



What's Cooking? *at Shabbos House*

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

Start of 320 Demolition
after Grad Party May 2008



Groundbreaking Ceremony
Sept 2008



YOU CAN STILL BE A PART OF IT!

It's the 6th year in the new building. Current students don't remember the old house. The campaign began in 2001, Construction began in 2008 after much zoning struggle, and dedicated in September 2009. It's hard to imagine Shabbos House without it!

\$150,000 raised in 2015 will **BURN THE MORTGAGE AND CLOSE THE BUILDING FUND** that built the new Shabbos House. There is under \$300,000 left to the \$1,650,000 cost of the new Shabbos House. The Massry family and other donors are eager to match donations and get this remaining debt cleared up in 2015.



Ribbon-Cutting Sept 2009

Many thanks to all who generously contributed and got us to this point. Thanks to the Rohr, Massry & Rosenblum families for their major building dedications, and to ALL parents, alumni, faculty & friends who collectively contributed over \$1,350,000 (!!) from the start of the building campaign until now.

This is the final push! Please "do your share" to get the new Shabbos House paid for! As in the original Building Fund campaign there are multiple contribution levels. You can contribute online or mail a check payable to "Shabbos House - Chabad Center". Please indicate that this is for "Building Fund 2015" so it can be applied toward the match. Contributions can also be paid out monthly, or quarterly.

- ☐ \$250 "Quarter-Shares"
 - ☐ \$500 "Half-Shares"
 - ☐ \$1,000 "Shares"
 - ☐ \$1,800 "Mezuzah Shares"
- or building dedications or any amount of your choice.

Permanent recognition in the new Shabbos House of building dedications and "shares" contributors will be made at the completion of this campaign.

We obviously have to keep the Operating Fund going this year as well to pay for Shabbos dinners and holidays and everything else we do, but this is an exciting opportunity to eliminate the outstanding building debt, which is a significant burden on the annual operating budget.

THANK YOU! Rabbi Mendel & Raizy Rubin, and the many students who call Shabbos House home each year!



Facebook caught on that "Shabbos House" is not a "person". Facebook is a crucial tool for keep-in-

touch with students & alumni, so we ask our friends to:

PLEASE FRIEND US "Raizy Mendel Rubin" at our personal account. Isn't all of Shabbos House family?

JOIN OUR GROUP "Shabbos House / Lchaim" primarily for current students as it will list details of upcoming events.

LIKE OUR PAGE "Shabbos House" for news, updates and photos, a kind of mini-webpage about Shabbos House.

Thanks so much for liking, joining AND friending us!



**25,000+
PAGE VIEWS!**

After launching in August 2013, the Shabbos House website reached 25,000 page views! Thanks for the many virtual visits to

www.shabboshouse.org. We regularly update "Mendel's Messages", "News in the Family", "Upcoming Events", and other blog posts, as well as new messages and links on the Homepage. It's a great resource for prospective and current students, alumni & parents keeping tabs, even for virtual visitors (from as far away as Japan!) with no connection to Shabbos House or UAlbany.

TWO SHIRTS & A TOWEL

Dear friends,

This isn't a packing list. Two shirts and a towel might work in a vacation paradise, but you'll need a lot more for Albany's frigid winters.

For Fall 2014 we made them for awareness & promotion. The towel was our giveaway at the SA Block Party, the purple "DaneJew Home" shirt was for the Lchaim Board and others. Just before Sukkot we realized Pharrell's "Happy" song has a great

Sukkot message so we created the "Like a Room Without a Roof" shirts and imprinted it on the Simchas Torah souvenir as well.

It's not just shirts and towels. These messages are reflective of the mission, values and experiences at Shabbos House Chabad.



THIS PINK-THEMED FAMILY PHOTO taken a few weeks after Rivka was born, while we were packing Mushky for a year in Israel. Thanks to Sheryl & Aron for the gift & encouragement to take this photo!



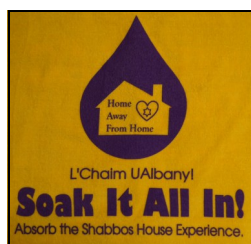
FAREWELL TO MUSHKY in Brooklyn when our oldest daughter Mushky flew to Israel for a year of post-HS study in Tzfat. In the background is a "Mazel Tov Moving" truck, the very same company that moved us to Albany and Shabbos House in late summer of 1997, with 4-month old Mushky.



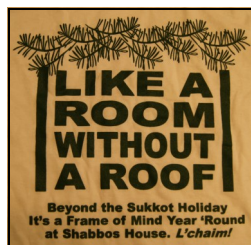
BABY RIVKA was born July 23 / Tammuz 25. (L) At 2 days old in the hospital. The "Committee" ribbon is because we call our kids "The Committee" for all their help at Shabbos House. Rivka joined at birth! (R) A recent picture at 6 months in January. Now that she's eating right, she seems to be our easiest baby yet! See online "Why we named her Rivka".



This is a twist on UAlbany's popular DANeJer ZONE. Indeed, Shabbos House is more home than zone, and while today's world can be dangerous and challenging, Shabbos House provides comfort, support, positive safe space & a sense of belonging.



We may be dry alcohol-wise, but our atmosphere is overflowing with love, brimming with enthusiasm, saturated with meaning & permeated with warmth. We don't like to flood, pressure or overwhelm, instead the goal is to provide an abundance of rich experiences and opportunities for each student to soak in & internalize at their own absorption rate.



Even with a beautiful new facility, Shabbos House has a Sukkah frame of mind all year round: joyful uplifting spirits, boundless energy, expanding intellectual horizons, breaking down barriers, reaching upward. We're not confined to specific hours, denominations, labels or job-descriptions, we think outside of the box, focus on the soul, we are open and welcoming to all.

Thanks to all, past and present, who help make Shabbos House this way, and to all who support this vision & keep it going strong for the future.

Love and best wishes, *Rabbi Mendel and Raizy Rubin and family*



BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS Students are like family! It's not just a slogan or cliché, it's especially true for the Rubin Kids. (ABOVE) Two Lchaim Presidents have a blast with 5-year-old Bluma at the NYC alumni reunion. (L) The Sherman Twins with a gift for Esther-Miriam for her 3rd birthday in the Sukkah. Yes, it was mild out that night.



SARA'S BAS-MITZVAH PROJECT & PRESENTATION

As her Bas-Mitzvah birthday and celebration was on the birthday & Yartzeit of the Mittler (2nd) Chabad Rebbe, Sara presented 12 canvases with artistic depictions of lessons from his life & teachings. Thanks to all who made the effort to come despite it being at the end of Thanksgiving Weekend and to all who wished us from afar. Download her booklet in PDF, as well as a link to a Facebook album of 120 Bas-Mitzvah pictures at: www.shabboshouse.org/sarabasmitzvah9kislev/

THE GUYS ALL DRESSED-UP!



TWO FAMILY WEEKENDS

HOMECOMING WEEKEND AND AN ALT-FAMILY WEEKEND, TOO! UAlbany's 2014 Homecoming & Family Weekend fell on the 3-day Sukkot holiday. Between Friday Night and Shabbat Lunch it was a pleasure to welcome more than twenty families of students and celebrate together in the Sukkah, complete with hot-cider, the Sukkahleh Song and all the Sukkah atmosphere. Not all families could make it up due to the holiday, so there was a student/parent request to schedule an alternate Family Weekend as well. For the first-time ever we hosted a second Family Weekend on Nov 14-15, and nearly a dozen families came up and we had another wonderful Shabbat together! See online: www.shabboshouse.org/parents-speak-alt-family-wknd-2014/

SARA'S BAS-MITZVAH



ALUMNI WITH SARA

Shoshana Turpie came from Seattle!



FURTHEST ALUMNI TRIP!

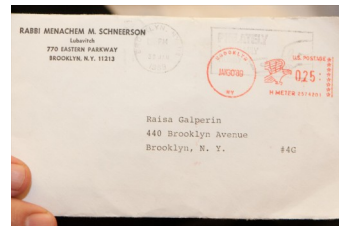
DEC. GRADUATING FRIENDS



CURRENT STUDENTS WITH SARA



ALUMNI REP Allie spoke on behalf of alumni friends



REBBE'S LETTER Rabbi Galperin read the Rebbe's Bas-Mitzvah letter to Raizy



SKYPE TO ISRAEL Tal helped Mushky Skype in



A LETTER FROM 1979 Rabbi Rubin shared how its message resonates today



IN-HOUSE MUSIC The students put together a marvelous band, playing many songs and Chassidic melodies





ALUMNI KEEP-IN-TOUCH

AN OVERNIGHT VISIT



ON A DAY OFF FROM
CAMP IN MASS



ALUMNI & STUDENT SISTERS



AT AN ALUMNI
ENGAGEMENT



STOPPED IN TO SEE NEW
BUILDING ON WAY FROM VT



MATT & SHELLIE'S WEDDING IN NJ
ALUMNI FROM NY, NJ AND OHIO



FAREWELL TO
MUSHKY AT
NYC REUNION



SURROUNDED
BY DOCTORS



NYC SUMMER ALUMNI REUNION AT CONG. ADERETH-EL

Lee Zeldin: What Jew Need To Know
Will the new Jewish senator replace Eric Cantor?

11/06/14 Elana Kook Editorial Intern

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New York State Senator Lee Zeldin, Hysenate.gov.

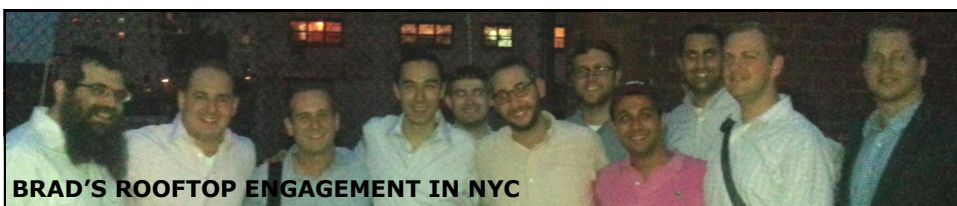
Here's what you don't know about Lee Zeldin, the New York State Senator who put an end to the short-lived drought of Jewish Republican representatives in Congress.

- He had his Bar Mitzvah in a Reform Temple: In an interview with [The Jewish View](#), Zeldin said that the older generations of his family were more affiliated with Judaism than himself and his parents.
- Zeldin connected Jewishly as an undergrad: A Political Science major and alumnus of the University of Albany and University of Albany School of Law, Zeldin did Shabbat at the campus' Chabad Center.

CONGRESSMAN LEE ZELDIN ('01) newly elected Long Island Republican gave us a shout-out in the NY Jewish Week saying that he did Shabbat at UAlbany Chabad.



LINDEN NJ & BROOKLYN NY
FATHERS: REPRESENT!



AND MANY MORE NOT PICTURED, TOO!

Although we weren't able to do Alumni Visits in 2014, we thankfully saw many alumni, thanks to all Shabbos visitors, stop-overs, weddings, Simchas and of course the NYC Summer Alumni Reunion. Looking back, we can't believe how many alumni we got to see in 2014. See online: www.shabboshouse.org/alumni-2014/

PLEASE HELP US STAY IN TOUCH!

It's a huge effort to stay on top of changes of address & emails and everyone's latest news. Thank G-d, the challenge grows each year. We're trying our best, via FB, phone-calls and emails, and hope to get back to alumni visits during academic breaks in 2015. You can help us by reaching out with your updated contact info, and keeping us updated. May we only share good news and Simchas!

HUGE THANKS FOR ALUMNI SUPPORT

It's not cliché: we simply can't do it without you! Annual alumni support is a major percentage of the Shabbos House budget. Thanks to all those alumni who give generously (each according to their means) so that later student generations can benefit from the same services and experiences they had here as students.

MENDEL'S MONDAYS & VISITS THIS SPRING

We don't have hosts yet as we go to print, but we'd like to do "Mendel's Mondays" anywhere in the Metro NY area on Feb 16th and March 16th. It seems likely that we may be able to travel for some alumni visits March 16th-19th (UAlbany Spring Break). We hope to be able to schedule significant time this summer for alumni visits. Let's be in touch, looking forward!



SAT NIGHT WITH VISITING ALUMNI



A SUMMER SHABBOS WITH ALUMNI



MIRIAM (MEGHAN'S) SHEVA BRACHOS
She was freshmen year roommates with Sheryl the year Bassie was born!



CROWN HEIGHTS with Sara at Miriam's Wedding



SHOFAR FACTORY



NACHAS! Students helping each other do a Mitzvah is true Jewish pride & joy.

Coming soon, this week and next!

Google: **Sukkot 2014 Shabbos House** for full schedule of meals and celebrations!

LIKE A ROOM WITHOUT A ROOF

Because we're Happy!

THIS YEAR'S SUKKAH THEME

Add an Everyday under 5-Minute MITZVAH!

- 2x Daily Shema, morning & night
- Just Tefillin: Shema on 'n off
- Tzedakah: a coin or your time
- Brighten Someone's Day
- Choose a Kosher Food/Snack
- A Food Blessing, before/after
- Call Home or Grandparents, Loving & Appreciative
- Do or Say Something that makes our People Proud
- Quick Torah Study: a verse or two; online text, audio/video
- Pre-Shabbat Candle-Lighting, Shabbat Kiddush, Post-Havdalah.

Take 5

Rabbi Mendel's Yom Kippur Neilah Appeal, UAlbany 5775/2014

OUR "TAKE-5" YOM-KIPPUR APPEAL



SUKKAH BUILDING



LULAV SHAKES CAMPUS MINI SUKKAH

HIGH HOLIDAYS & SUKOT our most expansive and expensive time of the year, the experience is meaningful, memorable and priceless. So many meals, so many students, so much celebration! As we do not take pictures on Shabbat and holidays, here is a glimpse of the days before and in between the holidays. You get the picture?



A QUICK JOYOUS BLESSING IN THE SUKKAH... A LASTING IMPRESSION!

WEEKLY SUNDAY MINYAN PICTURES



UNDER A FULL HIGH HOLIDAY CALENDAR



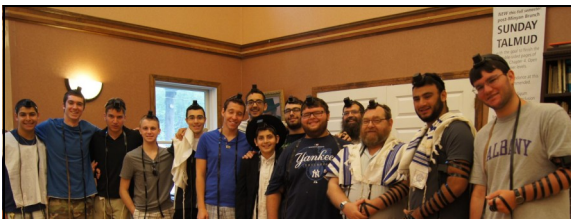
OUT IN FRONT ON A WARM DAY



AND OUT ON DECK IN BACK



ANNIVERSARY OF FALL OF BERLIN WALL



SUNDAY TALMUD CLASS GOING STRONG



MAKING TIME JUST FOR TEFILLIN

L'CHAIM BOARD AT S.A. BLOCK PARTY



L'CHAIM BOARD AT A WINDHAM MOUNTAIN RETREAT



THIS YEAR'S JSAM (JEWISH SOCIAL ACTION MONTH) PROJECT was about small things that can give people a chuckle, uplift & make their day. Alumni comedian Jerry Kahn ('90) performed one Friday Night, and Shmuel Greenbaum ('85) of Partners in Kindness shared his personal story and inspiration at a Shabbos Lunch. At a Sat Night event we packed hundreds of #HappyToGo "Happiness in a Box" packages, with various items & treats connected with happiness via meaningful analogies & connections. The event also featured caricature artists, firepit, puzzle decorating, and live music. #HappyToGo was sponsored in large part by a JSAM grant from UJA of NY.





EFFICIENCY (L) 20qt commercial mixer purchased with Lchaim Unite Video 2013 funds. The 6qt Kitchen-Aid is alongside it for perspective. (R) The rolling-rack was purchased for us by the Slonims of Binghamton Chabad.

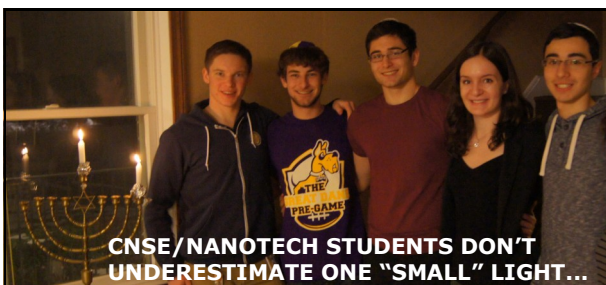
SOAK-IT-ALL-IN TOWELS This year's practical Shabbos House yellow/gold towel giveaway has a big purple droplet with our logo, plus the tagline: "Absorb the Shabbos House Experience."



TORAH CLASSES (TOP R) one session of our weekly Torah Tues class with dairy dinner. (TOP L) Rabbi & Mrs. Trugman of Israel present at TorahTues, with his dulcimer instrument. (L) our weekly Sunday Talmud class following Minyan Brunch. (R) Dean Don Siegel of the Business School introduces a TorahTues class on Tzedakah.



FIRST NIGHT OF CHANUKAH & CHANNEL 6 SURPRISE Chanukah fell late this year, beginning at end of Finals Week. We were surprised to have over 50 students at our "In & Out" party on the first night, lighting Menorah, eating homemade Latkes, and hanging out. We were even more surprised when local TV CBS Channel 6 showed up to do a story for the news that night.



CNSE/NANOTECH STUDENTS DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ONE "SMALL" LIGHT...

CNSE/NANO this is the first year that we have a strong group of CNSE/Nano students who are active "regulars" at Shabbos House.





OUR DOORS & HEARTS ARE ALWAYS OPEN!



TABLES IN SHAPE OF "14"
the room's center set of tables
for the last Shabbat of 2014
and in honor of the Dec. Grads
read about the significance:
shabboshouse.org/number-14/



HOMESTYLE COOKING FOR AN ARMY



MONOPOLY SHABBAT see
online for the "When You Pass
Go" Lech Lecha connection.



A REAL SENSE OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY



JAMMING NIGHTS!

Thank You for making Shabbos House 2014 possible.

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- ☐ (\$500) Half-Share
☐ (\$1,000) Share
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☐ 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
 "A Taste of Shabbos House"
 @ \$22.50 incl. S&H.

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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.

SPRING 2015

OPERATING FUND

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

Sponsors recognized on weekly "Table-Cards"

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

Shabbat Lunches

☐ \$250 Sponsor ☐ \$180 Co-Sponsor

Torah-Tuesdays w/ Dinner

☐ \$150 Sponsor ☐ \$75 Co-Sponsor

Minyan Bagel Brunch

☐ \$125 Sponsor ☐ \$75 Co-Sponsor

Awareness Tabling

☐ \$100 Sponsor ☐ \$50 Co-Sponsor

Social Action/Awareness Programs

☐ \$250 Sponsor ☐ \$100 Co-Sponsor

Dessert Bakeoff / Cholent Cookoff

☐ \$136 Sponsor ☐ \$54 Co-Sponsor

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☐ \$72 Sponsor ☐ \$36 Co-Sponsor

Jamming/Café Nights

☐ \$136 Sponsor ☐ \$54 Co-Sponsor

Passover Holiday Dedication

☐ \$1,800 sponsorship

Seder Sponsors

☐ \$750 Sponsor ☐ \$360 Co-Sponsor

Passover Holiday Dinners

☐ \$500 Sponsor ☐ \$250 Co-Sponsor

Passover Holiday Lunches

☐ \$360 Sponsor ☐ \$180 Co-Sponsor

Graduation Wknd Shabbat Dinner

☐ \$500 Sponsor ☐ \$360 Co-Sponsor

Graduation Wknd Shabbat Lunch

☐ \$250 Sponsor ☐ \$180 Co-Sponsor

Graduation Day BBQ

☐ \$300 Sponsor ☐ \$150 Co-Sponsor

Summertime Cozy-Shabbat

☐ \$250 Sponsor ☐ \$180 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!** _____

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



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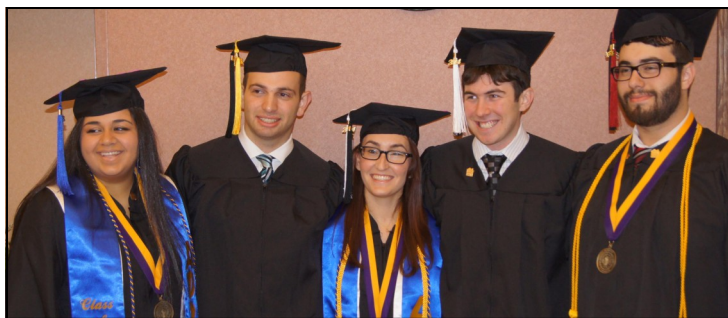
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FIRST EVER DECEMBER GRAD WEEKEND

This year is the first time we had so many involved students graduate in December. While the annual "Grad-Party" is still only in May, we hosted parents for Graduation Shabbat and also for a Sunday Morning Brunch before the Commencement Ceremonies. Mazal Tov to the graduates (not all pictured) we will miss you and are very grateful for all that you brought to Jewish life at UAlbany and the atmosphere at Shabbos House.

Dear Families of the Class of 2015:

**CLASS OF
2015**

2015 graduation is just a few months away now! Families of Graduates are welcome to Prayer Services and Shabbat Dinner and Lunch on Graduation Wknd (May 15-16) & an Open House BBQ all afternoon after Commencement Ceremonies on Sunday (May 17). RSVPs are appreciated: Call us (518) 438-4227 or email: mail@shabboshouse.com.

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FROM OUR INBOX

Enclosed please find my father's (of righteous memory) last pair of Tefillin. I have his pair from when he was younger, but this pair shouldn't be stored away rather continue to be used. Tefillin became especially important to me thanks to the "Touchdowns & Tefillin" program at Shabbos House comparing (among other things) the strong arm and head of a quarterback to the strong presence and intellect of a Torah scholar. Please give my father's Tefillin to a young man who needs a pair and just a little push. People can borrow them in the meantime but ultimately I'd like you to give it to someone who will learn the davening. I'll leave it to you. - M.H.

What you do for the students, the community and the Jewish people can never be measured in this world, I am glad to help in any small way that I can. - S.L.

You saw something in me that I will never forget. You gave me a chance to show what I was good at, even when I thought didn't think so. I am not sure if you understand how much you saved my life by giving me the opportunity to be a student leader. For the first time in my college career, I felt I had a reason for being in Albany. And I found out what I was good at, and I kept doing it for many years. Even as a teacher these years later, I still use those skills. You taught me the way to connect with every person I meet by asking questions, making eye contact, and showing respect. - H.R.