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AEPi Brothers Back Together At #AEPi109

After more than two years apart, AEPi Brothers from around the world are gathering – in person – this summer at Alpha Epsilon Pi's 109th International Convention in Aventura, Florida. Relive everything that made your AEPi experience impactful at the **JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa from August 10-14, 2022.**

To celebrate our return to Brotherhood, we have put together a number of special programs for our alumni Brothers including networking opportunities, a Wednesday Golf Tournament, a Thursday evening waterpark party and a Saturday night gala banquet that will have you reminiscing about your glory days and singing Gold and Blue with hundreds of AEPi Brothers.

Our undergraduate Brothers will be participating in a revamped program designed to provide them with information and skills which will benefit their chapter and their community as well as help prepare them for more success in their chosen careers.

This convention will be different than most. We want to take this opportunity to join together and celebrate what makes our Brotherhood so special. The JW Marriott Turnberry Resort & Spa is an upscale resort, perfect for a family get-away or a reunion with your chapter Brothers. With a water park, golf course, and restaurants on-site, you will not want to miss this!

"I promise our Brothers that this will be an amazing event – our most spectacular convention since the 100th," said AEPi CEO Rob Derdiger. "I hope Brothers will join us for all or a part of the time together."

In addition to spending time together with Brothers, AEPi will be celebrating the outgoing Supreme Master, Jason Oshins (Union, 1987) and the incoming Supreme Master, Scott Knapp (Florida State, 2002).



As AEPi's 75th Supreme Master, Supreme Master Oshins has led our fraternity through unprecedented times of personnel transition, a global pandemic and increasingly virulent antisemitism on college campuses

An attorney in Brooklyn and devoted father of two college aged children, Brother Oshins is a passionate advocate for Jewish students, free speech and pro-Israel causes, Brother Oshins has been the right leader at the right time for Alpha Epsilon Pi. Our fraternity wouldn't be in the position we are today without his steady hand and firm resolve during these unimaginable circumstances the last two years. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for helping ensure AEPi's vitality for the future.



Supreme Master-Elect has been one of the fraternity's shining young leaders for the last few decades. As he assumes the responsibility for the fraternity's leadership, we are poised for even greater success in large part due to his tireless work on behalf of our Brotherhood and Jewish students.

As a partner in the Fort Lauderdale office of Nelson Mullins Broad and Cassel, Brother Knapp is a preeminent litigation attorney with a sterling reputation.

He brings that same passionate advocacy to working with Brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi.

In addition to rising to become the fraternity's Supreme Master, Brother Knapp also serves as a Senior Vice President for B'nai B'rith International. Brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi are beyond fortunate to have such a dedicated volunteer leader (and 'Noles fan) to continue the legacy of Supreme Master Oshins.

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Remembering Jim Fleischer

Jim Fleischer Memorial

On October 9, 2021, Alpha Epsilon Pi's CEO Jim Fleischer (Kent State, 1993) entered chapter eternal following a heroic three year battle with cancer. Following are some recollections and anecdotes shared with The Lion by some of those who knew Jim best. May Jim's memory forever be a blessing to his family, friends, Brothers and Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Alison Fleischer (Jim's wife)



While I was sitting in the hospital with the palliative care specialist last September, he asked me many questions about Jim. One that struck me, even now, seven months later was, "Before he was sick, what were Jim's hobbies? What did he like to do?" It took me a moment to remember what life was like before Jim got sick three years earlier. Of course, he always loved to play basketball. In fact, no other physical activity would or could stand in the way of Jim Fleischer's illustrious pick-up game or JCC basketball league career. His dedication and

determination were fierce. At that moment with the doctor, I got upset because I was wracking my brain to remember what else Jim really loved to do. Then it hit me. Jim's hobby. What consumed most of his free time, his enjoyment, energy and his passion. It was also what brought us together. It was Alpha Epsilon Pi. To him, AEPI was not just an undergraduate experience. It was and is the international organization that helps perpetuate the future of Judaism on college campuses and beyond. Jim's involvement in AEPI was always about the Brotherhood and Jewish mission.

Most Brothers of AEPI's OFAM (official family) have heard our story. The story of Jim and Ali. I'll share an abbreviated version. Jim had just graduated from college and started working as a Chapter Consultant for AEPI in January 1994. His first assignment was reorganizing the chapter at Washington University. We met there, became fast friends and kept in touch throughout the spring semester while he traveled for AEPI across the United States and Canada. The week after I graduated that May, we started dating. From the beginning, we both knew how we felt about each other. It was true

love. We were engaged by Thanksgiving and got married a year later. We bought a sorority and fraternity sportswear company in New York which evolved into a screen printing and promotional products business. We worked together and had three beautiful and fabulous kids: Ethan, Spencer and Madi. Ethan and Spencer both wore AEPI pledge pins at their brises. Our home was always filled with the kids' AEPI uncles who came for all our simchas, slept in our guest room and joined us for holidays.

Throughout the first 18 years of our marriage, as we managed life and our company together, Jim was always dedicated and unwavering in his love of our family, his passion for sports and his love and involvement in AEPI. As his wife and partner, I understood that AEPI International Conventions, SBG meetings, chapter visits and conference calls were part of who Jim was. He prioritized them over other commitments. He returned home to Long Island from convention in 2012 and explained to me why he should be the Chief Operating Officer of the Fraternity. I was not surprised. It was a huge ask on his part, but I understood through all the years of being co-owners of a business, that whenever we overcame obstacles in our company, we would discuss that all he ever really wanted to do was to run AEPI. His dream job was to be the Executive Director and CEO. So, we uprooted our family and moved to Indianapolis and were welcomed by AEPI volunteers and staff and the Indianapolis Jewish community with open arms.

When Madi would ask what he did all day for work, Jim would say that he was helping the Jewish people and putting out fires. She once said it looked like dad just talks on the phone with his friends and laughs all the time. He enjoyed every moment of his involvement in AEPI. We have heard from countless people that his impact on them was so great. I've been reflecting so much on what a true leader he was. He led by example. He trusted his staff and volunteers and held them accountable. He kept things real. He enjoyed himself immensely. He found humor in the ordinary. He was level-

headed and rational. He helped make those around him better. He was the BEST.

Now, my true love is gone and my heart breaks. My three beautiful children are practically grown. I know that Jim's legacy lives in them and in so many people with whom he worked. I am so proud of the incredible impact that Jim had on AEPi and the Jewish community. I am grateful to all AEPi brothers who continue to celebrate Jim's life and grieve with us. I am confident that AEPi will continue to advocate for and support Jewish students on campus. I am comforted by the fact that Jim had the unique position of having his dream job; that he was able to turn his hobby and passion into his life's work.



Madi Fleischer (Jim's daughter)

I don't even know where to begin when it comes to my dad. He always knew what to say to make you happy or smile. Without me having to say anything he would always know when I was in a bad mood or dealing with something

that needed parental guidance. I still feel his presence every time I close my eyes or make a decision...I know he is there helping me to make the correct one. Even though it has been eight months, I still feel like it was only yesterday when we were dancing and singing in the car every morning on the way to school. I'm so happy we got to make those memories together and that I have those times to look back on.

Brother Ethan Fleischer (Indiana, 2022) (Jim's son)

Growing up, my dad was always an incredible friend, ally, and role model to me and my siblings. It was only very recently that we realized that he was a friend, ally and role model for his peers as well. Despite the fact he was battling cancer and working full time for the fraternity, somehow my dad always had time for everyone and made everyone feel like they were his only priority. That is part of what made him so special—his capacity to consider other people before himself, even during the most trying times. Thinking about that way in which my dad carried himself and the impact he made on my life and others makes me extremely proud every day to be his son.

Brother Spencer Fleischer (Indiana, 2025) (Jim's son)

For my entire life I looked up to my dad. I always wanted to emulate exactly what he did and the manner in which he did it. I wanted to play basketball like him, speak like him, carry myself like him and, especially, I wanted to be in Alpha Epsilon Pi just like he was. Last September, I was able to become a Brother of Alpha Epsilon Pi and was lucky enough for my dad to be there to initiate me into his Brotherhood. At the time, he was physically unwell but knew that my initiation was something he needed to be at. I know seeing me get initiated meant the world to him and being able to wear AEPi letters with him in my thoughts means the world to me.

Past Supreme Master Stephen Bernstein (Wayne State, 1969)

I met Jim at an AEPi convention during the 1990s. He was the undergraduate delegate for his Kent State Chapter; and I was a member of the Supreme Board of Governors. Andy Borans and I were asked to select the Best Delegate award recipient. I looked at Andy and said "How about the guy from Kent State? He's a good guy and did a great job participating in the convention". Andy looked back at me and said "fine". This brief conversation was Jim's initial entry into the "official family". He went on to travel for the fraternity, where he met Ali, and become CEO of AEPi.

Jim was a devoted family man, and a levelheaded CEO, but my remembrance is that he tried to see the best in everyone; and always retained his boyish good nature. He was a great person, and I feel fortunate that he was my Brother and good friend.

Past Supreme Master Scott Cohon (Wayne State, 1991)



Jim Fleischer.....I can't help but smile when I think about him. It's quickly turning to tears, but tears mostly of joy. Jim was supposed to follow me into the Supreme Master's Chair.

Jim took me aside one day at a SBG meeting and told me he was resigning from the Supreme Board because his new job would have a significant conflict.

Of course, hearing that he was coming back to the fraternity to help run the organization as its #2 behind the legendary Andy Borans helped smooth things over. I could not blame him for finding his way to working each day for our beloved AEPi. Working for the fraternity was/is the best job I've ever had and loved. We had that conversation many times as well.

Jim turned into a hero of mine when he was diagnosed with cancer and fought so bravely. I cannot imagine what his wife Ali and his kids, Ethan, Spencer and Madi have gone/are going through. So, while I don't want to be selfish here, I miss tremendously the daily morning talks we would have as he went through the Dunkin Donuts Drive-Thru.

To this day, I continue to purchase Dunkin Brand Coffee but nobody will get me to try that vile Skyline Chili that was another of your favorites...YUCK!

Jim – you left us too early, but your pain is gone and your family and indirect fraternity family love you and miss you so very much. I hope to fight cancer with the dignity and no-nonsense approach that you had. You were the first call I took when you learned of my diagnosis. I will miss you so very much! I love you pal....

Past Supreme Master Mark Schiff (Illinois, 1974)



I hate to even think of Jim in the past tense, because he is always in my thoughts. When I see something that makes me laugh, I am drawn to my phone to text or call him. It's a hard habit to break. It was easier to quit smoking!

In our almost daily phone calls on our way to work, he in New York or Indianapolis and me in Chicago, we talked about fraternity, our families, Brothers and our many road trips. We used to laugh watching Andy Borans fall asleep on a bus, in a car, in a chair... . Laughing in Miami during SBG meetings and evenings out after those crazy meetings with Brothers disappearing after being overserved. Hysterics in Boston when PSM Jon Pierce named himself Ira Brody to a bunch of strangers with whom we were drinking. Joy at his

children's bar/bat mitzvahs. Celebrating successes, personal and fraternal.

He contributed to our lives in a special way, creating a bond to last more than a lifetime. AEPi was blessed to have such a fine human being in charge. Jim's devotion to his family (his beautiful wife Ali and his three children, brothers Ethan, Spencer and of course Madi) was legendary. We can all take a lesson from Jim in this regard.

Let's have a séance at convention this year (and each one thereafter) so we can laugh with Jim!

CEO Rob Derdiger (Colorado, 2007)



Shortly after Jim returned to AEPi staff in 2013, he and I took a road trip to visit the Mizzou chapter. It was a long drive from Indianapolis. He was on the phone working on getting a high holiday greeting out to our alumni. When he hung up the phone, I joked that prepping an email with staff via phone while on the road was not going to go well. About twenty minutes later, the email blast went out to alumni and started with "dear l'name". The system failed to mail merge the contacts and this message went out to 100,000 alumni. He turned to me and said, "you called it" and we laughed about the ridiculous situation for the next 150 miles. Although we had known each other for years, that was the moment we really clicked.

When Jim became AEPi's CEO our relationship grew even closer. Jim and I argued with one another a lot. Arguments grew out of our shared passion for the fraternity and the desire to ensure that our points were heard and

understood but they almost always ended in laughter because, as Jim would say, "we are in violent agreement." After a few years of arguing with Jim, I began to realize how special our arguments were. Jim refused to take on my analytical approach and I struggled with his highly relational one. We approached problems and decisions from these very different perspectives yet almost always came to the same conclusion. Jim used to end our phone calls by saying "no surprise we are on the same page."

In between our arguments (and sometimes during) there were so many opportunities for laughter. We would always find something to laugh about or refer to a silly inside joke. Jim kept me laughing every day and even used humor to defuse tension on our toughest days or on his toughest days battling cancer. I will always miss arguing and laughing with Jim.

Supreme Governor Michael Waitz (DePaul, 2009)



Over 12 years of friendship and I do not know where to begin on my favorite memory of Jim (sometimes referred to as Jimmy, Fun Jim, JimF). Coming on to staff in 2009 it was known that Jim was the cool younger board guy that you would want to become friends with, he was the life of the party telling jokes all night. Jim took me under his wing in 2010 as one September morning he was on the phone with Borans screaming about someone starting to work on the Centennial. This was going on in my office and I accidentally volunteered myself and said I can help out. I flew to New York the following week (so we could get a basketball game in too) and started planning the Centennial with Jim and becoming a member of his family, where his kids referred to me as Uncle Waitz. It was a great honor working with Jim on planning the centennial, it became even better in the middle when he came back to AEPI

staff.

The highlight of my professional career was the Saturday night banquet at the Centennial when Jim, Jon Pierce, and I were taking it all in. Roles reversed as a year later I left staff and went and joined the board a few years later. Jim was a great friend, Brother, and mentor to many and an even better husband, dad, and relative to so many others. Jim you were the best! Thank you for all that you did to make AEPi where we are today.

Brother Andrew Borans (Florida State, 1980) (CEO-Emeritus of the AEPi Foundation and AEPi)



It's difficult to write about Jim as it hurts so much and yet I can muster a smile, as well. The hurt is that he's no longer with us in body. He is terribly missed by absolutely everyone. Reminders of him are everywhere and thankfully that will continue. His effect on our great

fraternity for three decades is ever present and a constant source of inspiration.

The smile part is that I often smile as I hear Jim whispering in my ear, giving me great advice. Often there are challenges in life. Those challenges are with family, friends, the fraternity and other organizations we are all involved with in our daily life. Conflicts undoubtedly arise and my auto-response generally is to fight back/engage. Sometimes that works – most of the time it doesn't and/or makes the conflict even worse. When these situations arise, I hear Jim whispering in my ear "let that pitch go by." He was so right the vast majority of the time. The fight just isn't worth it..... just let it go. Again, he was so right. That advice stays with me and always will.

So, thank you Jim for that great advice and the three decades that I and so many others got to spend with you on this Earth.

Love Ya' Man

Past Supreme Master Richard Stein (Illinois, 1974)



It is difficult to write a memorial to someone who I loved as a dear friend, yet left this world before me and way before his time. I met Jim in Chicago in 1991 when I was being sworn in as Supreme Master. His infectious smile and openly "happy" attitude caught my attention immediately.

Over the past 30 years, our friendship grew into a mutual love and adoration for each other. I watched as he worked as a ELC and then left AEPi to start his own "schmata" business. I can remember crawling on the floor with Ethan as a young child attending his first convention. And, it followed the same with Spencer and Madi.

Jim and Ali were family to Terri and me, along with our children. We viewed them as our "kids" and we shared many life cycle events together. Mandy's Bat Mitzvah was especially notable. Watching Jim and Ali dancing the night away as a couple who brightened the room with their enthusiasm and love is a memory that cannot leave my mind.

Jim spoke with me about leaving the "schmata" business and coming back to the Fraternity. Andy was really excited to have Jim back on staff, especially now that Andy was CEO. How lucky I was to be a part of that path as Jim was doing what he really loved, AEPi. As time went along, I was asked to help with the executive transition as Andy went to work for the Foundation

and Jim was elevated to CEO of the Fraternity. Jim was proud of that and I was so proud of him.

Our friendship grew stronger all the time Jim was employed by the Fraternity. I was happy to share a very small part of Jim's success. My heart cries for his family. I miss him every day of my life. I often go back to some of the texts and e-mails from Jim to keep his memory alive in my mind and heart. I miss him terribly and will always love him.

Supreme Exchequer Brother Adam Cohen (Georgia, 2006)

My relationship with Jim started out focused on fraternity business. Serving on the personnel practices committee of the SBG, it was my job to support Jim on sensitive topics. While Jim's calling card was unrelenting kindness and a contagious sense of humor, I had a front row seat to see a side of him often overshadowed by his powerful energy and room-filling positivity. Jim was an empathetic leader with a deep sense of right and wrong, and a thoughtful commitment to guiding AEPI to its fullest potential.

Faced with challenging decisions in an often-hostile environment, you experience a depth of one's character that is often obscured in the normal course of life. It was in these moments that I was inspired by Jim the most and often felt closest to him. His love of family, his great care for others, his drive to leave the world a kinder and safer place— was fuel to ignite the best in all of us. I was blessed to have experienced all of this with Jim and will hopefully be a strong steward of the love and lessons he imparted.



Supreme Sentinel Brother Jeremy Brook (Georgia, 2005)

"All right, my man."

That was Jim's standard closing to a conversation. We all do this: "See you later." "Take it easy." No one actually expects to see the other person later or for them to take the rest of the day off. But each time I ended a conversation with Jim, I was left with a feeling that when he said, "All right, my man," he meant it. "All right" because, even when facing whatever daily crisis confronted him, Jim exuded calm. He could laugh when others would panic or rage, and he'd remind us that things were, indeed, "all right." "My man" because Jim exemplified fraternity, even in his casual, off-hand goodbye. Always our Brothers' keeper, we were Jim's men, and he was ours.

Lynsie Morgan (AEPI staff for 16 years)

When I was asked to write about my favorite memory with Jim, I couldn't think of one. It's taken me three weeks to put pen to paper. See, I didn't just have one favorite memory with him. I had eight years of memories.

When Jim came back to the fraternity, he quickly became Jimbo and I was Lysie Lys. He knew instantly when I was having a bad day and I knew when he needed a very cold DDP (Diet Dr Pepper). We didn't have a boss and employee relationship. He was more like my confidant and friend. Our love of Big Brother and teeny bopper pop songs took our friendship to the next level. You can guarantee on any Sunday, Wednesday or Thursday night during the summer we were texting over the drama in the Big Brother house.

We traveled many places together and I pretty much knew what restaurant we should eat at based on his love for garlic bread and Caesar salads. My favorite texts that I received from Jim went something like, "my sons said this word/phrase or Madi is doing a tik tok dance. Can you explain what any of this means?"

I was the person behind the scenes helping Jimbo Fleischer look as cool as possible. If I learned anything from him it was that I should be more careful about giving middle fingers on zooms when you don't think the person is looking. I could go on and on about all our times together. Thank you, Jim, for all the laughs, some tears, high bar tabs, and so much more.

Supreme Scribe Brother Eric Farbman (Northwestern, 2006)



I will never forget the many laughs and nearly daily phone calls Jim and I shared together over the years. No matter how stressful the day was, Jim was always Jim – calm, funny and focused. I had the privilege of traveling to Israel with Jim during his first visit to our ancestral homeland. As a proud Jew, Jim soaked up the culture, the history, the people and obviously the food during our time together in Israel. From the Western Wall to the Dead Sea to Masada, Jim found his unique and personal connections to Israel during our trip. Along the way, of course, Jim connected

with our AEPi Brothers from Israel and all over the world, who stopped him on the street to share a moment of Brotherhood. While there are many memories of conclaves, conventions, and times at AEPi Headquarters that I will cherish, our time together in Israel will always be special to me because it was such a special experience for Jim.

Many thanks to everyone – especially Jim's family — who submitted these articles to help us relive our time with Jim. More remembrances of Jim can be found at <https://www.aepi.org/jim-memorial/>

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Three Brothers Awarded Gitelson Medallions

Brothers Elan S. Carr (California, 1990), Daniel Elbaum (Illinois, 1996) and Hon. Ronald Klein (Ohio State, 1979) have been awarded the Gitelson Silver Medallion by the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation. The Gitelson Silver Medallion recognizes AEPi alumni for their commitment to Jewish communal services. In the 108-year history of Alpha Epsilon Pi, only 55 AEPi alumni (out of more than 120,000) have received this prestigious honor.

Brother Carr, an attorney, served as the United States Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism from 2019-2021. During his two years in office, Carr negotiated groundbreaking agreements with foreign governments, convened the first-ever U.S. government-sponsored conference on combating online hate, and drove the establishment of important new policies on Anti-Zionism, anti-Israel discrimination, and campus antisemitism. He is also a JAG Corps officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and an Iraq War veteran. Previously, Carr prosecuted violent crimes for more than a decade as the Deputy District Attorney for Los Angeles County. Carr is a 1990 graduate of the University of California, where he was a member of AEPi's Chi Alpha chapter and earned his Juris Doctor from Northwestern University. He served as AEPi's Supreme Master from 2012-2014. He resides in Southern California with his wife and three children.

Brother Elbaum is currently the Head of North America for The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) as well as the President and CEO of The Jewish Agency International Development (JAID). He leads and oversees the over 90-year-old organization's work connecting Jews to Israel and each other throughout the United States and Canada. Prior to his current position,

Elbaum was the Chief Advocacy Officer for the American Jewish Committee (AJC), leading the organization's advocacy efforts in combating antisemitism and protecting Israel's security. Elbaum's Jewish communal career began with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) where he was their Midwest Region's Civil Rights Counsel and Director of Development. Previously, Elbaum was a felony prosecutor in the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. He graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 1996, where he was a member of AEPI's Delta chapter, and then received his Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois College of Law in 1999. He lives in the suburbs of Chicago with his wife and two daughters.

The Honorable Ron Klein has worked in the private sector as a business and transactional attorney for over 25 years and in the public sector as an elected official. He is currently a member of Holland & Knight's Public Policy & Regulation Group. He is also the co-chair of the firm's Israel Practice Group, where he works with the firm's attorneys, clients, and others in identifying and facilitating investment and business collaboration opportunities between Israel and the United States. Since 2017, Klein serves as the founding chair of the Jewish Democratic Council of America (JDCA). Previously, Hon. Klein served in the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Senate and as a member of Congress representing Florida's 22nd congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives. Klein has also served as the co-chair of the House Anti-Semitism caucus and played a significant role in the drafting and passage of the comprehensive Iran Sanctions Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010. Brother Klein is a 1979 graduate of The Ohio State University, where he was president of AEPI's Eta chapter. He received his law degree from Case Western Reserve University. He resides in Boca Raton, Florida with his wife, Dori.

"Brothers Carr, Elbaum and Klein exemplify everything that the Gitelson Medallion represents. Their commitment to leadership in our Jewish

community is inspirational and critical during these challenging times. They personify the mission of Alpha Epsilon Pi – the development of the leaders of the world’s Jewish communities,” said Jay Feldman, Executive Director of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Foundation.

The Gitelson Silver Medallion, Alpha Epsilon Pi’s most historic alumni honor, is presented in memory of the scholarship and communal activity of Nehemiah Gitelson, Talmudic scholar, and father of M. Leo Gitelson, a 1921 graduate of New York University. The Gitelson Medallion is awarded by a vote of the AEPI Foundation Board of Directors.

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Letter from the Editor

By: PSM Jonathan Pierce (Vanderbilt, 1986)

Losing Jim Fleischer last fall is among the hardest things I have personally had to deal with in my life. I didn't just lose a friend, a Brother and a sounding board, I lost a part of myself. When putting this issue of *The Lion* together, I couldn't think of a proper way to memorialize our Brother and CEO, so I asked some people who were close to Jim – including his beautiful wife, Alison, and Jim and Ali's three children – to give me some words. Rather than summarize and paraphrase, I think it's more "real" — more cathartic — to hear from Jim's family, friends, Brothers and staff, the impact that he had on our lives and our fraternity.

Jim's memory will live on forever.

And, it will, of course, live on at this year's International Convention. There could be no more fitting tribute to a man who loved our fraternity and being with his Brothers, than to attend #AEPi109.

For Jim. For AEPi.

I hope to see you in Florida to celebrate Jim and all of the great things our fraternity is doing.

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Letter from the CEO

Dear Brothers,

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Lion. It has been a tumultuous few years for the fraternity but we have a lot for which to be thankful. Chief among those things for me is the legacy left by my predecessor. Jim Fleischer. Over the past six months I have treasured the fact that I think about Jim every day. Sometimes I grab a pen and find that they are the Uni-ball Deluxe Fine points that Jim liked. Other times I ask myself, "What would Jim do?" and mostly I just chuckle at something funny I wish I could share with him. The memories sometimes come with profound sadness and other times with a smile, but they are all a blessing.

This issue contains memories of Jim that our Brothers choose to share. It is a small tribute to someone who left an indelible mark on AEPi and on those of us lucky enough to call him our friend.

Jim often told his staff that they had five minutes to be upset about something then they had to get back to work. I am reminded of this as I read this Lion magazine. Despite the many challenges that we face in our world our chapters are back to work on their campuses and in their communities. They are recruiting, participating in Jewish programming, advocating for Israel, raising money for philanthropy, holding formals and date parties, and studying.

This year alone our chapters have raised over a half of a million dollars for philanthropic causes, registered over 1,000 more people in the bone marrow registry (generating 62 matches and 9 transplants), and organized thousands of events. AEPi's 154 chapters and colonies are a force for good

that is unmatched.

At the headquarters we are working diligently to plan the best AEPi convention since the 100th. It is time to get back together and to celebrate our fraternity. After several years apart, this convention will be one to remember. Whether you are an undergraduate or an alum, I look forward to seeing you at the Marriott Turnberry resort in Aventura Florida in August. [Sign up now!](#)

Fraternally,

Rob Derdiger
Chief Executive Officer, Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity, Inc.

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Letter from the Supreme Master

One of the most powerful inventions of the 20th century is the laser beam, the inventor was Gordon Gould of my alma mater, Union College. The basic purpose of the laser is to focus the energy of a beam of light. Usually, when rays of light are projected over a distance as a source of light or heat, the intensity of light dissipates as it gets further from its source.

To overcome this limitation, a laser beam is narrowly confined, so it does not spread to the sides. It is thus completely focused in one direction only, maintaining its strength even at great distances from its source. In fact, it can even make a hole through a metal barrier several inches thick at a distance of several miles.

Lasers are now used in numerous technologies, from dental drills to CD drives to household tools. Lasers are also widely used in surgery. Laser technology has allowed surgeons to develop many new techniques to reduce injury to tissues and shorten the healing time for incisions.

The lesson as Brothers that we can learn from a laser is this: If you want to influence others, the way to do it is by staying focused in one direction only. Only in this way can one maintain full strength.

There is no need for one person to spread out all over and try to have an effect everywhere. Each Brother has a unique role for which they are most suited. When each person focuses on their own areas of achievement, they will be successful. Specifically, by doing mitzvot — this provides us with a goal and direction, and ensures that the efforts of all the Jewish people will be coordinated and effective.

Our Brothers should be a living personal example of adding a candle to the light of Judaism every day, with continued spiritual growth. When his life serves as a proper example, his words are effective, even greater than the effects of a philanthropist or community activist.

We are aware of our limitations, and we should demand from ourselves only that which is in accordance with our capabilities. Life gives us challenges only according to what we can handle. When we focus our energies like a laser, we have the tools in hand to do anything.

I lost a beacon of light in my life last year, our beloved CEO Jim Fleisher. Laser focused on the success of AEPI and its mission. To the end Jimmy remained committed to our ideals. That is a lesson to all of us, as Brothers. Spring is eternal and brings us to look forward to our Convention in Aventura, Florida, this summer. With laser focus — may we remain committed to our past present and future. AEPI for life, see you in August.

Fraternally,

Jason Oshins

Union, 1987

Supreme Master

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Brad Sham (Missouri, 1970)

These days, everyone has live high definition (HD) sports at their fingertips. While radio may seem like a dwindling media source, the medium still has a good audience when it comes to sports. As the radio play-by-play announcer of the Dallas Cowboys, Brother Brad Sham (Missouri, 1970), humbly has been in the business for more than four decades.

Brother Sham lived in many different places growing up. His father was an optometrist who managed stores in regions across the United States."We lived in Wichita, Kansas twice, we lived in Mobil, Alabama, we lived in San Juan Puerto Rico." He had an orthodox bar-mitzvah, but his family went to different types of synagogues as they moved. Brother Sham went to high school in Chicago at New Trier Township High School when his father took a job with Pfizer.

There were no broadcast schools at that time, so Brother Sham went to the University of Missouri because it had the best communications and journalism program in the country. Brother Sham joined AEPi his freshman year and lived in the house for three years. He came in knowing nobody.

While in college at Missouri, Brother Sham's father took a job that was based in Dallas. After finishing service in the Army National Guard, Brother Sham also moved to Dallas.

Originally wanting to be a baseball announcer, Brother Sham forced himself to learn the game of football because it was part of his new job. In 1976, Brother Sham assisted with the broadcasting for radio station KRLD in Dallas. He mostly did broadcasting for college football games. One facet of the job was doing color commentary with Verne Lundquist for the Dallas

Cowboys.

Fast forward 40 years and Brother Sham has become beloved by Cowboys fans. He has provided the radio play-by-play to many memorable moments throughout Dallas Cowboys history, including four Super Bowls. Since he doesn't have the luxury of HD television screens to complement his reporting, he has to be highly descriptive in making those memorable moments.

Sports and broadcasting has taught Brother Sham lessons in humility, accountability and honesty. He is not one to brag about his longevity broadcasting Cowboys games. "There are seven of us on our crew right now and we've been together for decades. We are all accountable to each other, responsible for what we do to help each other, and none of us can do it alone. There is not a day in the season, starting with training camp, that I'm not preparing somehow." Even with the recent dedication of the radio booth at AT&T Stadium in his name, he keeps a sense of humility.

Brother Sham has become more active in his synagogue and in studying Jewish tradition. He has been studying Mussar, virtue-based Jewish ethics, for about 12 years and goes to Talmud and Torah study classes. He relates the things he learns from Mussar back to the sports season and his career.

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Chapter Updates

Boston University

Zeta Deuteron has had a very successful year on many different fronts. To start, 25 new Brothers entered the Brotherhood in the Xi and Omicron new member classes, marking the most successful recruitment year in the history of our chapter. We hosted an alumni reunion with over 35 alumni in attendance. It was great for our younger members to get an opportunity to network with past actives of our chapter. We also had the opportunity to reconnect with on-campus organizations this year, with Brothers participating in philanthropy and charity events throughout the year. Thanks to our Brother-at-Large, ZD went on its first Brotherhood retreat since 2019 to Montreal, where Brothers had an opportunity to disconnect from the stress of classes and bond with each other. With a new house next year and our Brotherhood as strong as ever, we look forward to continuing to grow and become the best men we can be.

California State University- Chico



The Chi Eta chapter received the Chico State 2021-2022 Excellence in Academic Achievement Award for having the highest GPA of any affiliated fraternity on campus. We participated in Adopt-A-Block, a philanthropic effort organized by Chico State where our fraternity helped clean up a designated block. We also

threw a successful alumni weekend as well as a Brotherhood Passover seder.

Florida State University

Brothers, I'm proud to announce that the Alpha Epsilon Pi Phi Tau colony is revived and strong. Though we had our challenges, we're proud of the Brothers in our colony and will continue to explore new avenues to promote Jewish Learning on Florida State's campus. On April 16, our Brothers conducted our own seder. We had a turnout of 18, not bad for a new formed colony. The Brothers bought, prepared and consumed all the food, as well as ran the ceremony. We're thankful for two Brothers, Max Siemens and Max Fernandez. Max Siemens put the program together and Max Fernandez ran the ceremony. Events like this will help put AEPI Phi Tau back in campus consciousness.

Georgia Tech University

The Brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi – Zeta Chapter participated in many philanthropic endeavors this semester. Below are just some of the highlights of what transpired during the past calendar year.

We partnered with Georgia Tech and Georgia State's Chabad chapter to do many different good deeds for the community – shoutout to Rabbi Schlomo and his amazing wife, Shifra! Among these good deeds were a Hamentashen baking event for Holocaust survivors in Atlanta. It was held at their house, and many Brothers participated in the event. It was an honor doing such a mitzvah – giving back something, even if it was something small, to those who were subjected to the cruelest tragedy in human history. In addition to this, we also participated in a challah-baking event for residents of the

Jewish Berman Home, a Jewish nursing home located in the greater Atlanta area. Our Brothers put extra care into the challah-making to ensure that when it was delivered, the love with which it was made could be felt in every bite. These were just a few of the things we did to give back to the elderly Jewish community.

We weren't just interested in helping the elderly, however; we partnered with Friendship Circle of Atlanta to sing, paint, and spend time with Jewish people with special needs living in and around Atlanta. We learned of the mitzvah of friendship, and the experience left an indelible mark on our brotherhood. Said Josh Korol, a rising junior and GT AEPI's current social chair, "Working with friendship circle widened my perspective on many levels and brought our chapter together. It showed me how something as simple as eating pizza and painting with these kids for a night can spread a lot of joy and leave a lasting impact on their lives."

Our most notable philanthropy of the semester, however, was our participation in Georgia Tech's Alpha Phi Sorority's King of Hearts event. They hold this event every year around valentine's day to raise money for the American Heart Association to fight heart disease in women. Our contestant this year was Dennis Goldenberg. He raised \$506.31 on his own, largely through small dollar donations, and, combined with the fundraising of the Alpha Phi coaches for AEPI (pictured above), they raised over \$1,500. Dennis's performance – a dance choreographed to Break Your Heart by Taio Cruz featuring Ludacris – netted him a top five selection. Said Dennis of the experience, "I had a blast preparing the dance and raising money. It is awesome to know that doing good for others can feel good too! However, I couldn't have achieved what I did without my amazing coaches and backup dancers. It was an experience I will never forget!"

In addition to our philanthropy, we also had several notable social events. At

Georgia Tech, our IFC allows for parties to be registered; we had two such parties over the past year.

The Coachalpha party was a play on the name "Coachella", as it was our first collaboration party ever and our collaborator was Alpha Sigma Phi. We advertised it as a coachella-like outdoor event. It featured the talents of one of our Brothers, lovingly named "DJ Berm," who was the opener for the evening and has been a regular at our events, and we followed up his performance by three fantastic performers.

Earlier in the year, we had a Rave themed party titled Rave-E-Pi, featuring DJ Berm and DJ Yemi, who both made their AEPi registered party debuts at this event, but also the talents of DJ Dani, who was able to elevate the energy in the room. Brothers dressed in bright, construction worker clothing and had glow stick wristbands to coordinate with the theme, and one user on the anonymous social media site Yik Yak afterwards stated that "AEPi restored my faith in frat parties." The dance floor was jam-packed with Brothers and other lively Tech students that made the night Rave-E-Pi the place to be that night, as our event dwarfed the others competing for the attention and energy of Tech students. First Year Brother David Rozen would later recall that it was "the night of his life" and was thrilled to see that AEPi brought the same energy that he was familiar with during his time exploring the nightlife in Miami. It was truly a sight to behold, and a night most Brothers will never forget! Once again, we have to thank brothers Allen Averbukh and Avi Pearlman for creating this wonderful experience.

In the spring semester, we had our formal in New Orleans, and it was quite the adventure! We took pictures at the famous Lafayette square near our hotel, and the scenery really brought the photos together! Furthermore, we explored Bourbon Street, both during the day and at night. A big acknowledgement must be made to Ben Wellisch, one of our new members,

for planning such an eventful and entertaining formal! All this fun could not have been had without his thoughtful planning and execution. Matelyn Riordan, a rising senior at Georgia Tech, when asked to describe the experience, replied "between the bus ride and dancing through bourbon street it was an experience I'll never forget! It was nothing but positive vibes from the Brotherhood and friends."

Over the past year, we have added 18 new members and our chapter size has significantly grown! Both our fall and spring new member classes have already made a significant impact on our fraternity.

Our Fall '21 new member class numbered 13 in size, and we've already seen the impact they have begun to make on the fraternity. Jacob Kraus recently became our co-social chair along with creating a new website for our fraternity. Ethan Wolfson, in just his second semester in AEPi, landed on the executive board as scribe and has shown a level of dedication that surpasses even some older Brothers by faithfully cleaning the house at every cleaning session, as well as attending all social and Brotherhood events. Furthermore, Ben Wellisch served as Greek Week Chair, as well as serving on the social committee. David Rozen has become our newest alumni chair, Ryan Cohen and Reece Parker have become our co-brotherhood chairs, Ethan Povlot has already begun his term as scholarship chair, Cody Nelson has become the fraternity's exchequer, and Ben Seletsky has become the fraternity's sentinel, along with serving as steward. This means that, despite this new member class being Brothers for less than a year, they already occupy three executive board positions, and a significant portion of the other positions in the fraternity as well.

However, they aren't just faithful members of the fraternity, but excellent students as well. Specifically, they were recently presented with an award from Georgia Tech's Interfraternity council with the highest GPA among all

new member classes with numbers above 10. Ryan Cohen elaborated on this: "After coming to school with very few friends, I know that the bonds I formed with my AEPi pledge Brothers will last a lifetime."

We cannot also forget our great Spring '22 pledge class! While they haven't had as much time to assume leadership roles, they have certainly left their impact as well in their short time here! Julien Franchet-Schaer and Avi Goldman both served as backup dancers for our king of hearts bid, and Edo Baraket currently is on the Georgia Tech ultimate frisbee team, alongside brother Josh Perlmutter; in spite of their brief time as brothers, we can already see their potential! When asked about what being a part of AEPi meant to him, new brother Micah Elywn (second from the right in the below picture) stated "To me, being a part of AEPi is having each other's best interests at heart and knowing that people are looking out for you." Micah, we could not agree more, and we know that the next three years are going to be an awesome ride for these guys!

Illinois State University



The Iota Beta chapter has had a very successful school year and are looking forward to the next. Some of our accomplishments over the year include a fall pledge class of six members and a spring class of five. We have doubled our members in just two semesters! We also participated in Mega Shabbat, hosted by

Chabad ISU, in addition to attending Friday night shabbat dinners throughout the school year. We have hosted multiple philanthropy events with restaurants around campus and also participated in AOPi's kickball philanthropy event, coming in second place. We also hosted a Barn Dance

with Sigma Alpha Mu. Finally, we're on the lookout for a new house to help secure our future. If anyone has any leads, please let us know!

Indiana University

The brothers of Alpha Epsilon Pi- Beta Iota chapter at Indiana University had a phenomenal 2021-2022 school year. Trying to expand the chapter to new heights, a new member class of 88 was taken in this year, making it one of the largest ever. Our new members led the charge with philanthropy this year with a number of Brothers participating in Indiana University's Dance Marathon, where they raised money and were a part of a 36 hour marathon of standing for the kids who can't for Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis. The new members also organized an event called Paint B-Town where \$5,000 was raised for blood cancer research. In total, Beta Iota raised \$85,000 for philanthropy this year, the most in many years. In light of many antisemitic comments directed towards our chapter on campus, the Beta Iota chapter took a stand against hate with help from Rabbi Sue and Rabbi Levi from Hillel and Chabad on campus. Our president, Tyler Burnett, went through campus with Rabbi Sue and Rabbi Levi to put mezuzahs on the doors of all the other fraternity and sorority houses. We plan on continuing the fight against antisemitism in the fall through hosting regular shabbat dinners for every fraternity and sorority on campus to attend. The Beta Iota Brothers capped off the year with the annual Little 500 bike race. Little 500 week was a successful one for us! DJ James Hype helped conclude the year in style as we hosted a concert in our backyard which was the biggest event in Greek life this year. Beta Iota is excited to continue improving in the community and as a Brotherhood in the 2022-2023 school year.

Kennesaw State University



The Gamma Pi Colony of Alpha Epsilon Pi has had a fantastic year! We've grown closer than ever as Brothers, and we've nearly doubled the size of our chapter since the start of the school year. During this year we've had two successful initiations, adding valuable men to our Brotherhood who are passionate about the values of Alpha Epsilon Pi and Judaism as a whole. We've also had multiple successful social events for our Brothers and campus, growing the awareness of Alpha Epsilon Pi around our community. Along with social events, we've hosted successful Brotherhood events, which the

fraternity as a whole enjoyed thoroughly. Our Brotherhood retreat at the beginning of this current semester was a massive hit; we traveled to Lake Oconee along with our Educational Leadership Consultant, Ian Scheiman. Outside of our fraternity, many of our Brothers are extremely involved with the other two Jewish organizations at Kennesaw State University; many of our Brothers help our Chabad Rabbi with numerous things, setting up for Shabbat dinners and attending Chabad events en masse. During this current semester, many of our Brothers have served on the board of Hillel at KSU, and some of our brothers will continue to serve starting next semester. While we're very much a small chapter, we're growing rapidly, a lot in part to our hard-working executive board. Our executive board has worked tirelessly on planning events, rush and for our chapter's future. We hosted a philanthropy event in partnership with Chipotle to raise money for the Gift of Life Bone Marrow Registry. We're excited to continue our fantastic relationship with Gift of Life, and we're incredibly happy to be raising money for such an excellent cause. We're excited for what the future has in store for the incredible men of the Gamma Pi Colony of Alpha Epsilon Pi and we're excited to continue growing our Brotherhood and initiating other great men into our chapter!

Miami University

With the first in-person rush since the start of COVID, we put our all into this new pledge class, many of whom are already installed on our Executive Board and eager and excited to create positive change! We continued the traditions of our annual Formal trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, our yearly AEPi Passover seder, and our Holocaust Remembrance Walk. Several individuals in our chapter received awards from the Miami Division of Student Life such as "Outstanding President Award" (Sam Belkowitz), "Rising Leader Award" (Brody Criz), and "Senior Service Leadership Award" (Braxton Barrett)! For the first time, we successfully created our own fraternity composite with the help of the skilled photographers and editors of our chapter. To connect with the greater AEPi and local communities, we planned and executed a joint event with our neighboring University of Cincinnati chapter and paired with the Alpha Omicron Pi sorority for a karaoke philanthropy event raising around \$2,500 for the Arthritis Foundation. We also hosted an 8-week program with a rabbi for Brothers to learn about Jewish philosophies over weekly dinners.

Northeastern University

With the semester approaching its end, the Sigma Kappa Psi chapter has had a busy few weeks. First and foremost, we are happy to announce our recently elected Fall 2022 Executive Board: Master Ari Antar, Lt. Master Justin Radist, Scribe Jake Friedman, Exchequer Ben Wolpert, Sentinel Saul Israel, Rush Chairman Ely Assaf, and Brother at Large Jonah Seidenfeld. We are excited to see how these young men take control of their new roles! In other news, we recently hosted our AEPi Yacht Club charity night cruise. The event was a tremendous success, selling 600 tickets and raising over

\$11,000 for Ukraine crisis relief and Boston-area domestic violence survivor support. Finally, as the year comes to a close, we must sadly say goodbye to our graduating Brothers. These 4th and 5th years have made a long-lasting impact on our chapter, and it won't be the same without them. Brothers Jason Vernoff, Nathan Bollen, Shane Mitnick, Seth Friman, Ben Ebner, Harrison Chisholm, Duncan Dean, Mark Morton, Gabriel Pascual, Andrew Morgan, Noah Letwat, Eric Fichtel, Andrew Rosenfeld, Jake Janowski, Martin Rosenberg, Dan Berg, Sam Goshen, and Spencer Haber will all be missed, and we look forward to watching these graduates do great things after college."

Oregon



On Wednesday, April 13 at 8:00 p.m. Pacific Time, the Upsilon Omega colony was re-founded at the University of Oregon. The group was re-founded with 15 re-founding fathers and has so far accomplished one Brotherhood event as well as participated in a Health and Safety Seminar. Of the 15 Founders, the five Executive Board members are:

Charlie Rinzler (Master), Alvin Levie (Lt Master), Elias Peterson (Scribe), Ethan Meyers (Exchequer and Legacy), and Joey Abrams (Sentinel). The group has members involved in Hillel, the Oregon Football Team, a business owner, a few IM sports athletes, and more! A new chapter is here in the story of Oregon AEPi, and we cannot wait to see what's to come! PLEASE follow us on Instagram @uoaepi Sco Ducks and Esponda!!!

Oregon State University

This year, Omicron Sigma Colony welcomed seven new members, with our Fall pledge class of five being the largest in colony history. The previous two terms we held the second highest and highest GPA in IFC, and are on track for another great academic term. We have worked closely with Hillel this year, hosting Shabbat Fall term and planning for an upcoming community Shabbat this term. Planning for our philanthropy project, AEPuppies, is finally finished, and we are excited to see it take place soon. Overall, it has been a great year for Omicron Sigma and we look forward to further successes.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

This past semester was a very successful one for the Brothers of the Rho Pi chapter here in Troy, New York. Overall, we have one of the highest cumulative GPAs on campus at RPI and the boys here are very proud of what they have accomplished. Due to restrictions placed on Greek Life by the institute, the Rho Pi chapter has had no new members until this past semester. The chapter had a successful rush, gaining eight respectful gentlemen that are motivated to grow the fraternity as a whole. Many Brothers are looking forward to interning over the summer at various companies. To highlight a few: Casey Selinske, our current Master, will be a Civil Engineering intern at Solli Engineering located in Monroe, Connecticut; Almog Cohen, our Exchequer, will be an Embedded Engineering intern at Lutron located in Seattle, Washington; Brandon George, a rising senior, will be interning at Clark Associates, located in Lititz, Pennsylvania. A few of our new members have acquired internships as well. New member Henry Basnight was invited to become a member of the Archimedean Society for posing a 4.0 GPA and will be interning at Cadence Design Systems, located in San Jose, California. New member Aadi Lahiri also secured an internship for this summer with Zipper Agent. All Brothers are looking forward to the fall

semester and help build the fraternity back to where it once was before covid.

San Diego State University

The 2021-2022 year has been something special. This year we moved chapter houses and had to adapt like never before. We had the largest initiated class (Alpha Sigma) this house has ever seen at 26 members as well as 14 more in the Spring. Before the seniors eventually graduate, this is the first time our chapter has had over 100 members in most likely its history.

We had philanthropy events where we raised over \$1,000 through a Pie a Pi event. Along with this, we got over 40 testing kits completed for the Gift of Life bone marrow registry. We have also had social events with other Greek organizations on campus. For the first time in at least five years, two fraternities on campus hosted an event for the Greek Community. We competed in the annual Noah Hytken Memorial Fund Basketball tournament as well as other intramural sports such as softball, soccer, football, kickball, and dodgeball. We also worked with Students Supporting Israel, TAMID Group, and Mishelanu to throw an Israel Independence Festival. Earlier in the month we also took a moment out of our days to remember the Holocaust in our Walk to Remember event with the Butterfly Project. We look forward to even better things to come!

Queen's University (Canada)

The Kappa Phi chapter experienced a resurgence in late 2021, with 11 new Brothers coming up through the fall rush and pledge class to further grow our presence in Kingston. Our increased numbers have allowed us to do more charity work, including a Pie-in-the-Face event to raise money for KMHS as well as a blood drive. This year, we increased our outreach to other Kingston Greek organizations, increasing our network of contacts for events

and community involvement. The chapter was also able to raise even more money through an auction and a telethon (to reach out to chapter alumni). Our continued growth, fundraising and expanding community presence enabled us to run even more events, including our own Formal Night. By sustaining our growth and outreach, we have been able to maintain relationships with alumni, expand our social network and strengthen our internal structure even further.

University of Alabama



In the Spring 2022 semester, the Iota Deuteron Chapter had great success. Our Crawfish Boil Fundraiser, which we held jointly with Theta Xi, raised nearly a thousand dollars for Habitat for Humanity. We also initiated two great new Brothers the Spring, Ben Chabner and Cameron, who are both already getting involved in the chapter by taking

on chair positions for the coming semester. Our formal in New Orleans — where our Brothers and their dates had a great time bonding and exploring the city — was a great success with the event held in the historic French Quarter. We also had multiple Jewish Identity events including Havdalah and a Jewish movie night, hosted by our Jewish Identity Chair and Stand With Us representative for the state of Alabama, Mason Berger. In addition to these other amazing events, our Brothers bonded through activities such as intramural softball, going to Talladega, and backyard hangouts throughout the semester.

University Of Arizona



The Upsilon Alpha chapter had a great school year. We gained twenty new Brothers from the fall and spring classes. The future's looking bright after our second full year unaffiliated with Arizona's IFC. We are the only fraternity at Arizona that has survived and been able to continue to operate without IFC recognition.

Throughout the spring we had many exciting events and opportunities for Brothers. We did volunteer work at local schools to rebuild parks, worked at a booth at the Tucson Book Festival, and helped Chabad and Hillel set up and celebrate for Shabbat and holidays. We had a spring break trip to Cabo and a formal weekender in Las Vegas. We also enjoyed Brotherhood events like our 3 on 3 basketball league and Super Bowl watch party.

University of California-Riverside



Ever since Chi Rho has emerged from the COVID-19 shutdowns and scares of the last two years, we have thrived and grown to rebuild our chapter from the ground up. Almost doubling the size of our chapter during this school year must be the biggest highlight so far, and we expect to keep up the pace in the Fall after summer tabling. We jumped from 14

to 26 Brothers in two quarters. Last quarter, the Brothers of Chi Rho hosted a successful Parent's Day. All Brothers attended and 10 pairs of parents enjoyed a catered brunch while getting tours of our biggest chapter house

and meeting all the Brothers. One of the aspects of Chi Rho that we have always been proud of is our cumulative GPA. While it has been a struggle during COVID-19, we pride ourselves on having the highest GPA out of all IFC fraternities. During this year's winter quarter, we have reclaimed this title, once again showing our commitment to academic excellence as a Brotherhood.

University of California-San Diego

The Chi Sigma Chapter of AEPi at UC San Diego is extremely proud of its accomplishments this past year. At the beginning of the year, we had fewer than 30 Brothers, largely because of COVID. However, we were able to get a rush class of 25 members in the fall and 11 in the spring to more than double the size our chapter! In lieu of the usual conclave, with the help of our ELC, we were able to host a "mini conclave" event with Sigma Delta of SDSU and have a joint health and safety event as well as a joint chabad event. In May, held an AEPi clothing drive to benefit the Alpha Project and we hosted a joint Shabbat with Hillel on campus. Finally, during the recent Sorority and Fraternity Leadership (SFL) Awards, our chapter won the Scholastic Award, which was awarded to the chapter with the highest cumulative GPA for the 2021 school year.

University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Nu Sigma has had a successful semester! We raised \$500 through our very successful Pie a-Pi fundraisers both on campus and at the IAC event. Our Rush this semester was definitely a highlight seeing six bid signees. We initiated two new Brothers this past Thursday and we are already prepping our Rush not just for the fall, but for summer as well. Our the chapter has an established plot at the UNLV Community Garden which we are proud of. One of our biggest accomplishments was our Tu Bishvat fundraiser. We raised a

total of \$360 to have 20 trees will be planted in Israel for the holiday. We also raised an additional \$106 for six trees to be planted in honor of our Brother Mike's father. This semester we are sending off three Brothers: Yoni Gavish, Stone Wachs, and Jon Bronsolier. They have been some of the best Brothers we could ask for and we will definitely miss them. It is worth noting that Brother Stone did recently win two awards in his group's Senior Design Competition so congratulations to him.

University of South Florida



The Psi Phi Chapter at the University of South Florida had a great spring semester! We did many Brotherhood events, including a camping retreat and other bonding activities to bring everyone closer to each other. In addition, we have been participating in other sororities' philanthropy events and supported organizations such as Make-

A-Wish and Girls on the Run. We also were able to immerse ourselves further in the Jewish community by attending the Tampa Jewish Federation's Annual President's Dinner, where we were welcomed by keynote speaker Michael Oren. Lastly, we found out that we were ranked 3rd in terms of GPA for USF IFC out of the 15 chapters on our campus. With a big year ahead, the Brothers of Psi Phi are ready for what's to come.

University of Tampa



The Tau Phi chapter has had one of its most notable years, starting with the 19 new Brothers initiated in Fall 2021, Our biggest class to date. We're now 54 Brothers strong, something we have not experienced before. In the 2021-2022 school year we climbed to new heights while making great strides growing this chapter. We are losing nine seniors this

spring, and we're thankful for everything they have done for this fraternity. Philanthropically, we had three big events this year. In November 2021, we hosted a mental health event to spread awareness to the community about the importance of mental health. In December 2021, we hosted a telethon for the AEPi Repairs the World Fund, raising more than \$6,200 for this great cause and making it the biggest philanthropy event of the year at the University of Tampa. Also, in March 2022 we hosted our signature event AEPuppies. We worked with the Tampa Bay Humane Society, raising over \$500 to help pay for food and medical supplies for these puppies. This year has been a great year for the Tau Phi chapter. We have accomplished remarkable things and we hope to continue with this momentum for years to come.

University of Vermont

In the 2021-2022 school year, Zeta Pi has been active on campus with a number of other organizations in our community. Brothers continue their involvement with Chabad with our chapter advisor, Rabbi Zalman Wilhelm. We also recently attended an event put on by Chabad and Hillel featuring Henia Lewin, a Holocaust survivor. Elisha Wiesel, son of famous author, activist, and Holocaust survivor, Elie Wiesel, also spoke. We have held various social events with sororities, dye tournaments with our close friends

in Kappa Sigma, and Greek Life parties with many other organizations at UVM. Our chapter, as a whole, has gotten much closer this year through Brotherhood events like hiking Mt. Abe, regularly attending the trampoline park, and celebrating Passover together. We also plan on holding alumni week in the fall for our Zeta Pi alumni Brothers to reconnect and share stories. We look forward to holding a food drive for Feeding Chittenden in the fall semester, and Brothers are moving to create an outdoor exploration club centered around Jewish male students to connect more with non-Greek Life students on campus. We are extremely excited for the summer and cannot wait to welcome new members in the fall!

University of Virginia

AEPi Mu is excited about where we are, and even more excited about where we are going. A few weeks ago, we initiated the largest pledge class in our chapter's history, welcoming 25 new men into our fraternity. We are incredibly proud of not only this number, but also the character of each and every newly initiated Brother. On April 9, we hosted our first foam philanthropy event. The event took place during the day and included a lot of foam and the opportunity to pay to pie a brother. The event was a huge success, and we raised over \$2600 for the University of Virginia Heart Family Fund. On another note, the kindness and generosity of our alumni have allowed us to add a study room to our house! The former storage room has been immensely popular among the Brotherhood, and it has already been getting really great use. One of our last Brotherhood events of the school year was a barbecue to celebrate the conclusion of Passover. A few Brothers volunteered to grill hamburgers and hot dogs, and I know that every Brother had a great time. We ate bread, talked, and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

Virginia Tech



Over the past semester one of the moments that harbors fond memories for members of the Sigma Alpha chapter was the day of Virginia Tech's Big Plant. With Hillel at Virginia Tech, many Brothers came out to this service event and helped plant trees to help better the community. Most of the Brotherhood arrived at the event around midday, by

the end of our time there so many trees were planted that there was literally no space left to put any more. This picture shows our master, Alex Golden, planting one of the soon-to-be trees. The other picture showcases some of the Brothers who came out to the event. This picture was at the end of the planting area, after all the trees had been planted. Planting was dirty, messy work but the knowledge that we were doing something bigger than ourselves combined with the fun that the Brothers enjoyed being together made coming out to help more than worth the time spent.

Vanderbilt University

This past year was quite successful in the eyes of the brothers of the Alpha Epsilon Pi Tau colony, especially since it is our first year since refounding. We saw great growth, nearly doubling our size with our first two pledge classes. We hosted weekly Sunday brunches in our house — open to all — serving homemade crepes, waffles and omelets. Over the course of the year, we became more confident in our ability to throw social events, hosting "Christmas in November", "AEPurim", "AEPriil Fools" and a plethora of mixers and smaller social events. We had two successful Pie a Pi charity events, as well as other philanthropic efforts such as regular volunteering at a local food bank, raising nearly \$1,000. Not to mention, we managed to place fifth in this year's Mensch Madness competition. Finally, what truly makes us a

fraternity is all the bonding we shared as Brothers. Throughout the year, we had numerous Brotherhood Shabbats, sharing laughs, memories, and delicious meals. Perhaps our favorite moments from this year come from cabin weekend. Each semester, the entire colony rents a lake house. We all learned something new about each other, had a blast, and definitely grew much closer.

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Births

To Brother Adam Cohen (Georgia, 2006) and Julie, a son, Cal Sylvan Cohen

To Brother Eric Farbman (Northwestern, 2006) and Shoshana, a son, Ezra
Ilan Farbman

To Brother Adam Maslia (Charleston, 2011) and Melissa, a daughter, Aria
Marylin Maslia

To Brother Blake Roter (Tulane, 2006) and Julie, a daughter, Ellie Shai Roter

To Brother Yoseff Shachor (Hebrew U, 2017) and Frida, a daughter Orly
Shachor

To Brother Ian Sobel (Northwestern, 2010) and Jessica, a son, Noah Caleb
Sobel

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Marriages

MARRIAGES

Brother Grant Bigman (James Madison, 2012) married Caitlin Aslanidis

Brother Jonathan Bridge (VCU, 2013) married Alex Sikora

Brother Andrew Feurstein (New Paltz, 2014) married Rebecca Cohen

Brother Garrett Heller (Houston, 2016) married Molly Teplitzky

Brother Alex Jakubowski (Northwestern, 2014) married Samantha Stankowicz

Brother Samuel Koch (St. Andrews, 2014) married Talia Levy

Brother Zachary Nusbaum (Kent State, 2014) married Anna

Brother Samuel Orelove (Charleston, 2011) married Hannah Towle

Brother Harrison Rosenmayer (Sonoma State, 2016) married Sarah Shafer

Brother Lee Solomon (UChicago, 2008) married Allison Berger

Brother Ethan White (Delaware, 2018) married Marissa Missan

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Chapter Eternal

Brother Jonathan Adelman (Honorary Initiate)

Brother Joseph Allenberg (Tennessee)

Brother Paul Alpert (Boston, 1960)

Brother Clifton Alexander (Alabama, 1935)

Brother Richard Alhadeff (Alabama, 1965)

Brother Marc Altman (Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1974)

Brother Alvin Arvis (Alabama)

Brother Alan Barry (Toledo, 1965)

Brother Moses Bar-Yoseph (York)

Brother Ross Beckerman (Florida, 1960)

Brother Gerald Benowitz (Tennessee, 1966)

Brother Joseph Berman (Akron, 1964)

Brother Neil Berlin (Duke, 1999)

Brother Seth Bloom (Delaware, 1986)

Brother Scott Bramer (Arizona State, 1974)

Brother Fredric Bright (Emory, 1977)

Brother Jacob Brodsky (UT Austin)

Brother Marc Bomberg (Minnesota, 1971)

Brother Louis Bryan (Vanderbilt, 1950)

Brother Jack Chereskin (Florida, 1951)

Brother Leonard Cohen (New Mexico)

Brother Aaron Colwell (Missouri, 2004)

Brother Gary Davidow (NYU, 1971)

Brother Roy Davidson (City College, 1966)

Brother Dennis Deleo (Johns Hopkins, 1964)

Brother Steven Derfler (Indiana, 1973)

Brother James Domnitz (Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1973)

Brother Paul Edelman (NYU, 1962)

Brother David Eidelman (Wayne State, 1971)

Brother Peter Eizen (Drexel, 2000)

Brother Hank Epstein (Brooklyn Poly Tech, 1958)

Brother Jack Epstein (Georgia Tech, 1965)

Brother Jonathan Erlen (Indiana, 1968)

Brother Matthew Farberov (Arizona State, 2016)

Brother George Ferrara (Buffalo State, 1993)

Brother Richard Furst (UT Austin, 1976)

Brother Bernus Fischman (UT Austin, 1969)

Brother Irwin Feldman (Miami, 1958)

Brother Jack Frontz (Bowling Green, 1972)

Brother Craig Fink (Minnesota, 1972)

Brother James Fleischer (Kent State, 1993)

Brother David Friedman (Florida, 1981)

Brother Jeffery Feinstein (Houston, 1971)

Brother Steven Friedman (Wayne State, 1971)

Brother Michael Gaines (Florida Inst. of Tech., 1994)

Brother James Grais (Minnesota, 1971)

Brother Martin Galex (Iowa, 1957)

Brother Jeffery Garon (UT Austin, 1990)

Brother Jared Geldner (American, 2005)

Brother Earl Geller (Arizona State, 1956)

Brother Steve Gerard (Queens, 1967)

Brother Donald Gilner (Tulane, 1959)

Brother Mark Goldstein (UT Austin, 1979)

Brother David Goldwasser (Georgia State, 1957)

Brother Melvin Gordon (Drake, 1955)

Brother Robert Grossmann (Boston, 1960)

Brother Loyal Grinker (Wisconsin-Madison, 1954)

Brother Leon Gurny (Miami, 1950)

Brother Avrum Harris (Wayne State, 1971)

Brother Laurence Herman (Miami, 1980)

Brother Michael Herman (Minnesota, 1965)

Brother Paul Hersh (East Carolina, 1966)

Brother Howard Hirt (Pennsylvania, 1947)

Brother Neil Hootkin (Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1973)

Brother Steven Hyman (Toledo, 1965)

Brother Lee Hymerling (Pennsylvania, 1966)

Brother Paul Jacobs (Tufts, 1960)

Brother Robert Jordan (NYU, 1997)

Brother Zachary Judis (Ohio State, 2020)

Brother Sanders Kahn (Florida, 1947)

Brother Mark Kalish (Tulane, 1966)

Brother Sanford Karesh (Georgia, 1958)

Brother Steven Katz (Michigan, 1972)

Brother Irwin Kaufax (Arizona State, 1954)

Brother Richard Kaunitz (East Carolina, 1968)

Brother Steven Kesselman (Memphis, 1972)

Brother Ivan Kerzner (RPI)

Brother Ronnie Kiselik (Chattanooga, 1955)

Brother Christopher King (Clarkson, 1998)

Brother Milton Klein (Ohio State, 1957)

Brother Robert Klein (Ohio State, 1965)

Brother Richard Kocian (Pittsburgh, 1974)

Brother Reuben Kogut (UT Austin, 1950)

Brother Harold Kost (UT Austin, 1953)

Brother Michael Kottler (MIT, 1962)

Brother Robert Leaf (Missouri, 1952)

Brother Don Lederman (Florida, 1972)

Brother Barton Lee (Arizona State, 1985)

Brother Lawrence Levy (Brooklyn College, 1960)

Brother Max Lewis (UChicago, 2023)

Brother Mike Liber (Toledo, 1954)

Brother Phillip Linsky (UMass, 1963)

Brother Harold Lipsitz (Wayne State, 1959)

Brother Bernard Livingston (Cornell, 1939)

Brother Mark Lutvak (Michigan, 1961)

Brother Robin Matell (Wisconsin-Madison, 1956)

Brother Sherman Marks (UMass, 1957)

Brother Robert Mayer (UC Berkeley, 1961)

Brother Courtney Mercado (Cal Poly-SLO, 1991)

Brother Joseph Meyers (Kent State, 1961)

Brother Samuel Milwit (Maryland, 1963)

Brother Sanford Milwit (Maryland, 1963)

Brother Robert Moore (Florida, 1970)

Brother J. Clifford Moos (Illinois, 1946)

Brother Gerald Nadler (Wash U, 1966)

Brother Frank Nesvet (UMass, 1965)

Brother Edward O'Connell (Rutgers, 1974)

Brother James Orlow (Pennsylvania, 1956)

Brother Mark Oliver (Vermont, 1967)

Brother Harry Penson (Queens, 2021)

Brother Arnold Perlman (Georgia Tech, 1959)

Brother Terry Podolsky (Drake, 1956)

Brother Joseph Podrat (URI, 1961)

Brother Ronald Popeil (Illinois, 1957)

Brother Edward Reisman (UCLA, 1957)

Brother Richard Rossen (Ohio State, 1960)

Brother Charles Rose (Rutgers, 1974)

Brother Judson Rudgers (Cornell, 2006)

Brother Lester Schoenberg (Ohio State, 1955)

Brother Dale Schwartz (Georgia, 1962)

Brother Peter Schwartz (Cal State-Fullerton, 1971)

Brother Richard Sedler (Missouri, 1951)

Brother Jay Siegal (George Washington, 1968)

Brother Arnold Silverman (Johns Hopkins, 1959)

Brother Michael Shatz (Georgia, 1983)

Brother Robert Shcolnik (Arizona State, 1960)

Brother Ralph Sheffler (Rhode Island, 1957)

Brother Edward Shindel (Kent State, 1967)

Brother Gabe Spiegel (Florida State, 2011)

Brother Willy Spizman (UT Austin, 1974)

Brother Ross Stemer (Emory, 1951)

Brother Robert Stewart (Michigan State, 1960)

Brother Jack Sukov (American, 1971)

Brother Jack Tenzel (Florida, 1979)

Brother Robert Tiller (Indiana Inst. of Tech.)

Brother Jeffery Tirengel (Michigan, 1971)

Brother Carl Todd (NYU, 1947)

Brother Daniel Treiser (Queens)

Brother Sam Tripp (Tampa, 2021)

Brother Harrison Weber (Arizona, 2021)

Brother Eric Weinberg (Rutgers, 1977)

Brother Eugene Weiss (Ohio State, 1957)

Brother Morton Weinstein (Pennsylvania, 1953)

Brother Sheldon Winning (Minnesota, 1967)

Brother Arthur Wirtschafter (UCLA)

Brother Jeffery Wissot (UCLA, 1969)

Brother Matthew Wheeler (Northeastern, 2024)

Brother Alan Woll (Akron, 1968)

Brother Keith Youngswick (SUNY-Oneonta, 1989)

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