

## A Year In Review...

The Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur experience at Dartmouth was a great introduction to another year on campus with Chabad. Due to the isolated location of Hanover and the low population of observing Jews, there was uncertainty if there was going to be a minyan for the prayers. Rabbi Gray and the whole Chabad team



*First at Chabad, redemption of the first born*

made sure that there was a minyan whenever it was time to daven. Their efforts ensured that the Yom Kippur experience was not diminished because of our geographical location. All of the Rosh Hashana meals were incredible thanks to Chani Gray, and the speeches about the holidays meaning provided further insight on why we were upholding all of these customs on those special days. I was nervous about spending the high holidays away from home, but am happy to report that Chabad's holiday events surpassed my expectations.

During the Winter Term, Chabad at Dartmouth has been hard at work establishing an infrastructure for its newest addition to Jewish Student Life. *Career Conversations @ Chabad* seeks to facilitate the



*18s in Israel on Chabads 9th Trip*

*Alumni Visits are always the best* ethical, social, and professional development of Dartmouth Students through engagement with members of the Dartmouth Community. In doing so, we hope to provide a forum for dialogue between professionals and students, with a specific focus on Judaism and Jewish Values. These impor-

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## Upcoming Events

### April 3-11th: Pesach

Join Chabad for the Seders both nights of Pesach. Friday 3rd at 7:30, Saturday at 8:30

### NEW SINAI SCHOLARS COURSE LAUNCH:

After Nine years Chabad at Dartmouth will be launching the new Sinai Scholars Course The Core: An 8 week look at the most important concepts facing young Jews today. Purpose, love, ethics, identity, freedom and future.

### Launch of Career Conversations at Chabad:

May 20-21 Professor Daniel Mark

**Sinai Scholars Symposium** April 19th University of Pennsylvania

**Annual Graduation Shabbat dinner June 12th**

**Reunions June 19th**

**Joint Chabad and Hillel Events:**

**8th Annual Shabbat 400**

**Jews and Canoes**

*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](mailto:Chabad@Dartmouth.edu) Or visit our Website at [www.dartmouthchabad.com](http://www.dartmouthchabad.com)*

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## From the Directors

Dear Friends,

Please enjoy the current edition of the Chabad Update. Having just passed the holiday of Purim, we are now looking forward to getting ready for and celebrating Pesach.. Pesach

is a time when we remember the exodus from Egypt, how God took us out and made us free. The Hebrew term for this is Yetzias Mitzrayim- the leaving of Mitzrayim. The Hebrew word mitzrayim shares the same letters as the word maytzarim, which means boundaries or limitations. We need to use this time of reflection to try to go beyond our limitations, i.e. our comfort zones. We would like to wish you and your family a kosher and joyous Pesach.

- Rabbi Moshe and Chani Gray



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tant discussions will take place in the intimate setting of The Chabad House at Dartmouth.

To enable these encounters, Chabad at Dartmouth invites accomplished individuals wishing to contribute to the next generation of Jewish leaders. Our distinguished guests share their stories of navigating ethics and success in their professional life and other topics that are integral to the development of future leaders. We are excited to launch this program in the spring and have begun establishing an impressive speaker series.

On Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, Chabad observed Blaine Steinberg's first yahrzeit. The afternoon was segmented into three parts. The first entailed a cross-country skiing adventure at Oak Hill. A handful of students along with Rabbi Gray enjoyed a beautiful afternoon outdoors, remembering Blaine for her adventurous character, leadership qualities, athletic abilities, and fun and loving spirit. After two full hours of activity, we resumed our day of remembrance at the Chabad house. Forty students congregated to show their love and respect for Blaine. Everyone participated in a letter writing activity, which aimed to embody Blaine's outgoing nature, her ability to stay connected with so many friends near and far, and her unique love and concern for others. Students were prompted to think about the "Live Like Blaine" motto as they wrote a letter to someone who they care about and miss spending time with while they are at school. The final portion of the afternoon entailed a combination of sharing memories of Blaine and studying four different Mishnayot. Although it was a difficult day for many, it was comforting to be surrounded by such a wonderful community and to feel the support of so many caring friends.

## The Rebbe...

**What Is Judaism?** A discussion with Hillel directors and college students circa 1960

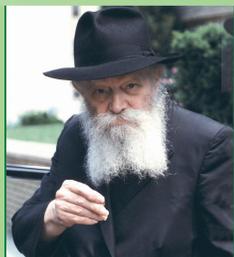
**Question:** What about the contradictions between science and religion?

**Answer:** Actually, there is no contradiction between science and religion, no matter which religion. I base this statement on the latest scientific discoveries.

A hundred and fifty years ago they thought that science and physics spoke the absolute truth. Kant and Einstein proved that science never did and never will be able to give absolute truths. The scientist can only say: If you will accept these axioms and these methods of deduction, you will come to the following conclusions.

But if you do not accept these axioms, science can do nothing for you. In the time of the Rambam [Maimonides], the scientists thought that they knew the absolute truth. But today in the University of Sorbonne, the University of Berlin, and in Columbia University they tell their students that they do not know the absolute truth. In the time of Copernicus they said that the earth stands and the sun revolves around it- they even burned people who said the opposite was true. Einstein says that we will never be able to prove which revolves around the other, unless you destroy the very basic foundations of science.

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## Student Spotlight: Talia Shoshany '15



Growing up attending a Jewish day school from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, I have been taught the importance of Jewish education and tradition, however often took my innate Jewish community for granted. Following an incredible gap year in Israel where I further cultivated my Jewish identity, I was extremely nervous to arrive at Dartmouth, a place not necessarily known for its thriving Jewish population. However, thinking back four years later as I am about to graduate, I realize how much my Jewish identity has grown here, simply because it was something I had to actively seek out and pursue. Of course, Chabad made this much easier than I had ever anticipated. I remember my first time at the Chabad house: following Yom Kippur services lead by Rabbi Gray, I walked over to 22 School Street with a group of upperclassmen I barely knew to enjoy bagels and lox that

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Purim is always a very exciting holiday for the Jewish community at Dartmouth. It is a time when all Jews can come together and celebrate, dress up in goofy costumes, eat hamantashen, and drink. This year, we started off Purim on the right foot with Chabad and Hillel co-sponsored Purim Ball at the Hanover Inn. A lot of planning, ticket selling, and mishloach manot packaging from both organizations took place in order for this event to be successful. It is always nice when Chabad and Hillel can come together for an occasion like this. Following Ta'anit Ester (the fast of Esther), students and community members gathered together in the Hanover inn for Megilla reading. Following Megilla reading, everyone made their way into the main ballroom where the party was already starting! There was a bar for 21+, a nice selection of kosher snacks and fruits, and a great DJ. Everyone seemed to be getting into the Purim spirit, and there was a fantastic array of costumes on the dance floor. The event was very successful, with over 100 guests attending throughout the night. Although the event was free, most guests paid a suggested donation to Mazon, a Jewish organization that fights hunger worldwide. Additionally, guests bought raffle tickets for three large mishloach manot baskets full of candy and goodies. As the guests left, they were able to take home a small mishloach manot basket filled with hamantashen, fruit, and chocolate to give to one of their friends and complete the Mitzvah. Purim continued at Chabad with Megilla readings on Thursday morning and afternoon, followed by a Purim feast at the Chabad house.

Chani had prepared. I remember everyone being so genuine and welcoming to an unfamiliar face, ensuring that I had the chance to meet everyone, including all of the Gray children (there were only 4 at the time). Ever since that day, I have gone routinely for Shabbat dinners, and of course on holidays such as Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Pesach, to name a few. The Grays and all of the students I have met at Chabad over the years have truly become my family, something I could rely on to stay consistent amidst the very dynamic Dartmouth experience. Friday nights quickly became the highlight of my week, and I looked forward to joining a house full of hungry students for Kiddush, Zmanot, challah, and a home-cooked Shabbat meal. I was extremely honored when Rabbi asked me to join his student board my freshman spring, and I have served on the board since then, contributing to Chabad's growth. As president, I have worked with Rabbi to continue to make Chabad a welcoming place for all Jews on campus, to plan exciting programming events like ice fishing and BBQs for all occasions, to bring Jewish speakers to campus, and to continue to build a strong relationship with Hillel by cosponsoring events like the Purim Ball, Shabbat 400, and Green Key Jews on Canoes. I am so thankful for everything Chani and Rabbi Gray have provided for me, and because of their generosity, I have found a community within the larger Dartmouth community. I am excited to see all the amazing things Chabad does in the coming years.

# Term in Pictures



## Why I Partner with Chabad

I give to Chabad each year because of the tremendous impact that Chabad has had on me and the potential it has to impact so many future Jewish students. Chabad provided me with a comfortable Jewish home at Dartmouth and influenced me to keep true to myself and to my culture throughout the years that I was away from home. Rabbi and Chani Gray work tirelessly to ensure that every student, that wants one, has a Jewish community that they can count on. This is a Jewish community that not only will be there every holiday and on countless Shabbats, but also a community that will open them up to so many beautiful traditions that they may want to incorporate into their lives, in their own way, going forward.+

Chabad is synonymous with my Jewish experience at Dartmouth. Without the community Chabad at Dartmouth provided I would not have had a Jewish identity during my college years, nor would I have had the opportunity to learn about Judaism in the engaging, intellectual environment that Rabbi Gray and Chani foster in their house and around campus. I want every Jewish student at Dartmouth to be afforded the same opportunity I was given; I have begun my tradition of giving annually and plan to continue to do so for the foreseeable future.+