, being able to continue the message

and meaning of Hashem.

In our modern society, it is very hard for teens to accept the fact that they are Jewish and that they can do something meaningful with their identity. Through NCSY and Shevet Glaubach, you have been able to give grounding and meaning to these teens by connecting them to amazing advisors who exemplify the meaning of a proud Jewish identity.



## HIGHLIGHTS

NCSY Shevet Glaubach Fellow and Advisor Kickoff











Southern Training Session



New York Training Session





# HIGHLIGHTS







Jacksonville Shevet Glaubach Fellows kick off the year









Fellows and teens come together for the first Geula Shabbaton of the year





