



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A MONTH OF JOY, GIVING, AND JEWISH PRIDE

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Dear Friends,
 March at Chabad at UCSD was filled with energy, celebration, and meaningful connection. With Purim at the center of the month, students experienced the joy of Jewish life through celebration, community, and acts of kindness. From festive gatherings to personal support for students, this month beautifully reflected the spirit of our heritage—celebrated with happiness and positivity.



PURIM IN THE JUNGLE

Our “Purim in the Jungle” celebration brought together 75 students for an unforgettable evening of joy and connection. Students gathered to hear the Megillah, enjoy a fully loaded fries bar, indulge in a banana split bar, and capture the fun at our jungle-themed photo booth.

A talented walking magician entertained guests throughout the night, truly stunning us all with his tricks, reminding us of the story of Purim: to look beneath the surface. The room was filled with laughter, costumes, and Purim spirit as students celebrated together.

Learn more at: www.JewishTritons.org

BRINGING THE JOY OF PURIM TO UCSD



The celebration continued on campus the following day. We held Three Megillah readings, with dozens of students coming to hear the Megillah of Purim. On Library Walk, festive Purim music filled the air as we distributed close to 100 Mishloach Manot packages to students passing by.

For many students, this was their first time hearing the Megillah or receiving mishloach manot on campus. The visibility and joy of Purim created a beautiful moment of Jewish pride and celebration in the heart of UCSD.

MAGIC IN THE AIR



WRAPPING UP THE SEASON OF CHICKEN SOUP DELIVERIES

As the winter season comes to a close, we are reflecting on one of Chabad's most beloved services on campus: chicken soup deliveries.

Throughout the colder months, we delivered homemade chicken soup to sick or struggling students—often late at night, early in the morning, and at all hours in between. Each delivery includes soup, a snack, and a handwritten “feel better” note in a special Chabad tote bag.

These small acts of care mean so much to students who may be far from home.



As one student shared after receiving a delivery:

"Thank you so much for the soup – it's exactly what I needed."

Thank you to our generous sponsors who make this program possible and allow us to bring warmth and care to students when they need it most.

SPEAKER SHABBAT FEATURING ELISHA WIESEL



We were honored to host Mr. Elisha Wiesel for a special Shabbat Dinner.

Elisha, the son of Holocaust survivor and Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel, joined students for Shabbat dinner and shared reflections about his father's life and the lessons he learned from him.

One particularly moving story he shared highlighted his father's remarkable ability to be fully present with the people around him

Elie Wiesel once had a visit from a relative from Israel, when he received a phone call from the White House. Rather than interrupt the visit, he declined the call, explaining that he rarely had the opportunity to spend time with this relative.

In an age of constant distraction—especially with social media—this story resonated deeply with students.

It was a powerful reminder of the importance of presence, connection, and valuing the people in front of us.

Warmly,
Rabbi Shmulie & Mushka Cunin