

JEWISH BEARCATS

Chabad at UC - Center for Jewish Campus Life

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Your Impact Report
Summer 2021



Looking Ahead

Dear Friend,

As we prepare for the new students arriving, and the old students returning, we look back on the previous year with intrigue. Despite all the difficulties that so many families endured during this pandemic, we recall the words of our Sages that we must "bless the bad just as we bless the good." Covid was, in some ways, a gift. It allowed us to reevaluate our relationships, how we do things in our work on campus, and helped us get a fresh view.

Chabad at UC never closed its doors – we just made adjustments to keep meeting and supporting Jewish students while keeping them and our family safe. With dozens of students coming every Friday afternoon to pick up a piping hot, fresh Sabbath-To-Go dinner package – as well as an in-person smile and chance to talk to someone about their week – it was clear that our presence here is very much needed. And it is all thanks to YOU, who make it possible for all of it to happen.

We've made good relationships among the freshmen students, and are primed to meet this year's contingent. We are looking forward, ready for this year, for whatever comes our way.

May Hashem bless you and your families with health, success, and happiness in this coming New Year!

Rabbi Yitz & Dina Creeger

Your Raffle Tickets Will Help Us Start the Year Strong!

We are indebted to all our friends who purchased Grand Draw entries this year! Your support gave the Jewish students at UC the connection and support they needed to get through the summer, and to prepare for the new semester starting soon.

We'd like to recognize the families listed below, and the fourteen additional families that asked to remain anonymous, who purchased over 100 tickets!

Cahn	Lifshitz	Schapera
Chaikin	McCrate	Sherman
Cohen	Nadel	Shonfield
Creeger	Posner	Simpson
Estrin	Rosenberg	Tenenholtz
Fort	Rubin	Varady
Fromm	Rudolph	Weller
Gallop		
Granovetter		
Henderson		
Katz		
Korman		
Kurtzer		
Levy		



Seniors Speak!

After four years at UC, the graduating Seniors know it ALL! We asked a few of them some questions about their UC experience.

MEET THE SENIORS

Eli Goykhman hails from Boston, MA. He graduated from DAAP with a degree in Musical Theatre.

Evan Sacks-Wilner is from New Jersey, and has a degree in Tuba Performance from CCM.

Calista Falcone has a degree in Finance, and is from Cincinnati.

Nathan Gittleman graduated from CCM with a degree in Jazz Guitar, and is from Rochester, NY

Dahlia Zack comes from Sylvania, OH, and graduated with a degree in Education.



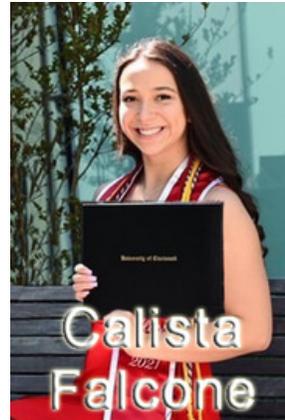
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1) *What you are most proud of that you have accomplished at UC?*

DZ: Going out of my comfort zone.

NG: Playing my senior recital was a great culmination of the things I learned over the course of the years here.

EG: College, like many parts of life, is a maturation process. I'm proud to have found and surrounded myself with people that helped me take that next, penultimate step before adulthood. Because of UC and the circles I found, I feel ready to enter the real world.

CF: Interning 5 times (4 at Kroger and 1 at GE)!

2) *What is your favorite Chabad Memory?*

DZ: Welcome Back Israel Night!

ESW: Farbrengen with Rabbi Rubashkin

NG: Either my guitar/tuba nigun/jam session in the sukkah with Evan, or hearing Mendel read Torah for the first time.

CF: Rosh Hashana service.

EG: Yom Kippur Musaf always makes me giggle. Just a bunch of hungry Jews praying (literally) to get to the finish line!

3) *Plans for next year?*

CF: Full time job at Kroger in internal audit.

EG: Move to Manhattan, begin a career as an aspiring artist, and see where life takes us!

NG: I'm going to play a lot of gigs, sell some art, and get to find myself now that I'm out of school.

ESW: Gap year in Northern California

DZ: Teaching elementary school in Cincinnati

4) *Advice for Freshmen?*

DZ: It's ok to mistakes - you will grow from them!

ESW: Make a lot of friends and keep them close. They will be there for you.

NG: surround yourself with people that make you happy, do things that make you happy, progress isn't possible without change

EG: Don't change yourself. You are enough right now as you are. Strive to grow into the best version of yourself, and surround yourself with the right people who will help you along the way.

CF: Join clubs and don't be afraid to ask people to join you.



Left:
Sarah gets her Passover Seder-To-Go package!

Right:
Delivery of piping hot chicken soup for Anna who wasn't feeling well that day.

5) Favorite study spot and hang out spot on campus?

DZ: Rohs Street Cafe, just off campus.

ESW: I did my studying in Memorial Hall in CCM. Hang out spot would have to be the ping-pong table in Scioto.

NG: CCM Library

EG: My living room! :)

CF: The 86

6) What would you do differently if you could do college all over again?

DZ: Join more clubs. Push myself more during freshman year

ESW: I would take classes that would help me more in the future.

NG: I'd invest less time into unfulfilling relationships and activities. The rabbi once said, anything you do you should be able to bless – and I agree.

EG: Take advantage of all Cincinnati has to offer. "Hang out" more in the city, off campus!

CF: Run for a leadership position in a club or organization

7) What was your first Chabad at UC event, and why did you go?

DZ: I met Dina at the Freshmen student activity fair, and she knew Miri Gourarie, the Chabad Rebbetzin at my sister's school! Then I went to the Welcome Back Israel Social.

ESW: Shabbat 180 when I auditioned for CCM. I've been around Chabad my whole life, so I kind of just gravitated there.

NG: I went to Rosh Hashanah, because that was my first High Holidays away from my folks, and was looking for a place to celebrate.

EG: Honestly couldn't remember! (It was Rosh Hashanah dinner – Rabbi Yitz)

CF: Finals week care package – great way to slowly get involved!

8) What are you going to miss most about Chabad at UC?

ESW: Chilling post-bentching talking about anything and everything.

NG: Dina's cooking and wisdom, the rabbi's wit and wisdom, the boys will always hold a place in my heart.

EG: The family dynamic. Just like any Chabad, the moment you step through the door, you're received as any other person who's been there a million times.

CF: Shabbat dinner

9) What does Chabad at UC mean to you?

ESW: Chabad at UC is a place where I can ask any question about life or faith and get a completely up front and honest answer.

NG: Chabad is a place where I feel welcome as I am, and it's a place for me to be Jewish, a place for me to learn, and a place where I can challenge my own beliefs and raise my own challenges without the pressure or tension that usually comes with those things.

CF: Chabad is a community of people with similar values that creates a sense of belonging.

EG: A home away from home. Simple as that!



The visits and reunions with our alumni from years past is our favorite part of summer! Thanks to you, we are able to keep in touch and continue to play a role in the lives of those who have moved on to the next chapter of their lives.

MAZ&L TOV!

Little Jewish Bearcats from our dear alumni!

- Tai (Aharon) Rhoads (Malof)
- Daphne Pinchak

Your Nachas continues...



How you provide a home away from home

ALAN FRANK

Shavuah Tov, Rabbi Yitzi and Rebbetzin Dina:

What an experience. An octogenerian being welcomed into the home and lives of a young family and treated like a king. Wow. And learning Torah! Can't get any better.

It won't be easy to get back to Cincy soon, but at the first hint of a an opportunity, even a false opportunity, like a rainy day in Columbus when my family gets busy elsewhere.

...You probably hear this from every guest but for sure, it does not wear out. You, Rabbi and Rebbetzin, are special. You make instant friendships where others accommodate. You make a visit a delight where others may barely tolerate. Boruch Hashem.

I look forward to future visits and meetings and joy with you and your family.

Shalom,
Avraham



Alan was a guest in our home for a couple days during the summer while he supported his grandson who was playing in a very important high-school baseball tournament. He was privileged to enjoy the same welcoming and warm hospitality that we offer the UC students!

How you've helped me, and why I give to Chabad

ROBBY MALOF

Chabad at UC gave me a second home where I could be myself. The Creeger family was always so supportive of me in my academics, athletic career, business ventures, and more. Most importantly, Chabad at UC gave me a better relationship with my Judaism and G-d. The Creegers were always great at educating me in all aspects of Judaism along with always being there when I needed them most. I can't say enough good things about Chabad at UC! They have truly helped sculpt me into the person I am today!

Robby Malof "The Hebrew Heartthrob" met Rabbi Yitzi ten years ago while a student at UC, when he came to Chabad to talk about his experiences as a Jew in mixed martial arts (MMA). Since then he's gone on to be a top-ranked black belt in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu in the world, and has been running his hugely succesful BJJ, MMA and fitness training gym. It's just marked seven years, and recently moved into a new, larger location. See www.limitlessbjj.com for more info.



Robby wrapped tefillin and put up new Mezuzahs as soon as he closed on the purchase of his new location.



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YES! I want to make sure that Jewish students have a warm and welcoming home at UC.

- \$180 - Sponsors a class on a Jewish topic
- \$250 - Sponsors a fun craft project or social event
- \$360 - Sponsors a Shabbat dinner for UC students
- Any** amount is helpful and greatly appreciated!



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