

What's Cooking? *at Shabbos House*



WHAT'S COOKING? MINI-LATKES... AND ACROSS THE BOARD JEWISH WARMTH!

These students were around at the close of the Pre-Chanukah Latke Table on Campus Center, L-R: Laura Novello (L'chaim Board) Raizy Rubin (Shabbos House co-director) Sara Berg (graduate student) Dan Small (L'chaim Board) Dan Eisen (LatkeFest Winner) Craig Messer (Tagar Board) Sam Gilman (Tagar Board) Josh Rehr (Hillel Student Board) Halle Steinberg (Hillel Grinspoon Israel Fellow) Allie Newman (Judaic Studies Student Council), Dave Rozen (Res-Life RA), Sharon Farkas (Res-Life RA).

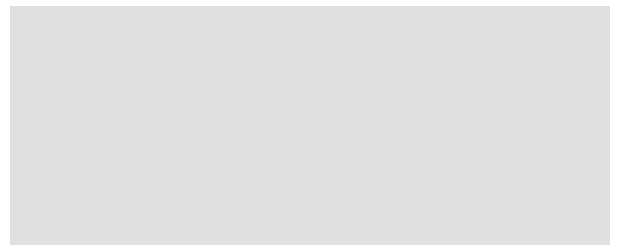


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Shabbos House Jewish Student Center BY THE NUMBERS

1,200 *homemade festive holiday meals served from Yom Kippur thru Simchat Torah*

8 *Learning Nights with dairy dinner highlighting Israeli speakers, the Kleine Klezmer, Bee-Keeping Rabbi & themed Torah text study*

Fall Semester 2005

24 *quarts of hot Chulent prepared weekly for Shabbat Lunch*

20 *grape juice bottles used each Friday Night Dinner and Shabbat Lunch (alternate Friday Night dinners are at Hillel in the Campus Center)*

2,000 *creative honey "prescription" bottles distributed in University Dining Halls with Best Wishes and High Holiday Info*

5,500 *dollars pledged by students & alumni at Simchat Torah "Ata Horaysa" Auction*

5 *theme weekends part of Chabad's "Informal Jewish Education" pilot study by the Avi Chai Foundation on 5 campuses nationwide*

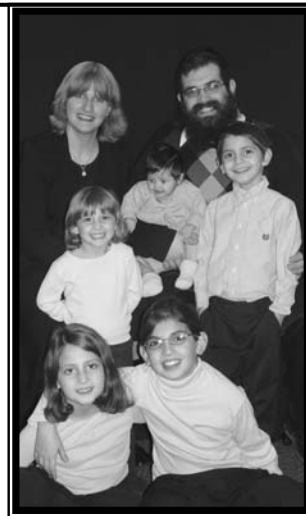
1 *number of students necessary to make all the effort worthwhile, how much more so with such wonderful turnouts!*

Dear Friends,

Our Fall '05 semester began on a joyous note with the birth of our daughter Bassie. Our extended family, the circle of students and their parents, and alumni, continues to grow as well. Many in the Freshman Class are very involved in UAlbany Jewish Life, and while we continue to meet new friends, old friendships grow stronger. Our space crunch is becoming more of a problem, so we look forward to keeping you posted on new building developments.

Thank you for your continued support! Best wishes for a Happy Chanukah!

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



OPERATING FUND

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

Friday Night Dinner \$500

Help defray the extensive costs of our hallmark event. Home-cooked Shabbat dinner with warm family atmosphere. Between 120-180 students of all backgrounds participate.

Shabbos Lunch \$175

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

Shalosh Seudos \$50

Light meal at close of Shabbat in early Fall & Late Spring, 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 musical styles..

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

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

Holiday Packets \$18

Thousands of Holiday giveaways 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 \$200

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

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) Ufaratzta 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 us for complete list of dedication opportunities in the new building

Contributions payable to
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COOKBOOK

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

Some Highlights of an exciting Fall '05 Semester



“LATKEFEST ‘05” - UALBANY’S FIRST-EVER LATKE EATING CONTEST

“LatkeFest ‘05” was held at the Campus Center on Thursday Dec 8th. Nine contestants vied to eat the most Latkes in a span of eight minutes (= eight nights). Dan Eisen (‘06) won first place by eating nine huge sized Latkes (approx the size of a large slice of bread). Greg Shafiro (graduate student) won second place at nearly eight Latkes. The event was sponsored by the L’chaim and Hillel student groups, Danes After Dark, UAlbany Hillel and Shabbos House. Mike Landsman, sportscaster and commentator for UAlbany’s WCDB, and Dan Small, of the L’chaim and Koach student groups, provided dramatic and entertaining running commentary.

SYMPATHY SUITE - STUDENT-LED LEARNING NIGHT

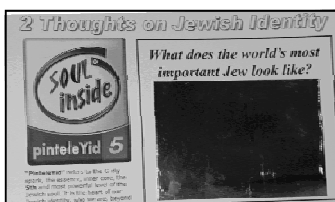
Rachel Serkin, VP of L’chaim, presented the “Sympathy Suite” a skit and discussion on Shiva-House responses, at a Shabbos House Tuesday Night Learning. The “Sympathy Suite” was created by Arthur Strimling at F.E.G.S. in NYC, where Rachel was a C.L.I.P (Hillel) intern. Thanks Rachel for opening the door to student presentations at learning nights, in Spring ‘06 we look forward to Zohar Kastner’s “Visiting History” and Laura Novello’s “Seinfeld’s Jewish Messages”.

many more photos and updates at www.shabboshouse.com



WELCOME BABY BASSIE!

Basya Rubin was born Tuesday evening, 2nd of Elul, 5765, Sept 6th, 2005. The next Friday Night we celebrated together with 175 students, with Mommy and Baby home (post c-section). Thanks to all the students who helped with that Shabbos, and the many celebrations which followed, allowing Shabbos House to fully function at the start of a busy semester and hectic holiday season - with a brand new baby home!



Jewish Identity



Kosher Hypocrisy



Relationships



Torah Relevance



Shabbat

5 THEME SHABBATS IN INFORMAL JEWISH EDUCATION PILOT STUDY

Together with Harvard, Stanford, Michigan-Ann Arbor and UF-Gainseville, Shabbos House was selected to participate in a pilot study of informal Jewish learning in a Shabbat setting, by the National Foundation for Chabad on Campus. The study was funded by the Avi Chai Foundation. The UAlbany graduate students assisting study author Barry Chazan PhD were Matthew Greenstein and Harriet Roffe who observed and recorded the Friday Night experiences, and conducted interviews and focus groups. The five themes were accessorized using creative table-centerpieces (pictured above). For accompanying messages, scroll through “Time Out for Torah” on www.shabboshouse.com.

JEWISH CAMPUS ISSUES

- Kosher Dutch Dining made significant improvements this semester to boost the Kosher Meal Plan. Some options are reasonably close in price to regular meal plans, and in addition to the obvious Kosher benefits it’s a good Jewish social-network place, and supporting the meal plan supports the UAlbany Jewish community.
- The University Senate voted to no longer give days off for religious holidays (i.e. Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Passover, etc). While no exams will be held on these days, and all religious absences will be excused, many parents, students and alumni are upset at this change of policy. Writing the University of your concerns may make a difference.

Alumni Babies!

David & Stacey Gosman’s son (name TBA) 12/16
Jeff & Rebecca Tepper’s son Joshua Michael 12/13

Jason & Kimberly Mayer’s daughter Frimid Chaya - Paige Heather 10/12
Jason & Jodi Spitzer’s son Corey Matthew - Chaim Moshe 7/6

MAY WE ALWAYS SHARE SIMCHAS!

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 120-180 students in 2005, than it cost to serve 25-30 students in 1997. Attendance at all our events has increased, and so have the costs. In addition, due to increased need, new services are provided, adding to the cost.
- Shabbos House is very grateful for the generous support and appreciation from our 'extended family' - YOU make it possible!

Thank You for making Shabbos House FALL '05 possible.

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