

Shevet Glaubach Fellows Plainview Shabbaton

### SHABBATONS, SEFORIM SALE, RELIEF MISSIONS

What a busy month for The hostedcommunityShabbatons our fellows continue to give Shevet Glaubach regional shabbatons New York, Southern, Canada, our

Fellows! with their fellows, which back they participated in From planning and attending included fun motzei Shabbat a relief mission with their in activities as fellows our and continue relationships to fellows had with their teens. During the the opportunity to spend YU seforim sale, our fellows Shabbat with their teens. had the opportunity to take a They reconnected, had fun break and hear words of Torah and learned together. Both from Rabbi Dovid Bashevkin Plainview, NY and Charleston which is always a treat. As

fellows, helping to clean up and build new homes in Puerto Rico.

What incredible an month for SGF, full of meaningful initiatives and opportunities!

#### A NOTE FROM DEVORA KOVE, NORTHEAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NCSY



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Last Friday we brought in Shabbos as a group of over 220 individuals coming together to rock the Ethan Allen Hotel with our energy, singing, dancing, friendship, and learning. By Sunday morning when it was time for our final circle and ruach, we had achieved all that and so much more. While I'm definitely exhausted, there is absolutely nothing like a Northeast Regional Shabbaton, and I want to start by

thanking my Shevet Glaubach Fellows and Northeast NCSY team: Gavi, Ariel, Dovi, R' Riesel, Elisheva, Racheli, Jack, Tova, Emma, and Jonathan - for the hours of extra work and attention they gave to allow us to pull off a Shabbaton of this magnitude. Our teens are so lucky to have them!

Our theme was Hear Me Out and through activities, workshops, and learning sessions we talked about how

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## SGF SPOTLIGHT ON SOUTHERN WINTER REGIONAL BY: FIRST YEAR FELLOW, SHIRA SCHWARTZ



Thursday night February 16, teens from all over NCSY's Summer Region loaded busses to make the long treck to Knoxville, Tennessee. Whether they were coming from South Carolina, Georgia, or around Florida, teens traveled through the night excited for the absolute greatest regional in Southern history! We spent Friday touring Downtown Knoxville and participating in the "Shabbos shuk" which featured tzitzis making, kipa decorating, shabbat-o-grams, and much more! Everyone came down for pre-shabbos ruach and then we went to light candles, which was a beautiful way to bring in Shabbos! Between Kabbalas Shabbos on Friday night, the singing at dinner, and an incredible speech, everyone was on a high! The theme of Shabbos was happiness, and this was definitely the energy felt throughout the weekend! Chaburahs feature headband games comparing term happiness" and "longterm happiness" and sparked incredible conversation about what it truly means to be

happy. Shabbos morning, various advisors led tefillah chaburahs, and everyone divided into another again happiness Chabura reflecting on the emphasis that Judaism puts on happiness. Lunch ebbing featured incredibly inspirational teen senior speakers who reflected on the outlook of happiness we should all have in our lives. We ended shabbos singing, dancing and a trip to "Beyond the Lens" in Tennessee. Sunday morning, went to North Carolina for skiing, snow tubing, and snow boarding, which was definitely one of the highlights of the weekend! We then went to the JCC in Asheville, North Carolina everyone said goodbye and headed back to their own communities. It's always so nice for the entire region to come together for a shabbos and Winter Regional 2023 was definitely one of the greatest shabbatons in all of Southern history! We can't wait for Spring! It has been such an incredible opportunity to be part of the Shevet Glaubach Fellowship and we're so excited for many more events to come!

#### A NOTE FROM DEVORA KOVE (CON'T)

valuable the art of listening is, whether through debate in our Cafe Dilemma program or just to win the Minute to Win It icebreaker challenges. We were lucky enough to hear inspiring messages from our guests, Rabbi Shimmy Trencher from Bi-Cultural Hebrew Academy, Rabbi Josh Forgosh from New England Jewish Academy, Tess Blaustein from NCSY Summer, and of course all of our incredible staff. We were so excited to be able to run an extra program for teens coming in from farther away on Thursday night, led by our Shevet Glaubach Fellows. These fellows take additional roles and work together with staff on programming the across region. Our NCSYers met new friends from other chapters, strengthened relationships with their own local chapter, staff, and advisors, added their voice to the beautiful singing we had throughout Shabbat, and shared their genuine reflections and appreciation at the candlelit midnight Kumzitz.

This was our largest shabbaton in the region since 2017 and truly spoke to how excited and eager for more NCSY opportunities teens across the region are. A huge thank you to our staff, SGF Fellows, advisors, supporters, and the Glaubach family for making this all possible!

### FACES OF THE FELLOWSHIP



GABE MAMANE

MONTREAL, CANADA

My name is Gaby Mamane, I am from Montreal, Canada and I am currently studying Civil Engineering at McGill University. Most importantly, I am a proud talmid of Yeshivat Shaalvim. This will be my second year being a fellow of Shevet Glaubach in Ottawa and I am familiar with the community's teens and their potential. They have energy, desire for growth and anytime something has the letters NCSY in front of it, they come running. I hope to channel these qualities and foster them into a more defined relationship with Hashem for these teens and help them further develop said relationships on the intellectual scale and, through that, guide them to the next step of such a relationship, going beyond the intellectual realm and into the realm of defined actions.



**MEIRAV JANUS** 

SILVER SPRING, MD

Hi! My name is Meirav Janus and I'm from Silver Spring, Maryland. I attended Berman for High school and then spent a year and a half at Sha'alvim for Women. I am now a Junior at Stern studying Speech Pathology and Audiology. After spending my summer on NCSY Michlelet, (best summer ever!) I am excited about the opportunities that I have been given through the Shevet Glaubach Fellowship and the ability to connect to the future leaders. Through the fellowship, I hope to actualize all the skills and torah that my role models have invested within me all these years, and give back to the Jewish people. I hope I can inspire more Jews to feel connected to Hashem, share Torah with friends, and iy"H all grow together!



**MATTHEW NATHAN** 

WOODMERE, NY

Hi! My name is Matthew Nathan and I'm from Woodmere, NY. I'm currently a student at YU Sy Syms School of Business, and am majoring in both Finance and Business Analytics. I spent this past summer as a counselor on a travel program for NCSY, and I had the absolute best summer of my life with my campers, I am still in touch with many of them. I look forward to building relationships with the teens and helping them to be more involved in the great work of NCSY. I am thrilled to be part of the Shevet Glaubach Fellowship and thank you for this opportunity.





SGF Escape the Room in Charleston

## MEANINGFUL MANTRAS



SHIRA SREDNI, MIAMI, FL

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it's stupid." - Albert Einstein

I think that this quote plays a vital roll in being a Shevet Glaubach Fellow. Every fellow has a responsibility to find out how each one of our NCSYers connects. We cannot expect them to relate to things in the same way that we do, but rather we must be fluid and adapt to the way they think and help them learn in a way that makes sense to them.

Personally, this quote always resonated with me because I love finding out what makes a person an individual. Everyone has a different story and being able to find what they're passionate about can help build them up, rather than them living a life believing that Judaism just doesn't fit their lives.



SCOTT FRIEDMAN, CEDARHURST, NY

"There is nothing as whole as a broken heart."

A great Rabbi once said; there is nothing as whole as a broken heart. This is a big part of my life since after one realizes that a big part of being human is getting through difficulty- as opposed to being perfect- then life starts to take on much new meaning. Interestingly and ironically; if someone begins a difficult task with the intention of working hard, the individual becomes more equipped to handle the challenge and it actually becomes easier. This speaks to me as a Shevet Glaubach Fellow. While working with our teens, if something seems hard, and we are not connecting with our teens, we need to use the tools that we gain through the Fellowship to help us along the way.

## HIGHLIGHTS





**WHAT DAF** YOMI **TEACHES US ABOUT JEWISH EDUCATION** 

2/16/23 With

Sky Cafe 7:00 PM Liel Leibovitz



SHEVET THE SEFORIMSALE







Dallas/Denver SGF Southwest Shabbaton



Greater South Motzei Shabbos







# HIGHLIGHTS



Dallas/Denver SGF Southwest Shabbaton hosted in Denver with the Shevet Glaubach Fellows



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Planning for Charleston





New York Latte and Learn



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