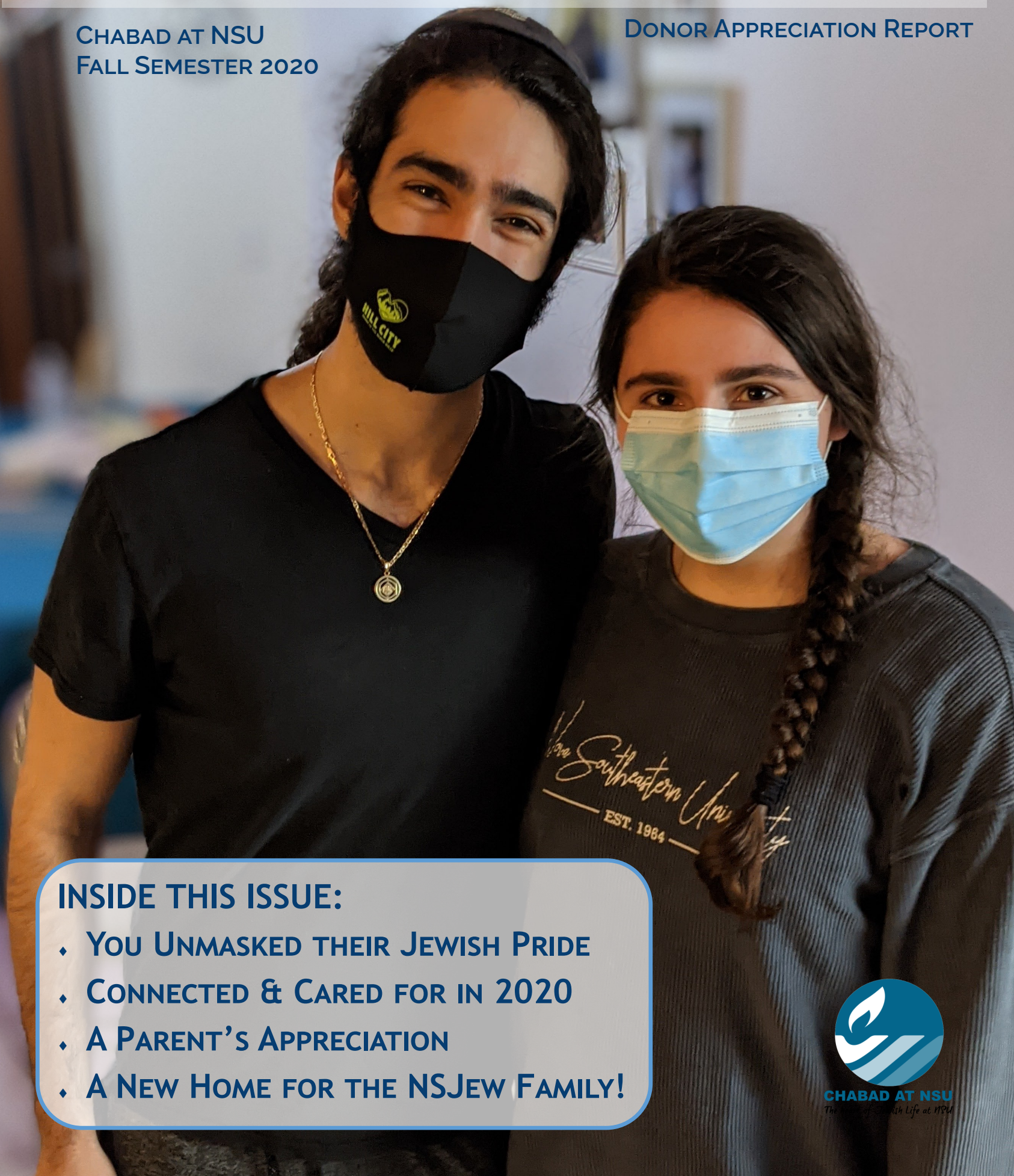


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FALL SEMESTER 2020

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CHABAD AT NSU
The Jewish Community at NSU

YOU UNMASKED THEIR JEWISH PRIDE.

Shalom!

This has been a unique semester!
In spite of challenges, Jewish student
life is alive and growing!

Thank you for being there. For the
students. For today. For the future.



You helped them feel connected while physically
distanced. You let them know that somebody cared.
Thanks to your support, students enjoyed an incredible
CHAI-BRYD of in-person, virtual, and to-go
programming throughout the holidays and fall
semester.

You put smiles on their faces when students picked up
Shabbat To Go packages or hopped aboard the Sukkah
Truck. You warmed their hearts when they got a video
call check-in or an iced-coffee delivered.

You gave the students a place to feel at home and get
re-Jew-vinated when 2020 needed a boost!

We've got amazing things planned to make sure that
NSJews' 2021 year will be full of light, joy & connection.

Thank you again!

Wishing you health and safety,

Rabbi Aryeh & Ety



PRE-SHABBAT ZOOM CHECK IN



GETTING HIS OWN PAIR OF TEFILLIN!



GRADS CELEBRATE SUKKOT



INNOVATIVE DIY SHABBAT-TO-GO



STUDENTS SHARE SHABBAT-TO-GO



PREP FOR ROSH HASHANA WITH A VIRTUAL HONEY CAKE MUG BAKE



PITA & PARSHA ON CAMPUS



BRINGING SUKKOT TO STUDENTS



VIRTUAL PAINT PARTY



UPLIFTING DELIVERIES



ONE-ON-ONE LEARNING

YOU UNMASKED THESE SMILES.

CONNECTED & CAREED FOR IN 2020

Personal Reflection by Maddie Benoff, Class of 2022

As an out-of-state student, I was beyond terrified for what my first year at college would bring me. There are so many unknowns with making friends, grades and trying to fit in. **But there was always one place that welcomed me in no matter the circumstances.** From weekly pita and parsha lunches, girls' classes, Kosher Cooking Club, and hosting Shabbat dinners, **Chabad became a second home to me.** Oftentimes the stress of school would get overwhelming, but Chabad, and my friends that I made there, would be there to support and rejuvenate me.

One highlight of my freshman year was the Pegisha Shabbaton in New York. This shabbaton was unlike any that I had ever been to. There were over 1,000 Jewish College students from all over the world that traveled to the heart of Crown Heights to experience this special Shabbat together. There are absolutely no words to describe how amazing this Shabbaton was. During this weekend, I formed such close bonds with three other girls from NSU and have so many memories to look back to.

This shabbaton was exactly what I needed to be able to power through the finals of my first semester.



Now, as our world has been turned upside down from the global pandemic, being stuck in isolation became very depressing and lonely. During this time, our virtual meetings and classes **made me feel less isolated.** Being able to connect with my friends from Chabad on Zoom always **made my day so much brighter.**



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In facing the unknown of returning this semester, thank you for making sure that Chabad will always be there for me no matter what. We figured out ways to host events with masks on and being socially distant. I felt more normal, I could connect with my friends in person, while still protecting myself and others. Knowing that Chabad is always there for me, made this semester go by so much faster. **I would not trade a single thing in my life to replace the connection and friends that I have made here.**

A PARENT'S APPRECIATION

by Julie Esner, Mom of Rick, Class of 2022

When picking a college with my son, one of the most important things was that there had to be a Chabad on Campus and we couldn't have picked a better school! When I met Rabbi Aryeh last February we spoke about many things, but his main concern was what he could do for Ricky. He truly wanted to know how he could make his 4 years at NSU easier. I was blown away. He and his family are already doing everything I could ask for!

As a mother of 4 boys I know how limited time is, yet somehow Rebbetzin ETTY gives Ricky a home cooked meal every Shabbat. When Ricky Facetimes me, I can tell the Shabbat meal has been prepared with love. Knowing that he gets at least one home cooked meal a week means the world to me. **I know that my child is not forgotten or alone** - especially during COVID.

Rabbi Aryeh and ETTY nourish Ricky's body and soul. Ricky always looks forward to the weekly meeting of learning. They are filled with new insights and explored in such an enjoyable way. He has learned a lot and I'm sure he will take these lessons with him wherever he goes.

With COVID making everything so much harder, I am so thankful that my son has creative ways to stay connected to his Jewish campus community. As a team, Rabbi and ETTY help Ricky feel less home sick while nurturing his love of his Judaism. **I'm so grateful to know that while my son is away for college, he has a home away from home filled with people who truly care about him.**





NEW HOME FOR NSJEWS!

by Jeffrey Sommer, M.S. 2021

“Home is where the heart is” may be true in songs, but in reality we have one heart and multiple homes. **For me and many others, Chabad is our second home.** Chabad’s arrival to NSU and the surrounding campuses in September 2018 allowed me as well as the Jewish undergraduates, graduates and young adult professionals to have the spiritual home we were all missing.

We are more than individuals at Chabad, more than a community, we are a family! We build each other up and we are always there for one another, to mentor, to advise, to cheer each other up and to rejoice in the successes of our fellow Jews.

With each semester we have seen this community grow and prosper. Beginning with just a small handful of us, we very quickly began busting at the seams. As one of the first students to join Chabad, I’ve gotten to watch it grow!

One of my main jobs at our weekly Shabbat Dinner is carrying out the couches to make space to then pop up more folding tables and chairs as students continue to stream in.

With our flourishing growth we have simply run out of room. We have grown too large for our current, rented space and require a larger, permanent home to keep our community growing and whole. While we have come up with creative ways to connect in such a limited physical space, like going outdoors or breaking into smaller groups, this is just a bandaid solution. **The time has come to move!**



Jeff (left) with Sarya (right) enjoy a Grads Sukkot BBQ together

In partnership with you, we are excited to announce the purchase of a much-needed, permanent, larger Chabad Home for NSJews!



Students Corin Osborn, Alaina Gelman, Sarya Genet, Jeff Sommer, Sara Baila, Rabbi Aryeh & our architect Moshe Laniado making a Lchaim at the new property!

Thanks to you, our NSJew family is excited to announce the purchase of our new Chabad Home!

It’s just down the block from Campus, near the dorms and is on almost an acre of land giving the much-needed area to build and grow!

*L’chaim to the many Jewish students who will be supported from this space! L’chaim to continuous Jewish connection that you help make happen! L’chaim to the amazing, diverse NSJew family that you help to keep on growing! **Thank you!***

SUPPORT STUDENTS. SUPPORT CHABAD.

Your donation this end of year season will go directly to giving students a home away from home during these unsettling times.

Visit www.JewishNSU.com/givejewish

Paypal paypal.me/ChabadatNSU

Send checks to Chabad at NSU, address below.



New Chabad Space is just down the block from Campus with land to build!