



The CHABAD at Dartmouth

Update

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Chabad at Dartmouth has moved to its new location at 19 Allen Street

October 14th 12-5pm

Grand Opening and Chabad House Dedication
Join Chabad at Dartmouth as we dedicated the new
Hilary Chana Chabad House and the Rohr Chabad
Center at
Dartmouth College



Chabad at Dartmouth brings a Jewish community across campus together under one roof. However, some of our best times aren't specifically under the roof of the Chabad house. Chabad's social events encompass indoor and outdoor

activities, classic events in our time at the College. Every winter, there is an ice fishing trip - and we're happy to report that Rabbi Gray has finally caught a fish! Students also went snow mobilizing and gathered together for a home-grilled meal on the ice following their success. We



also host challah bakes twice a term, teaching students how to make their own challahs. They're almost as good as Chani's, but we're learning! Lag B'Omer, the Purim Ball, Shabbat 400, and the special prime rib Shabbat hosted once a term all work to bring together our community. We take the initiative to plan engaging activities, and they



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Upcoming Events

Passover Seders:

March 30th and 31st

In the New Massive Chabad Dining Room at 19 Allen Street

Sinai Scholars: The Core
19th Session

Lag B'Omer Celebration
May 3rd
At the Connecticut River

Graduation Shabbat Dinner and
Weekend Festivities
June 7th through 10th

Alumni Reunions June 15th through
17th

New Chabad House Dedication
Save the Date
October 12-14th
Invitations to follow

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

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Stay informed and up to date is easier then ever with the goings on at Chabad at Dartmouth.

Please Donate online at our website, save a stamp.

Fostering Jewish Life at Dartmouth

Building and Capital Campaign Update

We are excited to update you on the progress of the Chabad at Dartmouth building and capital campaign. We have been raising funds for almost two years now in order to buy, renovate and endow the new center at 19 Allen st. Construction started 14 months ago on our new 8600 sq foot home. We are excited to have started using the space and anticipate the end of construction by late spring term, having full use of the indoor and outdoors by graduation and reunions. Our campaign goal has been set at \$5,080,000 and to date we have raised in gifts and pledges \$2,813,000 55% of our goal. Please join us in making this dream a reality. If you would like to be a part of this exciting opportunity, please let Rabbi Gray know, and he will set up a time to hopefully meet to discuss in person.

Wishing you and yours a joyous and meaningful Pesach Holiday

Chabad at Dartmouth

The Rebbe...

Q: What is a Rebbe?

A: A Rebbe does not consider himself as superior to his Chassidim. He merely contains those parts of the souls of his Chassidim that are connected with him. When a Chassid comes to the Rebbe with a problem, he tries to find in the Rebbe the part of his own soul which is included in the Rebbe's and connect it with his soul—and thus be connected with the Rebbe's soul. It is through this connection that the Chassid receives his material and spiritual life and needs.

For example, let us take the electric bulb which produces light. The bulb itself is incapable of producing light, however there are electrical power plants stationed in some distant part of the city which generates the necessary power to produce light. There must be a channel through which the power can pass and reach each individual bulb—in addition to the constitution of the bulb which enables it to receive the power from the power. The channel is a wire which connected the power station to the bulb, and when this connection is opened by turning on the switch the bulb receives the power and will then function.

The same applies to a Rebbe and Chassidim. The Rebbe is the power-plant which produces the needed strength and power to fulfill the commandments and obligations (spiritual) and also conveys the material. The greater the Rebbe is, the more light he will produce... The channel through which the Chassid can receive these necessities is his soul which is connected to the soul of the Rebbe. The sole duty of the Rebbe is to deliver the above mentioned necessities, spiritual and material, to his Chassidim.

place of those who perished in sanctification of God's name . . .
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make an impact, turning a traditional place into a space for laughter, encouragement, friendship, religious community, and thought-provoking questions. The social events Chabad hosts broaden the boundaries of the home.

Purim at Dartmouth this year was an absolutely amazing time for all! The holiday started at the brand new Chabad House, where students and local families alike gathered to hear the Rabbi read the megillah in the spacious dining room. After listening to the miraculous story of Esther and booing at the mention of Haman's name, the holiday was well on its way with a plate full of Hamantashin already served. No more than an hour and a half later, 120 Dartmouth students packed into the Hanover inn for Hillel and Chabad's annual Purim Ball. Most people showed up in costume, and everyone enjoyed the night conversing and dancing with their friends. The only thing that paused the normal flow of the Purim Ball was the incredible a Capella performance by the Dartmouth Brovertones, which was only matched by an exciting show of Dartmouth's Klezmer band. Even though the party ended that night, the holiday continued through the next day. The Rabbi once again read the Megillah in the morning at 8 a.m., and once again at 4 p.m. for those who couldn't make it in the morning. Once again the house was packed with students and locals, but instead of being greeted with a plate of hamantashin at the end of the reading, they got to enjoy a full blown Purim seudah. The food was delicious, and people were at the table eating and talking until well after sundown. Overall, Purim at Chabad this year was a big hit, and there is only room to grow from here.

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Fostering Jewish

Birthright Reflections: Andrew Deakin '20, Bronte Jenkins '21



Our ten days in Israel were full of sight-seeing, history, culture, and religion. Going into the trip, it's easy to focus on all of the fun and the beautiful pictures used to attract people to the trip. When choosing a picture for before the trip I pushed myself to think beyond the advertising pictures and sample itineraries. What would I really be able to get out of on a personal level from a trip to the Jewish homeland?

I immediately thought of family. My Mom's side of the family is religiously Jewish while my dad's side is Christian/not religious. As a result I wasn't raised religiously Jewish and always felt less connected to one side of my family. I hoped that this trip would connect me to my family and the Jewish people as a whole.

The picture I have for after the trip was the closest thing I had to a photo of any of the discussions we had as a group (really don't remember why I took it to be honest but it's from either the "what does it mean to be Jewish?" discussion or the "Q&A with the Rabbi"). This trip was full of deep and emotional moments and I most appreciated how the trip leaders and everyone on the trip encourage reflection. Additionally, the discussions pushed me to challenge my political, religious, and cultural identity/beliefs further than I ever had before. I think a major part of this was our intellectual and engaged our group was.

To summarize what I got out of the trip I'm going to refer to something that was said multiple times: Judaism is about questions more than it is about answers. We grappled with some very difficult questions, both on a personal and global level, and I definitely don't think I arrived at answers to them. If anything, I'm walking away with more questions. This trip pushed me to challenge my preconceived ideas and explore my beliefs, something I hope to continue doing going forward.

In conclusion, I will forever be grateful for the countless opportunities presented during our 10 days in Israel. Thank you so much for all of your work organizing the trip and always being there to help our group make the most of the experience.



I came into birthright expecting a religious, spiritual revival type trip. Prior to leaving the country, everyone was asked at an orientation group meeting to find a picture that represented what they wanted to get out of birthright. My picture was a generic image I found off the internet of the Negev desert, which I knew we would be visiting. I chose a picture of the Negev as a representation

of my desires for the upcoming trip because it looked peaceful, vast, and open. Israel has always seemed like a foreign country that, despite everyone telling me I have an innate connection to the land since I am Jewish, really feels removed from my life. By traveling to Israel, I hoped to reflect on my Judaism and because I assumed birthright was a "religious, spiritual revival type trip," the Negev seemed like the perfect place for contemplation and self-reflection. However, upon embarking on the very packed, little sleep trip that is birthright, I soon discovered that my preconceived notions of birthright were not totally correct. Yes, birthright is obviously a pro-Israel trip where the major stories of the Jewish people are enthusiastically told to one via a zealous tour guide. However, there was actually almost no time for silent, quiet reflection. Meditation on thoughts and ideas provoked by the trip occurred on the plane ride home and is still occurring for me as I sit here writing. My picture after birthright is not of a huge expanse of land that seemingly continues forever without signs of life. Instead, the image that best represents birthright to me is one of my group, Mayanot 34, smiling and holding the Israeli flag at Masada. Throughout the trip, I listened to stories about the Jewish people, learned more about my relationship with Israel and Judaism, and most importantly, made a family. The people in the image are this family.



My name is Eliza Ezrapour. I'm an '18 from New York. I attended the Ramaz Upper School. At Dartmouth, I study Geography, Law, and French. I have been on Chabad board since my freshman winter. I became president in my sophomore Spring and have served in that role since along with my friend and co-president Matthew Goldstein. My relationship with Chabad has evolved immensely over the past four years. When I first arrived at Dartmouth Chabad served as haven from all of the different learning curves freshman year presented. I took solace in the warm home environment that Chani and Rabs work so hard to cultivate. As my time progressed Chabad became a place where I sought friendship and guidance from other students. I cultivated relationships that have extended and will extend beyond Dartmouth. As I transitioned into an upperclassman Chabad served as a platform to develop my leadership skills. I worked to foster a communal environment for other stu-

dents and to provide the same mentorship that I benefited from. I have been privileged to see the Jewish community strengthen during my time at Dartmouth. We can now proudly boast kosher meal options in every dining hall, Shabbat keys for our dorms, and increased recruitment effort for Jewish students. The new Chabad house represents both the hard work that Chani and Rabs have invested over the past 14 years and the exciting developments to come. The realization that my four years are coming to an end is overwhelming, but I take solace in knowing that Chabad will always serve as an anchor to Dartmouth.

Life at Dartmouth

Term in Pictures



Challah for a Cure



On March 4, Chabad hosted a challah bake sale in honor of our friend Nicole Graham '18 and her courageous battle with leukemia. Students of Chabad wanted to show Nicole that we stand with her every step of the way while she defeats cancer for the second time, so we organized a challah bake and sale. Forty students came to the new Dartmouth Chabad house and Chani led us in baking of 132 loaves of love. Not only were members of the broader Jewish community there, but Nicole's so-

rority Chi Delta and her close friends. After discussing the Jewish significance of challah and prayers for healing, Nicole FaceTimed in to the event and said a few words, thanking everyone and saying how she looked forward to being back on campus soon. That evening while tabling in Baker-Berry library, Chabad sold all 132 loaves of challah and also raised money solely through donations after running out! We raised \$1115 and the proceeds of the sale will go to Swim Across America, a charity that has had a profound impact on Nicole, her family, and all those they help by raising money to fund clinical trials and cancer research. You can still contribute by going to www.swimacrossamerica.org