



The CHABAD at Dartmouth Update

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A Year In Review...

PASSOVER:

We didn't know it was possible, but this year's Passover Seder at Chabad was more popular than ever! With a full house of more than 90 students on the first night, we celebrated Pesach together with Chani's great food, and the enthusiasm of one fourth of Dartmouth's Jewish population in the Gray home. We read from the Haggada, sang songs, and stayed up late into the night celebrating an amazing first night of Pesach.



Chani and '12 Girls at Senior Tails

The second night was just as wonderful, with a slightly less-packed house of around 40 students—many of whom were seniors, excited to spend their last Passover at college with the Gray family and their fellow Chabad friends. We ate even more than the first night (if that is possible), and stayed well past midnight enjoying each other's company. This year's Passover Seders were undoubtedly the best yet, and with a little more room we surely would have had well over 100 students joining us for the holiday.

Sinai Scholars Shabbaton and Field Trip:

Shabbat dinner with the Sinai Scholars group was a good start to the field trip weekend. Our discussion with Professor Glinert was very engaging and provoked some difficult questions about when, if ever, it is permissible to kill under Jewish law. The answers are often complicated, but the discussions shine light on these difficult cases. Closing Shabbat with dinner on Saturday night was also enjoyable, with another interesting talk by Professor Glinert about the creation of woman. Our field trip to Montreal was a good experience to get off campus with other Sinai Scholar students and see certain Jewish practices that are not readily available in a small town like Hanover. Everyone enjoyed learning about the mikvah and those practices in an engaging talk by Rabbi New. The visit to the Yeshiva was also very interesting and gave a window into the lives of students receiving a Jewish education. Lunch and dinner were great bonding times with the other Sinai Scholars, as well as the long drives to and from Montreal.



Lieba with Rachel and Melissa '12s



Grays and Gabi Tudin '12

Shabbat Dinners:

Chabad at Dartmouth proudly holds the Chabad on Campus unofficial record for the highest percentage of Jewish students attending Shabbat dinners. Friday night after Friday night, Jewish students at Dartmouth pack the Chabad house for a delicious meal to sanctify the Shabbat and enjoy an incredible homemade Shabbos meal with friends and other members of the Dartmouth Jewish

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Upcoming Events

Rosh Hashanah, Sept 17-18th

Paganucci Lounge, '53 Commons
Sept 16th, RH dinner under the stars at Chabad 7:15pm

Yom Kippur, Sept 25th in the evening, 26th

Paganucci Lounge, '53 Commons
Full Schedule online

Sukkot and Sukkah on the Green October 1st - 7th

Soul Maps: New in the fall term, a six week course on Jewish Mysticism

Sinai Scholars Society Tier 2: A 4 week course on Fascinating Facts in the Torah, in the fall and winter Terms

New Weekly Deli lunch and Discussion Group

Tuesdays 12:30-2pm join Rabbi and Chani for Deli lunch and open discussions

7th Annual Dr. Tzvi Yehuda Saks Memorial Lecture on Torah and Science:

6th Annual Chabad and Hillel Shabbat 400

7th Annual Birthright Trip to Israel during winter break.

3rd Annual Chabad at Dartmouth Alumni Shabbat dinner in NYC, March 2013

Winter Sinai Scholars Society: 8 weeks: A Jewish Studies Fellowship with an innovative program of study, activities, and national networking.

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.dartmouth.edu/~chabad

Fostering Jewish Life at Dartmouth

From the Directors

Dear Friends,

With thanks to the Almighty, we are about to embark on our 10th year serving the Jewish community at Dartmouth college. It is amazing to take a look back and see how much we have grown since moving here almost a decade ago. Yet we also realize how much work there is still left to do, as long as we are still in the *galut*. We are excited about our future here in Hanover and look forward to building an even stronger and prouder community, with more opportunities for study, socializing and informal programs. With Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur just moments away we want to wish you all a very blessed, happy and sweet new year. May we all be sealed in the book of life, health, wealth and prosperity. Ketivah vachatima tova, shana tova uonetuka, bagashmiut uferuchniut

- Rabbi Moshe and Chani Gray



The Rebbe... on Jewish Unity

One of the comprehensive *mitzvot* of the Torah is the mitzvah of *ahavat yisrael*, the love for a fellow Jew, which the sages of the Talmud declared to be "a great principle of Torah," and the "basis of the entire Torah."

Essentially, the mitzvah points to the unity of all Jews, as if they constitute a single entity. As such, any action by a Jew, whether negative or positive, is consequential to the entire Jewish people. Certainly the fulfillment of *mitzvot* by any individual Jew affords the Jewish people tremendous strength. Every Jew, wherever he or she may find themselves, even a solitary Jew in the most remote corner of the earth, must remember that they are part of the whole Jewish people and representatives of the entire Jewish people--the one people ever since the Torah was given at Mt. Sinai, until the end of time.

The division of Judaism into "Orthodox," "Conservative," "Reform," etc., is artificial. For all Jews have one and the same Torah, given by the one and same G-d, though there are more observant Jews and less observant Jews. To tag on a label does not change the reality of Jewish essence.

The three loves--love of G-d, love of Torah and love of one's fellow--are one. One cannot differentiate between them, for they are of a single essence. And since they are of a single essence, each one embodies all three.

So if you see a person who has a love of G-d but lacks a love of Torah and a love of his fellow, you must tell him that his love of G-d is incomplete. And if you see a person who has only a love for his fellow, you must strive to bring him to a love of Torah and a love of G-d--that his love toward his fellows should not only be expressed in providing bread for the hungry and water for the thirsty, but also to bring them close to Torah and to G-d.

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community. At Chabad, Jews from all of Dartmouth's classes (including graduate students from all of Dartmouth's professional schools) and from all social circles and Greek houses gather. Chani's challah, chicken, prime rib, salads, gefilte fish, and side-dishes are well-known Hanover delicacies. Friday nights at Chabad illustrate the vibrancy of the Jewish community in Hanover. Rabbi Gray and Rebbetzin Gray create an incredible atmosphere for Jewish students and have truly created a home away from home as we celebrate the Shabbos and G-d's creation.

Prime Rib:

What makes this night different from all other nights? Prime Rib, of course. The prime rib dinner nights at Chabad always draw a fantastic turnout. I have a feeling that lots of people don't even know exactly what prime rib is, but the inclusion of the word "prime" assures them that the juice is worth the squeeze. The food at Chabad house is usually top-notch, a well deserved break from the monotony of Dartmouth Dining Service's reign of oppression over our pallets. But what really makes prime rib night different from all other nights is the company. It gives us Jews an excuse to congregate en-masse. Shabbat is always a welcome rest at the end of a busy week, mired by exams and problem sets, but even Shabbat can fall into the perilous position of becoming part of the schedule. Having a special cuisine evening shakes up Friday night, creating an atmosphere of excitement. When a bunch of loud, excited, hungry Jews congregate in one room, it's hard not to have fun.

Torah and Science Lecture:

Chabad at Dartmouth proudly hosted Dr. Bertha Madras, former Deputy Director for Demand Reduction for the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, professor of psychobiology at Harvard Medical School and Associate Director of Public Education in the Division of Addictions at Harvard Medical School. The event titled "A Scientist in the White House: Reducing Youth Drug Use as a National Imperative" gained co-sponsorship from the Office of the President, Rockefeller Center, Department of Sociology, Panhellenic Council, and Kappa Kappa Kappa Fraternity. Dartmouth Chabad worked with campus institutions to bring this dynamic and important figure to our campus. The event was a great success, with *The Dartmouth* writing a prominent news article on Madras's lecture and Chabad.org also reporting on the event. Rabbi Gray noted that the lecture was directly connected to Chabad's mission to try to help enrich students' lives, give them a sense of purpose if they're missing it and enhance their purpose. Chabad co-president Coleman Shear added that the lecture was very informative about the history of drug use in the United States. <http://thedartmouth.com/2012/04/17/news/madras>

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Living Legacy Conference: Rebecca Hecht `13

Every two years, Chabad leads the Mayberg Fellows Program, a three-day conference in Washington DC for undergraduate students. This program was designed to motivate certain undergraduates to promote Jewish life at their schools, by becoming young Jewish leaders. The Chabad Rabbis who created the program thought, rightly, that the best way to teach leadership to students is to have them meet and listen to great leaders whose very professions require them to lead and educate the Jewish people every day. This particular program is a part of the greater Chabad-led Living Legacy conference, a time for Chabad Rabbis, their families, politicians and many other Jews who maintain a connection with Chabad to celebrate the legacy the Lubavitcher Rebbe left behind. A simple look around the large, packed conference hall room was enough to grasp the scope of this great legacy. However, hearing Rabbi Yona Metzger, the Chief Rabbi of Israel, Elie Weisel, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, and Senator Joe Lieberman, amongst other men of note, discuss their own personal experiences with Chabad, or with the Rebbe himself, really emphasized just how big of an impact the Rebbe's life and work had, and still has, today.

Some of the most famous guests met with the students in small, informal settings before delivering their speeches to the rest of the conference. During these meetings, these Jewish leaders did not come with prepared remarks, but instead, were there simply to have a conversation with us. Rabbi Steinsaltz, one of the most brilliant men of our time, and one I have personally looked up to for years, sat down with us and started talking about college life, how he had originally wanted to be an Entomologist, and the idea that all of us (himself included) still have so much more to learn and study. Turning to the student sitting nearest him, a recent graduate from Stanford, he asked him, "What did you study?" The student replied that he had just completed a major in philosophy. Rabbi Steinsaltz, looking at him for a couple seconds, asked, "So, you know nothing about philosophy then?" This idea is one the Rabbi echoed in his speech to the entire conference. He told a crowded room full of Rabbis, students, and local Jewish DCers that, in the spirit of the Rebbe's teachings, each of us needs to keep pushing ourselves, to keep moving forward every day to become better people, and better Jews. There is always more to learn, more tzedaka to give, more mitzvot to do. Even Rabbi Steinsaltz, the first translator of the Talmud into English, who has undoubtedly accomplished far more than most dream of, declared that there was still much more for him personally to do to become a better Jew, and he needed to make sure that every day he kept moving forward towards this goal.

Student Spotlight



Name: Esty Yanco `13
Age: 21
Major: Biology, Geography Modified with Public Health

Three years ago today, I would not imagine myself living alone in Mystic, Connecticut the summer before my senior year. In fact, I expected quite the opposite, plugging along somewhere in the field of cancer or pharmaceutical research. Instead, as a result of my Jewish faith, I've been walking dogs and brushing cats since the beginning of July.

The connection between my faith and my less than glamorous job this summer started with Friday night dinners at Chabad. For the past 3 years I have made a commitment to spend a relaxing Shabbat meal with my Jewish community at Dartmouth. Every week a new event pops up in conversation, but last winter, people sat around and talked about their recent return from the Dartmouth Chabad Birthright trip. I had been to the Holy Land before, but in the presence of all of these students reliving their renewal of faith and energy in Israel, I developed a new longing to return. I wanted to extend my stay past the normal 10-day trip and do something that I found meaningful. So my junior fall, I hopped on a plane and spent my off term volunteering at the National Wildlife Hospital in Ramat Gan, Israel, where I found my passion for emergency veterinary care.

I returned to Chabad this past winter with a smile spread across my face for all that this community has done for me. The 50+ students who unknowingly motivated me to find my passion and Rabbi Gray and Chani who stood by my side and encouraged me to embark on new adventures. With a network of support and love from my Jewish community at Chabad, I have ventured alone to expand my knowledge at the Connecticut Humane Society for my last summer before college life. I cannot wait to share my experiences with my friends at our first Shabbat back on campus.

On the first morning of the conference we attended a Congressional Breakfast in the Capital Building, where some of the most respectable political leaders of our time, such as Sen. Joe Lieberman and Sen. Eric Cantor, spoke alongside other politicians, like Chuck Schumer and Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, about their own personal connections with Chabad. It was truly amazing to see how these Jewish politicians had their own stories of Shabbat dinners at Chabad and knowing the Chabad Rabbi from their hometown in the same close way as students at Dartmouth know Rabbi Gray. Hearing them confirm their support for Israel was reassuring, especially at this time.

Though beyond all the big celebrities and heroes that we met throughout the course of the conference that were meant to inspire and show us the many ways we can be Jewish leaders, what I really learned from this conference was that to find people who truly exemplify the idea of Jewish leadership, one has to look no further than the *shluchim* themselves. The organizers of this conference, the hearth warmers of these welcoming houses on campus, and the reason many students (and adults) have reconnected with their Judaism, these Chabadniks represent true leadership. In trying to understand the words of Steinsaltz, the idea that one should always push himself to go one step further in trying to become a better Jew, I realized that I could picture the realization of this idea best by looking to the example that the *shluchim* create. Chabadniks endlessly try to help Jews observe the holiday customs, increase the number of their guests for Shabbat dinners, and educate undergraduates about the laws, customs, and traditions, and of course, the beauty, of Judaism. The good example these Rabbis and Rebbetzins set every day of their lives are ones to which every Jew can aspire in order to lead a more dedicated Jewish life. When Chabad comes to a college campus, they not only bring countless opportunities to learn and observe Jewish traditions, they provide an example to college students, oftentimes those in the greatest need of this example, of how to lead truly fulfilling and holy lives.

Life at Dartmouth

Chabad in Action



Rob Rein '12 and Ali Essey '13



Enjoying SSS Graduation Dinner



Spring '12 SSS Graduating Class



Graduation Shabbat Dinner for '12s



Class of '07 and '77 Reunions at Chabad



Small Alumni Gathering in Washington DC



Young Alumni Event overlooking NYC



Text Study with Prof Glinert Before Shabbat



Graduating Chabad class of 2012 before Shabbat Dinner

Student Board, Fall 2011

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