



What's Cooking?

at Shabbos House

Shabbos House Chabad Jewish Student Center - serving the Jewish Community at the University at Albany (SUNY) since 1976.



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The New, Bigger & Better Shabbos House

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Looking Back...

HIGHLIGHTS OF FALL '07

- Strongest Freshmen Weekend Ever
- Fastest Sukkah Build by several Fraternities
- 1200 festive meals served in one Sukkot week
- Subs, Sushi & Sundaes in the Sukkah
- The No-Rain Sukkot
- Super Simchat Torah Spirit
- Long-Awaited (3 years+) Zoning Approval
- 2 Classes on "Secrets of Jewish Intimacy"
- Quickest Latke Eating Contest Yet
- 12 Torah Tuesdays, record for one semester
- Full week of (early Dec) Chanukah Celebrations
- Designated Sponsorship for every Friday Night
- Icy Reading Day Midnight Breakfast
- Hawaiian Shabbat Oasis at the first Snowfall
- Farewell Farbrengen for graduates/transfers
- L'Chaim's Awareness Tabling at Campus Center
- "Enjoy Torah!" red shot-glasses & t-shirts

Looking Forward...

UPCOMING IN SPRING '08

- SuperBowl Shabbat 2/1
- Jamming Nights 2/9 & 3/1
- Challah with Love 2/27 & 4/2
- Minyan Bagel Brunch 3/9 & 4/6
- Hamantasch Baking 3/18
- Pre-Spring-Break Purim Night 3/20
- Passover Seders 4/19 & 4/20
- 8th Night of Passover 4/26
- Israeli Shabbat 5/9
- Grad Party for Class of 2008 5/11
- Graduation Weekend 5/16-18 Families RSVP

Plus...

- 10 Torah Tuesday classes
- Specialty Shabbat Lunches
- Phase II of Building Fund Campaign
- Possible Ground-Breaking Date in May

and much more!

Dear friends,

This semester had an especially positive vibe and atmosphere due to a very involved freshmen class, the excitement over the zoning approval, and excellent upper-classmen leadership. It was a busy semester, filled with many programs and celebrations.

This December we saw more students graduating, transferring and studying abroad than any early mid-year point. Students leaving is difficult, but part of the campus territory. It's a hidden blessing, for we get to know so many wonderful students each year. It is inspiring to witness new student step up each year. The void is filled (and sometimes overfilled!) yet the earlier impact and impressions remain. All who give of themselves at Shabbos House leave a meaningful and lasting mark here.

On a personal note, we're proud of our kids. Bassie speaks in full sentences now, Sara is working on Hebrew and English letters in Kindergarten, Moshe lost his two front teeth and loves to express himself through art, Chani is a 4th grader with many friends and interests, and Mushky will be Bat-Mitzvah in a year from Passover-time. They all love reading and really need their "space" so we fixed up a cute playroom in the basement for them to have a cozy reading area and some computer space. And now we finally have a brand-new minivan (that seats 8!) which is reliable and spacious.

Thanks to the many supporters! This semester had more Operating Fund sponsors



Rubin family photo at Mendel's sister's wedding June '07

than ever before. Costs keep rising, and its only thanks to you that we can keep this place running and growing. Thanks to the CPSP semester volunteers, L'chaim Board, the pre-Shabbat set-up crew, and everyone who helps with Shabbat and event prep, serving and clean-up. Thanks to Aviva Snyder at UAlbany Hillel and the Jewish student leaders for an exemplary cooperative relationship and a great sense of community.

Love,
Rabbi Mendel & Raizy, Mushky,
Chani, Moshe, Sara and Bassie Rubin

REMEMBERING TOM NATHAN

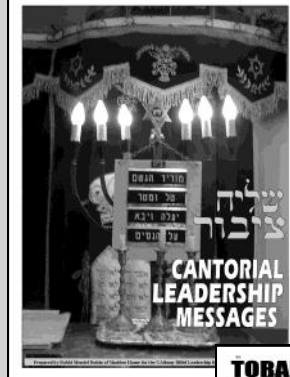
The late Tom Nathan was beloved in the Albany community, and together with his wife Hope, dear friends and supporters of Shabbos House, among their many communal involvements. Tom was a sensitive, thoughtful and gentle person, a real "mentsch" who loved to roll up his sleeves and help out in his quiet, modest and unassuming way.



Following his tragic and untimely passing this past summer, many community members and friends contributed to Shabbos House in his memory. Tom loved that this is a "home away from home - where every Jew is family." May his memory be a blessing.

TORAH TUESDAYS @ Shabbos House

FALL 2007 CLASSES



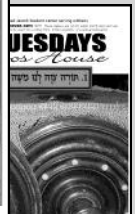
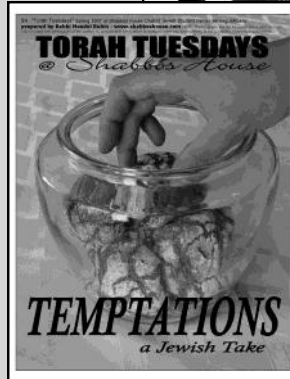
TORAH TUESDAYS @ Shabbos House



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acCUSTOMed
Why Customs Matter



understanding
Steve Jobs
Torah lessons for
Steve Jobs' Stanford 2005
Commencement Address



Plus:

- 2 sessions on "Secrets of Jewish Intimacy"
- "Represent" by Ariel Lipper
- "Stones-Speak" with Rabbi Laber
- "Challenge" Video Presentation
- Guest Israeli Presentation



New classes in preparation for Spring '08.

ALUMNI REGARDS



Back for a BBQ on the Shabbos House Deck



Albany friends at Motti & Ilana Wein's Wedding



NYC Alumni Summer Reunion July 17th 2007



ALUMNI MAZAL TOVS

- Saul Zeitlin ('04) on his engagement to Gayle Wayne
- Ari Shochat ('01) on his engagement to Aviva Futerman
- Melissa Gardonyi ('00) on her marriage to Arie Paller
- Cheryl Green ('01) on her engagement to Adam Mark Stern
- Ben Zeitlin ('00) on his marriage to Monica Zwick
- Eyal ('95) & Tali ('98) Seinfeld on the birth of Asaf
- Tully Rubin ('02) on his marriage to Avra Kirsch
- Dan ('01) & Atara ('02) Marzouk on the birth of Elianna Rachel
- Yishai ('04) & Rachael Copp ('04) Cohen on the birth of Eden
- Ariel Lipper (Masters '07) on his engagement to Ita Golus
- Anony ('98) & Alisa Baroukh on the birth of Judah Aaron
- Motti ('06) & Ilana (Masters '07) on their marriage



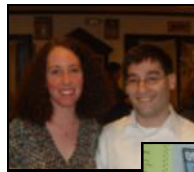
Meeting with Israeli Alumni during a NY visit



FALL '07 PHOTO REVIEW



Indian Quad Block Party



Shofar Factory at Campus Center



Freshmen Weekend Shabbat



Preparing for Shabbos



Got Chicken?



Building the Sukkah



Late Night Sukkah Study



Close of Simchat Torah Weekend



Thanks to SoDelicious



Rabbi Laber on Jewish Genealogy



Lipper's "Represent" at Torah Tuesdays



Jamming Night





Jewish Womens Connection



Sunday Minyan Bagel Brunch



Challah Baking



Hawaiian Shabbat Set-Up Crew



Reading Day Midnight Breakfast



Setting-Up Menorah Displays in all Quad Dining Halls



Warmed by the Hot Latke Table



Latke Eating Winners & Announcers



Thank You for making Shabbos House FALL '07 possible.

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Co-sponsoring Organizations are listed in "Contribution Matters" below.

We apologize for inadvertent omissions. Anonymous Sponsors, Catering, and Cookbook purchases not included.

CONTRIBUTION MATTERS

- Shabbos House receives no funding from the University, or National Chabad. We do receive co-sponsorship grants from the L'CHAIM and ZFA (Student Association) Student Groups, the University at Albany HILLEL, 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 2007, 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!

Building Fund

Contributions below are from July '07 to Dec '07.
* asterisk indicate "Shares and Dedications".

Zalman and Raizy Dubov
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Rob and Elana Klein*
Harold and Andrea Krongelb*
Ronnie Simhon*
Gabe and Sara Solomon*
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- Henry Sado at Old World Distribution
- Jerry & Ilene Sykes at Party Warehouse
- Baruch Gurwitz for fixing the Mechtzah
- Ira & Sheri Woren for papergoods & more
- David Gosman at PC America
- Green's Bakery for Rugelach
- Turtle Mountain for 300 samples of "SoDelicious" Pareve Ice-Cream
- Seth Mellin, Dan & Atara Marzouk and Marc & Dawn Wolensky for the Simchat Torah shotglass souvenirs

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monthly support:



- Baruch Daniel Gurwitz
- Rob and Elana Klein
- Rabbi Chaim & Chani Lazaroff
- Brian Levine
- Lauren Kalkstein
- Harold & Andrea Krongelb

Obviously, one should not go into debt to give Tzedakah. Benefits of credit-card giving include:
(a) bonus points/rewards (b) the ability to give regularly in smaller increments.

You can designate your contribution for ongoing operating costs, the Building Fund, or both!

Some supporters may consider these reasons for joining the CHAI CLUB of monthly contributors to Shabbos House:

- Monthly contribution in smaller increments makes giving more feasible.
- In terms of operating costs, monthly contributions help Shabbos House with cash flow in the busy months before newsletter appeals.
- In terms of our Building Fund, having donations in place over an extended period of time, will help us secure a substantial mortgage/interest-free loan.

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 25-60 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

Prayers and a delicious brunch 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 \$750

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 & ZFA (sa) Ufarazta 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) Chai Share / Mezuzah
☐ (\$2,500) Investor Share
☐ (\$3,600) Host Share
☐ (\$5,400) Builder Share
☐ Other \$ _____

☐ Please contact us with additional dedication opportunities and information about the new, bigger and better Shabbos House Building.

☐ Please contact us to discuss donations of stock or endowments.

COOKBOOK

Please send me _____ copies of "A Taste of Shabbos House" @ \$22.50 incl. S&H.

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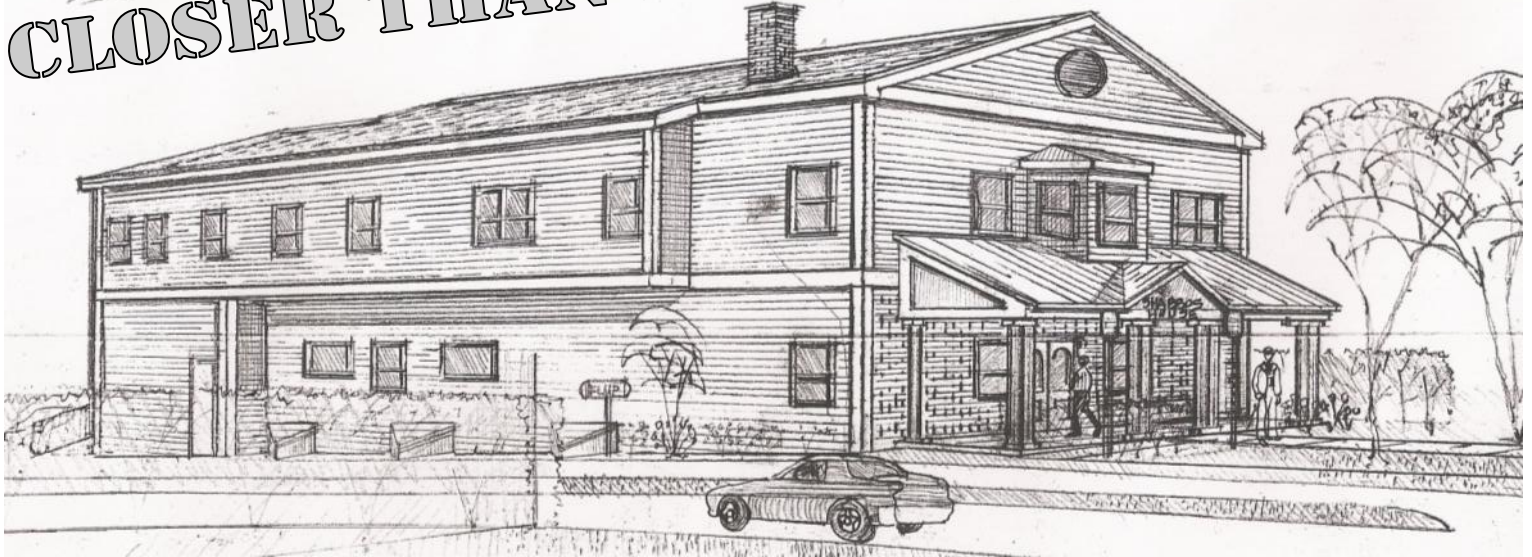
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\$ _____ from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

☐ Operating ☐ Building ☐ 50/50

The New, Bigger & Better Shabbos House

CLOSER THAN EVER!



Updated recent architectural sketch by Donald G. Stracher following zoning approval and conditions and revised size.

ZONING APPROVAL

After nearly four years (!) in the zoning approval process, on November 7th 2007, the Guilderland Board of Zoning Appeals finally approved the new Shabbos House at 320 Fuller Road. Thank G-d, and the many great friends who have gotten us to this huge milestone: Dan Hershberg for his tireless efforts and expertise, Don Stracher for drawing & redrawing the plans many a time, Thomas Shepardson for getting the ball rolling, Norman Massry, Jack Rosenblum, George Rohr & their families, for believing & investing in this project, the many contributors to the Building Fund over the years, for their generosity, patience and vision, the students who sat on benches, schlepped couches, and made the old place work for now, and our friendly neighbors who stood up and voiced support for it. Thank you!

BUILDING UPDATE

Following zoning approval we've been finalizing plans with our engineer and architect, getting bids from contractors, and working on getting Phase II of the Building Fund started, after it lost some steam during the lengthy 4+ years of the drawn out zoning process. We look forward to announcing a total project cost, construction timeline and ground-breaking ceremony date as soon as it is finalized.

BUILDING FUND PHASE I

Thanks to the many alumni, parents and friends who pledged and contributed "Shares" and dedications (primarily from 2002 through 2004), and the major building dedications by the Rohr, Massry and Rosenblum families, the Shabbos House Chabad Center Building Fund stands now at nearly \$850,000.

BUILDING FUND PHASE II

Construction may cost double the funds raised in Phase I. While part of this will be on mortgage, such a sum on mortgage would be far too great a drain on the annual operating budget. Building contributions and pledges this Winter and Spring '08 will enable this project to go forward and ground-breaking and construction to begin in May '08. More than 125 current students brought updated building brochures to share with family and friends at home over winter break. As building information is finalized this winter, we will continue to inform the extended Shabbos House "family" of building updates and mail Phase II Building Brochures to all.

BUILDING INFORMATION ONLINE

Now on www.shabboshouse.com you can download, view or print in PDF format (accessible via "What's Happening" etc.)

- 3-story floor plans
- "Good Problems and Better Solutions"
- List of all Building Fund contributors as of Nov '07
- Pledge Card with "Shares" & Dedication options

EVERYONE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Each student is a unique contribution to the Shabbos House atmosphere. Every supporter makes it possible, for hundreds of students each year. Each "share" really makes a difference! Your tax-deductible contribution goes a very long way at Shabbos House. Please consider continuing your greatly appreciated annual contribution toward the Operating Budget of Shabbos House as you donate to the Building Fund. Thank you!

"Home Away From Home - Where Every Jew is Family"