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word from the Directors

As we reflect on our first semester at Rice, we are filled with gratitude. We are thankful to have met all of you and that you joined our extended family. We thank you for making Shabbat at Chabad a special experience each week. We are grateful for your thought-provoking questions and discussions, your ideas and creativity.

We will miss you over the break, and look forward to an even better semester in the spring. More programs, classes, learning, and fun coming up!

Wishing you all a relaxing break and a very joyous Chanukah -- may the lights of the Chanukah candles illuminate your entire year!

Am Yisroel Chai!

Rabbi Shmuli and Nechama
Rabbi Shmuli and Nechama Slonim

from the Student Board

We may have gained more than a Freshman 15 this fall, thanks to Nechama's matzo balls. Nevertheless, this was most certainly not the most valuable thing we gained. This semester, which was unlike any other anyone has had at Rice, was filled with Jewish jokes, pizza and parsha, pedi-sukkahs, challah, kitchen disasters, donuts, and a lot of learning. But even this list doesn't encompass what the Rice community gained forever. In three words: Chabad at Rice. Our spectacular shlichim have made being Jewish at Rice a fantastic experience. They helped solidify our sense of community and our pride on campus, provided us with a new home away from home that is open to all, and allowed us to learn about ourselves and the world in a way that no class or lab could have. If all this was possible in only one semester, we are excited to have the privilege to spend the coming years with them and to experience our Judaism to the fullest in the heart of Houston.

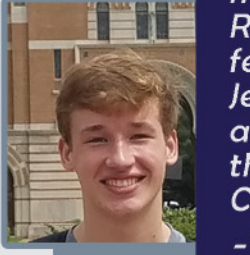
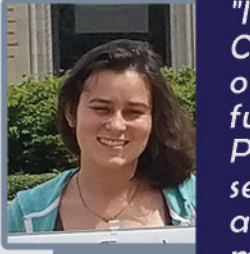
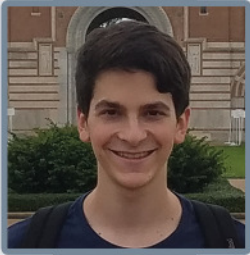
Manuel Croitoru and Rebecca Topper



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Yom Kippur
Break-fast

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Shabbat
Candles



Sukkah
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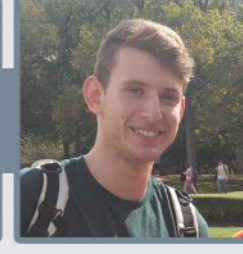
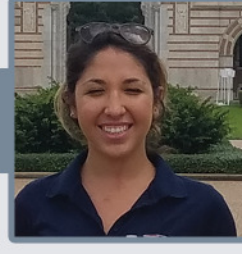
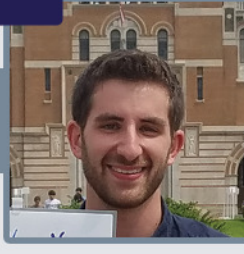
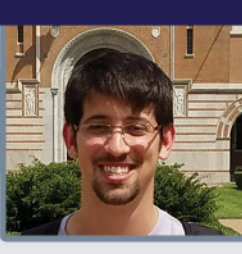


"I go to Chabad because I enjoy the family atmosphere. We all sit around the Shabbat table and share about our week and our thoughts on a multitude of subjects. I also appreciate how much I've learned about my religion and I look forward to learning more!"

-Annie Nordhauser '17

"I'm very happy that Chabad has come to our campus! From fun and educational Pizza and Parsha sessions to enjoyable and homey Shabbat meals, Chabad at Rice has fit in perfectly with Rice's Jewish community. I am very excited for the future of Chabad at Rice!"

-Yosef Presburger '17



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Pizza & Parsha



"Chabad at Rice has a very warm and non-judgmental atmosphere. Having the opportunity to celebrate Shabbat in a homey place, with welcoming hosts, brings a great sense of stability and comfort to hectic college life. I can't thank them enough!"

-Rachel Lisker '20



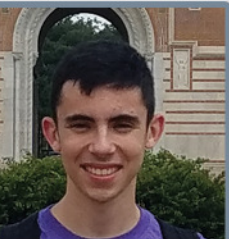
Kosher Cooking Club



Lulav & Etrog Shake

"My favorite experience with Chabad this semester was the Shabbat dinner I attended. I enjoyed the dancing at the service, a delicious homemade dinner, and interesting conversations at the table."

-Arthur Belkin '19





UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jan 15 Welcome back BBQ
 Feb 12 Chabad Field Trip :)
 Feb 24-26 College Station Shabbaton
 Mar 3 Costume Shabbat
 Mar 24 Sephardic Shabbat
 Apr 11-12 Passover Seders



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

Shabbat Services & Dinner
 Pizza and Parsha
 Kosher Cooking Club
 Dessert & Discussion
 Kosher BLT



PAST PROGRAMS

Rosh Hashanah Services & Dinner
 Shofar Blowings On Campus
 Yom Kippur Services & Break-fast
 Sukkot Services and Dinner
 Pedi-Sukkah with Lulav & Etrog
 Simchat Torah Horah
 Shabbat Under the Stars
 NYC Jewfest
 Sisterhood Shabbat
 Chanukah Kit Distributions

BY THE NUMBERS

286 Matzo Balls consumed

52 Challahs enjoyed

167 meals served

33 Shana Tova postcards sent

118 Shabbat candles kindled

55 Lulav and Etrog Shakes

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SHABBAT DINNER DISH?

Abby Shulman: Definitely matzo ball soup
Marco Bornstein: Sushi Salad
Manuel Croitoru: The Gefilte Fish

CHOOSE AN ADJECTIVE TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU FELT AFTER 4 COURSES

Abby Shulman: Squishy
Marco Bronstein: Hungry...
Manuel Croitoru: Oy gevalt!

A FAVORITE MEMORY AT CHABAD!

Abby: Eating Nechama's killer babka at Sisterhood Shabbat was definitely it
Marco: Dancing around the bima after Lecha Dodi on Friday Night
Manuel: Shaking the Lulav and Etrog in the Sukkah-bike