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The Freshmen speak*



During my freshman year, I started going to Chabad, and **immediately felt welcome and met many new friends** that I see every week at Shabbat dinner. I know these are people that I will spend time with throughout the rest of my time at Case. Going to **Shabbat dinner has become part of my weekly schedule**, and I look forward to it every week.

Jaime Esquenazi

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Chabad gave me **a place to feel Jewish, while surrounded by people just like me.** From Shabbos dinner to Sunday brunch and discussions and so much more I felt welcome and appreciated and met some really awesome people.

Jonah Keller



THANK YOU FOR CARING! OUR

Every Friday night at home I would celebrate Shabbat with my family, and I was worried that being in college would make it hard to continue. **To my surprise, as I first stepped into Chabad, I was immediately welcomed by the Alevskys, other students, and the smell of great food.** In my freshman year, it meant a great deal to me that I was able to find such an amazing community. Some of my **favorite memories include being able to help serve soup for many Shabbat dinners**, as well as planning events through Chabad's Jewish Leadership Team.

Samantha Kaminsky

Chabad is a **great place on campus to find a supportive group of people.** I look forward to the weekly Shabbat and seeing everyone.

Jonathan Burton



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RU is truly **my center of learning at Case Western Reserve University**. Holiday weekly Shabbat dinners give a sense of community on campus by bringing together Jewish students from all stripes. Additionally, being a **Sinai Scholar** through Chabad is an excellent opportunity to continue my Jewish learning, and I love the Rabbi Mendy and his notch teachers. Through Chabad at RU, I have been able to connect with Jewish tradition, and I love how I am becoming a more observant Jew as a result.

Matthew Haimowitz



When I came to college I **didn't realize how important a sense of community and belonging would be**. However, I quickly learned, that was something I really needed. **I have made a lot of friends through the Shabbat dinners** and it is always a very welcoming environment. It is also nice to have some good homemade food every week and **a place to keep family traditions going even when at college**. I will always feel welcome there and I'm glad I found this community.

Zach Solomon

MY FIRST YEAR WAS AWESOME!



Chabad was a a welcoming and **warm community I could always depend on**. It was so meaningful to be able to celebrate Shabbat and other holidays around one big table. **You could always feel the love and care when you walked in** which made it a home away from home.

Ellior Rose

- THIS IS WHY WE GIVE -

Our son Jaime made a connection with Chabad at CWRU even before stepping foot on campus. When we first visited, the Alevskys greeted us **a bowl of delicious matzah ball soup and their newborn daughter Rozy**, literally just a couple of days old. Then they arranged for us to meet up with a student to give us his perspective on campus life. That was our **first indication of how welcoming Chabad would be, but little did we know how much a part of Jaime's life it would become.** Jaime and his roommate went to Chabad during orientation week and never stopped. Whenever Jaime spent time with his Chabad friends, he felt connected to his roots and right at home. **Shabbat dinners became a weekly "must" that were the closest replacement to our large, loud, Latin-Jewish family Shabbats at home.** Jaime spent many a Friday night or Saturday afternoon playing board games with friends (including the Alevsky kids) and de-stressing from his busy academic week. During Spring semester, we flew up on a Friday morning for Jaime's birthday, and **rather than asking us to take him**



Jaime with his friends

out to a nice dinner, he insisted on inviting us to Shabbat at Chabad. We were able to witness firsthand the warmth and sense of community. And next year promises to be even better, as Jaime and three other Chabad boys will be living together in an apartment-style dorm, where they also plan to host friends and prospective students for Shabbat lunches, game nights, and more. As parents, we are beyond grateful to Chabad and the Alevsky family.

Alberto & Becky Esquenazi

1,945 
meals served

2,021
individual
attendances

12 
students on the
Jewish Leadership Team

 **7,365**
hours of
Jewish life



 **38**
Torah
classes,
courses
JewishU

157 
programs
and
events

930  lbs. of
challah

47 
Shabbat
dinners

439 
Donors



 **880**
Donations