



CHABAD AT NSU
The heart of Jewish Life at NSU

THE NSJEW

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Your Love...Right Now!

What is happening in the world right now?

Right now, I am thinking of tens of students who are in difficult situations at home, needing guidance and help.

Right now they are joining virtual Jewish learning classes and checking in to support each other, as we Jews always do.

Right now, students are cooking up famous NSJew dishes for Shabbat, like fresh sweet Challah!

Right now is testimony to the strength of the NSJew Chabad community.

Right now...is testimony that AM YISRAEL CHAI!

You are that testimony.



Covid-19 has wreaked havoc on many lives and has many in turmoil. It has changed the physical circumstances that we find ourselves in, but the spirit and impact is not only unchanged, it is stronger than ever.

It is YOU, together with our entire donor and parent community, who ensure that NSU Jewish students have Chabad just a phone call away to reach out to for help, warmth, and absolutely anything they need.

In these pages you will find stories of *your* impact. Stories that we wrote together. Students who you helped...and their home away from home that you have created.

We may not be able to give a hug to a student who needs one when they walk through the door...**but love is more contagious than Covid-19.** And by this community coming together in times like this, you are sending virtual hugs to our students around the globe.

*In This Together. Warmly,
Rabbi Aryeh & Ety Schwartz*

Not Alone. You Gave Me Family

by Mia Fischbein

I am a 4th year med student from out of state, and spent a whole year down in Florida navigating school and life on my own before Chabad at NSU sprouted up on campus in time for my second year of med school.



And what a difference this family makes in my life. They go light years above and beyond feeding hungry students, teaching Judaism, and building a campus community. They do all those things (amazingly, might I add), and so, so, so much more.

I know what it's like to be alone at school a million miles from my family in Chicago, and crazy stressed, but since Rabbi Aryeh & Ety put down deep roots to bring together the NSU Jewish community, **I have never felt more grounded and supported.**

I am so blessed and lucky to have the Schwartz's be my second family. They have celebrated my successes and cheered me on like my own family.

They've shared the highs and lows of med school alongside me, brought some of my best friends into my life, shared the birth of their beautiful Chabad baby and made me "Aunt Mia".

They took me into their arms when I experienced the loss of someone dear to me and I felt lost. They gave me a place in Florida to go when I needed **love, kindness, family, and support.**

Chabad is SO much more than a regular Jewish campus organization. I have never met a more dedicated, devoted, warm, authentic, genuine, generous, caring, and wholesome group of people.

I can't imagine surviving medical school without the Schwartz's and their small army of wonderful, brilliant, and spunky kiddos. They have made my life on and off campus so full, and I know they will be my family for life. **Thank you for making that happen!**

Freshman Connection

by Alex Eckert

With a hug and a mezuzah, you welcomed me in on my very first day of college.

From our meeting on move-in day, and that first lively Shabbat dinner, I immediately felt a sense of belonging. Throughout my freshman year, I attended classes at Chabad that have helped me grow spiritually. I learned about Judaism and myself as a whole, not as two separate entities.

Through the women's classes with Etty and the brain-crunching Sinai Scholars course with Rabbi, I explored what being Jewish means to me, as an adult **paving my own way forward.**

You have helped me gain the perspective that I can connect with Hashem not only during tefillah and through mitzvot, but through my regular, daily activities.

By leading a Jewish life, I feel as though my religious and spiritual beliefs will help me gain insight and motivation to fulfill professional goals.



With your support, Rabbi and Etty work diligently and continuously to help NSU's Jewish community thrive. As a Chabad Student Board Member, I have experienced this first-hand. Together we discussed methods to grow our community through themed Shabbats, social events, chess projects, classes, and partnering with Chabads at other colleges.

A major aspect of Chabad is **connection**, when we table, we don't wait for students to come to us, we stand in front of the table smiling and engaging with every passerby.

Thanks to you, we have this awesome campus-wide family where we can come together to learn and connect with others students who share similar values and engage in a strong Jewish campus community.

Since my first day at NSU, Rabbi Aryeh and Etty welcomed me in with open arms. **Thanks to you, the Chabad House is a safe place for any Jew on campus.**

Your Love is Stronger than Corona

Ever since the impact of the virus, students really miss the powerful and meaningful Jewish experiences that you help give them. Your ongoing support helps our NSJews engage Jewishly and stay connected even while physically apart. Between online classes, Seders to Go, Shabbat Pick Ups & regular check-ins, thank you for being here for them in their time of need!

"I am feeling so anxious and lonely. I am unable to fly home right now. I don't know what to do."



"Rabbi, this is so crazy, I want to come back to NSU and Chabad already. I miss Shabbat together. Thank you for being here for me."

...because love is stronger than Covid19!



THANK YOU FOR THE WARM HOME YOU GIVE.

-on behalf of HUNDRED's of NSJEW LIVES YOU TOUCH.



YOUR GIFT

"YOUR GIFT INSPIRES & SUPPORTS YOUNG LEADERS TO CREATE A STRONG JEWISH ENVIRONMENT FILLED WITH TRADITIONS & LOVE.



-Rachel Mindel 2021



TOUCHES LIVES

"THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME A PLACE TO MEET JEWISH STUDENTS, EMBRACE MY JEWISH IDENTITY & HERITAGE, AND EVEN MEET MY BOYFRIEND!



-Corin Osborn, Grad



& CHANGES WORLDS

BEING A TRANSFER STUDENT, FINDING MY GROUP ON CAMPUS WAS ONE OF MY BIGGEST WORRIES. I WALKED INTO CHABAD'S PIZZA & PARSHA, THEN JOINED FOR A SHABBAT AND KNEW I FOUND MY PLACE.



-Tal Karulkar, 2023



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