

Houston Jteen trip

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Throughout the trip, I saw many buildings and establishments. The devastation that was the flood affected many places differently. Some places were completely and utterly ruined, both inside and out. Many buildings lacked power for a period of time, and because many of these buildings were built with materials that aren't one hundred percent water-resistant, they were in need to be rebuilt. One example of this was the Union Orthodox Temple. This building was once a Temple that held over hundreds of people. After the flood, The temple's community was in crisis. The two women who were touring us explained how the community came together, to not only raise money to rebuild the temple, but to also care for each other. We heard a touching story of how someone offered their house so people in the community could have a temporary home until their house was fixed. This is a larger scale effect of the flood, but how did it affect some individual people, who might not have very strong ties with a community? I saw a form of this when we visited Peggy's home. We organized all of her personal belongings, removed the flooring and helped with reconstruction of the house. In conclusion, I believe it's very important that we are aware that both communities as a whole were affected by the flood, but not to forget that some people who are less involved in larger groups, such as individual families and people. Overall, the

experience taught me about how different people were and still are coping with the flood.



Peggy's Personal belongings



Inside of Peggy's house