

What's Cooking? *at Shabbos House*

Dear Friends,

At the close of yet another wonderful semester, we'd like to share with you a little of "What's Cooking at Shabbos House" since our last postcard update during the High Holidays of this year.

As time goes on, the need for the new, bigger and better Shabbos House is greater than ever. We are past 2/3 of the way towards our fundraising goal, and currently in the midst of the Zoning approval process. The recent renovations to our current facility is another positive step in that direction.

Thank you to those who continue to support the annual operating budget in addition to the new Building Fund. Ongoing programs and services are costly, and would not be possible without the consistent support of parents, alumni, students, friends and the Capital Region community.

It is gratifying to see the growth in the number of friends who support Shabbos House, and the alumni who give back most generously, making it possible for another "generation" of students to share the same experience.

It is the students who make Shabbos House special. Many thanks to each and everyone for their unique contribution to our atmosphere and Jewish community. We are truly blessed with so many wonderful and dear friends.

Sincerely, with best wishes,

Rabbi Mendel & Raizy Rubin
(Mushkie, Chanie, Moshe & Sara)
Shabbos House Directors



FACELIFT... A new look to the old Shabbos House. So much is new! The roof, a paint-job (colors are now driftwood tan with a birchwood red trim), new front porch, shutters, sidewalk, driveway and landscaping thanks to the Massry Family and all the good folks at Tri-City Rentals. Hopefully, this will help demonstrate our neighborliness and accelerate the zoning process for the new Shabbos House to be built 2 doors down.



FAREWELL TO CHAIM... Following Havdalah post Simchat Torah weekend, UAlbany friends gather round US Army Lt. Chaim Spilman ('02) to wish him well on his mission to Iraq.

SHABBOS HOUSE

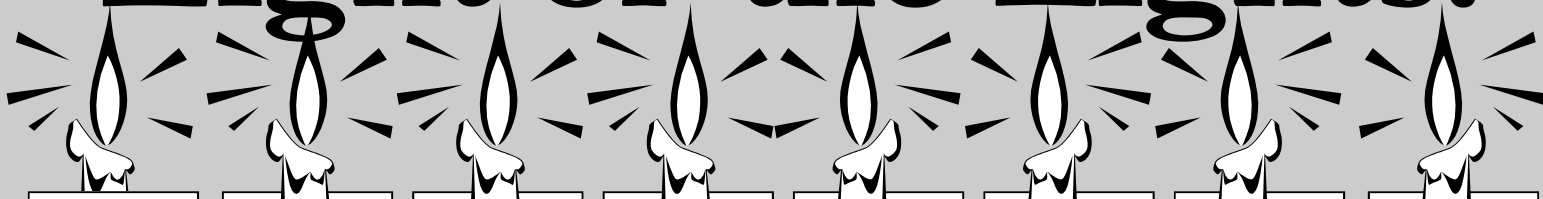
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Eight of the Lights!



"Shabbos House helped shape my life spiritually"
Melissa Morse
 2005 / Psychology & Judaic Studies; RUACH! (Reform) President



"This is the place to be for great times, spirituality, and excellent food!"
Mike Landsman
 2005 / Atmospheric Science; WCDB Campus Radio Executive Sports Producer



"The Shabbos House warmth makes you feel right at home."
Michele Adler
 2005 / Finance & Management; Empire Senator Student Govt; L'chaim Treasurer



"I don't know how I'd keep *Yiddishkeit* at UAlbany without Shabbos House."
Max Wein
 2006 / Political Science; TAGAR (pro-Israel) Board Member; Minyan Gabbai; Vaad Student Mashgiach



"A huge University can be unfriendly and cold, but at Shabbos House I found a safe, warm home.."
Allie Newman
 2006 / Sociology; RUACH! Treasurer; SH Intern



"It's a great feeling to go there..."
Brian Landsman
 2007 / Political Science; AEPI; Grinspoon Israel Intern for Hillel



"This place offers warmth and camaraderie equal to what I had in Israel"
Josh Zweig
 2007 / Farbrengen Chair; intramural sports;



"It sustains and nourishes my Jewish identity in a college environment."
Jessica Rosengarten
 2008 / English; founder of Hineni a cappella group

Pictures taken following Minyan Bagel Brunch Sunday 10/31/04

Help Keep the Lights Burning!

OPERATING FUND

Yes! I/We would like to sponsor an event below in honor/memory of:

Friday Night Dinner \$500

Our Hallmark. Full-course home-cooked Shabbat dinner, with plenty of spirit and warm family atmosphere. Between 100-150 students of all backgrounds participate.

Shabbos Lunch \$175

"Best Kept Secret at UAlbany" (EdL.) Now grown to 25-50 students with Kiddush, Chulent, Salads and Desserts. Often students linger all afternoon with noshing, games, chat or study.

Shalosh Seudos \$50

Light dinner at the close of Shabbat, enlivened with song & study.

Kiddush \$25

L'chaim! Grape juice or wine - traditional welcome to the Shabbat meal.

Challah with Love \$36

Homemade Challah baked and distributed by Students to the elderly and home-bound.

Jamming Night \$120

Sat Night monthly special, with Pizza, Hot Pretzels and Nosh. Variety of instruments,

music styles and talent...

BBQ's \$150

Sukkah Building, Lag B'Omer, Summer etc..

Minyan Bagel Brunches \$100

Bagels, Lox & Tefillin. Prayers and a delicious brunch, once a month on Sundays.

Learning Nights \$75

Rabbi Mendel's original, relevant Torah text studies, with Raizy's delicious dairy dinners, each Tuesday evening.

Mitzvah Awareness \$54

Help co-sponsor the popular Shofar Factory & Latke Table etc... promoting Jewish tradition.

Holiday Packets \$18

Thousands of Holiday giveaways are distributed in all University cafeterias: Honey-cookies, Dreidels & Hamantaschen etc..

Speakers/Performers \$500

Past speakers included Dr. Susskind "Falling in Love, Staying in Love", Dr. Laz "Diversity - Together!" & "Matisyahu - Hasidic Reggae".

Mini-Shabbat \$118

Cozy Shabbat Dinners when Campus is not in session during Winter & Summer Breaks.

An Amount of Your Choice! _____

Every bit counts! Due to minimal overhead & salary expenses, Shabbos House maximizes your contribution to best reach the students.

Some funds for some of these events are received from partnering groups (L'chaim & Tagar (sa) Ufaratza Fund & UAlbany Hillel), but these events and services and many others would not be possible without your support. THANK YOU!

BUILDING FUND

(payable over 2 years)

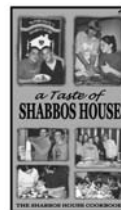
___ (\$500) Half-Share

___ (\$1,000) Share

___ (\$1,800) Mezuzah

contact Shabbos House for complete list of dedication opportunities

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 are tax-deductible.



COOKBOOK

Please send me ___ copies of "A Taste of Shabbos House" (\$22.50 each, including S&H).



PRE-FAST... Many more students came for the Yom Kippur Pre-Fast than expected. Services on campus co-sponsored with Hillel went very well.



JAMMIN'... Two very enjoyable Jammin' nights this semester. The 2nd was enhanced by visiting alumni and a new Israeli band. Great music and atmosphere.



SET-UP CREW... This dedicated and hard-working team comes each Friday afternoon to reconfigure and maximize the limited space. The couches and most of the chairs are taken onto the deck, so that tables and benches can be strategically placed. Thanks to the Class of 2004 gift of lightweight, durable tables which have been put to great use!



EXTREME CHANUKAH! Events all week - Packet-making for all Quad Dining Halls, Lights 'n Latkes Learning Night, Hot Latke Table, Midnight Breakfast and the big event "Matisyahu - Hasidic Reggae" Concert, everyone got into it.



1260 SERVED! Over the Sukkot and Simchat Torah Holiday weekends, 1260 festive holiday meals were served at Shabbos House. This included alumni and guests on Simchat Torah, and the huge Friday Night following the holiday for Parents Weekend.



TALK! Dr. Susskind on communication in relationships. Thanks to L'chaim Board for preparing/promoting this and many events.

BAGEL BRUNCH... Kosher BLT's - Bagels, Lox and Tefillin.

many more photos at www.shabboshouse.com



Thank You for making Shabbos House Fall '04 possible.

*Contributions listed below are from July - December 2004.
Thanks to their generosity Shabbos House is possible.
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Contribution MATTERS:

- Shabbos House receives no funding from the University, or National Chabad. We do receive co-sponsorship grants from the L'CHAIM and TAGAR (Student Association) Student Groups, the University at Albany HILLEL, and the UFARATZTA Fund, and support from Capital District CHABAD Centers, our parent organization.
- With minimal overhead and salary expenses, your contribution goes directly to benefit the students with dinners, atmosphere, programming and events. More Bang for your Buck!
- Our name notwithstanding, Shabbos House operates ALL week, with numerous weekday events, and is always open and welcoming to individual students for study, friendship and discussions, or to assist with urgent needs.
- As the crowd has grown, so have the expenses. It costs far more to serve a Shabbos meal to 100-150 students in 2004, than it cost to serve 25-30 students in 1997. Attendance at all our events has increased, and so have the costs.
- Shabbos House is very grateful for the generous support and appreciation from our 'extended family' - You make it possible!