

Northeast fellows gather together with teens from across the region for Shabbaton

### GRATEFUL FOR SHEVET GLAUBACH FELLOWSHIP

As we celebrated the holiday have. Many of our Shevet Glaubach Fellows in their of Thanksgiving earlier this Glaubach communities communities. Thank you month we reflect on how expressed how grateful for everything that you grateful we are for what we they are to have Shevet do.

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### A NOTE FROM RABBI MARK ROSE, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NCSY SOUTHERN

On August 15th, 2023, I arrived in Boca Raton, Florida as the new Regional Director of Southern NCSY. Just over a week earlier, over one hundred teens, filling three TJJ buses, returned from Israel from the Best. Summer. Ever!

There's an immediate challenge for our teens when resuming regular day to day life. How do they retain the inspiration and excitement of four incredible weeks in Israel, spent with friends and advisors, hearing from engaging speakers and touring the country? The memories are there but life is more mundane, and the inspiration begins to fade.

Thanks to the generous philanthropy of the Glaubach family, we have a powerful

remedy to this challenge. Southern NCSY has thirteen SGF nominations to engage our teens in chapters such as Boca, Miami, Jacksonville, Charleston and more, as well as specific programs such as TJJ, Olami Gap Year, Day School and Private School JSU, creating a network with over fifty Fellows! The first SGF event of the year, to continue fanning the flames of inspiration, was a TJJ follow up, Geulah Shabbaton in early September. One hundred teens from all over the region joined together in Boca Raton with a dozen SGF Fellows and staff for an inspirational reunion. The four weeks that had passed since TJJ disappeared as we sang and danced through an electric Kabbalos Shabbos. We shared stories and divrei Torah over delicious meals,

### SGF SPOTLIGHT ON COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BY: FIRST YEAR FELLOW, SHAYNA LIEBERMAN

FROM WOODMERE, NY



Shevet Glaubach Columbus Unity Shabbos Lunch An extraordinary event was held on Shabbos November 18th that deserves recognition and celebration. Students from various observant levels came together in unity, breaking down barriers and fostering a sense of togetherness during a time of uncertainty in Israel. The Joint Youth Shabbos Lunch was a testament to the power of solidarity and shared values. Ellie Lieberman. the director of Columbus NCSY, wanted to hold this shabbos in solidarity with the ongoing situation in Israel. She encouraged teens to join the lunch to fill a seat in honor of someone who cannot in Israel. Since there are those still held hostage in Gaza, she wanted to hold this event where it did not the background matter or level of observance. It was about choosing to spend shabbos in this way since there are those who are hostage not given that are the ability to observe shabbos. In a world that often emphasizes differences, this event showcased the beauty of diversity within the Columbus community. Students representing a spectrum of observant levels joined together to partake in a meaningful Shabbos experience. This event reminded us that, despite our differences, our shared passion for Judaism and Israel unites us in ways that are more profound than divisions that may exist. The Unity lunch was an astounding success with over 40 local teens in attendance. Columbus NCSY is looking forward to running more events like this in the future in order to create more connections.

### A NOTE FROM RABBI MARK ROSE (CON'T)

spent time reconnecting over shared experiences and had a climactic ebbing and Havdalah.

Hearing, seeing, and feeling the teens desire to rekindle the magic of summer and their commitment continued growth was incredible for me and reinforced our ability to inspire the Jewish future. We continue to create fun, engaging and inspirational moments, largely possible due to our teen's relationships with our dynamic SGF Fellows and maintain an ongoing calendar of learning, guidance, and support.

The tragedy on Oct 7th has created a crisis in public schools for Jewish teens facing a surge of open antisemitism and it's hard to face the challenge alone. More than ever our broad support across the region through our strong SGF network is providing our teens with support and hope for the future. Jewish people thrive as part of a community, and we are blessed to have our special SGF community indeed.

# FACES OF THE FELLOWSHIP



**BATSHEVA SHEKHTER** 

HOLLYWOOD, FL

Hi! I'm Batsheva Shekhter and I'm originally from Hollywood, FL. I spent a year learning in Israel at MMY and just started my sophomore year at Columbia University, studying Computer Science. I'm so excited to be a Shevet Glaubach Fellow this year and be able to share my love of Torah with incredible NCSYers.



**JULIA BENARROCH** 

LOS ANGELES, CA

Hi! My name is Julia Benarroch and I'm from Los Angeles, California. I am currently a junior at Stern College, where I'm studying business. This past summer I had the amazing opportunity to be an advisor on TJJ Action, a four week summer program in Israel for public school teens. It was a truly life changing experience, and opened my eyes to how inspiring the world of outreach can be. I have since become an advisor for NCSY's Northern California region, and am looking forward to a year of continued learning, growth, and inspiration. I am excited to have been given the opportunity to progress in my ability to teach Torah to teenagers at various levels of understanding and am looking forward to gaining valuable leadership skills.



**ARYEH TELLER** 

BERGENFIELD, NJ

My name is Aryeh Teller. I'm from Bergenfield, NJ. I am currently in YU studying mainly to eventually do something in business. I'm excited, through the NCSY Shevet Glaubach fellowship, to develop and cultivate leadership skills I need to help our communities in any ways possible while also impacting and learning from the future leaders of our communities, through shabbatons and other interactive events.



JACOB COHEN

SILVER SPRING, MD

Hi! My name is Coby Cohen and I'm from Silver Spring, MD. I went to Berman Hebrew Academy for high school and then spent a year and a half in Israel at Torat Shraga. I'm currently a senior at YU studying Strategy and Entrepreneurship where I then plan to enter the Semicha program. The past couple summers I have had the absolute privilege to be an advisor on TJJ ATS, where I experienced the most eye opening and life changing summers of my life. I cannot be more excited for the opportunities that Shevet Glaubuch Fellowship will offer to be able to learn, grow, and connect with teens on a deeper level.

### HIGHLIGHTS











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