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Fellows come together for Day School Shabbaton



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SHEVET GLAUBACH FELLOWS CHANGE THE GAME FOR NEW JERSEY

A NOTE FROM REUVEN LEBOVITZ, TEANECK DIRECTOR, NCSY NEW JERSEY REGION

The two SGF communities in NJ have completely changed the game for our TJJ follow up. The SGF community has allowed us to run more TJJ follow up programming than ever before. We recently implemented learning incentives for TJJ teens. The learning culminated in a celebratory dinner with the SGF fellows. Furthermore, we recently

implemented a new program called JSU Night Out, where teens and SGF fellows can spend the night out at Urban Air or snowtubing and then have chaburas together over dinner. Whether it be TJJ reunions, TJJ shabbatons, or TJJ advisor and teen meet ups, SGF has made it possible. We cannot thank the Glaubach family enough for all of the successes of NJ SGF communities.

SGF SPOTLIGHT ON

SOUTHWEST

BY: SECOND YEAR FELLOW, MOSHE BENHAMU

FROM BROOKLYN, NY



I had the privilege to be on a Southwest SHabbaton in Broken Bow, Oklahoma on January 27th. After a 3 hour bus ride from Dallas, Texas, we arrived in style at two lakeside cabins where we frantically unloaded the bus and organized the houses. In typical Southwest fashion, it was a chaotic buildup of “Whos sleeping where” and “how many mattresses are we lugging to the boys house”, before all getting together for a peaceful half hour of pictures and pre-shabbat Kugel. A musical Kabbalat Shabbat on the porch of the house signaled probably the first time any Jewish prayers were sung in Broken Bow. After a meal filled with food and diver Torah by both an advisor and the Dallas NCSY President, we began our first learning session.

Parashat Beshalach is famous for the episode of the Splitting of the Sea, but it has 5 other tough situations that B’nei Israel were presented with. The

advisors each prepared a modern day dilemma to discuss that mirrored a dilemma the Jews in the desert had to face. We had a conversation about the actual response to these dilemmas vs the proper responses. This started off in earnest the theme of the Shabbaton which was Resilience. An oneg and some games rounded out Friday night as we headed to sleep, eagerly awaiting the next day.

I awoke to the sound of French being yelled in the kitchen. Little did I know, but one of our teens is a foreign exchange student from France, while another grew up in Belgium. So there I was in Oklahoma, the heart of USA, waking up to two people speaking French about what to have for breakfast. We walked over to the girls house and prayed Shacharit outside overlooking the lake, and went inside for Musaf. It was almost like the house was built for tefillah. The songs and tunes of Musaf echoed off the walls as our voices reverberated through the house. It was really one of the most fun and inspiring tefillot I’ve had in NCSY.

We had our second advisor sessions, this one more up to the advisor to lead, and many of us spoke about the connection between Amalek in the Parsha and the current war with Hamas. The afternoon consisted of games, schmoozing, optional shiurim, and the patented, obligatory Dallas NCSY Nature Walk. Ebbing was led by Rabbi Lomner and one of the teens who has a cousin as a hostage in Gaza spoke to us about resiliency. The director of Dallas got up afterwards and shared her own story, and with emotions peaked, we cried out the song “Shema Israel” which speaks about the quest to reignite the spirit in Jewish Children after the Holocaust: A tale of resiliency like no other. After lifting our hearts and shedding quite a few tears together, we sang havdala and went to go change out of our shabbat clothes.

Motzei Shabbat was highlighted by glow-in-the-dark capture the flag in the woods, followed by a lakeside bonfire with hotdogs, smokes, guitars, and singing. The next morning kept the same atmosphere, with all of us praying outside in Hashem’s beautiful nature all together, showing the world that we are here, we are proud, we are fighting, and we are eternal.

FACES OF THE FELLOWSHIP



EDEN LIPPE

FAIR LAWN, NJ

Eden Lippe is originally from Fair Lawn, NJ and is a Junior at Stern College for Women. She is planning to major in Judaic Studies with a concentration on Jewish History and Bible, and minoring in Art and Art History. Eden is excited about the opportunities that the NCSY Shevet Glaubach Fellowship offers as she is looking forward to taking her leadership skills to the next level and make a difference.



ARI NEEDLE

PASSAIC, NJ

Ari Needle is from Passaic, New Jersey, and went to TABC for High School. Following High school he had the privilege of learning for 2 years at Yeshivat Sha'alvim in Israel. Ari is a Junior at Yeshiva University's Sy Syms School of Business. Ari has spent 5 summers collectively as a member of an NCSY summer program both in Israel and America, and views NCSY as a major part of his life. Ari is extremely excited and honored to be a Shevet Glaubach Fellow. He is most looking forward to meeting new people, building new relationships and ultimately help build the future of the Jewish People.



MO BERLIN

DETROIT, MI

Mo Berlin is a Yeshiva University student studying Finance, currently in his sophomore year of college. Mo grew up in Detroit, MI and has been actively involved in NCSY from a young age. He is looking forward to giving back to the NCSY community through the Shevet Glaubach Fellowship and is excited to get more involved in making a difference in young NCSYers lives.



SHAYNA KAHANE

MEMPHIS, TN

Shayna Kahane, from Memphis TN, is a current senior at Stern College for Women. Shayna is majoring in Political Science and plans to continue into a career in law. Shayna has been involved in NCSY since she was in 5th grade and was an active member of her region, serving as both Midwest regional president and a member of the national board during her senior year. After returning from a year and a half in Israel, Shayna quickly shifted from the role of NCSYer to advisor for the Midwest. For the past two summers Shayna has also had the privilege of working on NCSY Euro Israel, which she enjoyed greatly. Shayna is extremely excited to continue furthering her relationship with NCSYers through the Shevet Glaubach Fellowship as this will allow her to connect even more with teens and reconnect then with their Yiddishkeit.

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Considering a career with NCSY?

Set up a conversation with R. Jonathon Cohen to get a sense of opportunities with NCSY.



Rabbi Cohen has been assisting the NCSY regions in finding new talent and filling the needs of each region, especially in regard to staffing and upcoming/open positions.
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