



NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE MASTER

It is my absolute pleasure to serve as the current master of our great chapter and I am very excited to be writing to you all in our first semi-annual alumni newsletter! For the past few years, Pi Chapter has experienced tremendous growth and success. We've grown our average pledge class by more than 40% (we took 37 pledges in fall 2017). Last spring, we held our first annual "Life is Great" philanthropy event in support of mental health awareness. The event raised more than \$23,000 – the second most of all AEPi chapters! Our chapter has grown socially and fraternally each year and we are proud to be the top Jewish fraternity at UW-Madison. It has been an amazing experience leading 119 brothers of our chapter while watching the guys bond and grow closer with each social and brotherhood event we hold.

Beyond our social and fraternal events, we push our brothers to strive for success in their academics, athletics and within the UW Jewish community. Each semester, brothers study for countless hours. We organize several intramural teams and partner with our local Hillel and Chabad to sponsor events for the entire Jewish community. In January, we hosted a Shabbat dinner with Chabad and had a Holocaust survivor share her story with the chapter. This was a truly a life-changing experience for everyone involved!

As a chapter, we value the importance of a strong relationship with our alumni. That's why we've begun to make a stronger effort to keep you all connected with what's going on here in Madison. Pi chapter would be nothing without you! There will be plenty of opportunities for you all to reconnect with the chapter and your brothers. Pi chapter's

90th anniversary is coming up in the fall; we plan to hold a game day alumni weekend in October, so be on the lookout for details to come!



*Master
Ben Miller*

If you have any questions about the chapter or if you'd be interested in getting more involved with the current brotherhood, please do not hesitate to [reach out!](#) I hope you all enjoy our first newsletter!

Fraternally,
Ben Miller
Pi Chapter Master

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Written by:
Brother Evan Bloom (2018)

WHAT AEPi MEANS TO ME

Being a brother of AEPi has prepared for the world post-graduation. AEPi has taught me to be a strong leader in a variety of situations. It also taught me the value of sharing my experiences with others and hearing what they have gone through in their lives.

Being a brother of AEPi has given me the tools and networking connections in the field I am interested in. These connections will really help me in the future. I plan on attending medical school and an education like that comes with at least four more years of school. AEPi has taught me to be patient throughout long processes because the end goal is well worth the journey.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We want to know what our brother alumni are up to just as much as you! If you're interested in being featured in our next publication, contact Alumni Chair [David Aberman](#). We look forward to hearing from you!



CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

In fall 2018, Pi chapter will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary with an alumni weekend. We are in the beginning stages of planning and do not have a set date, but we are aiming for a weekend in which the football team plays at home!

This weekend will be a great way to get together with alumni, learn about what is going on in our chapter and understand more about what Pi chapter was like over the decades.

If you want to be more involved in planning for our 90th anniversary, contact Master [Ben Miller](#)!



MEET THE E-BOARD



Ben Miller
Master



Matt Paschall
Lieutenant Master



Noah Parks
Scribe



Adam Wasserman
Exchequer



Jonah Arq
Brother at Large



Max Kohl
Sentinel



Ben Meltzer
Social Chair



Ben Feldman
Risk Manager



Brandon Eshaghzadeh
House Manager

JUDAISM AND AEPI

Written by:
Brother Adam Friedman (2021)

In terms of Judaism in the Pi chapter, we had a strong start to the semester here in Madison. On Friday, Feb. 2, we teamed up with Chabad of UW to host a special Shabbat dinner, which hosted a Holocaust survivor Renata Laxova. Ms. Laxova shared her incredible story of escaping the Nazis through a kinder transport that brought her to England. Afterwards, some of our brothers shared stories of their family

members escaping the Holocaust. We were honored to be able to hear her story in person. "It's nice for all the brothers to be together at dinner. It's even more special when it is on Shabbat and we get to hear stories like that of Ms. Laxova. Experiences like this put life into perspective because sometimes we forget how lucky we are," said Alumni Chair David Aberman (2021).



Chabad is also starting a six-part learning program that chapter brothers plan to be involved with. Rabbi Mendelson is a great teacher and we look forward to learning and studying with him.

STATE OF THE CHAPTER & CAMPUS

Written by:
Brother Diego Nájera (2020)



Last fall, we averaged a 3.4 GPA as a chapter, with 27 brothers over the 3.6 GPA mark. After this success, we faced the first week of midterms optimistically and are ready for new challenges.

We currently have international students from Canada, Mexico and Venezuela. Pi chapter competes in five different sports at Madison and we have grown to an astounding 119 man chapter. Most importantly, during our Life is Great philanthropy event on Saturday, April 7, we raised \$23,166!

A lot has changed in Madison; we recently had the inauguration of UW's Alumni Park, which is located in Memorial Union. This is the perfect place for UW alumni to enjoy the beautiful sight of Lake Mendota. Likewise, the SERF has been completely demolished to make way for a new recreation building, opening fall 2018. There have been some updates near Engineering Hall. As of this semester, there is a new, state-of-the-art space dedicated to 3-D printing in Wendt Commons, by Union South. This is first level material, where engineering students can print their models and enjoy their own projects or help any other student organization.

PLEDGE CLASS

Pictured right is our fall pledge class at their first tailgate. Pi chapter was proud to take 37 men this year:

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| Andrew Stokes | Jake Gross |
| Adam Friedman | Jake Taitelman |
| Andrew Bell | Jordan Anstey |
| Ben Kenney | Justin Strauss |
| Ben Nourafshan | Matthew Grotta |
| Ben Shofet | Matthew Lawrence |
| Benny Duffin | Max Dahl |
| Bo List | Mitchell levine |
| Carson Cerrito | Nick Krok |
| Charlie Eichberg | Noah DeSousa |
| Daniel Noah | Noah Slakter |
| Danny Glickman | Owen Sumberg |
| David Aberman | Robbie Winward |
| Drew Entin | Ryan Croutch |
| Ethan Plasker | Steven Ginsberg |
| Ethan Rautbort | Tal Kohavi |
| Evan Klinger | Zach Lipstein |
| Jack Baron | Zach Weiss |
| Zach Lion | |



We are also sad to see our graduating seniors leave after this semester:

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| Adam Tarshish | Joey Ben-Zvi |
| Andrew Binafard | Jonah Baron |
| Ben Ezrilov | Jonah Wasserman |
| Brandon Nasitir | Jordan Ganz |
| Brian Younessi | Jusin Seligson |
| Ethan Friedman | Kenny Kwon |
| Evan Bloom | Matthew Rothman |
| Ilan Bagel | Matthew Spalter |
| Isaac Stone | Max Wolk |
| Jake Ditchek | Noah Yecies |
| Jake Pluznik | Ryan Rosegarten |
| Jason Blau | Ryan Trockman |
| Zach Kahan | |

UPCOMING DATES

- APRIL 21 - SPRING FORMAL
- FALL 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION (DATE TBD)

CHAPTER ETERNAL

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