

What's Cooking? *at Shabbos House*



UALBANY PRESIDENT K. HALL @ GRAD PARTY CLASS OF 2005

SEATED L-R: Rabbi Ben Schull (Hillel Director 2004-5), Moshe Rubin, Rabbi Mendel Rubin (Shabbos House co-Director), UAlbany President Dr. Kermit Hall, Mrs. Phyllis Hall, Mrs. Raizy Rubin (Shabbos House co-Director), Sara Rubin, Chanie Rubin, Mushkie Rubin and Arielle Wein (Hillel JCSC 2004-5). MIDDLE ROW L-R: Gillian Schwartz, Yonit Roitman, Dana Groper, Ilysa Ferstenberg, Corrie Fierstein, Elise Comminsky, Dara Stofenberg, Marissa Frankel, Marci Ranzer, Jamie Gross, Sheena Herkovic, Melissa Morse, Andrew Cohen, Alan Rosen (Masters), Craig Brimmer, Mike Landsman, Karen Veeber (Masters), Jared Rosenthal. TOP ROW L-R: Jason Kersch, Saul Maslansky, Ariel Hakimian, Etan Hakimi, Michele Adler, Rachel Ellis, Ayal Cohn, David Riviera, Nathan Tobin, Harrison Berg, Tina Colliton. (Not pictured, but present at Grad Party: Eric Himy and Jeremy Soussan).

New Building still held up in Zoning... we hope to share the good news soon!



ALUMNI REUNION NYC 2005!

3rd annual Shabbos House Alumni Reunion in NYC,
Sunday, July 17th, 4pm at Midtown Chabad: 509 5th Ave
(bet 42nd & 43rd). Kosher Chinese Buffet, \$20pp. RSVP to
mail@shabboshouse.com. Looking forward to seeing you
and catching up with one another!

Summer 2004 Reunion Pictured Above

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Dear Friends,

Time flies (when you're having a good time). This Spring completes our eighth year at Shabbos House (Shabbos House was founded in 1975, we arrived in Fall '97). In 1997, 20-30 students came on Friday Night, this year 120-160. But even better than increasing numbers, we are truly blessed with so many wonderful and dear friends, who we've met over these years.

Despite increasing turnouts in the same small space, somehow there's always room at Shabbos House! Special thanks to the many students who help out with logistics, preparations, and atmosphere.

Many have been asking about the new building. While we are still \$100,000 away from our fundraising goal, the generous matching donors want to go ahead with building as soon as the zoning and building permits are granted. Many thanks to all those who have already contributed (and increased their gift) to the Building Fund. If you have not yet had the opportunity, many

dedication options are still available, as well as the "Shares" campaign of \$1,000 payable over two years, or whatever you can afford. Shabbos House does a lot with a little, and whatever you can give goes a long way.

Thanks to our campus partners, especially Aviva at UAlbany Hillel and the Jewish Student Groups, and to each and every student who make the UAlbany Jewish community grow and blossom.

New needs come along with a blossoming community. This year's Passover Seders, High Holiday meals and services, and summer weekends, were additional (and unexpected!) costs to our ongoing programming. Thanks to all who continue to support our operating budget, making all this possible for Jewish students at UAlbany.

Best wishes for a happy & healthy summer,

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



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 120-160 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 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

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 "**SHABBOS HOUSE - CHABAD CENTER**" are tax-deductible.



COOKBOOK

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



“Following the Guinness World Record Pillow-fight on Fountain Day, we ought to get a World Record right here for the most students inside a small house!”

UAlbany President Dr. Kermit Hall's opening remarks at Grad Party '05

“Thanks so much for including us in your wonderful Seder. We truly enjoyed every minute of it.”

The Rosenbergs



“Enclosed is a contribution for Shabbos House which was a wonderful Jewish refuge for our son Daniel a few years ago. Continue doing what you both do so well, and you do it with love!”

Randy & Ed Berns



“Freshman year was great, in part because Shabbos House really feels like a home away from home. Everyone knows each other, the food is delicious. It is amazing of you guys to do what you do for us students.”

Laura Gerson ('08)

“Thank You for your hospitality and generosity.. special thanks to your children, who always fill our visits with such an enormous amount of energy and fun... each of them adding a special touch.”

Tina Colliton ('05)



“In my opinion, Shabbos House is the most important institution of Jewish student life at UAlbany. More than just talk or good ideas, it provides real life application of all things Jewish at a comfortable level personally geared to each individual student. Shabbos House made an enormous impact on my life, as well as that of countless fellow students before, during, and G-d willing, after my tenure here in the UAlbany community.”

Brett Pasternack ('06)



many more photos at www.shabboshouse.com

WEDDINGS

Rob Klein ('97) to Elana Weissman
 Charles Isler ('99) to Malka Kohn
 Michael Hoenig ('02) to Abby Crapo ('04)
 Dan Levy ('04) to Jenny Rosenberg
 Rochel Chanowitz (daughter of former SH directors) to Zevi Halpert

*Mazal
 Tov!*

THE NEXT GENERATION

Miriam Rivkah, daughter to Shaina ('98 - Marrus) & Larry Copeland
 Addison Chloe, daughter to Anony ('99) & Alisa Baroukh
 Miriam Chana, daughter to Gregg ('99) & Shara ('99) Gilbert

BAR-MITZVAH

Levi Schreiber (son of former Shabbos House directors)

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 120-160 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 SPRING '05 possible.

Contributions listed below are from January - June 2005. Thanks to their generosity Shabbos House is possible.
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- Gift of complete set (72 volumes) of translated Artscroll Talmud for students use by anonymous donor.

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