



# What's Cooking? *at Shabbos House*

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

## MARCH MADNESS

No, we don't have a basketball bracket, but what a racket we have here this March 2017! It came in like a lion with "Shabbat 360" at the Nanotech-ZEN Atrium (we went through hoops to make that happen). Over Spring Break (a time-out?) we prepared this long-overdue "What's Cooking?" newsletter. We can't believe it's been a year, we usually try to do two of these updates each year, but the ball got out of our hands. At the end of the month we're hosting the regional Chabad on Campus Shabbaton. Then comes our daughter Mushky's wedding on April 2nd in Brooklyn a week before Passover (looking forward to celebrating with students, alumni parents and friends!). And yes, we're hosting the Seders and Passover holiday meals.

And it's not just March! We have been in overtime all year long, but we're not taking all the shots ourselves. We've got a great team of engaged and invested students, a record of assists, with a tremendous fan base of cheering alumni, parents and friends whose dynamic support keeps the spirited momentum going.

Maintaining a vibrant Jewish campus community is no slam-dunk. There aren't many three-pointer swish shots. It takes a lot of dribbling and rebounds, showing up to every program and event, making the most of every opportunity and interaction. Every position and every player matters, no one can sit this one out. We treat every long shot like it could be a buzzer shot. There is a method (and a budget!) to this madness. Given the current opposition we face, we need all the defense and offense we can get, no resting on past laurels and achievements. Like basketball, this challenge is undertaken by all involved, both students and supporters, with eagerness and joy, passion and love, dedication and commitment. We all feel that the ball is in our court!

To be honest, we're not basketball mavens ourselves, but you should be able to get the parable or most of it. But Shabbos House is much more than just a game, even a big game. It's really about people's lives.

Shabbos House is here for students in wide variety of meaningful ways during their years of formative growth at college, and we remain connected with alumni and their families, even long after their graduation. It

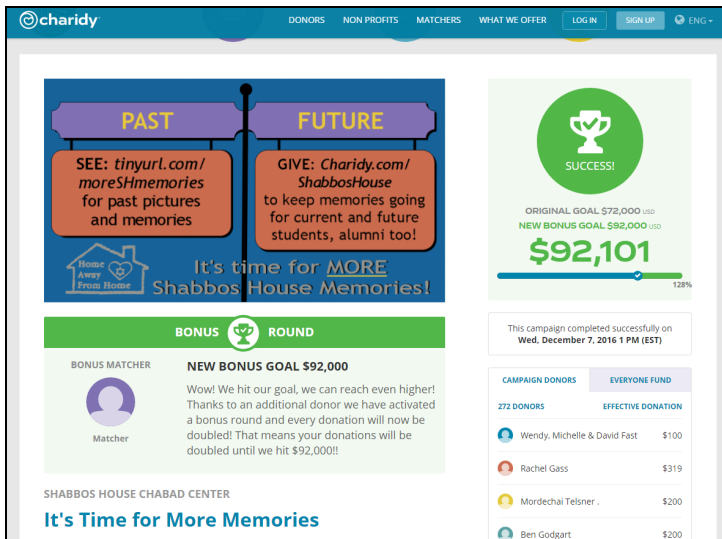


goes way beyond delicious Shabbos meals and interesting Torah classes, to personal struggles and life challenges. We provide and facilitate key essential experiences, opportunities and support: intellectual and emotional, spiritual and physical, often with long-term life-long impact.

Thanks for helping us march forward with your continued partnership in this vital endeavor. Best wishes for a Happy Passover to you & yours.

**THANK YOU!** *Rabbi Mendel & Raizy Rubin & family*





## THANK YOU CHARIDY CAMPAIGN DONORS!

For the second year, the online 24-hour all-or-nothing matching crowdfunding campaign was a huge success. It raised **\$92,101 (!)** from 272 online donors & 16 matching donors on Dec 6-7 2016. This year's theme was "Time for... **#moreSHmemories!**" See that hashtag for photo memory collections posted that day. Thanks to the breadth and generosity of support, we are able to keep making memories for current and future generations of students. Special thanks to our matching donors who made this campaign possible:

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**HUGE NEWS!** After starting the new Shabbos House Building Fund in 2003, construction in 2008, completion in 2009, the end of 2016 closed the outstanding building loan of \$429,000—thanks to the generosity of all the contributors over the years. Special thanks to the outstanding generosity, investment & guidance of the Massry family. Stay tuned for more on this exciting development...



**SHABBAT-360** now in its second year, held at the Nano-ZEN atrium, co-sponsored by all Jewish campus groups in unity



**PARENTS** here for homecoming, graduation, alternate parents wknd, award ceremonies, or any occasion—it's a pleasure celebrating with you!





**THIS YEAR'S LCHAIM SHIRTS  
AT THE CAMPUS BLOCK PARTY  
"OPPORTUNITIES AT UALBANY  
GOTTA CATCH 'EM ALL—  
SHABBOS HOUSE LCHAIM  
THE ULTIMATE JEWISH  
POKESTOP..."**



**INVEST IN ISRAEL:** Thanks to the encouragement and support of Mr. Jack Rosenblum, this new initiative seeks to increase awareness, education and connection to Israel among college youth at UAlbany and area campuses. The first event for community & students was "40 Years since Entebbe" with major support from the Jewish Federation.



Several subsequent Israel-themed classes, movie-nights, speakers and programs were held throughout the year. Some I.I.I. events are in partnership with UAlbany's Great Danes for Israel and national organizations.



**STUDENTS WITH ENTEBBE COMMANDO**

**AT A FORTY YEAR COMMUNAL COMMEMORATION EVENT**





**SHOFAR  
FACTORY**



**HAVING A BLAST  
AT UALBANY**



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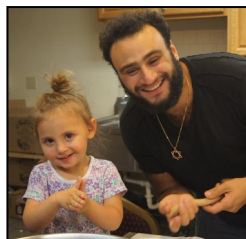
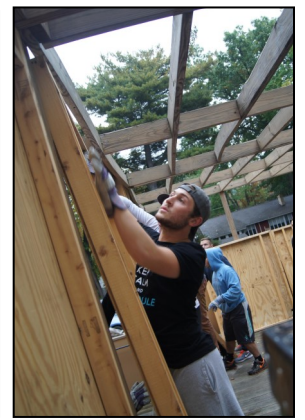
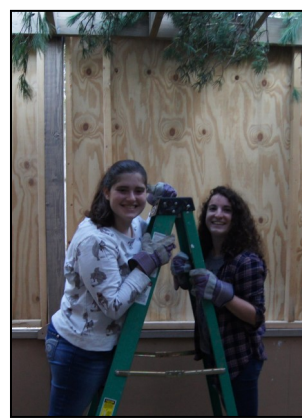
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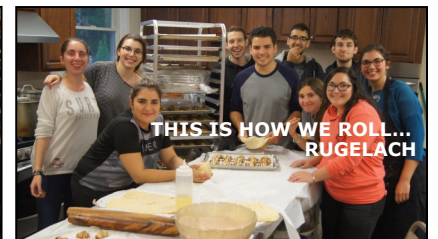
**THE NEW SUKKAH-BIKE  
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**MINYAN BRUNCH WITH GIANT HOSHANOT**



**TASTE OF THE HOLIDAY**



**THIS IS HOW WE ROLL...  
RUGELACH**





LARGEST EVER "GIRLS-NITE-IN" EVENT: PRE-ROSH-HASHANAH "PAINT N' SIP"



GIRLS-NITE-IN ARM-KNITTING FOR COLD ALBANY WINTERS



GOING PINK FOR SHARSHERET



RAIZY'S 40TH BIRTHDAY SURPRISE



JEWELRY MAKING



MENDEL'S BIRTHDAY FARBRENGEN



HAVDALAH AT THE FOUNTAIN



ONE OF MANY WEEKLY MINYAN BRUNCH TEFILLIN PHOTOS





**UALBANY GROUP  
AT THE CHABAD ON  
CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL  
SHABBATON IN BROOKLYN**



**GRAVITY-  
DEFYING DANCING**



**REGIONAL SHABBATON 2016 AT  
CHABAD OF SUNY ONEONTA**



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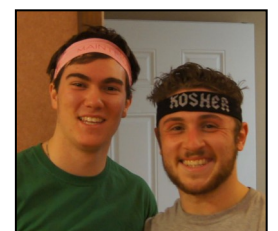
**UALBANY PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS**







PURIM 2016? Yes, this newsletter is a "yearbook" of sorts, with a sampling selection of photos (aside for Shabbat and Holidays when we can't take pictures). In 2017 Purim was over Spring Break, and last year's Purim photos didn't make it to the newsletter yet.





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## Please consider this an invitation!

Mushky preferred a simpler buffet-style wedding so we could invite more alumni, students & parents than a more traditional sit-down affair. In that spirit, we mailed out a number of paper invites and emailed others, so we wanted to reach out with this newsletter as well.

Mushky and Moishe (Denburg)'s wedding will be in Crown Heights, Brooklyn on Sunday April 2nd. The reception begins 3pm at 667 Eastern Parkway (the same hall where we got married 21 years ago!)

with the outdoor Chuppah 4pm outside the Rebbe's synagogue at 770 Eastern Parkway. The Buffet Dinner with mens and womens dancing will be back at the wedding hall at 667 Eastern Parkway. (Note that its Brooklyn, there's no off-street parking). Kindly RSVP to our email: [mail@shabboshouse.com](mailto:mail@shabboshouse.com)

We will also have an Albany Sheva Brachos (post-wedding dinner) here at Shabbos House on Tuesday April 4th at 7pm. RSVP email for Tuesday to: [albanySimchaRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:albanySimchaRSVP@gmail.com)

Wishing everyone much happiness, may we share many Simchas!



ALUMNI remain a huge part of Shabbos House! Selection of pictures from NYC, NJ & DC area reunions, visits to alumni and alumni here, and at joyous Simcha occasions.



MUSHKY'S LCHAIM ENGAGEMENT



OUR TWO MOSHES WITH ALUMNI



WEST HEMPSTEAD L.I. REUNION



CAN'T BELIEVE PHOTOS FROM PAST



SEEING NJ ALUMNI IN LONG ISLAND



ALUMNI 2001-2002 SUMMER SHABBAT



ALUMNI FROM OUR FIRST YEARS AT NJ REUNION



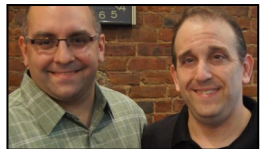
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ALUMNI VISITING FROM ISRAEL



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OUR FIRST-EVER DC-AREA REUNION



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### Passover Holiday Dinners

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### Passover Holiday Lunches

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### Graduation Wknd Shabbat Lunch

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### Summertime Cozy-Shabbat

☐ \$250 Sponsor ☐ \$180 Co-Sponsor

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Shabbos House has a welcoming, open-door barrier-free policy. There is usually no need for RSVP. But for certain annual occasions like Passover and Graduation weekend it's very helpful for us to have RSVPs so we can be best prepared. Thanks!



## Passover Holiday Meals 2017

Shabbos House will be hosting both Seders (and a shorter "Seder-within-Seder") for students not headed home, as well as holiday dinners and lunches for Shabbat and the last two days of Passover. Your online reservation signup at [shabboshouse.org/Passover2017](http://shabboshouse.org/Passover2017) helps us be best prepared. There will be Kosher for Passover meals at Dutch Kosher Dining for the intermediate weekday days of the holiday.

## Dear Families of the Class of 2017:



2017 graduation is coming up! Families of Graduates are welcome to Prayer Services & Shabbat Dinner and Lunch on Graduation Wknd (May 19-20) & an Open House BBQ all afternoon after Commencement

Ceremonies on Sunday (May 21) RSVPs are appreciated: [www.shabboshouse.org/graduation2017](http://www.shabboshouse.org/graduation2017) or call/email.

# What's Cooking? *at Shabbos House*



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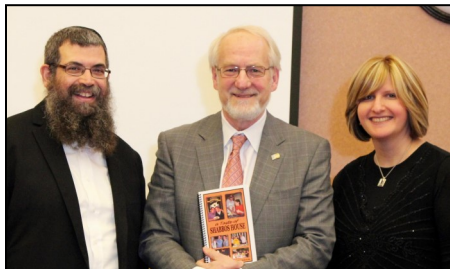
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**GRADUATION '16:** It's almost a year ago, but this update-newsletter covers a year in review. Then-Provost, now Interim-President James Stellar was guest speaker at the Grad Party. We miss the Class of 2016, and soon enough we bid farewell to Class of 2017. Great memories!

