



## Amy Groswald

**AMY GROSWALD** was born in 1996 in Indianapolis, Indiana, though her family has since moved to Carmel, Indiana where they currently reside. Her father, Douglass, and her mother, Diane, raised Amy in Carmel, Indiana where she was immersed in a Jewish environment. She has fond memories of family holiday celebrations, Hebrew school, and becoming a bat mitzvah at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

After graduating high school in June 2014, Amy began her studies at the University of Kentucky that fall. She rushed and later joined the sorority Alpha Delta Pi in her first year. Upon arrival in Lexington, she experienced some culture shock due to the relatively small Jewish student population on campus. However, in the summer of 2015, Amy went on a Birthright Israel trip. Upon her return, she realized how disconnected from her faith she had become. After returning to campus, she became more involved with the Jewish student organization Hillel and explored her Jewish identity by attending Hillel events and connecting with other Jewish students on campus.



*Amy exploring the desert in Israel on a Birthright Trip*

"It really wasn't until I went to Israel that I realized, like, I really miss having my Jewish identity in college and stuff. So, that's why I got more involved in Hillel and everything, just to be around the Jewish culture a little more."

In 2017, Amy became president of Hillel at UK. In this role, she helps recruit members and plan social events such as bowling, apple picking, and Shabbat dinners. Amy aims to help each UK Jewish student feel comfortable and welcomed on campus and to recruit Jewish students to be involved in Hillel.



*Amy cooking latkes for a Hanukkah celebration with Hillel.*

Amy will graduate in May 2018 with a degree in Human Nutrition and a minor in Chemistry. She has big plans for the future: she aspires to attend medical school and raise a family in the Jewish tradition.

"I'm going to try my best to, uh, be close to my Jewish religion and Jewish identity in medical school, but I definitely plan to, um, raise my kids Jewish and everything like that."