



YOUR FAMILY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

What's Inside:

NORTHSHORE PEGISHA

An Inaugural Retreat That Exceeded Expectations

WISDOM FOR LIFE

Timeless Values Meet Real-World Experience at JewishU

MORE THAN A MEAL

Creating a Home Away From Home on Campus

“Shabbat at Chabad is my favorite part of the week.”



NORTHSHORE PEGISHA:

A NEW LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



The annual Pegisha Shabbaton in New York City is a highly anticipated event that a select group of students participate in each year. It is a powerful weekend of Jewish connection and inspiration with thousands of Jewish students from around the world. We've seen firsthand the impact Pegisha has on our students. For years, we've dreamt of building on that energy by creating a similarly immersive experience in a more intimate setting, allowing Jewish Gophers to step away, think deeply, and grow together.

That vision became a reality this year. On a cozy weekend in February,

28 deeply engaged students participated in the first-ever Northshore Pegisha,

an immersive retreat for Jewish Gophers focused on reflection, growth, and genuine connection at a beautiful resort.

Northshore Pegisha was not just a getaway from campus, it was an intentional pause. Removed from the pace and pressures of university life, students were able to reflect, connect, and engage in important conversations about their goals and visions for their futures. The result was a powerful environment where ideas could be explored honestly and relationships could deepen naturally.

A central highlight of the weekend was the opportunity to learn from featured guest speaker Rabbi Simcha Weinstein, alongside Leigh Bojan, a University of Minnesota alumnus and advisory board member. Through formal sessions and informal conversations, students were encouraged to think critically and personally about Jewish identity, responsibility, and what it means to live proudly and intentionally as a Jew in today's world.

Their words didn't remain theoretical; they sparked real dialogue that continued late into the night.

Equally powerful were the informal moments and activities. Whether ice skating, gathering around a bonfire, or talking in small groups, students built real friendships and a deeper sense of belonging. These shared experiences helped turn ideas into something personal and lasting.

For many participants, Northshore Pegisha marked a turning point, a moment to consider how Judaism can become an active, guiding force in their lives moving forward.

These immersive experiences leave a lasting imprint, strengthening Jewish identity today and building the foundation for tomorrow's Jewish leaders.

18 Pegisha

28 Northshore Pegisha

38 Other Immersive Program

Israel Learning Program,
Birthright Trip, JLI Retreat

FROM CAMPUS LEADERS TO Community Builders



13 Student Board Members

15 Board Meetings

At the heart of Chabad at the University of Minnesota is a core group of students who don't just participate, they lead. This year, 13 students served on the Chabad Leadership Board, including three freshmen already stepping into meaningful roles and shaping the future of Jewish life on campus.

The Leadership Board is responsible for turning vision into action. Members plan Shabbat experiences and campus events, ensuring they are both relevant and exciting while aligning with the organization's broader mission and goals.

From ideation to execution, students take ownership over creating programming that resonates with their peers and strengthens the Jewish community.

Just as important is their role in building that community. Board members actively recruit and engage new students, with a particular focus on welcoming freshmen and helping them find their place. Their peer-to-peer outreach creates a warm, authentic entry point that makes involvement feel natural and meaningful.

Leadership also means showing up when it matters most.

Following a recent antisemitic protest in response to an IDF speaker, the sidewalk in front of Chabad was covered with hateful messages written in chalk.

The board members took the initiative to reclaim the space by covering the negativity with bright illustrations and positive, affirming words.

Their actions sent a clear message of resilience, pride, and unity to Jewish Gophers and the entire campus community. Furthermore, this year's presidents met directly with University administration in response to incidents of antisemitism on campus. They advocated for their peers, ensured Jewish student voices were heard, and helped shape a stronger, more responsive campus environment.

Through their service and dedication, our student leaders are not only supporting Jewish life today, they are developing the confidence, responsibility, and skills that will guide them long after graduation.

The Chabad Leadership Board is more than a student committee; it is a training ground for the next generation of Jewish leaders.



More than a

Meal



1150

Shabbat Meals
Served

For many students, Shabbat at Chabad is where the week slows down and meaningful connection begins. Each week, around 100 Jewish Gophers gather around the table for a home-cooked meal, meaningful conversation, and the kind of atmosphere that turns acquaintances into close friends.



26

Shabbat Dinners
Hosted

Whether it's a themed evening like Israel Shabbat, Sushi Shabbat, or Formal Shabbat, or a larger community-wide Mega Shabbat, the feeling remains the same: warm, welcoming, and deeply personal. New students are quickly brought into the fold, familiar faces return week after week, and what begins around the dinner table often grows into lasting friendships and community.

a balancing **ACT**

Flips, Faith, and Friday Nights

Lacie Saltzman, 2029

Growing up as an elite gymnast, so much of my life revolved around training, competition, and pushing myself to meet high expectations. Between nearly thirty hours of training each week and a rigorous academic schedule, it was often difficult to find time for Jewish life. That's why coming to the University of Minnesota and finding Chabad became so meaningful to me.

When I was looking at colleges, one of my non-negotiables was having a strong Jewish community. I wanted somewhere that felt like home. A place where I could build relationships that would last far beyond my years as an athlete. Going to Shabbat and other events at Chabad has allowed me to form connections with other Jewish students and continue growing in my faith.

Even with the demands of a Division I gymnastics schedule, Shabbat at Chabad quickly became one of my favorite parts of the week.

I was fortunate to attend most Shabbats during the fall and several during the spring amidst our travel schedule, and each one felt special. Chavi and Yitzi are so intentional about getting to know every student, and I think that is a huge part of why Chabad feels so much like a home away from home and a second family.



Part of what makes Chabad a true home away from home is the way students' milestones are celebrated. During our monthly Birthday Shabbat, students are recognized with cake, a l'chaim, and the reminder that even while away at school, they are part of a community that genuinely cares about them. Many parents choose to sponsor these Shabbat dinners as a meaningful way to celebrate their children from afar while supporting the broader Jewish student community that has become their second home.

More than a weekly meal, Shabbat at Chabad gives students consistency, belonging, and a place where they feel known and cared for throughout the year.

One of my favorite Shabbat memories came during competition season after our team qualified for the NCAA Championships. Earlier in the year, we had made that our goal at our team retreat, and accomplishing it together felt incredibly meaningful.

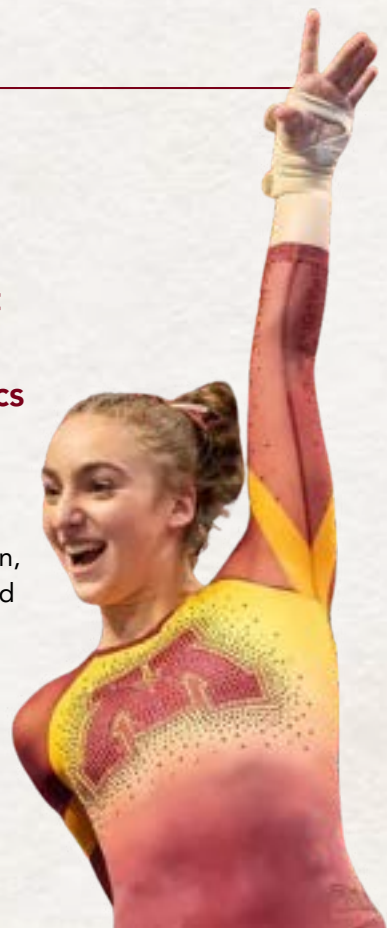
Standing up at Shabbat and giving a l'chaim for the first time since coming to the U to celebrate our team's success was a moment I'll never forget.

It reminded me that success comes from intentionality, repetition, and refusing to quit in the face of adversity.

For me, Shabbat has become a time to step away from the pressure of being both an athlete and a student and lean into my faith and community. It gives me a chance to reset, reflect, and foster relationships that ground me throughout the week.

I hope to inspire younger Jewish athletes and show them that you do not have to sacrifice academics for athletics or vice versa.

Being part of a strong team, pursuing a rigorous education, and staying deeply connected to my Jewish identity are all possible, and Shabbat at Chabad has played such an important role in helping me maintain that balance.



Wisdom *for life*

This year, students had the opportunity to learn from community leader Steve Lear through a course titled “Mastering Finances: Jewishly!” Thirteen students explored how Jewish values shape the way we earn, spend, save, and give, applying timeless wisdom to real-life financial decisions they are already beginning to face.

What made the course especially impactful was its practicality. Students weren’t just learning concepts; they were engaging with questions that will shape their futures: how to make responsible choices, how to give thoughtfully, and how to align financial decisions with personal values. The result was a learning experience that felt both grounded and deeply relevant.

The success of this program highlighted something even bigger: students are eager to learn not only from texts, but from people who are living these values in real time.

In response, Chabad is developing a broader lecture series that will bring experts from the Minneapolis Jewish community to campus, creating opportunities for students to access real-world wisdom, mentorship, and guidance.

This approach ensures that Jewish learning doesn’t remain abstract.

When students engage with mentors and role models, ideas become actionable, values become visible, and learning becomes practical.

Through these connections, Jewish learning becomes not just something students study, but something they see, experience, and ultimately live.

48

JewishU Participants

95

Course Registrations

10

JewishU Courses Offered



Learning from Leaders in Our Community

Aviva Fisher

Student, 2029
JewishU Participant

I first joined JewishU because I wanted an opportunity to learn more about Judaism and explore topics I hadn't really had the chance to before. The timing worked out perfectly, and I loved that the credits I earned could go toward a trip to Israel. Having spent a gap year there and visited several times, Israel is a place I feel deeply connected to, and the opportunity to help make another trip possible made the experience even more meaningful and motivating for me.

Since then, I've taken six different JewishU courses, and what kept me coming back was how much I genuinely got out of every class.

Beyond the actual learning, JewishU helped me build really meaningful relationships with Chavi and Yitzi and gave me a strong sense of community and support.

I also loved how interactive the classes were — especially the cooking class, where we learned about Jewish holidays and traditions while making dishes to bring home.

JewishU impacted my life in ways I never expected.

I met one of my best friends through a class, learned practical life skills like starting a Roth IRA, discovered meaningful mindfulness practices, and gained recipes and traditions I've been able to share with my family. Most exciting of all, the program is helping make my trip to Israel possible this summer.

I know that when I visit Israel, I'll experience it from a completely different perspective because of everything I've learned.



JewishU didn't just teach me information — it gave me experiences, relationships, and lessons that will stay with me long after graduation.

Steve Lear

Financial Educator and
Founder of SteveLear.org
Guest Instructor for
“Mastering Finances:
Jewishly!”

I have been a financial planner since 1980 and have had more than 40,000 meetings with people of all ages about money. Over the years, I have seen both the joy and the hardship that money can create, and I would like there to be more joy. The best place to start is by helping young people understand money and develop a healthier relationship with it.

What made this course especially meaningful was the opportunity to incorporate Jewish philosophy, ethics, and teachings into conversations about finances. It is amazing how much Jewish wisdom addresses financial behavior, generosity, responsibility, and decision-making. Because the class met over four weeks, I also had the chance to get to know many of the students.

They were highly curious, thoughtful, and genuinely engaged in the discussions.

I believe exploring finances with college students is especially important because they are much closer to facing major financial decisions.

My hope was to reduce some of their anxiety around money by helping them understand that financial life is a long-term game, not something determined by what happens next week. I wanted students to see the importance of starting early, even with small amounts of savings, and of aligning their skills, talents, and motivation as they enter their 20s.

One of the most encouraging things about this group was that they seemed to understand that current actions have future consequences. We spoke about debt, building value, preparing for meaningful careers and family life, and even



practiced the important skill of learning how to say no in ways that strengthen relationships rather than weaken them.

To those who took the time to attend the classes: thank you. You taught me as much as I hope I taught you.

EDUCATION



640 Torah Class Attendance



81 1:1 Torah Sessions



31 Sinai Scholars



JEWISH HOLIDAYS



148 High Holiday Meals & Services



60 Purim Party



125 Meals in the Sukkah



92 Seder Meals



50 Chanukah Party



208 Kosher for Passover Meal Plan Meals



JEWISH PRIDE



208 Unique Students Engaged



18 Social Events



167 Attendance at Cafe Chabad



84 Attendance at Women's Events



WHAT'S AHEAD

We've been working closely with the University administration to offer a Jewish roommate matching program, and are excited to announce the impending launch of Living L'Chaim, a Jewish Living Learning Community (LLC). LLCs group students who share similar interests and goals in a dedicated area of a student housing building. There is no additional cost for participating in an LLC program!

Beyond making the transition to college smoother and more comfortable, we hope this initiative will help position the University of Minnesota as an even more desirable destination for Jewish students seeking both community and connection from day one.



A HOME AWAY FROM HOME:

ONE FAMILY'S CHABAD STORY

DANIEL SHERTOK,
PARENT, 2027

49

Current Chai
Club Members

\$6,619.45

Monthly Income
From Chai Club

\$79,433.40

Annual Income
From Chai Club

When our son Asher packed his bags for the University of Minnesota, we felt the familiar mix of pride and apprehension that every parent knows. Asher had grown up Orthodox, deeply rooted in his faith and community. Yet he had followed a different path than many of his peers, choosing to attend a public high school and then the University of Minnesota, driven by a passion for science that he knew required a broader academic environment. We were confident in his intellect and his drive. What we wondered about was whether he would find his place—spiritually, socially, and communally—on a large public campus. We shouldn't have worried. He found Rabbi Yitzi and Chavi Steiner.

His involvement at Chabad grew quickly. Sophomore year, he moved into the Chabad House itself—an experience he describes as transformative.

Living in that environment, surrounded by the rhythm of Jewish life and the constant energy of students from across the country and around the world, shaped him in ways no classroom could.

Now entering his senior year, he serves on the Chabad board, attends meals there several times a week, and has become one of the most engaged student leaders.

This past winter, my wife Heidi had the opportunity to speak at Chabad, sharing her unique journey as an Orthodox Jewish romance writer. It also gave us the chance to experience a full Shabbat there as a family. What we witnessed stayed with us.

Students from every corner of campus gathered around the table. Conversations about faith, identity, and the future continued long after the meal ended.



Rabbi Yitzi has a rare gift for making every person feel seen and valued, while Chavi creates an atmosphere of genuine beauty and joy. Together, they have built a space where students don't just participate, they belong.

That sense of belonging was tested this past spring when a protest was organized outside the Chabad House. Asher found himself front and center in responding, in a moment that went viral on social media. The values Chabad had helped nurture in him—Jewish pride, responsibility to community, and the courage to stand up when it matters—were on full display.

That is why we became monthly donors to Chabad on Campus. Chabad provides something no University department or campus program can replicate: a living, breathing Jewish home.

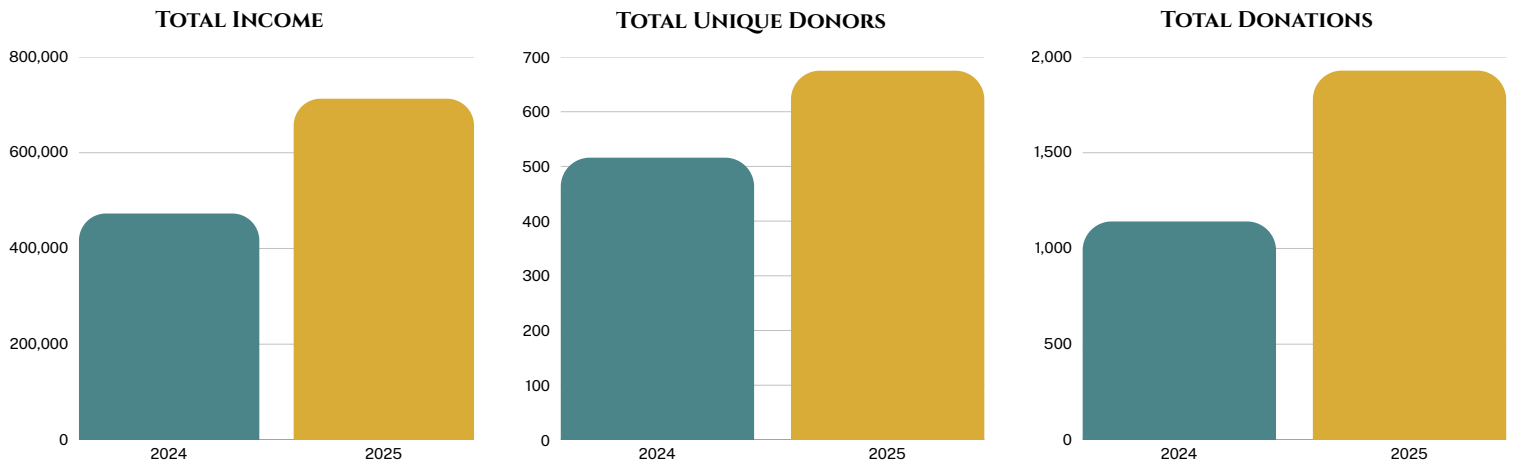
Whether a student arrives deeply connected to Judaism or is discovering it for the first time, Chabad meets them where they are. For our family, Chabad has been one of the most meaningful parts of Asher's college experience. We are grateful to play a small role in helping keep that door open for others.

Donor Category	Number of Donors	Total Monthly Contribution
Alumni	35	\$3,692.29
Current or Alumni Family & Community	14	\$3,436

SCAN HERE TO SEE A LIST OF CURRENT CHAI CLUB MEMBERS OR TO JOIN!



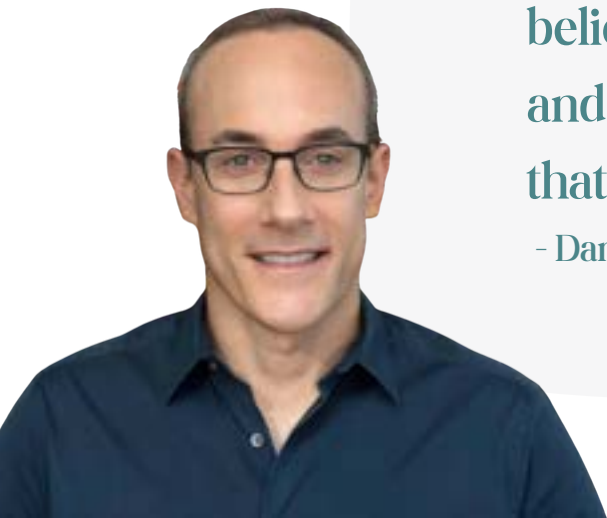
FINANCIAL



“

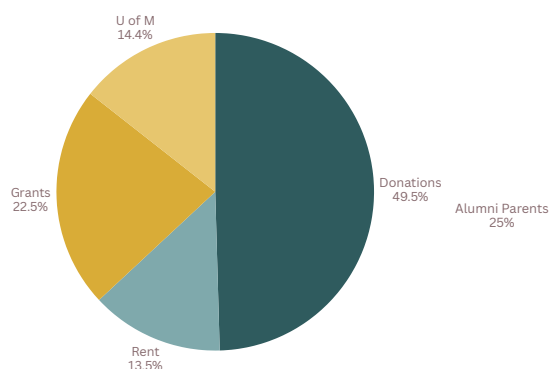
American Jews should spend less time believing they can eliminate antisemitism and more time investing in the institutions that produce strong Jewish identity.

- Dan Senor in his 2026 State of World Jewry Address

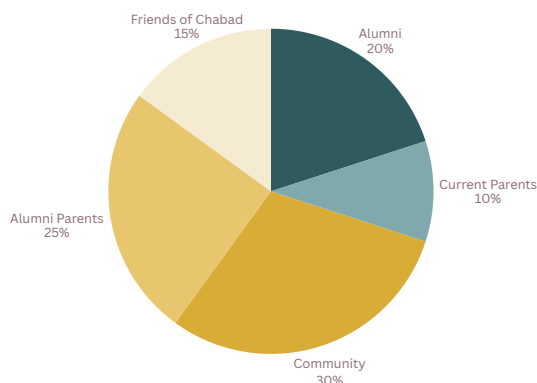


SNAPSHOT

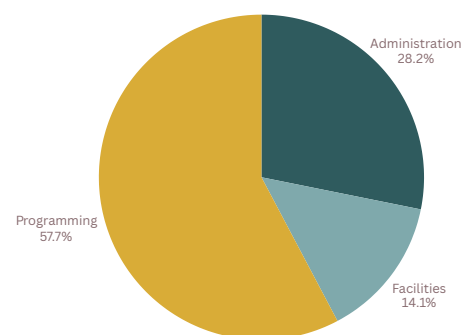
DONATION + INCOME SOURCES



GIFT BY DONOR



ANNUAL BUDGET



“

Chabad at the University of Minnesota gives Jewish students what they need most: a safe Jewish home, a supportive community, and a sense of belonging. Now more than ever, we need your support to continue this vital work.

- Rabbi Yitzi Steiner, Co-Director, Chabad U of M

Students need your support
now more than ever.
Scan here to make a donation!



Thank you to our

Donors from January 2025-April 2026

Elmurad Abbasov
Daniel Abrams
Mike and Sally Abrams
Eden Abramson
Jon Ackerman
Max Ackerman
Stacy and Lawrence Ackerman
Nina Afremov
Craig and Aarah Aizman
Ian and Maddy Aizman
Jennifer and Tony Ajsenberg
Dmitriy and Anna Akerman
Emily Akerman
Sophie Akerman
Michelle and Michael Alberts
Rabbi Tzvi Altein
Jordana Altman
Benjamin and Megan Amnuel
LeeAnn and Cliff Ancier
Mark Appelbaum
Noa Appelsies
Rick Appelsies
Paul and Claire Applebaum
Harold and Sharon Arkoff
Esti and Michael Atlas
Solomon and Susan Awend
Barbara Bach
Bryan and Nina Badzin
Dr. David Bahn and Vivien Bacaner
Sara Bajkowski
Jacob Bakalinsky
Steven Baker
Steve and Wendy Baldinger
Rachel and Jeffery Ballard
David and Naomi Balto
Gary and Shoshana Barannikov*
Rafael Barash
Stan and Amy Baratz
Bob and Linda Barrows
Robert and Gaby Bartlov*
Paula Barton
Neville and Michelle Basman
Allan Baumgarten and Marilyn Levi-Baumgarten
David Begelman
Alexandra Beizan-Diaz
Gayle Beltrand Travis
Eyal Ben-Ari and Dana Miller
Linda Benjamin
Nathalie Benjamin
Yisrael Bennish
Pearl Berdass
Jake and Larissa Berenberg
Joanna Berens
Bonnie Berezovsky
Randal and Alaina Berger
Romi Berger
Daniel Berglund
Diana and John Bergren
Jeffrey and Sharon Bergstein
Renee Bergstein
Debbie Berk
Jackie and Peter Berk
Roman Berkovich
Ian Berkowitz
Gary Berman
Harold and Lillian Berman
Mindy Berman
Rachel Bernstein
Heshy Biegeleisen
Jacob Biel
Susan Big
Michael Birman
Brad Birnberg and Stacy Pinck
Tom and Erin Bix-Boschwitz
Eugene and Haley Blacker
Robert and Alice Blass
Samuel Blass
Daniel and Efrat Blaukopf-Kraz
Sivan and Alan Blonz
Jodie Boderman
Leigh Bojan
Steven and Shawn Bojan
Stuart and Sue Ellen Borken
David Boschwitz
Jill and Dan Boschwitz
Justin and Megan Boschwitz
Ken Boschwitz
Rudy and Ellen Boschwitz
Stephen Boxer and Lisa M Boxer

Naomi Breazeale
Dr. Nesanel Breningstall
Nancy and John Brennan
Mendl Brikman
Aleksandra Brodskaya and Nachum Bolofsky*
David and Amy Brody
Robin Brody
Amir and Stephanie Bronstein
Paula and Jay Broutman
Melissa Brown
Jane Buchbinder
Yaakov Buchbinder
Noah Bulgatz
Brendan Byrne
Steve Caller
Deb Campbell
Nadav Cassuto and Melody Jacobs-Cassuto
Sigalit Cassuto
Dr. Bruce Center
Jeremy Chacich
Ruby Chazin*
Alan and Carmella Chazin
Amy Chazin
Orrie and Valeria Chazin
Stuart Chazin
Jon Cherney
Margolis and Dmitriy Chester*
Daniel Chiat
Matt Chodosh and Liza Apothaker Chodosh
Mark and Patty Chodosh
Matthew Cleary
Jim Cohen
Mark Cohen
Scott and Beth Cohen
Sean Cohen
Yaffa Cohen Appelbaum
Herbert Cohn and Cara Helper
Jennifer Coin
Maddox Comito
Laura and Scott Condon
Shana Craven
Mia Cytron
Todd and Amy Cytron
Shahar Dahan
Mindy and Ezra Daichtman
Isaac Davel
Jen Davel
Marc Davis
Max Davis
Tom and Gail Davis
Rachel Davison
Lev Davtyan
Boris and Judi Dinets
Barry Divine
Sergey and Natalia Dobkin
Jeremy Doman
Lizzie Doman
Professor Max Donath
Jon and Melissa Dorf
Ilana Dorfman
Sholom Dorfman
Michael and Samantha Doroff
Vladimir and Galina Dreytser
Julia Druck*
Marylee and Paul Druck
Jennifer Dubanksy
Christian Dube
Shmuel and Shaina Dukes*
Claire Dunford
Jonathan and Pam Dworsky
Jan Dyer
Jennifer Ebner
Esther Edelstein-Mazor
Michael Edidin*
Karen Einisman
Yosef Eizicovics
Steven Elkin
ELMAR Family Foundation
Gerard Engelen
Rita Erickson
Rabbi Abraham Ettedgui and Linda Brody
Bonnie Evidon
Michael Falck
Mike and Tanya Farber
Ron and Samantha Feingold
Rabbi Mendel and Nechoa Dina Feller
Tzemach and Mushky Feller
Pinny and Klara Fershtman
Michael and Hannah Filkins
Jeremiah Finaly

Tamir and Wei Finaly
Ronald and Gigi Fingerhut
Bruce Fink
Alex and Dani Fisher
Jack and Amy Fiterman
Mike and Linda Fiterman
Ted and Jackie Flaum
Adam Fleishman
Brad and Emily Frank
Byron and Shirley Frank
Harry Frankman
Olga and Lev Frayman
Julie and James Friedman
Mottel Friedman
Bradley and Lori Fritz
Jim and Maida Fruen
Maya Funk
Roman Gadaskin
Gelly Garay-Triviski
Miriam Garland
Todd and Amy Geller
Jackie Gendler
Josh Gepner
Pablo Gernalnik
David and Nala Gerbuz
Liza Gerbuz
Michael and Ella Gerbuz
Rafi and Alla Geretz
Roza Gersh
David Getzkin
Nancy and Jeff Getzkin
John and Alice Ghermezian
Rabbi Eliyahu and Ayla Gilbert Burke*
Shay Gilbert Burke*
David and Darcy Gilbert Burke
Izabelle Gilbert Burke
Aaron Girson
Rabbi Yanky and Zlata Gitlin
Phil Glauben
Thomas Glick
Susan Glickstein
Moishe and Miriam Glikin*
Igor and Yana Glikin
Mark and Debbie Glotter
Eddie and Natalie Glzman
Bill and Julie Goetzler
Benjamin Goffman
Robert and Rebecca Goffman
Dr. Ellice Goldberg
Matt Goldberg
Susanna and James Goldberg
Andrea and Mitch Goldberger*
Matthew Goldberger
Max Goldberger
Daniel Goldenberg
Harold and Cynthia Goldfine
Aaron Goldman
Jeff and Beth Goldman
Marilyn Goldman
Mark and Fran Goldner
Aaron Goldstein
Ben and Taryn Goldstein
JoAnn Goldstein
Slava Goldstein
Lauren Goodman
Michael and Miriam Goodman
Nikki and Brian Gordon
David and Dani Gotlieb
Ted and Patrice Gotsch
Chuck Greenberg and Elizabeth Nager
Heidi Greenberg
Marina and Joey Greenberg
Libby Greenblatt
Victor and Melanie Greenstein
Sondra Greer
Barbara Greyson
Alla Grig
Vitaly Grinshpun and Alla Kushnir
Natalie Grinshpun
Tammy Grodnick
Danny Gross
Levi Grossbaum
Rabbi Motti and Rivkie Grossbaum
Sholom Grossbaum
Marc Grossfield and Jordana Green
Bruchie Grossman
Angie Grove
Holly Guncheon
Susan and Todd Gurstel
Vadim and Olga Gurvich

Ashley Halbach
Jacob and Maxine Handelman
Rachel Hari
Evan Harris
Jess and Judi Harris
Judy Harris
Igor and Natalie Haskin
Vika Hebb
Kyle and Jackie Heisler*
Yosef and Renee Heisler
Ari Helfand
Lisa and David Helfand
Martin Helfand
Chava Herman
Jeff Herman
Saar Hillel
Dr. Merle Hillman
Don Hirsch
Elizabeth Hirsch
Bonnie Holz
Michael and Susan Horovitz
Ann and Ben Imig
Alan and Evelyn Ingber
Pam Irgang*
Carol and Michael Irgang
Stephanie and Alexander Iskhakov*
Sonya Ivanov
Kristin Izenstark
Ian Jacobi
Sarah Jacobs
William Jacobs and Gail Klearman
Amy Jacobson
Eli and Mirell Jaffa
Laurie Jaffa
Mendel Jaffe
Shmuli and Sara Jaffe
Jennifer James
Sydney Jensen
Patrick Johnson
Scott and Sally Johnson
Sheila Johnson
Lynn & Gloria Johnson Family Foundation
Lorien Jonas
Sharon and Kenneth Kadet
Valerie and Amit Kadosh
Jake and Alaina Kaganovich*
Dr. Stan and Jeanne Kagin
Tziporah Leah and Mordechai Kalatsky
Steve Kalin and Lisa Doty
Dr. Mort and Merle Kane
Danny and Lauren Kaplan
Robert and Stefanie Karon
Yosef Katsev
Jennifer Katz
Marvin Kauffman
Howard and Patricia Kaufman
Howard Kaufman
Jason and Amy Kaufman
Grace Kays
Barry and Nancy Kelner
Wendy and Nisso Khabie
Svetlana Khaletskaya
Mikhail Khavkin and Ella Khaymzon
Elena Khazatsky
Cyrille Kieffer
Lenore Kimmel
Danny and Rachel Kladnitsky
Steve and Mimi Klane
Dan and Nancy Klausner
Lauren and Ben Klayman
Michael Kleschitsky and Mila Zaslavsky
Mark Kleschitsky
Sheya Knobloch and Shaina Weiss
Yaakov Knobloch
Gary and Debbie Kohler
Allyson Kolpas*
Sidney Konikoff
Daniel and Betty Korb
Shelley Kornblum
Yuli Kornblum
Mikhail and Elena Kosiborod
Angela and Konstantin Kotovsky
Konstantin Kotovsky
Uri Kotovsky
Edward Kovnar and Linda Rabinowitz
David and Daniella Koyrak*
Heidi Kramer
Natalie and Igor Kravchenko
Professor Ron and Shira Krebs
Suzy and Brian Krelitz

generous donors!

David and Cristiana Kristal
Julian Kritz
Anna Krol
Jonathan Kroll
Rachel Krug
Dr. Gary and Dr. Barbara Krupp
Simona Kudishevich
Elyse and Michael Kunick
Debbie Kusnetz
Daniel Kutoff
Jonathan and Becca Kvasnik
Steven and Nicole Ladin
Robin Landy
Brendon Lasinker*
Miya Latz
Joellyn and Jerry Laurie
Briana Lavintman and Jesse Duchon
Josh Lazar*
Danielle and Jay Lazar
Nancy Lazar
Steve Lear
Ed and Stephanie Lefkowitz*
Aaron Lefkowitz
Bruce and Liz Lefkowitz
Cari Lefkowitz
Ella Lefkowitz
Shoshana Lefkowitz
Eli Lehn
Andrew Leibman
Shai Leibovich and Sharona Segal-Leibovich
Arlene Leibovich
Audrey Lensmire
Gregory Lerman
Heidi Lerman
Jason Lerman
Charlotte Lerner
Laura Leventhal
Steven Leventhal
Dennis Levin
Justin Levin
Laurence Levin
Jake and Lucy Levine*
Hannah Levine
Howard Levine
Alter Levitin
Joel and Tzivia Leviton
Shari Levitt
Michelle Lichtig
Brian and Kim Liebo
Joel and Carrie Liffand
Tom Lipschultz
Henrique Lispector
Jeff Liss
Eli Livon
Josh Livon
Jodi Livon Rein and Jason Rein
Louis and Rosie Livon-Bemel*
Jason and Aryel Londer
Bridget Long
Joleen Long
Steven and Dee Lossef
Ann and Michael Luban
Sarah and Andrew Lynch
Judy Lynn
Harmon Lyons and Melissa Singer
Gennady and Vera Lyubeznik
Karen and Ronen Malka
Tanya Malleon
Joel and Peggy Mandel
Orkhan Mardanov
Ava Martin
Pamela and Tony Martin
Saul Mashaaal Z"L
Ron and Karen Matz
Peter Mayo
Adam Mazor
Barbara Mazor
Tanya Mazor-Posner
Jacob Meier
Sophie Meier
Mark and Sara Mekler
Wyatt Mekler
Valerie Merman
Jill Michel
Irina and Tony Miech
Adam Mikell
Michael Miller
C and C Milworn*
Joseph Milworn*
Sury Milworn

Alexander Minn*
Pamela Minore
Matthew and Melissa Minowitz*
Lazer Mishuloven
Tony and Amy Moldo
Mike and Helen Montgomery
Gary Moss
Randi Moss
Susan and Michael Moss
Nicki and Dan Murphy
Laurie Nagus and Paul Wilson
Mort Naiman
Mushka and Nissan Naparstek
Ryan Newman
Martha Norman
Gal and Marni Noyman
Olivia Noyman
Greg Olsen and Illise Schulman
David and Susan Olshanski
Erich and Hannah Olson
Molly and Erik Olson
Craig Oppegaard and Erica Strohl*
Zeke Oppegaard
Meyer Orbach
Susan and Dan Orbach
David and Jill Orbach
Timothy Orlov
Natalie Oviguian
Naomi Oxman
Dmirtry and Irit Park
Asher Parr-Besemer and Vishaka Mathur*
Jonathan and Robin Parritz
Daniel and Ellen Paxton
Heidi Pergament
Jimmy and Helain Pesis
Roman and Emma Peysakhovich*
David Pfeifer
Anthony and Lilly Picchione
Adam Platt
Brooke and Matthew Plofsky
Benjamin and Elle Pobiell
Ron and Mona Pobiell
Ilana Pohlmann
Inna Ponomarenko
Benjamin Posner
Chanan Posner
Ronald Posner
Dana and Michael Prager
Anton Priborkin
Hannah Rabinowitz
Zachary and Robyn Rabinowitz
Shmuel Chaya Raices
Ken Raskin and Lynn Lederman
Daniel Raskin
Yelena and Yuriy Raskin
Mark and Lisa Ratner
Ray Raymond*
Ethel Refson
Rabbi Michael and Chana Refson
Rabbi Yossi Refson
Cole Reign
Emily Reisman
Tzipora Reitman
Dante Reminick
Kathy and Tyler Rendleman
Kevin and Nancy Rhein
Dan and Mindy Ribnick
Vicki Richardson*
Meyer Roberts
Ann Rockler Jackson
Dr. David Rogatsky
Lisa Rogell
Jason Rose
Bernard and Susana Rosen
Michael and Susan Rosen
Debbie Rosenberg
Dr. Michael and Sagit Rosenberg
Richard Rosenberg
Keith and Judith Rosenberg
Ethan Rosenthal
Barry and Barbara Rosenzweig
Sydney Rosenzweig
Taylor Rosenzweig
Barry and Francie Ross
Mark and Amy Rotenberg
Michel Rouache
Russ and Karen Rubin
Rabbi Mayer Rubinfeld
Marina Rydbom
Tammy and Naftan Sadoff

Marlee Safran
Sydney Saks
Robert Saltzmann and Michelle Spak
Michelle Saltzmann
Benjamin Sanderson
Dr. Steven and Penny Sanderson
Charles Savitt
Michael and Polly Saxon
Sam Schachtman
Steve and Nancy Schachtman
Ahmree Schear
Kobi Schear
Niza Schear
Chaya Schechter
Devorah Schechtman
Eliot and Marilyn Scheuer
Chanie Schmerling
Lisa and Michael Schmulewitz
Naomi Schmulewitz
Lisa Schneider
Ahoova and Jonathan Schoenberg
Mike and Nancy Schoenberger
Barbara Schonborn
Levi and Sara Liba Schragar*
Ira Schulman
Neil Schulman
Rochelle Schulman
Steven Schulman
Sophie and Zalman Schwartz*
David and Renee Segal
Paz and Jan Sela
Aaron Shafton and Danya Kornblum
Paul Shagalov
Rabbi Yosef and Chana Shagalow*
Layah Shagalow*
Jerel and Judith Shapiro
Kenneth Shapiro
Zachary Shartiag
Callie Sher
Daniel and Chaiky Shertok*
Asher Shertok
Esty Shertok
Samantha Shlensky
Elchanan Shoff
Allen Shofman
Andrei and Irina Shofman
Julie Shpall
Robert Shpall
Sarah Shpall
Zachary Shrier
Tal and Chaya Shub*
Mark Shukhman and Irina Pechenik*
Elaine Siegel
Shmuly and Rochi Silberstein
Thomas Silver
Gabe and Susan Silverberg
Meyer and Baila Silverberg
Amy and David Silverman
Carrie and Robert Silverman
Marina and Gene Simanovich*
Aleks Simanovich
Igor Simanovich
Michelle Simanovich
Valerie Simanovich
Leanne Simon
Richard Simon
Ilan and Melissa Sinelnikov
Jonathan Sirotin
Hadassa Slager
David and Ellen Sloane
Slava and Yana Slobodanyuk
Dimitry Smelansky
Elana Smelansky
Colin and Wendy Smith
Maya Smith
Noah Smith
Judy Snitzer
Jeffrey Soffer
Ari Somekh*
Sharon Spak
Dana and David Spiwak
Lauren Starwalt
Yoni and Chava Stebbins*
Andrew Steinberg
Daniel and Rebecca Steinberg
Jocelyn Steinberg
Ryan Steinberg
Sam Steinberg
Stephen Steinberg
Rabbi Raphi and Mussie Steiner

Dr. Aryeh and Sherry Steiner
Dr. Randy Steinman
Samuel Stelzer
John Sterling
Zach Stern
Evie Stern
Dr. Allan Stillerman
Stephanie and Scott Stokes
L Storfer
James and Leslie Strohman
Maya Strohman
Cathy Sussman
Richard and Lisa Swartz
Bill and Lisa Swift
Robert and Missy Swiller
Hector and Dianne Sztainer
Jim Tankenoff
Chavie Teichner
Zalman Teldon
Daniel and Ayelet Ternyak
Josh Ternyak
Joel and Gail Tilsner
Jorge Tirado
Brylee Tiu
Kelly Tobin
Emmy Tsipenyuk
Robin Tyrangiel
Marcia Ufberg
Sidney and Mia Usem*
Andy Vanderweil and Staci Wax
Judy Victor
Sam Vizelman and Faina Kanivetsky
Reuben Vizelman*
Yevgenia Vizelman
Joe Volodarskiy*
Ilana and Edward Volodarsky
Lawrence Volodarsky
Moshe Volovik*
John and Victoria Vrtjak
Nina Vrtjak
Misha and Nechama Wahlstrom
Jerry Waldman and Judi Belzer
Michael Wall
Rob and Renee Wasserman
Elliott Wegner
Arnold Weinberg
Liz and Jim Weingast
Robyn Weinstein and Ed Bettenhausen
Tony and Holly Weinstine
Andrea Weisberg and Dan Rutman
Irving and Marge Weiser
Lauren Weiser
Aida Weiss
Steve and Lorie Wertheimer
Dr. Mendel and Rae Ann Wexler
Raizel Wexler
Yossi and Chaya Wexler
Ben and Rimma Winnick
Jo-Ann Winnik
Keren Wolf
Herbert O. Wolfe Foundation
Yarden and Jill Wolfe
George and Norma Wolfson
Justin Wolk
Jonathan Wolpert and Rhona Shwaid
Mark and Ellie Wolpert
Matt Wong
Stewart Woodman
Elisheva and YD Wrotslavsky
Julie Yarosh
Alan Yoss
Dr. Robert and Susan Yost
Michael Younger
Aeden Yuzefovich
Rebecca and Alexander Yuzefovich
Leo Zabezhinsky
Howard and Kathy Zack
Avi-Natan and Jenna Zadaka*
Amy and David Zaroff
Albert and Tamara Zayden
Zach and Jennifer Zeidler
Ilan and Jenny Zeroni
Raquel Zilka
Alan and Bonnie Ziskin
Michael and Betsy Zollicoffer
Danny and Dawn Zouber
Howard and Heather Zouber
Jack Zouber
Anthony and Chana Zucker
Adin Zweigbaum
Barb Zweigbaum
Jake Zweigbaum
Michael and Elly Zweigbaum

* indicates Current Chai Club member

ALUMNI MILESTONES

Mazel tov to our alumni on the following lifecycle events!

Births

Yakira Chaya, born to Gary ('15)

& Shoshana Barannikov

Shira Yael, born to Danny ('13)

& Ariel Fleishman

Rafi, born to Eddie ('16) & Natalie Glozman

Baby Boy, Born to Chava ('20)

& Yoni Stebbins

Weddings

Justin Boschwitz ('17) & Megan Orbach

Andrew Leibman ('16) & Brhan Worku

Val Merman ('23) & Amit Kadosh

Dylan Motto ('19) & Shifra Zuckerman

Dante Reminick ('23) & Leah Wachs

Engagement

Noah Kahn ('21) & Jaquie Conner

Grand DRAW 2026



TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
THROUGH JULY 15TH

SCAN HERE TO
PURCHASE
TICKETS NOW!



1121 University Ave. | SE Minneapolis, MN 55414 | www.jewmn.com | rabbi@jewishgopher.com



facebook.com/JewishGopher



[@chabadumn](https://www.instagram.com/chabadumn)

Advisory Board Members:

Leigh Bojan - Justin Boschwitz - Amy Cytron - Marc Grossfield - Wendy Khabie - Steve Leventhal - Wendy Lovell-Smith
Steve Sanderson - Nicole Schachtman - Reuben Vizelman - Elly Zweigbaum - Mike Zweigbaum