

# What's Cooking?

at Shabbos House



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

## Spring '10 Highlights

- Growing Friday Night & Shabbos Lunch Turnouts
- Jewish Womens Spa for the Body & Soul
- Tu Bishvat with Rubin SRs and Professor Kleppel
- Purim-Under-The-Sea with Sushi & Mocktails
- Purim Carnival in CC Ballroom with many groups
- Friday-Light and Mushky's 13th Birthday
- JWC Craft Nights with Mirror-Mosaics & Duct-Tape
- Eleven "Torah-Tuesdays" and start of Torah-Trax
- Two Sessions on "Secrets of Jewish Intimacy"
- Hosting a Community Sheva Brachos & Bar-Mitzvah
- 7th & 8th Days of Passover Holiday Meals
- Lag B'Omer Firepit with Music & S'mores
- Israel Speaker on Gaza, Sderot and the IDF
- Jerusalem's (Spiritual) Cookie-Jar at the Israel Fair
- Cozy-Shabbat Summer Weekends
- Chani's Bas-Mitzvah Celebration in June

## SHABBOS HOUSE

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ALUMNI VISITS & SIMCHAS



CHANI'S BAS MITZVAH



## Dear Friends,

This year was the first full academic season in the new Shabbos House. Next year's freshmen class (2014) will have never seen the inside of the old Shabbos House! After a full year of heavy-use, the house still looks beautiful thanks to the

students who care for this place and our maintenance help. Thankfully built-in efficiencies keep utilities reasonable.

Contributions were down about 15% this year, while expenses went up. It's been very tight, but somehow, we managed to keep up (and even increase!) the level of programming without cutbacks. Thanks to L'chaim's "70th Birthday" campaign and the Chabad on Campus Raffle we nearly ended the year in the black.

We have an expanded L'chaim Student Board for next year, and we look forward to strengthening and enhancing existing

programming and starting a few new programs as well. In addition to the longtime running Torah-Tuesdays, Torah-TRAX began this Spring and Thursday Bet-Medrash Nights will begin this Fall.

This summer we already attended a number of alumni Simchas, and look forward to more. Chani's Bas-Mitzvah was a special highlight. She was our first child to be born at Shabbos House, and the first one to have her Simcha in the new Shabbos House. Most weekends this summer we have Cozy-Shabbat, for those here in summer school or working in the area, we've also had alumni come for a visit. We're utilizing our new office space and summer break to get better organized, with database and (long overdue) website updates and computerized financial management.

Somehow the magic transferred from 316 to 320. Everyone's involvement, input and imprint over the years continues to be a part of the Shabbos House experience for students today. Thank you for being a part of this growing extended family.

Love, Rabbi Mendel & Raizy,  
Mushky, Chani, Moshe, Sara, Bassie & Bluma

# *"Class of 2010"*

## GRAD PARTY AND GRADUATION WEEKEND



Dear Mendel and Raizy,

Thanks for all you have done for us, you have been an inspiration to us all. We hope the enclosed donation will help you purchase a Ner-Tamid. We believe like an eternal light you have planted Sparks of Judaism within us that will never be extinguished. Thank you for all of the hours you put in to make Shabbos House what it is. Thank you for being welcoming to everyone. Thank you for the work you do for the Jewish people.

Love, Class of 2010

# *"Staying in Touch"*

## ALUMNI VISITS AND SIMCHAS



### AN ALUMNI COOKBOOK?

Faith Fisch ('99) suggested the idea of a "Shabbos House Alumni Cookbook" with recipes from different home communities, cooking-styles and cultures. Would you like to join a committee to make this happen? or submit a recipe? Please let us know!

### HELP US GO GREEN & SAVE GREEN!

Please send us your current email address (if we don't have it already) so we can do more of these updates via email, and save on printing, postage and paper. We'll still mail these update "What's Cooking?" newsletters in hard-copy (and post the PDFs online).

### NYC SUMMER ALUMNI REUNION

Sunday, August 1st, 2010 1-3pm  
 at the new Chabad Loft on 5th Ave  
 144 5th Ave bet. 19th & 20th, 2nd Floor  
 note changed address of Chabad Loft  
 - close to the N, R, W, F, V, 4, 5 & 6 subways -  
 Shabbos House Salads, Desserts Etc.  
 \$20pp covers costs. \$50 sponsor.



IDF Rabbi Speaker



Purim 5770 / 2010



Israel Fair on Campus Center with "Jerusalem - World's (Spiritual) Cookie Jar!"



Guest Torah-Tuesday Lecturer from Israel



Lag B'Omer Firepit & Music



Tu-Bishvat Themed Shabbat



Friday Light for Mushky's 13th Birthday



Raizy's Birthday & JWC Duct-Tape Art



Sat Night Jamming Night

## "Chani's Bas Mitzvah"



## DID YOU KNOW THAT Shabbos House...

- was founded in 1976
- was at its original location for more than 30 years
- originally located at 316 was once numbered 67
- was once also known as "Noah's Ark"
- once had a deck triangularly shaped as a ship's bow
- was expanded in the 1980's to create the big room
- is the only Chabad House by this name
- is one of the first 10 Chabad Houses on Campus
- is one of a few Campus Chabads to do totally new construction from the ground-up
- is an alcohol-free facility as of March 2010
- actually operates all week long - not just Shabbos
- receives no direct funding from the University, National Chabad, or the Jewish Federation
- has one of the lowest operating budgets for a Jewish campus organization of its size
- has a unique cooperative, alternating, long-standing communal arrangement with Hillel that is one of the only of its kind in the country
- now has a year-round trellis-type Sukkah structure
- doesn't need a single nail or screw for its Sukkah
- does programming outside the academic calendar
- maintained and even grew programming in 2009-2010 despite a 15% decrease in contributions
- now has more than 100 arborvitae on its perimeter
- gets soda and water delivered by a beer distributor
- doesn't have to schlep couches out anymore
- has 5 separate HVAC zones for energy efficiency
- hosted UAlbany's President for Rosh Hashanah
- had different director families over the years...  
1976-1979: Rabbi Yisroel & Rochel Rubin  
1980-1987: Rabbi Moshe & Esther Chanowitz  
1988-1991: R' Yoel Seliger and Ruth Seliger  
1992-1996: R' Pinchas & Yehudis Schreiber  
1997-onward: Rabbi Mendel & Raizy Rubin
- served 20-30 students on Friday Night in 1997, and often upwards of 150-175 in 2010.
- has a large unfinished basement with lots of potential for future use once more of the building loan is paid down.

## "Thank You!"



**Jamie Antell and Family... for the giant tub of Lego that changed Moshe's life.**



**The Community Service Volunteers... who (in addition to all student volunteers) helped with prep & setup.**



**Jerry and Ilene Sykes... of The Party Warehouse for the donation of many cases of supplies for each semester.**



**The L'chaim Student Board... for planning and implementing amazing events.**

# Thank You for making Shabbos House SPRING '10 possible.

**Contributions listed below are from Jan '10 thru June '10.  
Thanks to their generosity Shabbos House is possible.  
\* indicates Shabbat, Holiday and Event Sponsors**

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

*Some funds for some of these events are received from partnering groups such as L'chaim (SA) & UAlbany Hillel and others, but these events and services and many others would not be possible without your support.*

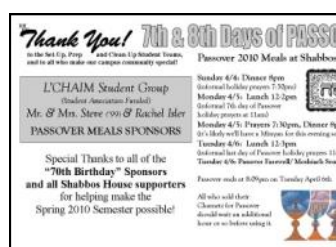
**THANK YOU!**



## CHAI-CLUB

Please consider joining the "Chai Club" of monthly contributors:

\$10, \$18, \$36, \$54 etc. Your ongoing contribution can be designated to Operating, Building or 50/50 and it can be canceled, modified or upgraded at any time. In this time of economic hardship it can be difficult for many to make large sponsorship contributions, but a gift of \$18 monthly isn't as hard on the pocket, yet it goes a long way in supporting ongoing Shabbos House events and programming.



## SHABBOS SPONSORS RECOGNIZED ON TABLE-CARDS

Friday Night, Shabbat Lunch, Yom-Tov Meals, Bagel Brunches, Jamming Nights Sponsors are recognized on a two-sided Table-Card put on each table along with information, recent event pictures, upcoming events at Jewish UAlbany, or a tie-in reference to Mendel's Dvar Torah that week.

## **BUILDING FUND**

Thank G-d, and all the Building Fund contributors, the new Shabbos House is now up and running for a full academic year. But it is not all paid for!

\$540,000 remains in building loans, which we hope to reduce to a more manageable mortgage by the start of 2013, when the current building bank-loans are due. Reducing the debt will enable Shabbos House to operate with the least overhead possible.

- ☐ (\$500) Half-Share
- ☐ (\$1,000) Share
- ☐ (\$1,800) Chai Share
- ☐ (\$2,500) Investor Share
- ☐ (\$3,600) Host Share
- ☐ (\$5,400) Builder Share
- ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(payable over 3 years, by 2013)

- ☐ Please contact us with dedication opportunities and information about the new, bigger & better Shabbos House.
- ☐ Please contact us to discuss donations of stock or endowments.

## **OPERATING FUND**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***While event sponsorships listed below do not cover the entire event cost, they make it possible along with other Operating Fund contributors.***

- ☐ **\$1,000**
  - \_\_\_ Semester Co-Sponsor
  - \_\_\_ Major Yom-Tov Sponsorship
  - \_\_\_ One Complete Shabbos
  - \_\_\_ "What's Cooking" Newsletter
- ☐ **\$750**
  - \_\_\_ Speakers & Performers
  - \_\_\_ Purim Carnival Entertainment
  - \_\_\_ Keep-The-Lights-On (Utilities)
- ☐ **\$500**
  - \_\_\_ Friday Night at Shabbos House
  - \_\_\_ Yom-Tov Co-Sponsor
- ☐ **\$360**
  - \_\_\_ Friday-Night Co-Sponsor
  - \_\_\_ Schach for the Sukkah
- ☐ **\$250**
  - \_\_\_ Weekly Shabbos Lunch
  - \_\_\_ Academic Breaks Cozy-Shabbat

### ☐ **\$180**

- \_\_\_ Shabbos Lunch Co-Sponsor
- \_\_\_ BBQ's Sukkah Bldg, Summer etc
- \_\_\_ Campus Center Shofar Factory

### ☐ **\$136**

- \_\_\_ Sat Night Jamming Nights
- \_\_\_ Finals Week Midnight Breakfast
- \_\_\_ LatkeContest/Purim Masquerade
- \_\_\_ Lag B'Omer Firepit

### ☐ **\$100**

- \_\_\_ Torah-Tues Original Materials
- \_\_\_ Torah-Tuesday Dairy Dinner
- \_\_\_ Jewish Womens Connection

### ☐ **\$75**

- \_\_\_ Minyan Bagel Brunches
- \_\_\_ Thurs Bet-Medrash Night
- \_\_\_ Themed Campus Center Tabling

### ☐ **\$54**

- \_\_\_ Shalosh-Seudos
- \_\_\_ A Friday Night Salad for 150+
- \_\_\_ Shabbos Lunch Cholent

### ☐ **\$36**

- \_\_\_ Challah with Love
- \_\_\_ Kiddush Grape Juice
- \_\_\_ Oneg Nosh & Refreshments

### ☐ **\$18**

- \_\_\_ 50 Holiday Packets in Quads
- \_\_\_ A Student for a Full Shabbos

### ☐ **Amount of Your Choice!** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## **COOKBOOK**

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

## **CONTRIBUTION PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**Checks payable to "Shabbos House - Chabad Center" are tax-deductible. Shabbos House also accepts VISA, MC, AMEX & DISCOVER:**

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☐ **CHAI CLUB** monthly credit-card payments:

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

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