

# The CWR Jew

*The joyful Judaism YOU provide.*

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**I really feel like part of a family.** I go for delicious home-cooked Shabbat dinner every week, and always have felt like I fit in as part of the community **even though I don't have an orthodox Jewish background.** I feel comfortable as well bringing other friends who have not experienced as much of Jewish life and culture in the past. Overall, Chabad is a really special place for me **where I feel that I can learn more about myself and identity,** both as a Jew and as a person.

**Evan Steirman**

After a hectic and stressful week at school, **every Friday night I look forward to coming to the Chabad house for a beautiful Shabbat service and dinner prepared by Sara and Mendy.**

When you're away from family for so long, I found that **I really started to miss my family's Shabbat customs,** like lighting Shabbat candles with my mom and baking challah, but Sara does an incredible job filling in the gap and making you feel right at home. I'm incredibly grateful for the Chabad house and all that it's given me and **I look forward to being an active member for the remainder of my time** at the Cleveland Institute of Music.

**Shoshana Israelevich**



Chabad was my first experience with Jewish life on campus. Right away, it was clear that this was a warm and engaged community. **It immediately became a part of my routine,** where I go every Friday for Shabbat without fail. **It really feels like such a homey/haimish environment and also authentic.** I love getting to help with the cooking and menu planning, or getting to learn over bagels on a Sunday morning. Chabad has created a community for me on campus that **transcends just a club or interest group and actually gets at the core of who I am.** I can't wait to continue being a part of the Chabad community for my next few years.

**Jonathan Morris**

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU



Chabad was my home. I felt that I was part of a family. **I didn't get that anywhere else on campus.**

**Gabe Wolf**



Chabad at CWRU gave me **little less homesick on a Friday night.** Before leaving for college, I had a Shabbat dinner every week. It was special because it was a week we would all be together. **I miss that sense of unity and community at college.**

That was not the case. I felt like I was missing the Alevsky family who had a **wonderful space for Jewish students to be themselves.** I appreciate the support from the Jewish community at CWRU, the Chabad house, and a home cooked meal every Friday night. I also **love planning events for my fellow students** and look forward to participating in fun activities.

**Sydney**





My favorite memory of Chabad was being at High Holiday services. **I loved the feeling of being immersed in a service surrounded by other Jewish students.**

I appreciate Chabad being a welcoming and inviting place. They constantly have events where I can meet other Jewish students in the CWRU community and we can all have fun together. **We all come from various backgrounds but share the commonality of our faith.**

**Molly Curley**



Over the past two years, Chabad has been my home away from home. From Shabbos dinner to high holiday services, Mendy and Sara have created **a space where I continue to make meaningful memories and friends that will last a lifetime.** Chabad has helped cultivate my connection to the Jewish community on campus. I have loved meeting other Jewish students on campus and being able to share experiences with them. My time at Chabad has allowed me to **push myself to be more observant in my life both on- and off-campus.** Thanks to Chabad at CWRU, I can freely and openly express my Jewish identity with others like me; **I am a proud CWRJew.**

**Russel Lubin**



## **THANK YOU... FROM ALL OF US!**

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The Chabad at CWRU is my home away from home. **I love being able to stop by anytime and see the kids!** Shabbat dinner is truly a special time for us. We all sit around like one big family and **no matter who you sit next to your always surrounded by friends.** It truly feels like a family.

**Mikalah Weinger**



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I first showed up to Shabbat dinner when I got a text from Rabbi Mendy. **I'd been considering going for a while, and when I got the text, I thought, "he took the time to contact me, how could I miss it?"** Every time I've been to Chabad for an event, it's just felt so wonderfully personal. **The camaraderie, the food, and the conversations are always highlights of my week.**

**Eabha Abramson**



## - AS A PARENT -

From **the moment my daughter reached out to Sara** and shared that she was moving to Cleveland to attend CWRU, the Alevskys made her feel welcome and cared for every step of the way. Rabbi Mendy and Sara and their beautiful family deliver **a home away from home and share so much more!** Isabella has enjoyed so many delicious Shabbat meals. The community is wonderful and they learn so many insightful lessons. Whenever I spoke with Isabella **she had either just finished celebrating Shabbat with the Alevskys or was looking forward to an upcoming event!**



## - THIS IS WHY I GIVE -

Chabad at CWRU **gave my child the time and place** to learn more about Judaism, to enjoy the many treasured traditions of the Jewish faith and to **set her up for success every week** in her academic endeavors and extracurricular activities. Chabad provides **a breath of fresh air** from the hustle and bustle of academia and makes each student feel special and supported in their journey. **I have only heartfelt gratitude** to Chabad and the Alevskys for making Isabella's time at Case Western Reserve University so memorable!

*Ana Small*

**43** Mezuzahs affixed



**1,820** individual attendances



**1,626** meals served



**6,284** hours of Jewish life



**36** Torah classes, courses JewishU

**135** programs and events



**800** lbs. of challah



**47** Shabbat dinners



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