



ZBT's 2009 registry of 117 members includes 47 pledges, 25 from Texas. This is the largest pledge class for ZBT in at least 15 years and one of the biggest in the entire Greek system.

has a history as UT's intramural basketball champions]; they learn how we give back to our community and the charities we serve; and they see this is how ZBT rolls."

"I knew there will be partying but my thinking was that he will party all the time rather than some of the time," said Farzin Bakhshian, whose son Jonathan joined ZBT last year. Bakhshian, who came to United States from Iran in 1976 to go to college and stayed after the 1979 revolution, did not have positive memories of the fraternity experience. "When Jonathan approached me, my first answer was 'no.' I talked with two persons and got firsthand knowledge of their activities.

"They socialize and are involved in charity work but they also study together," Bakhshian added, noting that ZBT has the third highest GPA in UT's Greek system. "My son could not get into the business school as a freshman but he finished the year with a 3.65 grade average, entering the McCombs School of Business this fall. He is a smart kid, but there was no way he could take five courses in spring and have four A's and one B if he was partying all the time."

The connection to Judaism that ZBT shares was also important to Bakhshian. He commented, "ZBT is very involved in helping students keep and honor their Jewish heritage. My son regularly goes to Chabad or Hillel for Shabbat dinners with his friends. They do fundraisers and volunteer work for various Jewish causes throughout the year."

Todd Aaron summed it up: "In



"We reached out to alumni to help with the renovation of the house and they came through," said alumni co-advisor, Todd Aaron (ZBT/UT 1980-1984).

ZBT, we want to share a great Jewish life for our sons, nephews and grandsons. This is just a springboard for years to come."

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