

BH. BUILDING UPDATE - FALL 2008



# What's Cooking?

at Shabbos House  
the new

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

## SHABBOS HOUSE

### Jewish Student Center

a project of Capital Chabad Centers  
Chabad Lubavitch of the Capital District  
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Albany NY 12203

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50% Matching Gift Program  
through December 2008  
see details inside...

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



**CORNERSTONE DEDICATION CEREMONY 9/14/08:** L-R: The Albany "Jewish World" front-page featuring the Shabbos House Cornerstone Ceremony, Harriet Roffe ('04, '06) former L'chaim President speaks as alumni representative, Baruch Daniel Gurwitz ('03) and Jon Dickens ('09) blow the Shofar for the month of Elul, UAlbany Vice President of Student Success Chris Bouchard brings greetings from the University, Alumni Mitch Greene ('00) and Rachel Commer ('00) unveil the cornerstone.



# SHABBOS HOUSE

CHABAD JEWISH STUDENT CENTER serving UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

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Rabbi Mendel and Raizy Rubin  
Directors

Cheshvan 5769 / November 2008

Dear Friends,

We hope this finds you well despite these tumultuous times of economic difficulty. Like today's economy, our Jewish future is constantly challenged. For more than 30 years at UAlbany, Shabbos House has been a supportive anchor and a safe, friendly and welcoming harbor for thousands of Jewish students. To meet the growing needs of increasing numbers of students, we have no choice but to build.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction cost for the 13,000SF facility (including the unfinished basement and storm water recharge basin) is \$1,380,000. Furnishings, appliances and equipment costs will be extra. More than \$900,000 has already been contributed toward the new building. As of the start of November 2008, the recharge basin was built, basement excavated, concrete walls poured, and columns and support beams are in place. Building framing has now begun.

## MATCHING GIFT THRU DECEMBER

In addition to their original major gift, the Massry family, a building founder, has offered a 50% match on all contributions between May and December 2008, up to an additional gift of \$100,000. \$200,000 raised by December '08 becomes \$300,000 and brings the Building Fund up to \$1,200,000 which makes an affordable mortgage possible. Your year-end tax-deductible contribution will grow with this matching gift. See if your employer will match your gift to us, a 501c3 religious non-profit, to make it go even further.

## STRETCHING SPACE... AND THE DOLLAR

Shabbos House works hard to maximize its limited resources. We've long been maxed out space-wise, and we keep expenses low with a lean overhead. All contributions go directly to serving the students. This new building is a major investment in the Jewish future at UAlbany and in the lives of all the students who consider Shabbos House their home away from home. By contributing now, you can help keep the building mortgage manageable, without an excessively increased burden to the annual Operating Budget.

## PLEDGES AND PAYMENTS

Pledges partially paid before January '09 can be included in this matching gift. Payments can be made over two years, or longer for larger gifts. Please see inside for "Shares" and dedication options. Checks payable to "Shabbos House - Chabad Center Building Fund" are tax-deductible.

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who've contributed to the Building Fund, to those who increased their original gifts, and to those who will contribute now, despite the difficult time. Your support transforms "the little house that could" to the long-awaited, new, bigger and better Shabbos House - imagine the possibilities!

Sincerely yours,  
Rabbi Mendel & Raizy Rubin  
Shabbos House Directors

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***a community service of Capital District Chabad***

Shabbos House is supported by contributions from Parents, Alumni and Students, and friends of Capital Chabad. Contributions to "Shabbos House Chabad Center" are tax-deductible. We are an independent student center unaffiliated with University at Albany, with no funding from National Chabad. We receive small program grants from University at Albany HILLEL and the L'CHAIM student group.





## CONSTRUCTION PHOTOS

**Backyard Storm-Water Recharge Basin**



Check the online  
“320 Building Blog”\* for:

- Building Floor Plans
- New Facility Features
- Construction Progress Updates
- Green & Energy Upgrades
- Additional Dedication Options
- Growing List of Building Donors

\* via google search or on  
[www.shabboshouse.com](http://www.shabboshouse.com)



**Excavating and Foundation Footings**



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**Basement Columns and Start of First-Floor Framing**





# Pledge / Contribution Form

**Yes!** *I/We wish to pledge/contribute to the new Shabbos House Jewish Student Center Building Fund.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please use chart on right to indicate your desired Shares or Dedications, or other amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ Full Payment enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Pledge to be paid over 2 years: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Check Enclosed
- ☐ Charge Credit-Card (Info Below)

*Checks payable to "Shabbos House - Chabad Center Building Fund" are tax-deductible.*

*This contribution is in honor/memory of:*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Shabbos House also accepts VISA, MC & AMEX:*

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Billing Address (if different than above):*

\_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

☐ monthly credit-card installments  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

☐ Please contact us to discuss major gift options, donations of stock, endowments or dedications over a longer period than two years.

## SHARES IN THE NEW SHABBOS HOUSE

	Builder Shares	\$5,400
	Host Shares	\$3,600
	Investor Shares	\$2,500
	Chai Shares	\$1,800
	Shares	\$1,000
	Half-Share	\$500

## DEDICATION OPPORTUNITIES \*

	Center Naming	Reserved
	Building Dedication	Reserved
	Main Hall	Reserved
	Family Residence	Reserved
	Kitchen	\$100,000
	Synagogue	\$72,000
	Welcome Lobby	\$50,000
	Dairy Kitchen	\$36,000
	Guest Room	\$30,000
	Sukkah Patio	\$25,000
	Upstairs Student Library	\$25,000
	Directors Office	\$20,000
	Sukkah	\$18,000
	Main Entrance	\$18,000
	Covered Front Porch	\$15,000
	Coatroom	\$10,000
	Hamotzee Wash Station	Reserved
	Aron Kodesh	Reserved
	Entrance Mezuzah	Reserved
	Access Ramp	\$7,200
	Lobby Bulletin Wall	\$5,400
	Challah Baking Station	\$5,400
	Candle-Lighting Station	\$5,400
	Prayerbook Cabinet	Reserved
	Bookshelves	\$2,500
	Mezuzahs	Reserved

\* Additional dedication opportunities are available online. All "Shares" and Dedications will be prominently recognized in the new building.