



Fellows come together with their teens at Yarchei Kallah



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SOUTHWEST NCSY GOING STRONG

***A NOTE FROM KAREN STEINBERG,
MANAGING DIRECTOR, NCSY SOUTHWEST REGION***

Southwest NCSY kicked off this year with 3 SGF communities in our region, Denver, Dallas & San Antonio.

The region has already run 5 events between each of the cities. It was especially meaningful as the first SGF weekends in Denver and Dallas this year took place on October 13, which marked the first shabbos following the Simchas Torah attacks and outbreak of war in Israel. Friday October 13 also marked a day of potential threats of global antisemitism acts. Although, bh the day passed uneventfully for Jewish communities, our shabbos events in Denver and Dallas allowed our teens a place to process the tragic situation in Israel and channel feelings of unity and Jewish pride with tremendous chizzuk from their SGF fellows.

A group of fellows also spent their first weekend visiting

San Antonio, TX in November, brining much. needed energy and excitement to the community and was followed by a chessed mission on Sunday in Galveston, TX.

The teens look forward to the SGF weekends and the time spent with the fellows. The cities of Southwest region are geographically spread out and the teens don't get to see each other often. Having a team of fellows visiting regularly offers our teens the opportunity to spend more time with the fellows, who are incredible role models in their love and excitement for their vibrant Judaism, have been the needed listening ear during these past few challenging months and have served as a vital link in the teens connections with NCSY and have helped shape the experience for them.

The Shabboses spent together, fun activities on saturday nights plus kumzitz's and Sunday chessed

SGF SPOTLIGHT ON

YARCHAI KALLAH

BY: FIRST YEAR FELLOW, MORDY GREENLAND

FROM CHICAGO, IL | ASSIGNED TO MIDWEST REGION



I've been coming to Yarchei Kallah since I was in highschool, and NCSY shabbatons for even longer. I've always had the same routines at a shabbaton, experiencing what I want to from a distance. I've always kept my distance from connecting with ncsyers, staff, or even the other kids my age there. I've always been there with family and friends, that's all I needed. Or at least all I thought I needed. After a long, hard worked semester, I was offered the opportunity to come to Yarchei Kallah. I was offered to

come with a whole new perspective I didn't even know I would have, and an experience I didn't even know I needed. Being a SGF and Midwest advisor allowed me to see the program in a whole new light. Being able to hear from incredible mentors, connect with staff members, and be present in a new way. Most of all however, the ability I had to jump at opportunities to learn with ncsyers, speak with Judah Fellows after a tisch, and connect with so many teens, is one I didn't know existed. The chizuk and inspiration I got to see teens thirsting for

more during their winter break was incredible. The tear-filled rooms after a tisch or highlight speaker all had me floored. So while this definitely wasn't my first shabbaton or even my first Yarchei Kallah, it definitely felt like a whole new experience.

***A NOTE FROM KAREN
STEINBERG (CON'T)***

activities are all part of the magic when the fellows come to town. In between events, the teens connect with their fellows through chavrusah learning.

At one of the shabbatons, a teen was going through a particularly challenging time. One of the fellows caught on that the teen was going through something and stepped in to help get the issue resolved. The teen and fellow have strengthened their connection which led to their weekly chavrusa which is still going strong.

FACES OF THE FELLOWSHIP



SHIRA KRAMER

BALTIMORE, MD

Hi! I'm Shira Kramer from Baltimore, Maryland. Currently, I am in my second year of college at Stern College for Women in New York City. After graduating, I hope to go to Law school. I am excited to be involved in the NCSY Shevet Glaubach Fellowship as a fellow in Atlantic Seboard region. I love learning and inspiring the our teens and building meaningful relationships with them and the community.



JOSHUA LIEBERMAN

WOODMERE, NY

Hi! My name is Joshua Lieberman and I am from Woodmere, NY. I went to DRS for high school followed by a year and a half in Mevasseret. I am currently a senior at YU majoring in Finance and minoring in Strategy and Entrepreneurship. I am looking forward to my first year as a Shevet Glaubach Fellow, I have already built a strong relationship with my teens in the Central Eas region I am excited for the opportunity to continue to have a positive impact on our teens by meeting, learning, and helping them grow.



MIKEY NEUSNER

BROOKLINE, MA

Meet Mikey Neusner from Brookline, Massachusetts! He graduated from Maimonides High School in 2021 and went on to study at Yeshivat Hakotel for the past two years. He is currently at YU studying Finance and Accounting at the Sy Syms School of Business. He is excited about the opportunities this fellowship will present me as he enjoys inspiring others and fostering meaningful connections. Mikey eagerly awaits the valuable learning experiences and enriching opportunities that lie ahead!



ARIEL LAWTON

CLEVELAND, OH

Hi. I'm Ariel Lawton, originally from Cleveland OH. I am currently studying Psychology on the OT track at Touro Lander College for Women in Manhattan. As someone who was vastly and positively impacted by NCSY as a teen, I immensely passionate about paying it forward. Being a part of the Shevet Glaubach Fellowship is yet another exciting opportunity in which to further give back to the current and future generations of NCSYers. It's no secret that Judaism revolves around a variety of relationships. This fellowship offers yet another path to interact with Jewish teens on a deeper level and enhance a more personal relationship of Ben Adam Le'Chavero.

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SGF SPOTLIGHT ON **AHAVAT YISRAEL WITH RABBI DAVID BASHEVKIN AND RABBI GIDEON BLACK**
BY: SECOND YEAR FELLOW, BRANDON MELAMED
FROM JACKSONVILLE, FL



A few weeks ago, we concluded the fall semester's fireside chats by having a virtual QnA and conversation with our esteemed NCSY rabbis, David Bashevkin and Gideon Black. They joined us this month to discuss the concept of ahavat Yisrael and connecting with all different kinds of Jews.

Each has extensive experience working with all different denominations and groups of Jews within our greater community on all levels, with Rabbi Black formerly serving as the JLIC rabbi at NYU, working with totally secular Jews as well as students who lived and learned in the Five Towns but came to campus a couple times a week for classes, and everyone in between. He is currently the CEO of New York and New Jersey NCSY, directing programming for totally unaffiliated Jews whom JSU is their "Har Sinai moment", as well as those from yeshiva day school backgrounds who grew up entirely surrounded by Torah learning and an observant lifestyle. Rabbi Bashevkin is the Director of Education for NCSY, appealing to the same wide range of high school students, as well

as the founder and host of 18Forty, a multi-platformed Jewish media company discussing all different kinds of contemporary issues affecting Jewish society, with an audience ranging from Chasidic to Yeshivish, as well as Modern Orthodox and including many other denominations as well.

One aspect of "reaching out to different kinds of Jews" is starting from within.

Rabbi Bashevkin explains how when you're in the mindset of wanting to reach out, and you get involved with reaching out, or doing kiruv, or whatever your action plan may be, it is easy to lose sight of those closest to you: the Jews who are in your neighborhood, the ones who daven in your shul, work in your workplace, and other closer family and friends. Ahavat Yisrael needs to stem from a place of local support, to people who aren't necessarily "in need", but just increasing the love in your everyday interactions.

Similarly, Rabbi Black spoke about how the root of ahavah, giving, needs to extend to all kinds of Jews, which is not easy. Not to discredit any sort of outreach, because that is a beautiful thing and tremendously important, but we must internalize that ahavat Yisrael does

not automatically equate to outreach. It may be easy for you to invite someone from a different background to your table on Shabbat, but will you go out to their community on Sunday for coffee and a lecture from their local JCC rabbi? That may be more difficult, but giving involves building real relationships where it may be most difficult.

Another important point of starting from within is knowing who other Jews are on a deeper level. It is easy to say one wants to connect with other Jews, but turning that into action means intimately knowing other Jewish communities out there and the lives of those who live within them. This means pushing yourself to gain an understanding of the backgrounds and ideologies of other communities, what they believe in and value, and what their goals are, etc., in order to be able to relate to them better. A more comprehensive understanding leads to more effective communication, ultimately pushing forth greater ahavat Yisrael as a whole.

The fireside chat ended with the fellows being able to ask Rabbi Black and Rabbi Bashevkin their own questions and hear their insight and advice for more specific topics. Overall, it was a pleasure and a privilege to be able to speak with them, and learn from their immense wisdom they have to offer from extensive background experience. We're looking forward to the next one!

HIGHLIGHTS



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 **SHEVET GLUBACH FELLOWS**
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TOPIC **AHAVAS YISROEL: REACHING OUT AND CONNECTING WITH ALL TYPES OF JEWS.**

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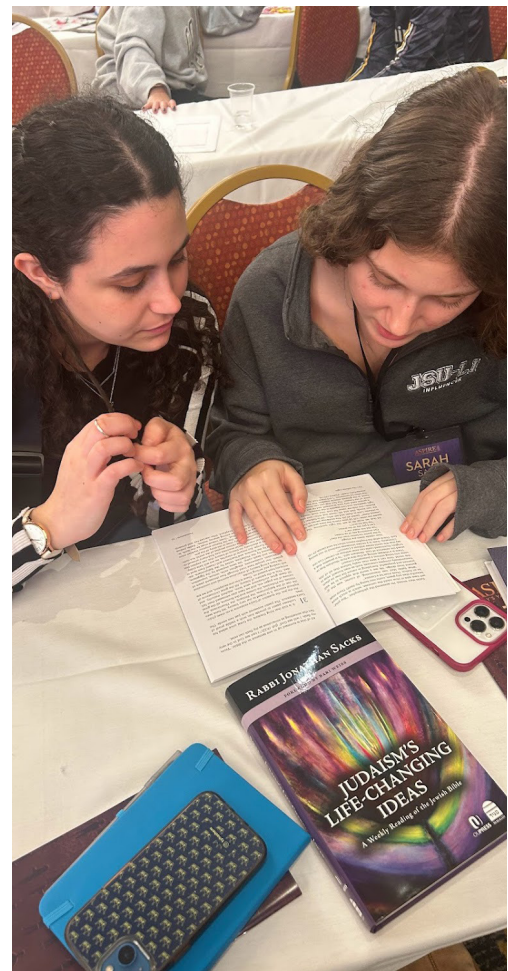
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Apple Yarchei Kallah is a five-day retreat that gives public school teens the opportunity to learn Torah during their winter break instead of going skiing or sitting on the beach. Traditional classroom learning is supplemented with group study, one-on-one learning, and late night discussions with teachers, advisors and fellow NCSYers. After a week of studying Torah, teens are imbued with a deep passion for learning more about their heritage.

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