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BY THE NUMBERS 12 MEZUZOS PLACED IN DORMS 27 LB ROSH HASHANAH BRISKET 65 CHANUKAH KITS DISTRIBUTED 73 ROLLS AT SUSHI SOCIAL 81 HOME BAKED CHALLAHS 137 HOURS TORAH LEARNING 470 MATZAH BALLS ROLLED 75K CALORIES LOST YOM KIPPUR 1000S OF SMILES AND GREAT TIMES BY ALL









A HURRICANE OF KINDNESS FORMED OVER RICE UNIVERSITY

by Leah Sherman '18

As the rain poured down on Houston, the scope of destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey became clear. Shelters were quickly filling with people, neighborhoods were filling with water, and my fellow students at Rice were filling with a need to do something about the pain that our city was feeling. Before the rain even ended, Chabad quickly became the outlet through which Rice students of any religion could find a way to help the city we call home. Be it cooking food for shelters or cleaning out homes, we found ways to help heal the city through Chabad.

As I pulled up to the home I would spend three days cleaning and packing up, I was struck by the kindness in the neighborhood, a feeling I would experience repeatedly over the coming days. The streets were lined with cars full of people trying to help. Strangers were knocking on doors offering labor and food. As the week drew on, hundreds of Rice students came to Chabad looking for a way to repair our city. The work was far from easy, physically and emotionally: we were dragging countless buckets of drywall from homes and packing up years of memories. Nonetheless, I was thankful to be in a position in which I could aid others, and I was thankful to have a means to do so.

In the aftermath of Harvey, Chabad gave me, and many other students, purpose and hope.

get involved!

You can make a difference.

What goes on at Chabad is all thanks to **you** and our entire Jewish-Rice-U family.

The support, advice, and contributions of the many parents, alumni and friends is what makes what we do possible!

You can impact lives, and create the Jewish leaders of today!

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OUR SMALL PART ...

77 flooded homes cleaned
368 Harvey relief volunteers
420 meals sent to shelters and hotels
2000 boxes of supplies distributed
3755 hours spent rebuilding Houston

....FOR THE SOUL

Our deeds are the medicine by which the world heals itself. It's not size and quantity that matters. Only one small, good deed and everything could fall in place.

Which deed will that be? It could be any one.

Whatever you can do, do it believing that this is the one to tip the scales. **JJ**

Adapted by Tzvi Freeman based on the works of the Lubavitcher Rebbe ZT"L



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