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What's Up at

# CHABAD AU

A Project of American Friends of Lubavitch

How

**YOU**

make a difference  
in the lives of  
Jewish students at  
American University

# Lives YOU touch

## Nilaya Knafo (Philadelphia, PA):

I love Chabad because it has provided me with so many **opportunities to learn** and grow closer to Judaism. I am grateful for the **lifelong friendships** I have made from Chabad and for Rabbi and Esti's **hospitality and care** for the students. Chabad **inspires me** to embrace a meaningful and wholesome Jewish life full of many mitzvot!

## Avi Presberg (Rochester, NY):

Chabad is my Jewish **home away from home**. Whether it is a normal Shabbat or any of the holidays, I know that I will find a **welcoming crowd** looking to celebrate their Judaism. While the world around is constantly going, it is important to have places that we come to **stop and be together**. Chabad allows us to stop and think about who we are through **Jewish tradition**.

## Ziv Mesilaty (Netanya, Israel):

Chabad, for me, was always a **second home**. Since I arrived in the US, I have always found myself **welcomed** at Chabad. Chabad AU gave me the opportunity to have a Jewish home, be **involved in the community** and help **share Judaism** with others. I love Chabad because they are **always there for me** and I know that it doesn't matter where I will be, **I will always have a place to go**.

## Merrill Brenner (Los Angeles, CA):

Rebbetzin & Rabbi Hecht sure know how to welcome students with an **open heart** and an **open mind** into their home. Shabbat is always filled with **connection, fun, lasting friendships**, and of course, the most **delicious food**. You'll leave feeling **renewed about your faith** and yourself. When it comes to Chabad AU, unlike everything else, **no appointment necessary!**

## Aaron Traub:

The **smell of baked challah** warm right out of the oven; the **joyous sounds** of the Shabbat prayer; the **reflection of light** from the burning Shabbos candles. This is what makes Chabad great. It's a **home away from home**, and a place to meet some great people, **learn** about Jewish history, make **meaningful connections**, and eat some of the **best food** made by Esti Hecht. Whether it's the Shabbat services, Apple-picking events, on-campus holiday activists, or weekly Torah studies- **Chabad is the place to go** for these great experiences.

# Moments **YOU** make possible



## Why **YOU** give...

My husband and I [give] to Chabad AU because we believe in the programs they offer and the meaningful impact they have on our son's college experience.

- *Joyce, Chicago*

I give because Rabbi Shua is worth it! - *Nachmi, Texas*

I give because it's the least I can do to give back for all the selfless work they do to foster a vibrant Jewish community on campus.

- *Shloimie, Brooklyn*

I give because I believe. I believe in a Jewish future and I believe that Rabbi Shua and Esti Hecht will make that happen at AU.

- *Draizy, Burlington*

I give to Chabad because they are there for the students. From weekly Shabbat dinners, to Judaism classes, group outings, Girls Night and just being a home away from home when you need to get off campus. They do so much for the students and the community asking so little in return. I'm so grateful for everything Rabbi Shua and Esti taught me during my time at AU and even through my time after school. It would be crazy to think they don't deserve a little help from the community to help keep those programs alive.

- *Cassidy, Washington, DC*

I give because Friday nights (and Saturday mornings) at Chabad are some of my best memories from college. Esti and Rabbi made me feel at home and I give so that they can continue to do this with other students.

- *Jess, Sydney*

# YOUR impact, by the numbers

**286**   
Shabbat Meals

**214**   
Unique students

**990**   
Recorded Mitzvahs

**34**   
Torah Study  
Classes

**400**   
Falafel Distributed @  
Student Involvement Fair

**45**   
Community  
Home Visits

**257**   
Holiday Meals

**100**   
Shake Lulav & Etrog

**150**   
Sufganiyot @  
Chanukah on the Quad



**28**  
Children served  
weekly through  
Hebrew School  
to You

**102**   
Attend Social  
Events

**8**   
Community  
Mezuzahs



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**Brenda Hamicha | Arielle Nadler**  
**Ziv Mesilaty | Yehudit Varon**

## How YOU can help now

**Yes! I want to strengthen Jewish life on campus!**

- \$180 I will sponsor one table at Shabbat dinner
- \$360 I will sponsor a social event
- \$770 I will sponsor a holiday event
- \$1,200 I will sponsor a full Shabbat dinner