



# The CHABAD at Dartmouth Update

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## A Year In Review...

On the first night of the term, 100 students came to Chabad to participate in the largest Pesach Seder ever held by Chabad at Dartmouth. The following night, an additional 50 students participated in the Second Seder. We enjoyed good company, a delicious meal cooked by Chani, a complete seder including a full reading of the Pesach story, an impressive recitation of the Ma Nishtana by Mendel and Lieba Gray, and a very lively singing of Dayenu. We were also honored by the presence of US Congressman Brad Schneider (father of Adam Schneider '15) and his wife and family. It was amazing to see so many from the Dartmouth community come together to celebrate our shared Jewish heritage, and we can't wait to see the event will grow even larger next year.



Rabbi, Prof Glinert, Andrew and Nate Lewin      The June 19<sup>th</sup> event recognized leaders and supporters of Chabad and presented the vision for the future. **Chani Gray**, co-director of Chabad at Dartmouth, was the emcee of the evening and in her opening remarks re-capped the early days on campus.

That first Shabbos we had two students join us, and it was the same until week nine when we had seven. This past year, forty five students were the norm, with some weeks in the seventies!+ Many milestones were also celebrated this past year. Along with the growing numbers of students for Shabbos and holiday meals, we graduated our 14<sup>th</sup> Sinai Scholars class, launched a second tier of follow up classes, and traveled with 40 Dartmouth students on a Birthright Israel experience led by Chani and the Rabbi.

The evening continued with remarks from student board president **Julie Shabto '14**, and young alum, **Ben Selznick '07**, sharing their experiences with Chabad and what Chabad means to them.



**Jenna Pfeffer '12 and Ali Essey '13** spoke about the Senior Class Gift. This gift was established in 2012 when Jenna realized there was a gap in the giving pool and a general lack of understanding how Chabad operates and supports itself.

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Wedding of Sarah and John '08 Tepperman

## Upcoming Events

### Yom Kippur

Sept 13-14

Ford Sayre Room, Hanover Inn

### Sukkah on the Green

Come Shake the lulav and Esrog in front of Collis Sept 22-25

**Sinai Scholars Societies Tier Two at Dartmouth:** September 29 - Nov 26

**8th Annual Dr. Tzvi Saks Memorial Lecture on Torah and Science**

**Chabad on Campus National Shabbaton:** October 25-27 NYC

**8th Annual Birthright Trip to Israel During Winter Break**  
Dec 4-15

**The Annual Lazarow family Prime Rib Shabbat dinner, in Honor or Irvie Hollenberg (Yitzhak ben Fishel)**  
October 18

*These are just some of the things going on this term at Dartmouth. For more information or to be informed about other events please sign up to for our list by e-mailing Chabad@Dartmouth.edu Or visit our Website at [www.dartmouthchabad.com](http://www.dartmouthchabad.com)*

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## Fostering Jewish Life at Dartmouth

## From the Directors

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the Elul/ Tishrei issue of the Dartmouth Chabad Update. As the last month of the Jewish year, Elul is traditionally a time of introspection and stock-taking -- a time to review one's deeds and spiritual progress over the past year and prepare for the upcoming "Days of Awe". As the month of %Mercy and Forgiveness," Elul is a most opportune time for teshuvah ("return" to G-d), prayer, charity, and increased Ahavat Yisrael (love for a fellow Jew) in the quest for self-improvement and coming closer to G-d. Chassidic master Rabbi Schneur Zalman of Liadi likens the month of Elul to a time when "the king is in the field" and, in contrast to when he is in the royal palace, "everyone who so desires is permitted to meet him, and he receives them all with a cheerful countenance and shows a smiling face to them all." Wishing all of you and your families a %ketivah vachatimah

- Rabbi Moshe and Chani Gray



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She believed that it was important that the students themselves give back to their Chabad community and thus the senior class gift was born. They were very proud to announce a total amount of \$4200 and \$7200 respectively raised by their classmates.

At the gala, awards were presented to faculty advisor **Professor Lewis Glinert**, Alumni award to **Chuck Cohen '62**, and the Parent award to **Marina and Andrew Lewin '81, P'11, '14**.

**Rabbi Moshe Leib Gray**, co-director of Chabad at Dartmouth, presented the vision for the future. Anti-Israel sentiment is on the rise all across the country. As so many students relate to their Jewish identity through Israel, we are hoping to launch a program in the next academic year that seeks to educate and empower students to become leaders on the topic of the land of Israel, and its importance in Judaism. While acknowledging all that Chabad has accomplished at Dartmouth, we recognize how much more there is to do. One topic mentioned by each speaker was how we have outgrown our current space in the Chabad House many times over. As we continue to grow in our programming we will also be looking to expand our operations in order to accommodate the crowds. The evening concluded with excitement of what the future holds for Chabad at Dartmouth and the new programs and initiatives being introduced.

## The Rebbe... Emphasis on the Positive

.Purim, 5704  
[March 9, 1944]  
Brooklyn, N.Y.  
Greeting and Blessing:



There are several approaches to the endeavor of influencing one's fellow and bringing him closer to Torah and the observance of mitzvot. Generally speaking, there are two basic methods:

- To describe to him the lowliness of man, the abhorrence and despicability of evil, the punishments of purgatory, etc. In other words, the emphasis is on what should be avoided. Basically, this is the approach of Mussar.
  - To explain and expound upon the greatness of the Creator, the immensity of His works, the immeasurable loftiness of Torah and mitzvot, and the like. In other words, the emphasis is on what it is that one should bring oneself closer to. Basically, this is the approach of Chassidism.
- One of the differences between these two approaches:

When one's efforts to influence one's fellow concentrate on matters of the first category- how terrible and bitter is the lot of the sinner, how lowly is the person who lusts after the pleasures of the material world, and the like- the only positive aspect of the discussion is the hope that this might cause one's fellow to resume the right path. Aside from this hope, the discussion of these matters is not, in and of itself, a mitzvah.

On the other hand, the discussion of the concepts of the second category- understanding the processes of creation, %know the G-d of your fathers+, appreciating the unity of G--d- is itself a mitzvah, independently of its potential to influence one's fellow . . .

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## Student Board, Fall '13

**Julie Shabto '14 President**

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**Fostering Jewish**

## 10 Year Celebration: Remarks by Andrew Lewin '81, P'11, 14

We are touched and honored by this award. We are very grateful that Chabad has, and continues to be, an integral part of our sons' Dartmouth experience. We are also very grateful to George Rohr, whose vision made it all possible.

When I first met Rabbi Gray in the Hanover Inn shortly after he arrived, I wondered whether the highly secular Dartmouth environment would be receptive to his brand of orthodox Judaism. I believe I expressed my skepticism to him, saying I was familiar with Chabad from Scarsdale, but Hanover was a different kettle of fish. However, he very quickly proved me wrong. I was amazed to see the numbers of students gathered in his small condominium a few months later for Shabbat dinner, to share prayer, a home-cooked meal and lots of conversation about politics, religion and life. I think they came initially for Chani's cooking but were drawn in by the conversation!

Since their arrival, the Grays have become an integral part of the Dartmouth community. Their home has become a meeting place for both students and professors who come together at the Shabbat table, and learn from each other. While the Gray's mission is to every Jewish student,

### Student Spotlight



**Julie Shabto '14**  
*Remarks from the 10 year celebration*

Hi everyone. I'm Julie Shabto and I am the current President of the student board of Chabad at Dartmouth. It's been almost three years since I first went to Shabbat dinner at the Chabad house at Dartmouth.

The first week of freshman fall, my trip leader from First-Year DOC trips had invited me to come with her. I remember being excited about the invite to a place where I could meet other Jews but a little intimidated by the idea of eating in a Rabbi's home. But, after my first bite of Chani's challah, I was hooked. I can say without reservation that deciding to go to Chabad freshman fall was one of the best decisions I made that year. At my first Shabbat dinner, I realized how important it is to me to have a close-knit, Jewish community away from home. I have met some of my closest friends through Chabad- many of whom are here tonight- and I have introduced other friends to Chabad so that they can be part of this strong Jewish community on campus as well. Jewish life at Dartmouth is strong and growing. This December, I was lucky enough to go on Birthright with 40 other Dartmouth students, the largest group of Dartmouth students to go on Birthright together. Rabbi Gray and Chani were incredible mentors throughout the trip, and I think every student who went on Birthright has become more involved with Chabad and Jewish life on campus since then. This spring, we brought back Shabbat 400 with Hillel on campus, where all Jewish students are invited to celebrate Shabbat together. (continued on Page 4)

they are reaching out to anyone who wants to be part of the conversation, and their home has become a gathering place for all. Over the past ten years, Rabbi Gray has managed to foster serious study in fraternity houses and one on one, as he inspires students of every background to learn more about Judaism, Torah, Talmud and Tanya.

Rabbi Gray and Chani have also been a catalyst for Jewish life and Israel on campus. They have brought speakers to campus on a range of issues, in cooperation with several academic partners. They pioneered Shabbat 400, the notion of a Shabbat for the entire community and implemented it with Hillel, bringing over two hundred people together for a home cooked meal. Many non Jewish students attend the event and gain a positive exposure to shabbat and Judaism.

Our son Josh expressed it best:

"Chabad is all about a sense of community, and connecting with people on campus who all share a common thread. Judaism represents something beyond belief or spirituality. It represents a passing down of culture and tradition, something that Chabad has given the students of Dartmouth College."

Abraham Joshua Heschel, father of Dartmouth's own Professor Susannah Heschel, wrote that "the road to the sacred leads through the secular." The Grays have made possible the dissemination of a vibrant form of Judaism in the secular environment of Hanover.

The Grays embody compassionate action, the Jewish principle that complacency is the enemy and kindness the aim.

The motto of our college is taken from Isaiah, Chapter 40 , verse 3  
KOL KOREH BAMIDBAR קול קורע A Voice Crying Out In The Desert or Wilderness. The Grays have certainly been such a voice over the past ten years, teaching and inspiring by example the notion of service and tikkun olam.

## Life at Dartmouth

## 10 Year Celebration in Pictures



2013 Senior Class representative Ali Essey '13



2012 SCG Representative and founder Jenna Pfeffer '12



Ali Essey '13, Robbie Tanner '16, Matt Moses '13, Julia Fusfeld '13



Sara Marcus '13, Mayer Schein '16, Rebecca and Saul Zebowitz '11



Ben Arad '10, Randi Bennett '10, Davida Kornreich '08, Lindley Gray '10, Sheli Chabon '10



Bret T '09, Eli M '06, Ilya F '06, David T '03, Ben S '07, Adam M '07



Chani Gray Emceeing the 10 Year celebration



Parent Awardees, Marina and Andrew Lewin '81, P11,14 and the Grays



The Scheins and Grays



Nate '14 and Andrew '81 Lewin, Peggy '79 and Robbie '16 Tanner

Dinner was delicious, the night was fun, and we definitely convinced students that Chabad is the place to be on Friday night. Passover this year was packed more than ever, and attendance at Shabbat each week is only increasing. I remember my freshman year, we could fill the one long table in the dining room. Now, you're lucky if you get a seat at that table let alone at the 3 extra tables squeezed into the side room and kitchen. If you ask me, Rabs needs a new house, because we're getting too popular. For me, Judaism is about tradition and community. Chabad is a community where I feel welcome and supported, and celebrating Shabbat each week and Jewish holidays with friends is a tradition that has certainly enriched my experience at Dartmouth.

Thank You.