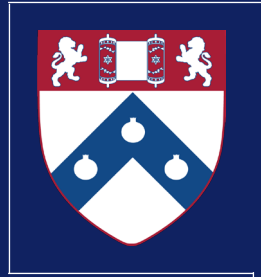


SUMMER 2017 UPDATE

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AN END OF SEMESTER UPDATE FROM THE
ORTHODOX COMMUNITY AT PENN



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Chessed

Chessed is a core value of the OCP community, and the OCP Chessed committee is proud to have facilitated it for another successful semester. We kicked off the spring with a memorial event in honor of Daniella Moffson's first Yartzheit that brought together the community to make care packages and raise money for children in CHOP (the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia). Throughout the semester, we continued ongoing initiatives such as the SOUPerbowl delivery service and distribution of the Rachel Alon Graduation Gown Gemach. We ended the semester with a successful food drive/study break that utilized leftover Dining Dollars to collect boxes upon boxes of food for Philabundance. We believe that these events and initiatives are integral to our community and are excited to continue to work with the community to do chessed together. We already have a lot planned for next semester, so stay tuned!





Social

This year marked yet another successful one for OCP Social! Throughout the year, our community came together to take a break from the daily grind and kick back at our events together. We started off the spring semester with a night out ice skating on the water. But that was just the beginning! We continued with Sunday brunches, Saturday night Zumba, community wide assassins, march madness, pennopoly and of course Shabbat "mix 'em up" meals. Special for this year, OCP social hosted an amazing candy land themed Purim Shabbat with a community wide dinner, games and mix me up lunch. And, of course, we would be remiss if we failed to mention our annual Fling Feast (the highlight of the spring semester). This year about 200 people attended our formal carnival themed Shabbat dinner and performance on Fling Friday. Even as the semester came to a close, OCP Social's study breaks helped make finals season more bearable (and hopefully more productive)! If you want a window into our wonderful social events, make sure to add us on snapchat ("ocpsocial") and like PennOCP on Facebook!



Hey Day



Graduation



Shiurim

Over the past year, Shiurim has focused on student led Torah learning. With our weekly series of student Shiurim, we gave the opportunity to students of different backgrounds to teach their Torah topic of interest and share their knowledge with the community. The attendance at these weekly Shiurim was unprecedented, and the enthusiasm for volunteers to give and to attend Shiurim created a real Torah learning environment in the community. In addition, the new initiative "Shiur & Beer" created a different type of forum for more discussion based learning in our community, while simultaneously allowing Torah values to exist in forums outside of the four walls of the beit midrash. OU-JLIC educator, Rabbi Taubes, led a new shiurim series "Halakha from the Sources", which taught students to engage with classic Yeshiva style learning and explore a relevant Halakhic topic to the time period. OU-JLIC educator Racheli Taubes' Haftorah Experience was also met with enthusiasm, meeting once a week to discuss the intricacies of the weekly Haftorah and how it relates to themes of the week. In addition to the regular shiurim, we hosted several guest speakers throughout the year. These speakers come from many different backgrounds, and often provide new perspectives and ideas about various topics in Torah and Orthodoxy. We look forward to maintaining this thirst for Torah in the upcoming years, and are excited to launch some new initiatives as well.



SNL

Sarah and Abraham Memorial Sunday Night Learning (SAM-SNL), the OCP's community-wide weekly learning program, was once again a huge success this year. As the most popular learning event of the week—and the OCP's best-attended program—SNL's dinner and learning have become staples of the community. The SNL committee pairs participants with a chavruta (learning partner) and on Sunday nights, everyone joins together to learn Jewish texts of their choice. This past semester, as a community, we engaged in meaningful, purposeful, and fun learning. Learning this semester was done in memory of family members as well as individuals who have passed away. We learned for their neshamot to have aliyot. Thanks to our sponsors, we were also able to often expand our dinner options for special occasions such as the Super Bowl and our end of the year banquet. SNL has been indispensable for communal connection and engagement, and for uniting our community members through Torah learning and beyond. We are so excited to grow and improve for next year!

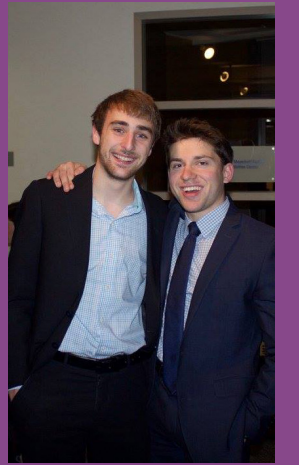
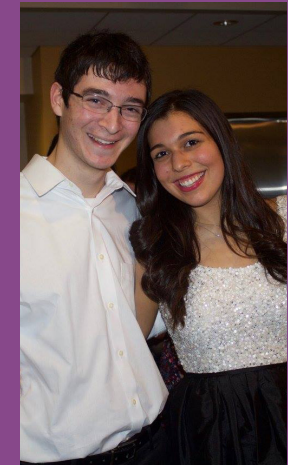
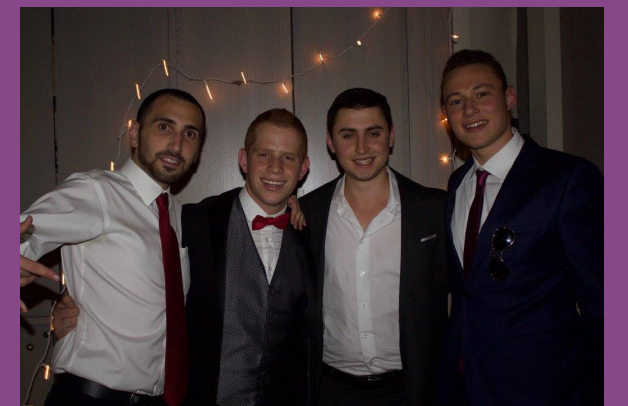
Hospitality

OCP Hospitality did some amazing work this semester! In addition to the day to day logistics of hosting more than 30 prospective students for Shabbat, furthering our new FROYO (Freshman Reach Out Youth Organization) initiative, and making sure the Shabbat list ran efficiently, we were able to kick off a really awesome new Shabbat meal initiative. Reverse Sign up Shabbat Meals proved to be a great way to make sure that everyone had the opportunity to attend a student-hosted Shabbat lunch meal. We hosted one of these meals almost every week and were able to provide Shabbat meal plans to up to 50 individuals who wanted to partake. The fun certainly doesn't end there as we hope to kick off next semester with some great NSO events and start off the semester on a super hospitable note!



SIR

From Shabbatons to catered lunches, SIR has been an integral part of bringing Torah to the Penn Community. We have had the pleasure of hosting world-renowned scholars like Rabbi Saul Berman, Rabbi Asher Lopatin, Shani Taragin, Dr. Alan Kadish, and Rav Menachem Leibtag. From discussing Jewish Business Ethics to themes in Tanach. We look forward to next year where we will continue to facilitate discussions with dynamic spirit that reach out to all aspects of the community!



Purim



Banquet



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Mazal Tov!

Mazal tov to Shlomo Klapper (C '15, W '15) and Amalia Weinberg on their wedding!

Mazal tov to Emily Belfer (C '10) and Raphy Rosen on their wedding!

Mazal tov to Amalya Lehmann (C '13) and Ariel Weiss on their wedding!

Mazal tov to Ariella Levine (E '15) and Benjamin Goldman on their wedding!

Mazal tov to Ilana Teicher (E '17) and Dan Blas (W '15) on their engagement!

Mazal tov to Aviva Vogelstein (C '10) and Daniel Ghitman on their wedding!

Mazal tov to Michal Hirschorn (E '18) and Aharon Schapira (W '19) on their wedding!

Mazal tov to Marissa Schwartz (C '14) and Ari Schaffer on their wedding!

Mazal tov to Erica Kiderman (E '17) and Eitan Goldberger (E '17) on their engagement!

Mazal tov to Lara Berns (C '14) and Ben Guzik (C '14) on their wedding!

Mazal tov to Jessica Marder (C '15) and David Spiro (W '14) on their wedding!

Mazal tov to Rebecca Goodman (C '15) and Allan Horn (EW '15) on their wedding!

Mazal tov to Doug Dolitsky (C '17) and Sarah Blummer on their wedding!