





AT BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY





A Beacon at the Crossroads

ending young people off to college is one of the most difficult things. Four years away from home will cause irrevocable changes, ideally for the better, but there are no guarantees. There is plenty of cause for worry. Especially for people concerned with Jewish life, continuity and a strong future. Who is there for our young people?

The Chabad House Jewish Student Center has been meeting the religious, educational, social and pastoral needs of Jewish students at Binghamton University since 1985. Thousands of students have passed through our doors, their lives have been enriched, and wherever they go, they count themselves among the extended Chabad family.

The Chabad House—open 24/7 and home to an ever growing roster of activities—has gained a reputation as one of the most successful campus in-reach and outreach programs in the country and has, to our great joy, become a victim of its success. Our present facility can no longer accommodate the growing number of students who wish to join in our programs and avail themselves of our services.

In response, Chabad House is breaking ground for a new building on an adjacent lot connected to our current facility.



A different kind of building.

A building for every single student.

for the heart for the mind

for the body for the soul

a place to feel safe, accepted, joyous and inspired

a place to leel connected to family and community.

A building for the whole student.





A human **life** is a **universe**...



...and the Chabad Center is a building designed to house it.

The Chabad House is not just another building... it's home away from home for everyone who comes through its doors. The building is designed with spaces for huge Shabbat and Holiday celebrations, lectures and special events, and spaces for smaller groups to crash and hang. Spaces for study and research; spaces to meet and plan; spaces to chill and play; space to pray; space to work out; spaces to enjoy delicous kosher food; spaces for lounging and comfortable conversation; spaces to find counsel and comfort in time of need.

A place you never want to leave.

66 Community. The Chabad House has built a community in the middle of nowhere; an oasis in the dessert. It's where we meet our friends, where we learn and where we find peace and comfort. **97**

- Seremy Zenilman 06

66 As a liberal Jew, I came to Binghamton rarely celebrating any Jewish holidays except for the biggies. However in my freshman year I gave in to peer pressure and went where all the students around me were going: the Chabad House on Friday nights! The opportunity to mingle with my fellow Jewish students, enjoy a weekly meal and become familiar with Hebrew prayers all over again was part of why I became so passionate about Binghamton University. Some of my most memorable events have been the Purim Carnival and Shabbat 1000 specifically because each so successfuly reaches out to the entire campus and shares with them our traditions and celebrations. ??

- Matthew Schneider 05









If you're Jewish you belong...

A campus is a place of varied social groups and strata. It is not always easy for students to find where they fit in. There is the Greek scene, political groups, sports teams, the theatre, the media, a capella groups, professional fraternities, language and hobby clubs and the list goes on.

Chabad House transcends these dividing lines. It is quite simply a place for every Jewish student.

You ask who comes to Chabad?

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, Grad Students

Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Reconstructionist, unaffiliated Jews

Liberals and Conservatives

Greeks and Geeks

Party Animals and Book Worms

Introverts and Extroverts

Sephardim and Ashkenazim

Students on campus and students from off campus

Any Jew that moves!

66 I remember how welcomed I felt at Chabad House and at their programs on campus as well. They work from such positive energy and enabled me to see the potential in myself. Chabad has taught me about Judaism, provided an outlet for growth and instilled a foundation to enable me to continue this journey.

-Erica Ash 04











...Because labels are for shirts not for human beings.



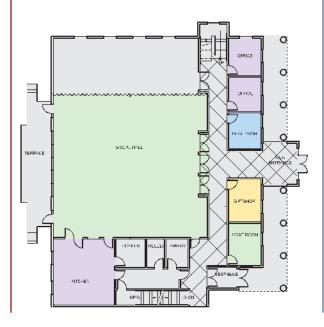




Because the only type of Judaism that will transmit from generation to generation...

Ground Level

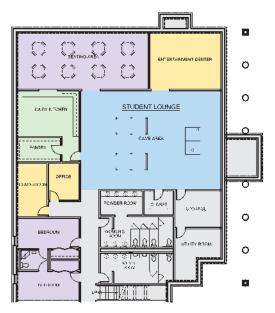
The heart of the new building will be **the Great Room** that can seat over four hundred students comfortably, with connected space that can be opened up as needed. This is the place where students will enjoy full course, home cooked Shabbat and Holiday meals, Passover Seders and Rosh Hashana dinners, not to mention Purim Feasts. This room will also host lectures, performances, special presentations and celebrations of all kinds.



Lower Level

Chabad House is the place to be for Café nights, a slice of kosher pizza, women's Chodesh events and Cabarets, Men's Sunday Brunches, Mid-night Madness Breakfasts, Super Bowl Parties and a million other occasions.

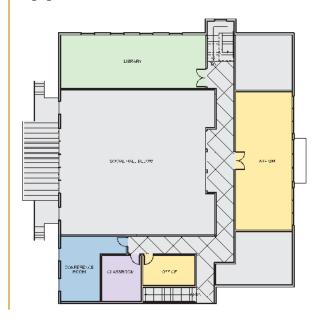
The new building will provide a space for all this activity and more in the lower level **Student Lounge** which will house the Pizza Nook/Cafeteria, a roomy, well appointed game area, a multimedia entertainment center and plenty of comfortable couches and seating. The building will also make it possible for Chabad to offer yet another amenity to our students: a **fitness room** with state of the art exercise equipment.



Upper Level

The three most important things at Chabad are education, education and education. Chabad provides a full roster of classes, a Beit Midrash program and one on one tutorials in everything from Alef Bet to Advanced Talmud. Any time of night or day, any day of the week, the odds are there is a class or a private lesson being given at Chabad.

The new Student Center will house classrooms and a spacious, sun lit, well stocked **Library** and **Research Center**/Computer Pod where students can pursue their quest for knowledge, read for sheer pleasure or research a paper.



...is a Judaism that is authentic, deeply relevant and joyful.



and the most important lessons in college...



... are gleaned between classes.

The Chabad House **Jewish Student Center** is an incubator of cutting edge ideas for engaging the contemporary Jewish collegiate. Chabad of Binghamton is where programs like Shabbat 1000, the Purim Carnival Extravaganza, The Mitzvah Marathon commemorating 9/11 and My Big Fat Jewish Wedding, to name a few, all began; today they are anchor programs on campuses across the country. At Chabad our students are the number one leaders; they work hard to bring Jewish love and excitement to the wider campus community. It is a joy to watch our students develop their leadership skills and use their talents and a great Nachat to see how many of our alumni have taken up leadership positions in their respective communities. The new building will provide a **board room** for student to meet and brain storm and ample space to work on programs and projects.

College is associated with parties, fun experiences and carefree times but college can be a challenging time for students as well. Jewish students at Binghamton know there is a place they can turn any time of night and day where people with open hearts and mind will be there to help them. The new building will offer private, comforting areas for students in distress who come to Chabad for **counseling**, crisis intervention and referrals.

66 Chabad brings people—all types of Jews—together and ignites new friendships. I can remember countless times when I would say "wow, I didn't know he/she was Jewish," which, in my opinion, is what Chabad is all about. ??

-Amir Z Herman 97







About Chabad

Chabad-Lubavitch is a philosophy, a movement, and an organization. It is considered to be the most dynamic force in Jewish life today.

With its roots in Russia, the origins of today's Chabad-Lubavitch organization can be traced to the early 1940's when the sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneerson of righteous memory (1880-1950) appointed his son-in-law and later successor, Rabbi Menachem Mendel, to head the newly founded education and social arms of the movement.

Motivated by his profound love for every Jew and spurred by his boundless optimism and self sacrifice, the Rebbe set into motion a dazzling array of programs, services and institutions to serve every Jew.

Today, 4,000 full –time emissary families direct more than 3,300 institutions (and a workforce that numbers in the tens of thousands) dedicated to the welfare of the Jewish people worldwide.

To date there are Chabad House Jewish Student Centers on 100 campuses. Chabad also services an additional 150 campuses in North America.









Help make the Dream a Reality. Dedication and Memorial Opportunities Campaign Objective \$2,500,000

O Building Dedication.....\$500,000 ● Classrooms (2)....-reserved-\$25,000 O Student Lounge/Cafeteria/Game Room\$150,000 O Library/Research Center/Computer Pod\$120,000 O Main Kitchen.....\$100,000 Outdoor Student Lounge/Deck.....\$18,000 Atrium/Second Floor Student Lounge-reserved-\$50,000 Conference Room. -reserved- \$36,000

YES! I am/We are pleased to offer support to help construct the new The Chabad House Jewish Student Center at Binghamton University, I am/We are proud to take part in this most important and worthwhile endeavor.

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All major pledges can be paid over a period of three years. All contributions are tax deductible under IRS 501(c)3.

It is important that Building Fund contributions be over and beyond your much needed annual contribution toward the operating budget of The Chabad House Jewish Student Center at Binghamton University

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