



# NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE MASTER

Dear Brother Alumnus,

We always hit the ground running and this semester, we had yet another successful rush. Events like hookah & hummus as well as our invite-only event brought out some great guys, giving us a strong six man pledge class. After rush, we worked on securing the house for next year. This has been our first year at 118 Russell St. and we have been lucky enough to have an easy time with non-brothers that live there, but we want as many brothers as possible living there moving forward. Thanks to the strength of our chapter, we have filled the house with ten brothers. This doubles our space by giving us full control of the duplex. This is a huge step for us and we are excited to see what we'll accomplish next year. In the meantime, we've kept ourselves busy by holding brotherhood events, attending AEPI's Northeastern Conclave and going on our yearly trip with MEOR. This year's trip was to Baltimore and D.C. where we went snowboarding, traveled to the White House, and attended a Washington Capitals game. It's been a packed six weeks and we can't wait to keep things going for the rest of the semester.

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## BROTHER ABROAD

Written by:  
Brother Manny Smith (2021)

Six Lambda Beta brothers are currently studying abroad and taking in new cultural experiences.

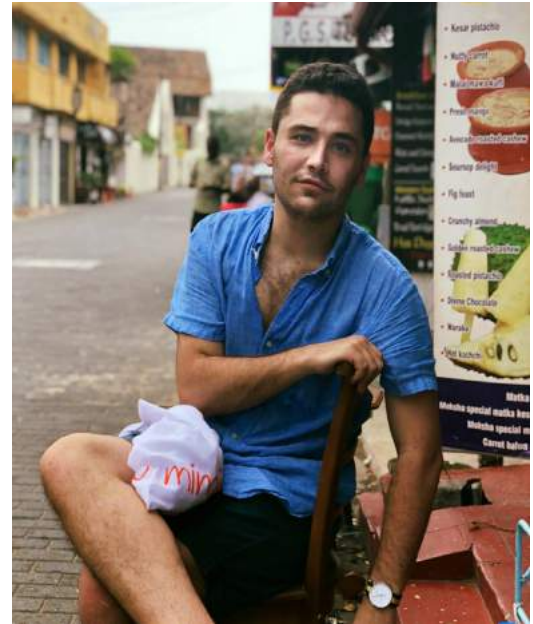
Bryan McNamara took his talent to Edinburgh, Scotland. Drawn to the University of Edinburgh by its parliamentary internship program, Bryan will take classes for five weeks and then spend nine weeks interning for a member of Scottish Parliament. He enjoys the social scene, particularly meeting people from such a different place.

Maddox Kay has a passion for law and is studying international law at The Hague in the Netherlands at the International Criminal Court. We have no doubt he will learn valuable skills needed for a law career.

Yair Koas went to Rome to participate in a select internship that runs underground archaeological excavations in the city. He is interested in theatre and classical history so he's hoping to study ancient artifacts and learn more about the secrets that surround Italy.

Matthew Schechter ventured back to the Jewish homeland to reconnect with himself and his Judaism in Jerusalem. Schechter exemplifies what it means to be a true Jewish brother of AEPi.

Max Byer is studying political economy at King's College right in the heart of London. He chose London because it is a massive, metropolitan city on par with Washington D.C. and Manhattan with endless history and



culture. He loves both the bounty of local excursions and the endless travel opportunities internationally.

Zach Narin (pictured above) took his semester abroad in Jordan. Despite the risk and tension in the area, he believed that it was the right thing to do. Surely Zach is making a difference in the Middle East.

## AEPi TRIP

Written by:  
Brother Scott Halper (2020)

This February, 22 brothers went on a trip together to Baltimore and D.C. For six days, everyone bonded over a once in a lifetime experience. We stayed in a mansion with more than twenty bedrooms. "The mansion was one of the craziest places I've ever been in. I don't even know how it exists," Manny Smith (2021) recalled. On the first day, brothers did teambuilding exercises. We spent Friday night



with local families in the Baltimore suburbs who told us about their lives as doctors, lawyers and entrepreneurs. On Saturday night, brothers went to the University of Maryland and everyone went out to Ski Liberty Mountain Resort on Sunday. We took a tour of the Naval Academy on Monday where brothers learned about the regimented lifestyle that students live in. Then, we got a tour of Oriole Park at Camden Yards where we sat in the dugout and learned about how it became the ballpark that changed baseball.

On Tuesday, the guys all headed out to Washington D.C. Some brothers went to the Air and Space museum as well as the National Art Gallery. After, we headed to the Eisenhower executive

office building for an exclusive meeting with Fernando Cutz, Senior Advisor to H.R. McMaster. He told us about how when a national emergency happens, he gets the call and has to decide whether to notify the National Security Advisor and indirectly President Trump. Hearing him tell us about this was an unbelievable experience! We ended the night at a Washington Capitals game. Overall, the trip was an excellent experience and a wonderful way to bond as a brotherhood outside of Brandeis.



## BROTHERHOOD

Written by:  
Brother Gabe Goldstein (2018)

In early February, Lambda Beta was shocked by news of the passing of Brian Lewis, the father of Brother Eli Lewis (2020), may his memory be a blessing. There are no words of consolation or comfort that can ease the pain of a heart broken by such an untimely tragedy. Our brothers have experienced suffering and overcome tribulation before, but familiarity with unexpected loss does little to quell the consuming pain of each new heartbreak.

At such a young age, it's difficult to know how to react to something of this nature. But when news of Mr. Lewis's passing made its way around the chapter, not a single brother hesitated to attend the funeral in Paramus, New Jersey. We weren't sure what we were going to say when we got there, but we knew that we had to stand beside our brother in hopes that our presence would give him strength.

What I saw in Paramus -- a procession of 25 brothers offering hugs and words of condolence -- was utterly breathtaking. Such a powerful display of mutual helpfulness and a raw show of compassion reaffirmed that I made the right decision when I joined the Lambda Beta chapter four years ago. Most fraternities talk about brotherhood, but Lambda Beta acts on it. There is no greater proof of that than what I experienced in New Jersey on that Sunday morning in February.

When I first came to Waltham, I felt an existential and multifaceted loneliness that I hadn't experienced before. Growing up in an insular Orthodox Jewish community in Memphis, I knew everyone around me as though they were family. My high school graduated with a class of only 20. Although Brandeis is small, it felt so big when I first arrived. Had I not joined AEPi, I'm not sure how I would have made it through that tumultuous start.

Lambda Beta gave me purpose, it gave me support and it gave me brotherhood like I'd never had before. These last four years as a brother have changed me in ways that I never could have

anticipated. In AEPi, I found my voice, my passions and my future groomsmen.

As I prepare for graduation and begin to reflect on the transformational elements of my Brandeis experience, I catch myself disproportionately thinking about my time in Lambda Beta. In most regards, I feel ready to move on from Brandeis -- I'm eager to explore the world outside of this oftentimes stifling bubble. But when I try to stomach the thought of attending my last chapter meeting, formal or lock-in, I'm left fighting the urge to fall apart.

I know it'll be difficult to leave 118 Russell behind, but when I'm feeling nostalgic



a few years down the road I'll look back and remember the snow beginning to fall during kaddish in a cemetery filled with my brothers. I'll remember the tears we all shared with Eli and for Mr. Lewis, and I'll know that my time spent with these ineffably special people was well worth whatever sadness leaving them may bring. I'm not sure where we'll all go from here, but I know for certain that we'll move forward together.

## AEPi SPORTS

Written by:  
Brother Cahler Fruchtman (2021)



Sports commonly unites the brotherhood and our competitive nature is on full display during intramural basketball. Lambda Beta's team ran into the playoffs after an undefeated regular season with a starting lineup of Manny Smith, Gabe Gold, Yehuda Schein, Noah Hessdorf and Jared Yaghoubian.

The team's success can easily be linked to the bench contributions from Joel Fisch, Michael Harlow, Nathan Strauss and Harry Esses. We led the league in points and had a wide margin scoring differential of 66

points per game, outscoring our opponents by nearly 27 points per game.

The regular season had many highlights, including one of the most prolific offensive explosions Brandeis has ever seen in a 90-40 drubbing that had to be called with five minutes remaining in the game. In fact, not even the Brandeis varsity team has scored that many points in a game this season. Even though we lost the playoffs, it was a great season full of brotherhood bonding.

# PHILANTHROPY

Written by:  
Brother Aaron Minsky (2021)

Philanthropy is not exclusive to one man, it's the ability everyone has to assist the less fortunate. This year, Lambda Beta hopes to reach new heights in our philanthropic efforts. Through a wide variety of events that aim to reach various demographics in our respective communities, our goal is to raise \$5,000 this semester. We look to support organizations like Innovation: Africa, which brings Israeli technologies such as solar energy and drip-irrigation to eight different African countries. You can learn more about these organizations [here](#).

Gandhi once eloquently stated that generosity is not exclusive of one race or religion. Despite what the Torah teaches us about giving back to our community, as citizens of this world we should seek out the opportunities to give back to our communities, to help the less-fortunate and to lend a helping hand when need be. No matter the size of our contribution, it will be appreciated. More importantly, it will impact the people who receive it. Check our progress towards the \$5,000 goal and contribute when you visit our [personal fundraising page](#)!



73%

\$2,905

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