

# What's Cooking?

at Shabbos House



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

Dear friends,

It's been quite a semester! So much happened in just a few months. Looking through photos for this newsletter - many of



which are included in these pages - brought back a flood of wonderful memories. We met so many great new friends, it is truly a very special freshmen class, and we are blessed for our campus community to grow.



As we sing in the Sukkahleh Song: "My sweet little daughter..." was born on the 5th day of Sukkot, just after 3-days of YomTov meals, and came home in time for the 3-day Simchat Torah weekend. We named her Esther Miriam for (a) Mendel's sister Esther Aidel Cohen (b) Mendel's grandmother Yocheved Miriam Rubin and (c) Raizy's aunt Miriam Rochel

Lipsch, all of whom passed away in 2010.

In addition to Shabbat and Holidays (we did the High Holidays, too), there were 11 Torah-Tuesdays (including the Harry Potter class), several Minyan Bagel Brunches with Mitzvah workshops (Mezuzah covers and Tzitzit-making), 2 Jewish Womens Connections, the big TIC-TAC-TOE series, a half-dozen specialty tables on campus, Jam Nights (new for this year, the Midnight Jam & Selichot) and lots more...

We couldn't do it alone! It is very helpful and heartwarming when so many students pitch in, get involved and help out in a variety of different ways. Their personal and joyous dedication, giving of their time, effort and talent is much appreciated.

None of this would be possible without the generous financial support of alumni, parents and friends. This year, we also benefited from the L'chaim Unite first-place win (we hope you can help us once again). It's been a tight year, but each and every contribution, large and small, made it possible.

We're looking forward to a great Spring semester ahead, with "Occupy Purim!", 14 Torah-Tuesdays, Passover Seders, the Dessert and Cholent Bake-Offs, Yiddish & Israeli themed Shabbats, Challah & Soup with Love, starting "Team-Shalom" and much more...

Love, Rabbi Mendel & Raizy Rubin,

Mushky, Chani, Moshe, Sara, Bassie, Bluma & Esther Miriam

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## NEW \$100K MATCH

After \$1,125,000 (!) contributed over the years by alumni, parents, friends and major supporters towards the total building cost of \$1,650,000, a debt of \$525,000 remains. Our building committee is eager to get this debt paid down in order minimize the very heavy pressure on the annual Operating Budget and keep Shabbos House on healthy financial footing. **A generous donor committed**



**to a \$100,000 match - dollar for dollar - to help pay down the building debt.** Please help us take advantage of this tremendous

opportunity. We're waiting for permanent plaques until the Building Campaign nears completion, to allow opportunity for new families to participate or for some previous donors to increase their earlier generous contributions. "Half-Shares" (\$500), "Shares" (\$1,000) or dedication (\$1,800+) pledges can be payable by check or credit-card over two years or monthly payments. We hope we can count on enough parents, alumni, faculty and friends to meet this challenge match. Thank you!



Behind-the-Scenes glimpses of L'chaim's new Unite Video. Ketchup-Man returns!



L'chaim/Shabbos House came in first place last year, with \$2,300 in vote-contributions (many "votes" were as little as \$5) earning \$4,500 (!) from UAlbany Unite in bonus funds!

### YOUR CONTRIBUTION-VOTE CAN HELP US AGAIN!

Please give "L'chaim" your \$5, \$10 or \$18 vote at [Albany.Edu/Unite](http://Albany.Edu/Unite). New videos will be posted at start of Spring '12 semester. All vote-contributions go directly to our student group programming, plus it increases our chances to win bonus funds, too! THANK YOU!



# 2 Midnight Events

**MIDNIGHT JAM & SELICHOT PRAYER** on Sat Night before Rosh Hashanah, we began with a High-Holiday themed Jamming Night, then the pre-Rosh Hashanah Selichot Prayer which culminated in a lively dance.



**MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST** An UPLifting Pre-Chanukah event on the eve of Reading Day before Finals Week began.



**SHOFAR FACTORY** returned to Campus Center after a hiatus last year. 70+ Shofars made - all of them tried and tested!



# CAMPUS TABLING

**HOT LATKE TABLE** A pre-Chanukah holiday awareness, as all of Chanukah this year was during winter break



**BELLY-FLOPS** Nobody is perfect, identifying issues to be addressed



**MAKE YOUR OWN KOSHER PICKLE TABLE** demonstrated the pungency of sour & sharp foods as a metaphor for life's challenges and difficulties which (like pickles) can be tasty, too.



**L'CHAIM AT SA BLOCK PARTY** lots of spirit, lots of interest...





# TIC-TAC-TOE

**TIC** - [11/14] Marc Elliot speaks on "What Makes You Tic?" He has Tourettes, what do you have?

**TAC** - [11/15] Tackling a Tough Talmud Story about "Rabbi Eliezer and the Ugly Man" at Torah-Tuesdays

**TOE** - [11/20] Get your Toes Wet volunteering at an Activity-Day for Children with Special Needs



The TIC-TAC-TOE series on sensitivity & tolerance was organized by L'chaim student group and sponsored by: UJA of NY's JSAM (Jewish Social Action Month); UAlbany Disability Resource Center and UAS; UAlbany Multicultural Affairs; the Friendship Circle, UAlbany Hillel, Team-Shalom and Shabbos House.



60+ volunteers at TOE from student groups, fraternities and sororities.



9/11/2011 (above) pre-Shabbat partial view from upstairs of the American flag-themed table-set-up. (below) Rabbi Mendel delivers the invocation and benediction at a 9/11 memorial dedication for UAlbany alumnus and volunteer firefighter Shawn Bowman at the local McKownville firehouse.





# Sukkot, Simchas, & Semester 'Round



At a Sheva-Brachos



Jam Night



Torah-Tues with Bee-Keeping Rabbi



Minyan Bagel Brunch



Move-In Day Prep for Shabbos



After YomTov Havdalah in the Sukkah, Pre-Esther Miriam



Student Leaders Planning Brunch with Hillel



APO Team at Sukkah Take-Down







# ALUMNI KEEP-IN-TOUCH

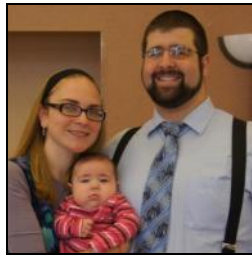
## Reunions, Simchas & Visits



David and Michal's Wedding



Annual Summer Alumni Reunion on 5th Ave in NYC



In Shabbos House Office Post-Simchat Torah



... Mazal Tov Dave!



Justin & Masha's Wedding



# Thank You for making Shabbos House FALL 2011 possible.

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*Some funds for some of these events are received from partnering groups such as Capital Chabad, L'chaim (SA) & UAlbany Hillel and others, but most of Shabbos House's support comes from contributions by parents, alumni and friends.*

*We receive no direct funding from the University at Albany or National Chabad.*

*Your support makes it possible!*

**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 people 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.

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## **BUILDING FUND**

Thank G-d, and all the Building Fund contributors, the new Shabbos House is in full use. But it is not all paid for!

\$525,000 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Please contact us for dedication opportunities and info about the new bigger & better Shabbos House.
- ☐ 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.

## **ALUMNI TORAH**

Please submit on separate sheet names of participants (Hebrew with parents names if known) and indicate letter, verse, parsha etc. as listed on page 8.

### **SHABBOS HOUSE**

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## **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.*

*Event sponsors are recognized on the weekly "Table-Cards".*

- ☐ **\$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**

- \_\_\_ Holiday Awareness Packets
- \_\_\_ 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.

## **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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See inside for what's been cooking this semester!



# What's Cooking? at Shabbos House

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

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**SAVE THE DATE - MARCH 8-10, 2013:** Moshe's Bar-Mitzvah Weekend, will G-d willing be celebrated over the weekend, culminating with the Alumni Torah dedication ceremony and festivities on Sunday, March 10th.

**PASSOVER SEDERS & HOLIDAY MEALS** Due to UAlbany scheduling this year, Shabbos House will be hosting the Seders (for students not headed home), all the 7th & 8th day holiday meals, plus one Passover Torah-Tuesday dinner during the intermediate days. Seder RSVPs are very helpful. Call or email for details.



## *A few Alumni reminders:*

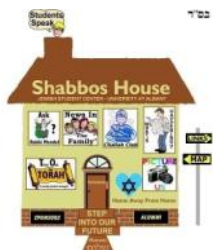
**ALUMNI COOKBOOK:** Please share some of your favorites! Email recipes to [Shalumni cookbook@gmail.com](mailto:Shalumni cookbook@gmail.com).

**MONTHLY ALUMNI EMAILS:** Have you been getting them? If not, email us at [mail@shabboshouse.com](mailto:mail@shabboshouse.com) so we have your current email to stay in touch.

**ALUMNI TORAH SCROLL:** Mr. Bruce Lorence ('70) is dedicating an Alumni Torah scroll at Shabbos House to celebrate 40 years since his graduation from UAlbany. All are welcome to join in this Mitzvah, by dedicating a letter for \$5, (kids letters are \$1 each), a word for \$18, a verse for \$36, a Parsha for \$180 or a Chumash for \$613. It's a Mitzvah to "own" a portion of a Torah scroll, so it would be ideal to dedicate at least a letter on behalf of each person.

**MENDEL'S MONDAYS:** Upcoming on Feb 6th (7:30pm at Marin's apartment: 405 E 56 #9D between Sutton Place and 1st Ave) and March 12th on Long Island (8pm at 303 Merrick Road, Suite 300, Lynbrook NY - very close to the LIRR Lynbrook Station. If door locked call: 518-506-3851).

**WEBSITE MAKE-OVER** Long overdue, the website was launched in 1999 (thanks to Jason Nadell '99 and David Gosman '98 & '00) but we've neglected site updates (the calendar page is current) over the past year as we seek to upgrade & modernize. Alumni have offered assistance to help with the make-over, we hope to begin implementation this summer. Please share with us any ideas, features, or suggestions.



**SHABBOS HOUSE AS VENUE AND DESTINATION** The new building allows us to occasionally host organizations, programs and events and catering in off-season times. Since the summer, we've hosted the JGR summer camp, a post-wedding party, a Sukkot Bar-Mitzvah, ILTSE, a Sheva



Brachos, visiting Israelis, 55th anniversary dinner, a NY Yeshiva for a BBQ, and a talk on kidney transplants.



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