

# OCP Committees & Events 2018-2019

## Martin S. Fohrman Sunday Night Learning (SNL)

SNL continued to be one of the pillar programs of our community. Each Sunday over 100 students joined together for a sponsored dinner and chavruta learning. Most chavrutas, which are carefully made at the beginning of the year, opted to tackle a specific topic or book for the whole year, and we marked this accomplishment with our SNL Banquet and Siyum at the end of the year.



## Social Programming

Social had another great year, creating a lot of exciting programming. Labor Day Barbeque was once again a huge hit, with over 150 people relaxing and catching up before the semester heated up. We did a Silent Disco for Banquet this year, taking the time during finals season to celebrate Chanukah and another great semester. Other exciting social programming included a Chocolate Factory study break, an ice skating trip, Cholympics, Fling Feast, and more.



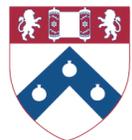
## Scholar-In-Residence

This year, we were excited to welcome multiple Scholars-In-Residence from both the United States and Israel, including Rabbi Menacham Leibtag, Rabbi Moshe Benovitz, Rabbi Ari Kahn and more. We welcomed Dr. Rivka Press Schwartz and Rabbi Hayyim Angel for our Fall and Spring Semester Scholar-In-Residence Shabbats. These Shabbat programs were once again attended by over 100 students throughout the course of Shabbat as we took the opportunity to hear from them at the Friday night Q&A and shiurim over Shabbat and engage in dialogue over Shabbat lunch.



## Freshmen Initiative

This year we kicked off a new committee geared towards helping freshmen and transfer transition into Penn life both academically and socially. Highlights of this program included our revamped mentoring (or "FROYO" as we like to call it), Sunday brunches and Make-Your-Own Pizza Night with FROYOs that was attended by over 60 people.



## Shiurim

We enjoyed many stimulating and inspiring shiurim this year, whether student led or from our OU-JLIC Educators. New initiatives to further increase Torah learning in the OCP included the popular 15 minute “Pop-Up” Shiurim during finals as a study break and the Taube’s Halacha IRL (In Real Life) series, a practical guide to everyday halachic scenarios such as kashrut and *maaser*.



## Chessed

We are always looking for more Chessed opportunities to take on as a community. This year we upped our involvement with Chai Lifeline at the local CHOP hospital, visiting sick children, decorating rooms for chagim and participating in their Channukah and Purim parties. We made trips to the local food pantry to help package food and ran food drives to donate to Philabundance. As per our tradition, the end of year Chessed study break was a trip to the campus convenient store to use remaining Dining Dollars to buy dry goods to donate to local causes. Our annual Dodgeball Tournament brought in over a hundred people and raised hundreds of dollars for people in Pittsburgh in the wake of the shooting.

## Internal Hospitality

Internal Hospitality was created this year by students in the OCP who wanted to create more opportunities for people to branch out and for us to be even more welcoming as a community. Some of their biggest hits were Shabbat Lunch Mix-Em-Ups, Blind Dates (meet someone pre-picked for lunch in Hillel), a game night study break, CogWell Active Listening Training, and themed Shabbat lunches that anyone could attend.



## Shabbat & Holidays



Shabbat is the highlight of the week in the OCP as we gather for beautiful Carlebach style davening, a weekly Friday night Oneg, Shabbat Kiddush and Seudat Shlishit. This Spring semester we kicked off our Shabbat lunch program to create another option every week that would ensure everyone who wanted a meal had one to go to. Chagim were, as always, meaningful and filled with energy from our inspiring Yom Kippur services with hundreds of students and alumni to the dancing on Simchat Torah and shtick on Purim.

## New Student Orientation (NSO)

NSO started the year off on a high note, with the entire OCP coming back for the first Shabbat to meet the freshmen and transfer students. Each day was filled with programming and opportunities to meet new people in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Highlights included the OCP Welcome Booth, Gabbai breakfast, Eruv tour, ice cream party, and Sansom brunch.

