

HARVARD CHABAD

A Glimpse Into 2023-2024

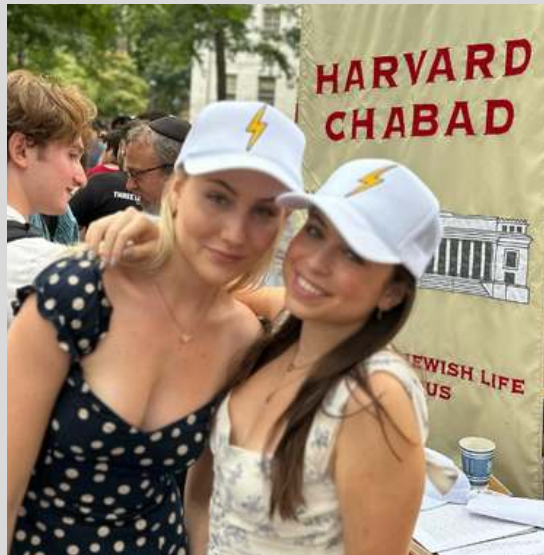
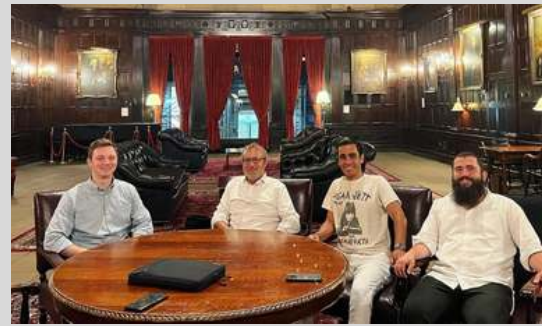


Welcome to Campus!



"We are very fortunate to have Chabad in our midst. Chabad offers so much to the Jewish community of Harvard and beyond. It is a warm place; a place to go for Shabbat dinner, a place to go for spiritual sustenance, a place where our entire community can feel welcome."

- Harvard University President Alan Garber



Welcome Back BBQ!













Board of Advisors Meeting



Student Leadership Meeting



First-Year Leadership Committee



Mezuzah Campaign

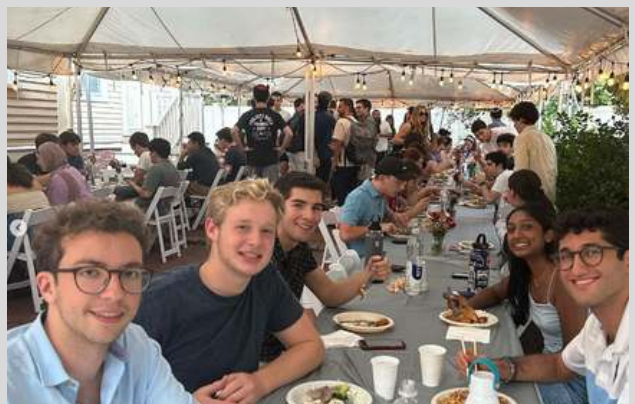
Displaying Jewish pride on campus

Your dorm room may be temporary, but your Judaism isn't! Protect your home, and display Jewish pride with a Mezuzah on your doorpost



Weekly Chinese Dinner

Dine with students from every niche of the Harvard campus.





"Chabad is the epitome of community. I'm so happy to have discovered such a warm and kind group of people in the huge world of Harvard. From Shabbat, to Chinese dinners, to Jewish learning, Chabad is a real gift."

-Daniel Berk '25

High Holidays with Chabad



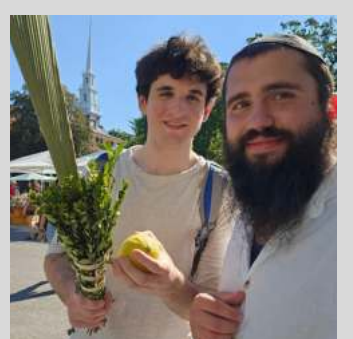
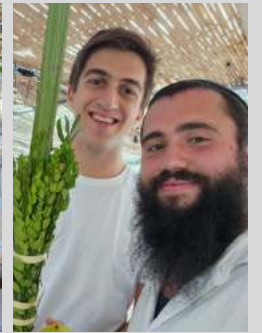
Yom Kippur at Harvard Law School

Some of the 1000 participants of Yom Kippur with Harvard Chabad*
**Across Harvard Chabad, and its satellite centers*



Lulav Round-up!





Sushi and Scrubs in the Sukkah

Celebrating Sukkot at the Harvard Chabad Longwood Sukkah with fellow members of the Harvard Medical, Harvard Dental, and Harvard School of Public Health Communities!



Challah Bake

in loving memory of Natan Finger OBM



Give Shabbat a Shot

Harvard Chabad Students preparing for Harvard's largest Shabbat celebration!



Former Harvard President Professor Larry Summers showing support for S1K in Harvard Yard!



Alumna, Samantha David, former student president of Harvard Chabad, joins students tabling for S1K

Post October 7

No Excuse For Terror! Am Yisrael Chai!



Shabbat 1000

Celebrating Jewish identity, the Jewish community, and standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Israel. Harvard's largest Shabbat celebration brings together 1000 students in the Science Center Plaza tent for Friday night Shabbat dinner.





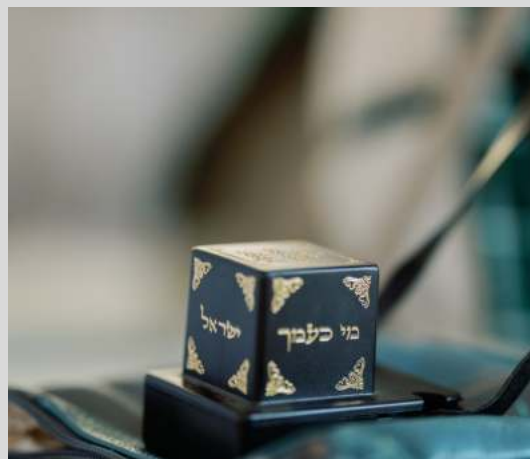


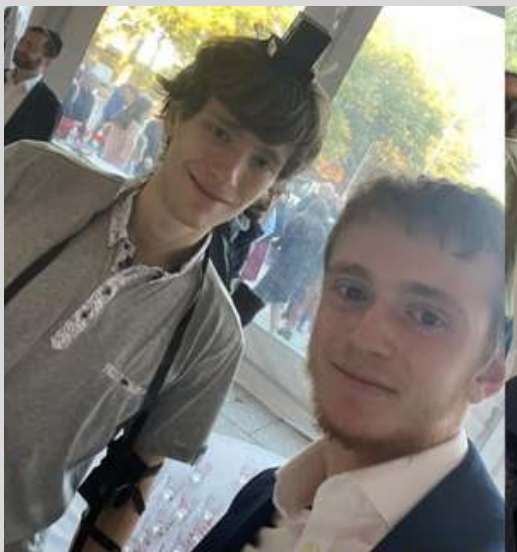




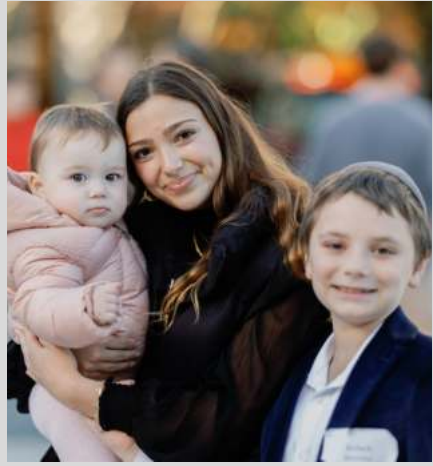


There are things on this earth, that no force in the world, can take away from us. One of them is Tefillin ✡️ [#ArmsforIsrael](#) [#AmYisraelChai](#)

























Challah Bake for Israel

Harvard Graduate Students - Stronger Together!



Rain or Shine, Am Yisrael Chai



Conversation with Bill Ackman

We express our deep gratitude to our friend and partner, Bill Ackman '88, MBA '92, founder and CEO of Pershing Square Capital Management, for sharing his warmth and wisdom with our community. We were deeply moved by his personal Jewish narrative, pride, and identity. Thank you, Bill, for your important voice and powerful ideas of how to secure a better future for the Jewish people, Israel, Harvard, and humanity.









Shabbat Table Installation

Harvard Chabad set up an empty Shabbat table in honor of our brothers and sisters, innocent Israeli civilians, babies, children, women, men, and elderly – including Holocaust survivors, who are being held in the tunnels of Gaza by terrorists.



Shabbat Dinner at Harvard Law School with Dean Manning



Hundreds celebrated Shabbat at the largest Annual Jewish Celebration at HLS.

Shabbat Dinner at Harvard Medical School with Larry Summers and Dean Daley



Faculty, and Students from HMS, HSDM, and HSPH celebrated Jewish Identity, Community, and Unity.

*The program included a Keynote address by Larry Summers
who offered REFLECTIONS ON ANTISEMITISM AND THE UNIVERSITY*

Shabbat with Ted Deutsch

Former Congressman, and current CEO of A7C.



Shabbat with Dean Dunne

Dean of Students at Harvard College



A Conversation with Larry Summers

*Charles W. Eliot University Professor, President Emeritus at Harvard University,
and the 71st U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.*





“When the history of this century’s antisemitism on university campuses is written, I believe that the brilliant and clarifying bold voice of Larry Summers will be seen as having been pivotal in reversing its course.” – Rabbi Hirschy Zarchi

Bearing Witness to the Oct 7 Massacre

Hosted at Harvard by Harvard Chabad

Presented by: Gilad Erdan, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations.



Elkie Zarchi, Founder and Director of Harvard Chabad.

Ben Landau '24, Harvard Chabad Undergraduate Student President.

Meron Reuben, Consul General of Israel to New England.

Nim Ravid '25, Harvard Chabad Dahan Fellow.

Rabbi Hirschy Zarchi, Founder and President of Harvard Chabad,

Jackie & Omri Dahan Harvard Chabad Jewish Chaplain.

Bill Ackman '88, HBS '92, Founder and CEO of Pershing Square Capital Management.

Ambassador Gilad Erdan, Israel's Ambassador to the UN.

Lt. Col. Amnon Shefler MPA '23, IDF spokesperson for international media.







First Night of Chanukah!

Thank you to Professor Michael Sandel for kindling the first flame.

Chanukah with Harvard Chabad was generously sponsored by David '96 and Randi Sultan in loving memory of his dear grandfather, Meyer Tannenbaum, ז"ל.





Second Candle in Harvard Yard

The 2nd Candle in Harvard Yard with Provost Alan Garber, and special friends and guests, Tim Barakett of the Harvard Cooperation, alumnus Josh Friedman, and Rabbi David Wolpe.





Engaging with Rep. Ro Khanna on the rise of Antisemitism on campus



Happy Chanukah!

8 Nights of Menorah & Latkes at the Zarchis



"Whenever you miss a sense of family, Harvard Chabad can always make you feel right at home."

- Thomas Harris '25

Third Night - A LIT Chanukah Party

Jewish spirit at Harvard is ALIVE!

Harvard Chabad X MIT Chabad celebrate at the Middle East Club













Fifth Night of Chanukah in Harvard Yard

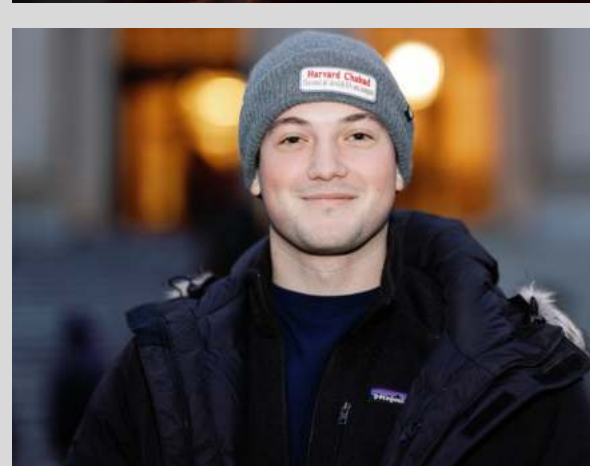
Menorah with Professor Jason Furman, and HLS Dean, Professor John Manning.

Ma'oz Tzur led by the newly formed Harvard Jewish Acappella group 🎵



Sixth Night of Chanukah in Harvard Yard

With Professor Steven Pinker

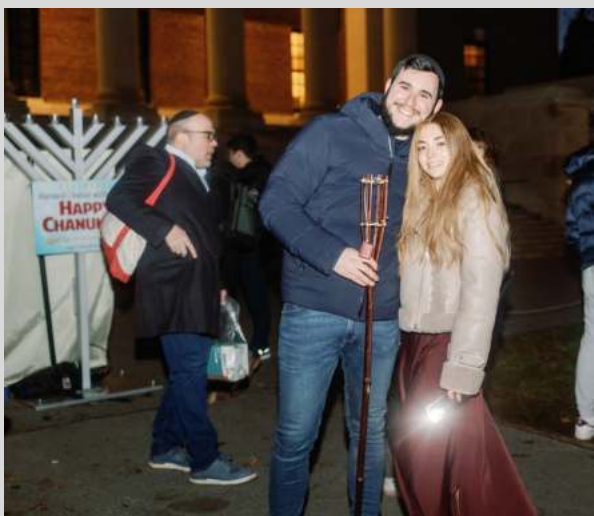


Menorah in Harvard Yard

Wednesday, December 13 in Harvard Yard with President Claudine Gay, Professor Jeff Busgang, and the Harvard community.







“Antisemitism at Harvard is Thriving!”

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Notable & Quotable: Hiding Harvard's Menorah

‘The university . . . would not allow us to keep this menorah here overnight, because there’s fear that it’ll be vandalized. Think about that.’

Dec. 15, 2023 at 5:24 pm ET



Rabbi Hirschy Zarchi of Harvard Chabad speaking in front of a menorah outside the Widener Library, Dec. 13. PHOTO: HARVARD CHABAD

The New York Times

Antisemitism on U.S. Campuses | Timeline | Harvard's Splintered Campus

Feeling Alone and Estranged, Many Jews at Harvard Wonder What's Next

After one of the most trying weeks in the university's recent history, some students question whether they have a place on campus.



The menorah lighting ceremony on Wednesday at Harvard

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At a Friday night menorah lighting organized by Harvard Chabad, Barakett attended with Josh Friedman of Canyon Partners – both sit on the board of Harvard Management Co. which oversees the endowment.

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This war is different



Harvard's president, Claudine Gay, at a Shabbat service held in solidarity with Israel. Sophie Park for The New York Times

The Hamas-Israel war has brought these tensions to the fore because both sides in the debate have large campus constituencies.

JEWISHINSIDER

Quick Hits

- DAILY KICKOFF: Daily Kickoff: Mitt Romney's long dream
- THE KEY AFTER: Barbara Leaf says that 'healy' might force Israel to allow PA to govern Gaza
- ANTHONY BLAIR: CEOs, senators strategize with Netanyahu's parents on Capitol Hill
- FRENCH TROOPS: Israelis allowed back into French zone exhibit other Israeli reserves today
- ON THE HILL: Rachel and Jon Goldring plan to meet with senators, CEOs on hostage-release efforts
- DAILY KICKOFF: Daily Kickoff: The journey to watch in Virginia and Oklahoma today
- EXCLUSIVE: Rachel and Jon Goldring plan to meet with senators, CEOs on hostage-release efforts
- ON THE HILL: House passes 2025 defense bill, with new Middle East provisions
- EXCLUSIVE: Lawmakers urge administration to 'urgently' recommitment to new Iran sanctions

SHINING THE LIGHT

Speaking to President Gay, Harvard Chabad rabbi blasts school's handling of antisemitism

Rabbi Hirschy Zarchi: 'We in the Jewish community are longing for a day that we can refer to the president and all of Harvard as ours.'

DAILY WIRE

'Harvard Does Not Have Our Back': Rabbi Slams University At Hanukkah Event Attended By Claudine Gay

"26 years I've given my life to this community. I've never felt so alone."

By Kasey Abiba Dec 14, 2023 DailyWire.com

“It's about numbers and volume, because we have them outnumbered” - chanted yesterday on Harvard's Science Center Plaza.

Commentary

DECEMBER 14, 2023 AMERICAN SOCIETY

The Rabbi's Lesson for Claudine Gay

by Seth Mandel

MUCH OF THE DEBATE AROUND THE EXPLOSION OF anti-Semitism in public spaces is, appropriately, geared toward demanding accountability from those in power. But the Jewish community is also going to have to grab society by its lapels on occasion, make it look into our faces, and listen to our words.

Rep. Ro Khanna @RepRokhanna

I met with Jewish students at Harvard at the invitation of the @HarvardChabad and Rabbi Hirschy Zarchi. I was honored to light the menorah for Chanukah.

Antisemitism has no place on college campuses, and administrators need to be unequivocal in condemning hate speech that is dehumanizing against Jews or any other religious, racial or ethnic community.

Harvard Chabad Reception in Miami

An evening in Miami with alumni, parents, and friends: In conversation with Professor Alan Dershowitz and Rabbi Hirschy Zarchi.

With gratitude to Stuart ('91) and Jennifer Zimmer, and their children Zachary ('23) and Sabre ('25) for hosting us in their beautiful home!



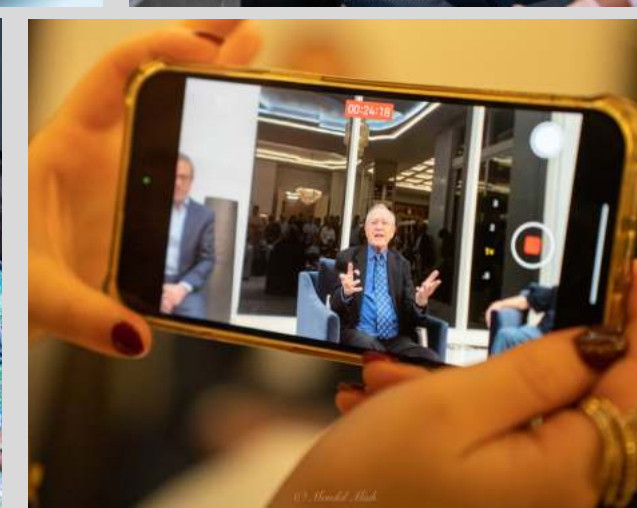


















100 Days in Captivity - Run 4 Their Lives

Over 1000+ members of the Greater Boston Community at Harvard Chabad as we demand to #BringThemHome









100
DAYS IN CAPTIVITY
Sunday, January 14
WALK A MILE FOR THE HOSTAGES
Harvard Chabad | 38 Banks Street, Cambridge
11:15 am: begin 1 mile loop walk | 12 pm: keynote speakers

RUN FOR THEIR LIVES Harvard Chabad *The soul of Jewish life on campus* **HOSTAGES AND MISSING FAMILIES FORUM**

Consulate General of Israel to New England **cjp** Combined Jewish Philanthropies **AJC** American Jewish Committee

JCC Greater Boston **IAC** GREAT AMERICAN COUNCIL **ADL** **ADL** **ADL**

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RIDE TO BRING THEM HOME NOW



Marchers call to free hostages on 100th day of their captivity

The demonstrators walked along Charles River Sunday morning to commemorate the date.

By **Daniel Kool** Globe Correspondent
Updated January 14, 2024, 45 minutes ago



Tamar Davis Galper held a photo of her cousin, Omer Neutra, a 22-year-old Israeli-American taken hostage by Hamas while speaking at a rally at Harvard Chabad. DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN/GLOBE STAFF

Hundreds of demonstrators filled both banks of the Charles River near Harvard University Sunday morning, marking one day since Hamas



Harvard Chabad Leadership Team

*It's with great joy that we are pleased to announce that **Rabbi Mendel and Rivkah Zarchi** have assumed the full-time roles of Graduate Student Community Leaders and Teachers!*

We express our deepest gratitude to the many Harvard Chabad benefactors giving generously to sustain, strengthen, and grow the critical work of Harvard Chabad.



Bake Nights



"I did not want to find my Jewish identity when I got to Harvard. What I wanted, when I first stepped into Chabad, was to eat challah. That's all I wanted. They have really good challah. And yet every time I went back, still telling myself this was only about the bread, I asked more and more questions, and they were all answered. Nothing was shied away from; all of the difficult topics were discussed. I became a person who chose to live a Jewish life."

-Samantha Perry David

Middle East Initiative at HKS

*Welcome back, **Jared Kushner!** Thank you to HKS Professor **Tarek Masoud** for an excellent program, followed by a great Kosher dinner and discussion!*



Humans of HBS

The start of a Bi-Weekly Series, “Humans of HBS”, featuring faculty, students, and alumni who will share informal “MyTakes”, life and career arcs, reflections, and more over dinner.



Longwood Medical Area

Weekly Programming in LMA with HMS, HSDM, & HSPH 🚧



Harvard Law School

Weekly Programming at HLS



Torah Wisdom with Chabad

Learning is the lifeblood of Judaism; There are numerous opportunities for students to explore Jewish texts and ideas covering a great range of themes from the social, political, economic, legal, philosophical, and spiritual.



Harvard Chabad X Harvard '27

FIRST-YEAR FRIENDSGIVING



FIRST-YEAR FEAST



FRESHMEN FRUIT



PRE-SHABBAT HAPPY HOUR



Welcome Back to Chinese Dinner!





Purim Katan Undergraduate Masquerade 🎭

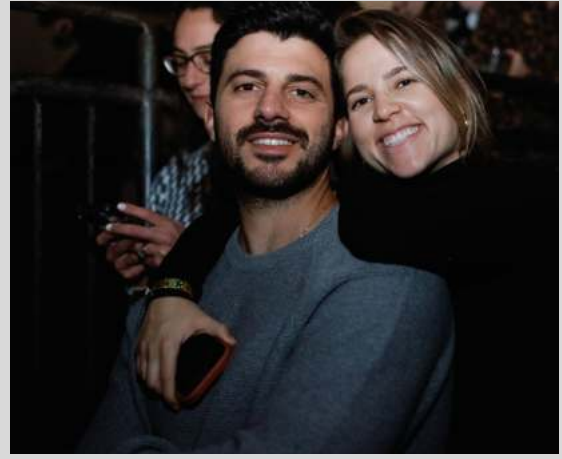




Ishay Ribo Concert

An electrifying evening of unity, solidarity, and love with Israeli artist, Ishay Ribo. We created this musical and cultural experience to lift the spirits of Israeli and Jewish students on campus who have been subjected to hate and vitriol over the last several months. From the outpouring of joy and gratitude we received from our community, it's clear that love, solidarity, and music prevailed!









Antisemitism at Harvard

Harvard Contract Worker Ordered to Leave Campus After Videotaped Tearing Down Israeli Hostage Posters



Jewish hate and anti-Israel voices are targeting Harvard Chabad and Israeli artist, Ishay Ribbo.

Ishay is a man who embodies profound love and peace. His music inspires the soul and elevates consciousness. Jewish consciousness, and human consciousness.

To all the ticketholders of our concerts scheduled to be held Tuesday evening, February 27, please stay tuned.



Shabbat Dinner at Harvard Business School with President Alan Garber



Shabbat Dinner at Harvard Kennedy School with Dean Douglas W. Elmendorf and Debbie Isaacson



Shabbat with Mr. Marshall Sonenshine and Dr Therese Rosenblatt



Get Our Sisters Out of Hell

Thank you to Aylit, Rep. Ruth Balser, Leslie of @hadassahorg, Peggy of @adl_newengland, Alexandra of @ajc.global, @emilianolavi, Gal Bibas, Effi Yahalomi, Hero: Oz Davidian, Elizabeth Keeley, @destinythefwonderful, and @elkiez of Harvard Chabad.





Oct. 7 Survivors / Hostages Families Delegation

With profound trepidation we hosted (at Harvard Law School and at Harvard Chabad) a delegation of Jewish and Muslim families who flew from Israel to tell the stories of their loved ones who are being held hostage or who were murdered on October 7.

They pleaded that Harvard embody its motto of Veritas and teach its students and the world the truth about the evil being committed against Jewish children and the Jewish people. They implored of us to expose the lies and antisemitic conspiracies being told about Israel. Our humanity obligates us to do all we can to ensure the swift return of their loved ones. These beautiful families deserve nothing less, and the future of our world requires it.





What a privilege to host the Sharaka Delegation!

A group whose voice and message offers so much hope in the ability to create a world in which all can live in peace and mutual respect, rooted in shared values.



*In partnership with Harvard Law School Alliance for Israel, we had the privilege of hosting veteran Israeli journalist, **Haviv Rettig Gur**. Haviv shared his analysis of the war in Israel and Gaza with great journalistic insights and nuance. Aside from disruptive protesters, it was deeply meaningful to have a high-level discussion of this critically important issue on campus. Our gratitude to The Paul E. Singer Foundation for facilitating this opportunity.*



Purim Bash at Ole!







Hamentash Bake!



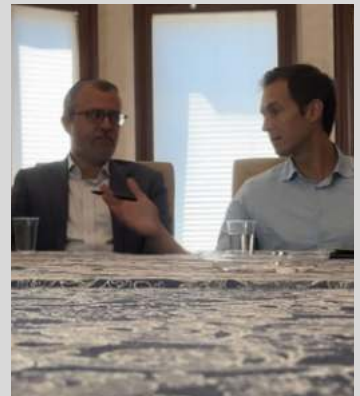
Conversation with Rep. Ritchie Torres

Congressman Torres is one of the great moral voices in the USA. Ritchie, as he is affectionately known, is a champion of the Jewish community, Israel, and good people everywhere. His exemplary leadership and courageous voice is exactly the model that we hope our students will follow. Thank you, Ritchie, and may G-d continue to bless you



Conversation with Rep. Auchincloss

*We had the pleasure of welcoming **Congressman Jake Auchincloss** and **State Senator Rebecca Rausch** for an important conversation with students and faculty. We deeply appreciate their leadership and dedication to combat the hateful plague of Jew-hate on the rise in the United States, and particularly on college campuses, and to help restore law, order, and human decency and dignity to society.*



Thank you to Massachusetts Governor, Maura Healey and Kim Driscoll, for convening Jewish communal leaders to collaborate on addressing the rise of antisemitism on college campuses, and throughout the Commonwealth. It was followed by a wonderful reception in the state house, signing the bill recognizing Jewish American Heritage Month.



Jewish Leadership Conversations

Harvard Chabad Student Board Meeting joined by David Friedman '93, HLS '96 & Keren Rimon. Dave serves as Executive Vice President, Legal & Government Affairs for the Red Sox.



Conversation with Michael Eisenberg, partner at Aleph VC sharing mentoring guidance on leadership and responsibility.

Fireside Chat with Former Member of Knesset, Einat Wilf '96.

Born and raised in Israel, Dr. Wilf served as an Intelligence Officer in the Israel Defense Forces, Foreign Policy Advisor to Vice Prime Minister Shimon Peres, and a strategic consultant with McKinsey & Company.

Thank you to the Humansphere Foundation for sponsoring!



*A sharing session for Harvard Chabad students with Jared Ellias and Derek Penslar, Co-Chairs of the **Task Force on Combating Antisemitism** recently established by interim President Alan Garber.*



Lunch discussion with young leaders and alumni from Tavor, an Israeli Academy for Social Leadership, visiting Harvard.

“Muslim Women Speak” with the American Muslim and Multi-Faith Women’s Empowerment Council



*A conversation with leading Israeli actor, and Israeli special forces first responder **Yadin Gellman** at Harvard Law School*

*A conversation with **Rabbi Leo Dee**, and how his life changed when his wife and two daughters were brutally massacred by Hamas terrorists.*



Visitas BBQ with H'28!



Passover



Passover BBQ



TEFILLIN with a side of Shmurah Matzah 🥞



@zalmanzarchi1
@harvardchabad
@cambridgepota



**When Jews are hated, we love them more.
When Judaism is publicly attacked, we honor and take pride in it, publicly.**



Never Enough Mitzvot!



"Chabad feels like a family within the larger Harvard community where people in all grades and concentrations can come together to celebrate and learn about Shabbat, Judaism, and Israel."

- Hannah Hepner '24

Mazel Tov!





Class Day Family Brunch

Commencement brunch for the graduates of 2024 and their families.









Commencement

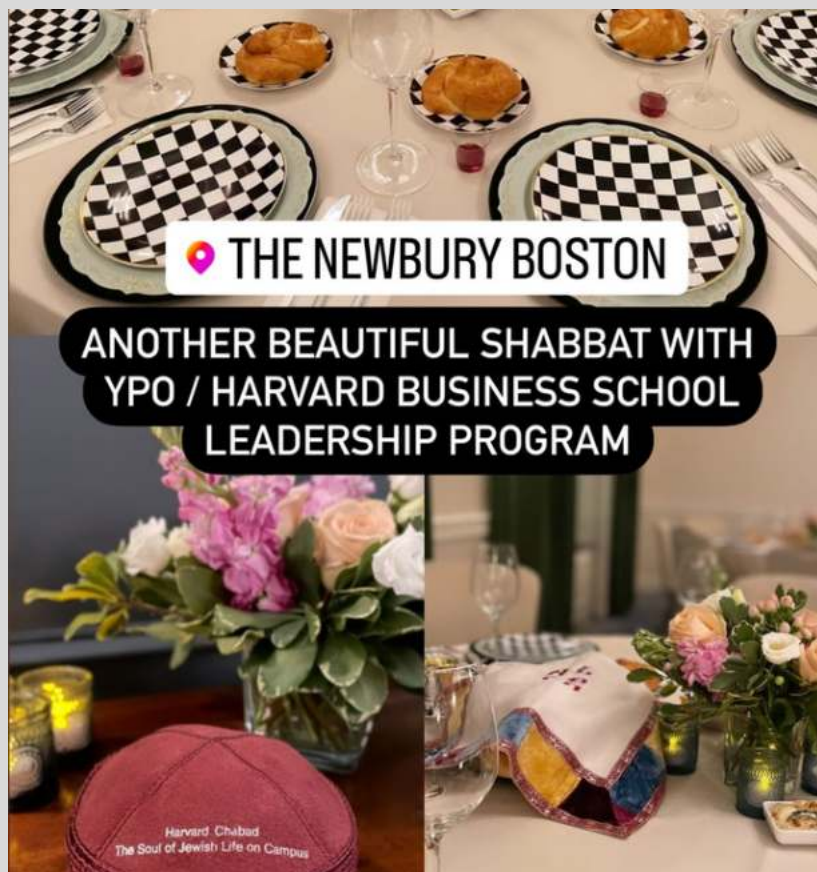
The Harvard Crimson

Rabbi Zarchi Confronted Maria Ressa, Walked Off Stage Over Her Harvard Commencement Speech





YPO Executive Program at HBS



OPM 64 at HBS



Harvard Chabad Alumni & Reunions



Meetings in Israel

*Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Rabbi Hirschy Zarchi,
and a group of Chabad on Campus leaders.*



*A Conversation with Natan Sharansky about Jewish life on campus
and the future of the Academy.*

