



Great Neck Shevet Glaubach Fellows and teens celebrate Purim

## FROM PURIM TO PESACH

“When Adar arrives, we increase our joy” -- this has certainly been true for our Shevet Glaubach Fellow communities! This past month has been incredibly busy for our Shevet Glaubach Fellows as they have collaborated on Purim parties, costume contests, reading the Megilla with their teens. In addition to their Purim festivities, Fellows have continued to bring inspiring Shabbaton programming, and Torah learning initiatives and programs, simcha and

connection to communities all across the country. From coast to coast, Fellows have continued initiatives and programming within their distinct community, such as the New York Five Towns, Great Neck, and Brooklyn communities which hosted Purim events earlier this month, as well as communities in the Canada and West Coast regions-- Many communities have chosen additionally to come together for joint efforts as we continue in the second half of the year.

Recently a Shabbaton which brought together fellows and teens from Orlando and Jacksonville continued to grow on relationships that have been built throughout the course of the year. As we head into Pesach, we are so excited for the mock Seders, the Haggadah-prep programs, and the continued connections between the fellows and their SGF communities. Wishing everyone a chag kasher v sameach!

### ***A NOTE FROM JON ZAR, GREAT NECK DIRECTOR, NCSY***

Hello Glaubach Family!

Over Purim, our Shevet Glaubach Fellows in Great Neck really took the lead. Together they not only put together and ran a JSU Purim Seuda at our NCSY center next to Great Neck North High School, but also set up a series of stations so that all teens in the community can accomplish all 4 Mitzvos of the day. They offered megila reading, the

opportunity to participate in matanos leevyonim, a mishloach manos station, and a festive meal.

In addition to taking initiative in the community with programming, our Fellows have also been busy with one on one relationships-- forming not only strong connections with their teens, but meeting with their parents as well, and bringing them into the conversation on their teens' continued interest in

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# MEANINGFUL MANTRAS



**MAYA ROCKOWITZ,  
FAIR LAWN, NJ**

**“A righteous man falls down  
seven times and gets up.”**

- King Solomon

This quote really resonates with me, as it shows the beautifully imperfect nature of man. We were not created in this world to be perfect, as we are actually known as imperfect and lowly beings. Life is filled with so many ups and downs, tribulations, and challenges. The key is to never let those dark times define you. In order to grow and flourish, we must fall and get back up over and over again. Falling doesn't show sign of weakness, rather strength. The beauty of life and growth are the ups and downs, since every time we fall we grow and learn and become so much stronger. No matter how difficult life gets and how many times we fall, Hashem will always help us get back up and start again. It also represents the idea of the sun always shining the next day regardless of how dark and weary it was the night before. We grow from the pain and the challenges and the nisyonos we encounter in life. It's okay to fall and fall again, but the key is being able to pick ourselves up and start again. In order to grow and flourish into the most beautiful version of yourself, you must fall and fall and fall, and then pick yourself up and start again.



**ELIANA BRODY,  
BOCA RATON FL**

**“והוי מקבל את כל  
האדם בסבר פנים יפות”**

**“Greet everyone with a smile.”**

This quote is short and sweet, but, these few words speak volumes. A smile has the ability to drastically change someone's day, month, year, life...just one smile has this magnitude of power! This is something that I always try to live by. A smile is something that takes close to no energy from me, but the possible positive impact it could have on any person I encounter is incredible. Smiles are contagious, so let's all smile more and be'ezrat Hashem the world will be a happier place.



**AARON BLUSTEIN,  
SCARSDALE, NY**

**“It might be a slow  
process, but quitting  
won't speed it up.”**

This quote is extremely significant because I believe it is representative of a growth oriented Jew. Baruch HaShem, there are endless amount of opportunities to connect to Hashem. While seeing all of those different opportunities can be scary and even stop someone from even getting started, I believe a Jew must realize that while it may be a slow process to achieve all of one's goals in Yiddishkite, quitting and leaving that journey and process will not speed it up. Rather, if we are able to continue pushing forward, may we all be zoche to accomplish more than we could have ever imagined, even if it takes some time.



# FACES OF THE FELLOWSHIP



**AVI POLOTSKY**

DENVER, CO

My name is Avi Polotsky, I am from Denver, Colorado and I am currently studying History at YU, with plans to go to law school. I am excited to continue being an advisor and I am looking forward to using the Glaubach Fellowship to keep connecting with NCSYers as well as expanding my leadership experience.



**ESTEE ACKERMAN**

WEST HEMPSTEAD, NY

Hi! My name is Estee Ackerman, I am from West Hempstead NY, and I am currently a senior in Stern College. I am majoring in Judaic studies and minoring in business management. I am so excited for all the opportunities through Shevet Glaubach Fellowship because I love spreading the light of Torah onto others. I look forward to sharing my passion for Yiddishkeit through the amazing programs and activities we have in store!



**MOSHE STRAUSS**

WEST HEMPSTEAD, NY

Hey guys! My name is Moshe Strauss and I am from West Hempstead, New York. I went to DRS for High School, and had a big privilege of learning 2 years in Yeshivat Shaalavim in Israel. I am now a senior in Yeshiva University and majoring in Business Management with a minor in Marketing. This past summer, I had a tremendous privilege of going back for a 2nd summer as a staff member on NCSY Kollel, and prior to that, I attended Camp Dora Golding, Camp Morasha, NCSY Kollel, Camp Kaylie and Camp HASC. Shevet Glaubach is known to be an incredible fellowship program, one that is known to change peoples lives. What I am most excited about is being able to give back to the community and the Jewish people by doing something that I deeply care about. Helping people is what I love doing more than anything and the idea of doing it in this incredible way is one that I am truly looking forward to.

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## A NOTE FROM JON ZAR (CON'T)

learning and Jewish growth. This has been a tremendous step in empowering our Fellows to get involved not only with the teens, but with the needs of the community at large.

We are so grateful for the partnership and support of the Glaubach family--It is truly empowering for the Fellows and the Great Neck community and is extremely appreciated!

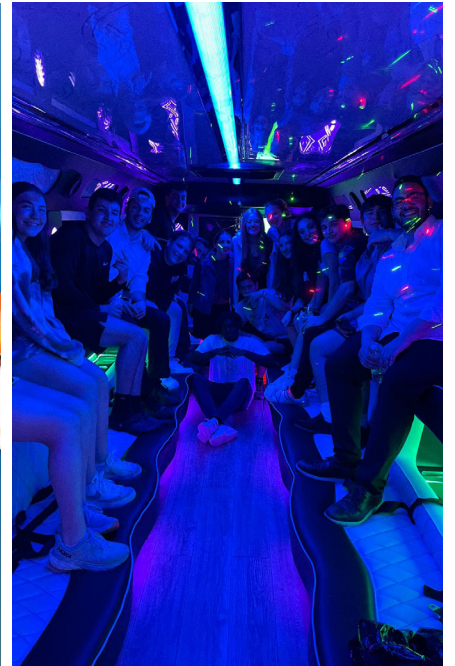
Wishing you a chag Kasher v sameach.



# HIGHLIGHTS



Shevet Glaubach Fellows and teens on winter regional



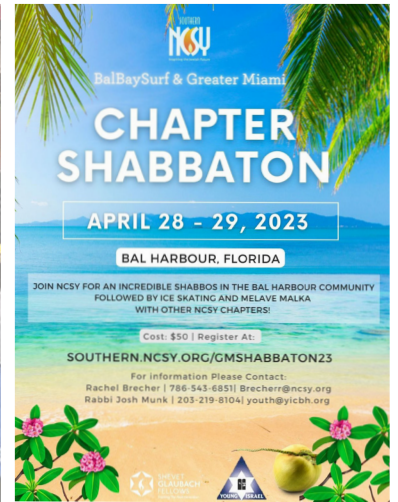
Shevet Glaubach Hollywood Fellows celebrating Purim



Orlando Shabbaton with Shevet Glaubach Fellows



# HIGHLIGHTS



Teens and Shevet Glaubach Fellows  
at Orlando Shabbaton



Ruach at winter regional



Hollywood chapter celebrating Purim  
with their Shevet Glaubach Fellows



Saturday night bonfire with Shevet Glaubach Fellows



Greater South Fellows planning and debriefing after a shabbaton