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Letter from the Chapter President

To the Alumnae of the Upsilon Alpha Chapter of Alpha Epsilon Pi,

I hope this newsletter reaches you well! It has been a while since you have heard from us, and we are excited to share what we've been up to!

Our chapter membership has grown from 40 members to over 95 members in the last 3 years. Additionally, we have raised over \$15k in philanthropic ventures this year alone. We just had our largest new member class in the last 6 years with 32 initiated brothers in the Fall. There is still much work to be done, but I am proud of the work that has been put in by our chapter to get to where we are today.

As for myself, my name is Sam Gottfried, and I am a Sophomore Honors Finance Student. I rushed last fall, and since then have had nothing but a great time here at the University of Arizona. This is my first semester as Brother Master, and I served as the Exchequer last fall as well. I welcome each and every one of you to our first official newsletter in the last couple of years, and we want to show you what we are proud to have accomplished as a chapter this year!

Fraternally,

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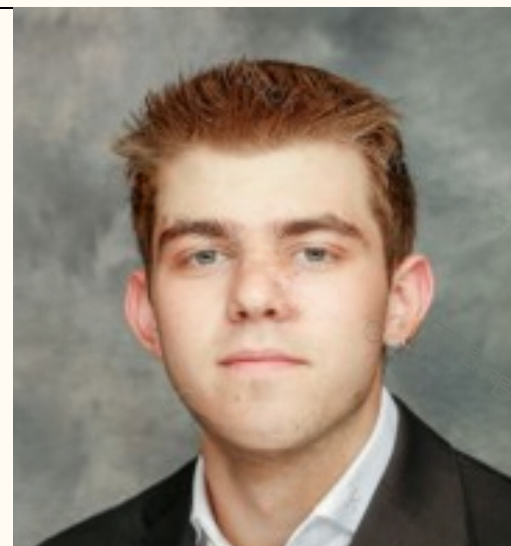
Letter from the Alumni Chair

To the Upsilon Alpha Alumni,

My name is Miles Lehrman, and I am proud to have the Alumni Chair role for our chapter. I am a Sophomore from New York. I am currently studying Urban and Regional Development, with a minor in Real Estate development. Sam and I are really proud to show you guys some great accomplishments our chapter has had lately. Hope this letter finds everyone well and brings back some great memories!

Fraternally,

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OUR CHAPTER, DECEMBER 9TH, 2024

Our chapter has 95 members, including our largest fall new member class in the last 6 years of 32. This photo is from our ugly sweater party, an annual tradition. We still live and host our weekly social events at 1510 N Vine Ave, our AEPi house since the 70s. We also successfully completed “Pichella” a 2-day concert series in our front yard with the rapper Rich The Kid and the DJ Matroda. The event had over 1,300 people over the two days! Even with all of the partying, the brothers have stayed diligent in school and in the professional world. We have over 50 brothers above a 3.0 GPA and many involved in jobs, internships, and professional development courses. We are the next generation of future business leaders and leaders in the Jewish community. We are very involved with Chabad on Campus and make Friday Night Shabbat Dinners a weekly tradition!



LAKE HAVASU FORMAL, MARCH 27TH-29TH, 2025

Our chapter recently went on our annual weekender! Last year we went to Las Vegas but decided to switch it up this year and went to Lake Havasu City. We stayed at the Nautical Beachfront Resort, rented out Shugrue’s Bridgeview Room for our formal dinner, and had cabana boats on the lake. Everyone had a blast! The only question we have left to answer is where we will go next year.



CHARITY CHALLAH BAKE, OCTOBER 8TH, 2024

After the events of the original October 7th attack, we hosted a food and supplies drive for soldiers and families impacted. This year, a day after the one-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks, we hosted a challah bake to raise money for Kibbutz Manara. This Kibbutz in the Golan Heights was completely destroyed by Hezbollah bombs. We wanted to help their rebuilding efforts and raised over \$7k. We also created a mural with the US and Israeli Flags made out of handprints combined with AEPi letters in the center in our basketball courtyard.

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

You're probably asking yourself why you should care about a bunch of college kids. You're also probably asking what makes this particular group of people worthy of investing your time and effort into. Unfortunately, the past few years our chapter hasn't been very good about alumni engagement. But we are now committed to the fact that a fraternity chapter is only as strong as its alumni network.

We believe that we have some of the best alumni across the entire country! People with great insights who have achieved great things after their undergraduate years in all different fields and industries.

There has not been a formal line of communication between the chapter and our alumni within the last 4 years. We can promise you that will not happen again. Our goal is to create a living network where our alumni are significantly involved in chapter affairs. Our goal is to connect undergraduates and alumni to create professional connections, stronger community, mentorship, and even lifelong friendships.

This October, we welcomed various alumnae back to campus for Homecoming/Alumni Weekend. We were lucky to have such great organizers and the opportunity to make great connections at an alumni tailgate by McKale Center. This January, we were happy to welcome back 15 members of the 1989-1991 pledge classes back to our house. We had an alumni tailgate before a basketball game, and they even crashed our party the night before! These alumni events in particular gave us the inspiration to start rebuilding the alumni network and showed us just how meaningful it can be to connect and reconnect with your fraternity brothers.

Our mission is to welcome back a large group of alumni back to the house on Homecoming/Alumni weekend this fall. The Homecoming game is scheduled for November 8th against Kansas.

We will have events at the house including an alumni tailgate before the football game and much more. Our next edition of the newsletter will have much more details regarding this weekend.

Mark Your Calendars!

If you or anyone you know is interested in forming a large group to visit with your specific pledge class or group of friends, please reach out to us!

We look forward to hearing from you!

