

What's Cooking? *at Shabbos House*



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



Our Family Purim Costume this year (part of Purim, Inc. theme) as "One Big Happy Family" & our extended Shabbos House family, too!

The Lorence Alumni Torah Dedication was a lively and memorable event (see inside for pictures), with letter-writing and Hakaftot dedicated to faculty, parents, students, family & community. We enjoy reading from this Torah regularly.

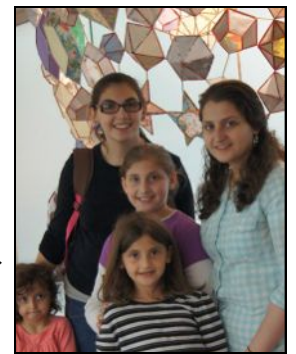


We finally both got smartphones! Raizy (iPhone) 518-772-7299, Mendel (S3) at 518-526-0770. We still primarily use our home phone 518-438-4227 but you can't text that number ;) and Mendel now tweets @shabboshouse.

Dear friends,

This Rosh Hashanah marks 4 full years in the new Shabbos House, we moved in on the eve of Rosh Hashanah 2009, and also a sweet 16 years at Shabbos House, we arrived in August 1997. Sixteen may not yet be "Chai" (18), but in college terms it is four times the four-year cycle. **That's 16 classes of graduating seniors, countless meals, varied events, so many meaningful conversations, lasting relationships & unforgettable memories.**

Our eldest daughter Mushky, was four months old in Fall 1997, this summer she's a camp counselor in Edmonton Alberta (we're grateful for Facetime)! She's pictured here with her sisters in front of artwork at the Albany International Airport.



SPECIAL THANKS:

- * Alumni friends who contributed multiples of 40 for Mendel's 40th, totaling \$32K (!) to help meet a matching gift and pay down a big chunk of the building loan. It made a big difference and was a deeply appreciated effort.
- * Having all the holidays was an added expense this year, thanks to those parents and alumni who made special contributions to make it happen, especially for Passover.
- * To those who purchased raffle-tickets, sponsored events, responded to the newsletter mailings, and supported Shabbos House in so many different ways. Thank you!
- * And many thanks to all students for their involvement and dedication, to alumni who keep in touch, and all who make Shabbos House possible and keep it special!



ALL the major Jewish Holidays fell this year during the Academic Calendar, including all 8 days of Passover, both

Chanukah & Purim, Tu B'Shvat, Lag B'Omer and even Shavuot - the first time this happened in 16+ years!



We celebrated Moshe's Bar-Mitzvah! Wow, what a milestone... so many have been waiting for him to count as #10, and now he helps with the Torah-reading each week, too. We're so proud of him; many of you played a role in helping him reach this day. It was a beautiful event with family, students & alumni (see pics inside).

Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy & Sweet New Year!
Love, Rabbi Mendel & Raizy Rubin & Family

Dear Mendel and Raizy,

A MARCH 2013 ALUMNI LETTER

I wanted to write to say thank you! You welcomed my husband and I into your home and taught us so much about Judaism and what living a Jewish life could be like. We found who we were during our years spent in Albany. Without you and your family we might have turned out differently.

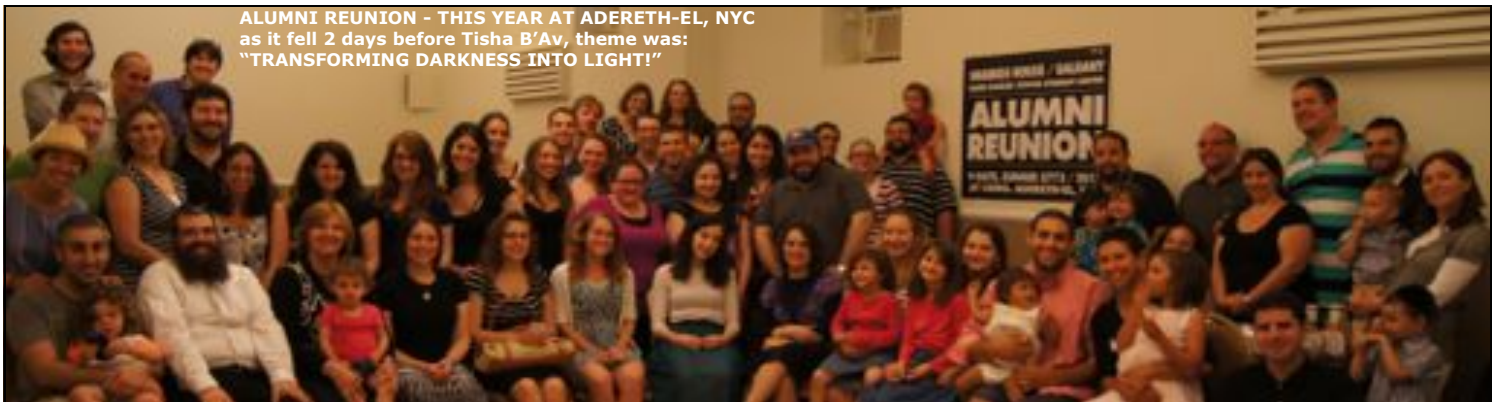
On our way home from the Bar Mitzvah we were talking and realized that we both came into college 10 years ago feeling like we didn't want to have anything to do with Judaism. We wanted to be "normal" "typical" college students. Something changed in each of us when we came to Shabbos House. Since graduation, every time we come up to Albany and spend time with you and old college friends, we leave with a renewed sense of self and appreciation of our Judaism.

While we still struggle with Jewish observance, we know that living a Jewish life is really what we want for our family. I remember vividly a Torah Tuesday with Mendel that struggle is significant. I'm learning to live with the struggle, realizing it comes from Hashem to help me grow as a person & as a Jew.

Thank you for welcoming me and my now husband into your home all those years ago. Thank you for teaching us and being our friends. Thank you for being there for us during the best of times and during the worst of times. Thank you for what you continue to do for all the students who do not yet know the long-term impact you will truly have on their lives. May we share many more Simchas together and may our friendships be life-long...



**"MENDEL'S MONDAYS" ALUMNI
STUDY GROUP AT 5WPR'S OFFICES
IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN**



**ALUMNI REUNION - THIS YEAR AT ADERETH-EL, NYC
as it fell 2 days before Tisha B'Av, theme was:
"TRANSFORMING DARKNESS INTO LIGHT!"**



**TWO BENS, RUNNING FOR OFFICE &
STUDYING IN ISRAEL**



**SHABBOS HOUSE GOES ALL OUT!
THE WHOLE MEGILLAH...**
(Gift of Class of 2005)



**PURIM DAY MINYAN &
MEGILLAH READING**

AEPI PAINTS A DOOR FOR PURIM, INC. THEME



**IN THE
SHABBOS HOUSE BASEMENT**



COSTUMED PURIM FUN!

PURIM IS PICTURESQUE! The creative costumes, theme props & décor & festivities make for great photos. Shabbos Dinner or the Passover Seder are certainly picturesque as well, but those are times when it is Halachically forbidden to take pictures - but they are certainly lasting memories - spiritually imprinted on all who participate!



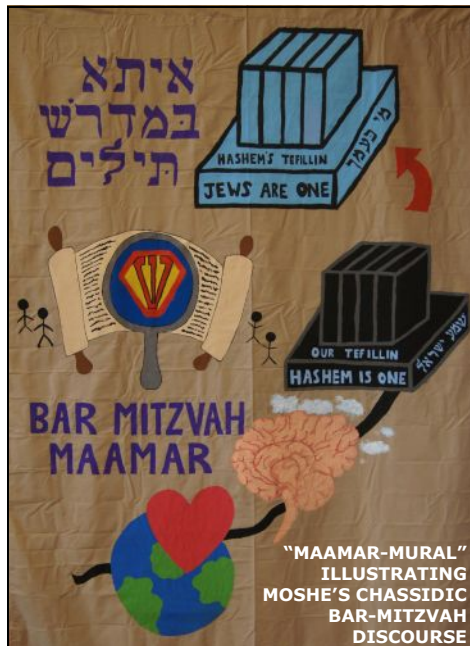
BOO'S DOOR!



PURIM NIGHT GROUP PHOTO, MANY IN COSTUME!



MOSHE'S BAR-MITZVAH & LORENCE ALUMNI TORAH DEDICATION





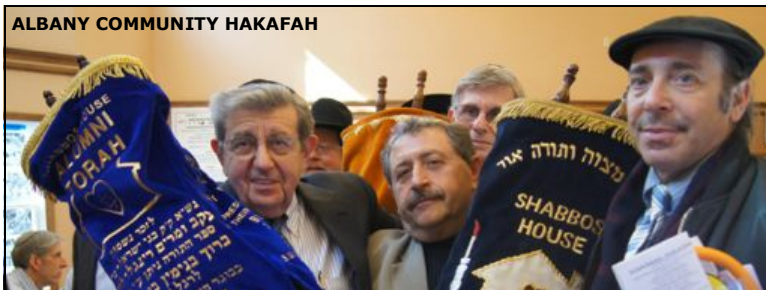
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THE ALUMNI HAKFAH



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RETURNING TORAHS TO THE ARK



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Shabbos House



FAMILY ON SAT NIGHT

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Your support makes it possible!

THANK YOU!

"I know Passover must have been a huge expense, here's something to help defray the cost. Thanks for being there for the students."

"I don't know where I would be without Shabbos House in college. Now that I can, I'm happy to help provide that same experience for current students at UAlbany."

"Our daughter graduated in 2004 but we remain grateful for all you did for her."

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☐ (\$1,000) Share
☐ (\$1,800) Chai-Share
☐ Other \$ _____

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

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Please send me _____ copies of
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SPRING '13 BY THE NUMBERS

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420 Lbs of Potatoes
210 Passover Seder Meals
160 Alumni In-Person Visits
25 Painted Doors for Purim, Inc.
16 Special Graduation Awards
10 Summer-break Cozy-Shabbats
4 Years in the New Building

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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FALL 2013

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

Sponsors recognized on weekly "Table-Cards"

In addition to regular programming, this Fall we're looking forward to the High Holidays & the series of 3-day Yom-Tovs, a special social-action awareness event and much more!

While event sponsorships listed below do not fully cover all event costs, they make it possible along with other Operating Fund contributors.

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☐ \$500 Sponsor ☐ \$360 Co-Sponsor

(15) Shabbat Lunches

☐ \$250 Sponsor ☐ \$180 Co-Sponsor

(11) Torah-Tuesdays w/ Dinner

☐ \$150 Sponsor ☐ \$75 Co-Sponsor

(3) Minyan Bagel Brunch

☐ \$125 Sponsor ☐ \$75 Co-Sponsor

(6) Awareness Tabling

☐ \$100 Sponsor ☐ \$50 Co-Sponsor

Social Action/Awareness Programs

☐ \$250 Sponsor ☐ \$100 Co-Sponsor

(2) Jamming/Café Nights

☐ \$136 Sponsor ☐ \$54 Co-Sponsor

(1) Midnight Breakfast

☐ \$150 Sponsor ☐ \$75 Co-Sponsor

(2) Challah/Soup-with-Love

☐ \$72 Sponsor ☐ \$36 Co-Sponsor

(4) Rosh Hashanah Meals

☐ \$360 Sponsor ☐ \$180 Co-Sponsor

Sukkot Holiday Dedication

☐ \$1,000 co-sponsorship

(1) Sukkah Building BBQ

☐ \$136 Sponsor ☐ \$54 Co-Sponsor

(3) Sukkah Holiday Dinners

☐ \$500 Sponsor ☐ \$250 Co-Sponsor

(4) Sukkah Holiday Lunches

☐ \$360 Sponsor ☐ \$250 Co-Sponsor

(1) Simchat Torah Dedication

☐ \$1,000 Sponsor ☐ \$500 Co-Sponsor

(3+) Chanukah Events

☐ \$750 Sponsor ☐ \$360 Co-Sponsor

☐ \$54 (A Cholent, a Salad etc)

☐ \$36 (Kiddush Grape-Juice, Oneg-Refreshments, Seders for a Student etc)

☐ \$18 (A Student for a Full Shabbos)

☐ **Amount of Your Choice!** _____

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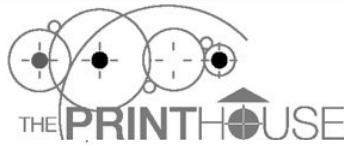
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