



Birthright recap...

Austin Boral '16 and Dylan Krouse '16

Today was the morning before Sabbath, And all through Jerusalem Gate, All the children were worried, We would miss our big date.

Yesterday was a miracle-- It snowed and it snowed, But we made it to the Old City, Of our ancestors, years ago.



Snow in Jerusalem

Earlier that day, Our beloved soldiers departed, Eight amazing new friendships, We made since our trip started.

We waited in the basement While the storm continued to rage, Using all of the wifi To check our Facebook page.

In Hanover this weather Would feel like a storm, But we would have our Bean boots And feel much more warm.

But we are woefully unprepared, And so is the city, Everything is shut down Oh, what a pity!

At the Western Wall we stood, And learned about the story, Of our land and our people, And the remains of King Herod's glory.

We each wrote a note, Curled into a ball, With our hopes and our prayers, To fit into the Wall.

Today Yad Vashem Is where we should be The Holocaust Museum Is what we would see.

Instead a survivor, Came to speak to us. In the lobby we listened, Because we couldn't take the bus.



NH Chabad Rabbis with Governor

We learned of her past--A truly powerful tale, Of her fight for survival, She persevered without fail.

The importance of these stories Cannot be undermined, It is our responsibility To pass them through time.

After our guest said goodbye It was time to explore, We trekked to the market, Escaping from the hotel's door.

With hunger in our tummies, And bags on our feet, We stomped through the terrain, On a mission to eat.



Getting ready for Sinai Scholars Spring '14

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Upcoming Events

Sinai Scholars Society: Fall Term for 8 weeks: A Jewish Studies Fellowship with an innovative program of study, activities, and national networking.

Blaine Steinberg '15 O'bm Shloshim Shabbat Dinner
April 4th

Shabbat Dinner with President Phil Hanlon '77
April 11th

Pesach Seders
April 14th 7:30
April 15th 8:30

Shabbat 400
Co-sponsored by Hillel and Chabad

Graduation celebration Shabbat
June 6

Reunions
June 13

These are just some of the things going on this term at Dartmouth. For more information or to be informed about other events please sign up to for our list by e-mailing Chabad@Dartmouth.edu

Mazal Tov to ...

John '08 and Sarah Tepperman on their wedding

Kayla Kapito and Eli Lebowitz on their wedding

Menucha (Mackenzie) '10 and Adam Saitowitz on the birth of Moshe Tzvi

A Visit to the Mailbox

Dear Rabbi,

Unfortunately I didn't get a chance to say goodbye to everyone in the airport today, including you. I hope you had a safe and easy return back to Hanover. My birthright experience was absolutely incredible, and having you as both a friend and mentor along the way was invaluable. As someone who asks a ton of questions all the time, I was delighted by the number of insightful answers I received, and while some of these answers lead to more questions rather than closure, I learned from every one of them. By the end of birthright, I also realized how much patience and sacrifice was required for you to leave home for 11 days and deal with the 33 of us. I can't think of anyone capable of pulling it off as you did, so please continue to run trips and inspire people like me for years to come.

Dear Chani,

Thanks for that calming support, I appreciate it :) You have truly been an integral part of my past 4 years--I honestly don't know what I would have done without you. You've always been so strong, understanding, and there to listen. You've been a rock for me during my college years and I will always remember that and appreciate you for it. You're truly an amazing woman! I hope I can take after you in the future.

Miss you all already!

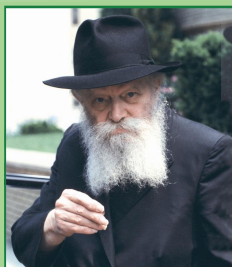
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The Rebbe... Our Inspiration

Following the order in your letter, I will refer to your problem of finding yourself and your wife in a depression from the disappointment of not following through with our dreams of going to Israel. It is surely unnecessary to emphasize to you again that the only reason for my opinion that you ought to continue in the USA is that American Jewry, and especially the younger generation, have a priority claim on your services to help permeate them with Yiddishkeit, especially after you have had such considerable Hatzlocho in this area. To be sure, the Yishuv in Eretz Yisroel would also benefit from your presence there, but it would not be of the same scope and quality as here. Furthermore, making Aliyah requires a certain period of adjustment and getting the proper feel of the new situation, etc., and in the present Jet-Age every minute is of the essence especially insofar as youth is concerned. All the above is coupled with the consideration that doing the proper thing is the channel for contentment and inner peace and G-d's blessings also in all personal affairs. Pursuant to the above, my advice was further predicated on the assumption that the activities can be carried out with joy and gladness of heart, which is essential if the objectives are to be attained in fullest measure, and certainly not in a state of depression or feeling of imposition. There is no need to belabor the point to an experienced communal worker like yourself.

To read the whole letter go to www.chabad.org/therebbe/letters/default_cdo/aid/1899576/jewish/Should-I-Make-Aliyah.htm

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We found . according to Ronan %Number 1 rugellah in all of land! It satisfied our hunger, But the cold we could no longer stand.

We hurried our frosty feet, Back to the hotel, One journey was enough for the day, We won't celebrate Shabbat at the Kotel.

We now finish this tale, Of our eighth day of Birthright; Good Shabbas to all, And to all a good night.

Robbie Tanner `16 and Adam Baer `16

Coolest Part of the Day: The coolest and most interesting part of the day was learning about the Chabad Terror Victims Project (CTVP). This organization does really amazing work. CTVP is a non-profit that, with the help of Chabad Houses throughout Israel, helps victims of terror and war and their families in any way possible whether that be financially, emotionally, spiritually, etc. We heard stories of CTVP sponsoring Bar Mitzvahs for family members of soldiers killed in action, funding trips for wounded soldiers to travel all over the world, paying hospital bills, and much more. We were graced with the presence of one soldier, Ziev who had been injured in the Second Lebanon War and suffered from his injury for seven years until finally having his leg amputated. Throughout his entire rehabilitation, CTVP was there to help and they also took him on a ten-day trip to New York. I think his story and his presence had a large impact on our group, and I think this entire presentation was one of the most meaningful experiences of the trip.

Outfit of the Day: Blaine Steinberg. Congrats Blaine on winning this award, although there were a lot of good outfits. We have a very fashionable group. For those that did not see, Blaine was wearing a really nice sweater with great elbow pads, green jeans (very trendy), and a nice multicolor scarf. She was warm, comfortable, and looking mad cool . good work Blaine! Second place goes to Chase Klein for his light blue polo hoodie.

Hilary Hamm `16

Although the trip has had its rough points (cough cough %the plague+), I've learned more in these 10 days than I learned during 10 weeks in some courses. .. sorry to throw you under the bus Socy 1. Whether it was talking to the soldiers about life in service, overhearing a debate on the value of bar and bat-mitzvahs, discovering the bravery of Jews atop Masada, or contemplating my own place within Judaism, I will certainly have a lot of great memories to reflect upon when I return home.

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When Blaine and I were eleven years old, we met at Camp Walden in Denmark Maine, the same camp where our mothers first met. Although Walden is not technically a Jewish camp, the campers are predominantly Jewish and come from homes with similar cultures and values. Moreover, there was significant emphasis at the camp on upholding unique traditions, singing songs, and respecting a code of honor that made the camp seem quite related to the Jewish faith. Likewise, it was not uncommon to hear campers singing Hebrew songs together in the shower house or practicing their Bat Mitzvah Torah portions during rest hour.

Blaine grew up in a traditional reformed Jewish home, attending services, celebrating holidays, and studying Judaism and Hebrew at Hebrew School every week. In seventh grade she was Bat Mitzvah'd. My twin sister and I traveled to Philadelphia for the special occasion, and we enjoyed the theme of the party, which correlated with her interest in sports. March Madness transformed into B Madness for Blaine. Her grandmother baked a delicious red velvet dolly cake for Blaine (a tradition on birthdays) depicting Blaine in her Bat Mitzvah outfit. Blaine was very close to Cantor Marshall Portnoy at her synagogue (Main Line Reform Temple in Wynnewood, PA), but it was not until recently that I learned from her parents, Jill and Sid, that Blaine was actually one of the cantor's favorite students. During Hebrew school services Blaine would smile and wave to him from her seat in the giant sanctuary. He saw a real spark in her and asked Jill and Sid if he could be her tutor for her Bat Mitzvah. Blaine and Cantor Portnoy grew very close over the years, and he helped guide her through her middle school transition to Penn Charter. They kept in touch even through her college years.

Once at Dartmouth, Blaine attended high-holiday services and gravitated toward the Jewish community she found at Shabbat dinners at Hillel and Chabad. Blaine and I were in full agreement that the Chabad Passover Seder sophomore spring was by far the best party of the term. It was the first night back on campus after spring break, we had many of our best friends sitting next to us, and everyone was excited about new classes and the warm weather approaching. Rabbi Gray, also known as %abs, must have been a little frustrated by the incessant giggling at our end of the table while he was leading the service, but we were having the best time. Passover, Blaine's parents said, was among Blaine's favorite holidays; she learned to make haroset with her family when she was young and they made it together every year until Blaine went off to college.

I think the Dartmouth Chabad Birthright trip this past winter was truly a defining experience in Blaine's relationship with Judaism and Israel. First, we were plagued by a stomach bug that hit two-thirds of the birthright group, although Blaine dodged that virus. While we were at the Bedouin tents, in between bringing water and plastic bags to the other students who were sick inside the tent, Blaine and I talked for hours with the Israeli soldiers in our group. We talked until five in the morning comparing our experiences and life stories, chatting about politics, learning Hebrew words, and perfecting our pronunciation of the Hebrew letter, %esh. It was a beautiful and hilarious night I will never forget. The giant snowstorm was another challenge (the most snow to fall in Israel since 1953), and Blaine weathered that obstacle too, creating makeshift snow boots out of plastic bags. This was Blaine's first trip to Israel, and she found the political, social, and religious issues interesting and compelling.

Upon our return to the U.S., Blaine had a more profound interest and curiosity about Israel and how it related to her Judaism. She talked to one of our best friends from Walden, Evie Kallenbach, who has been heavily involved in Pro-Israel life at Kenyon College. Evie told me that she and Blaine sat on her living room floor and Blaine just kept asking questions for two hours straight. The trip meant the world to her, Evie said. Later that month, Blaine also met with her Rabbi, David Straus, at Main Line Reform to get another perspective on her questions about Israel. The stories and complex issues we explored during Birthright genuinely piqued her interest.

I know Blaine attended reformed Jewish Hebrew School when she was younger and although Chabad addresses and practices Judaism differently, Blaine gravitated to it because she was embraced by the warm and welcoming rabbi and community. Blaine had another, unusual and surprising connection with Chabad, because there she found someone. Rabbi Gray no less, who shared her enthusiasm (and her Dad's enthusiasm too) for CrossFit training. In addition, Chabad is a place where students are intellectually challenged and where we explore political, moral, and religious issues. Blaine had signed up for the Sinai Scholars program in the spring to pursue these topics further.

With the Passover holiday on the horizon, a time when we Jews pay particularly close attention to our unique set of traditions, I know once again I will attend the Seder at Chabad. Blaine will not be there with me this year and that will be very hard. However, I feel comforted knowing that much will be the same, and Blaine would have liked that since she was a lover of traditions.

Chabad in Action



Carri Wolf 15 and Max Samuels '15



Reunion with Coleman



Regine Frankel Tells her Survival Story



Ice Fishing with Collis Ray



Students with Ziev and the Chabad Terror Victims Project



Camel Riding in the Negev Desert



Cool even with the orange name tags



Cold and Wet Group Photo at The Wall



Finally after 10 winters, Ice Fishing



Holy Stairs



Gray Family Sledding Team