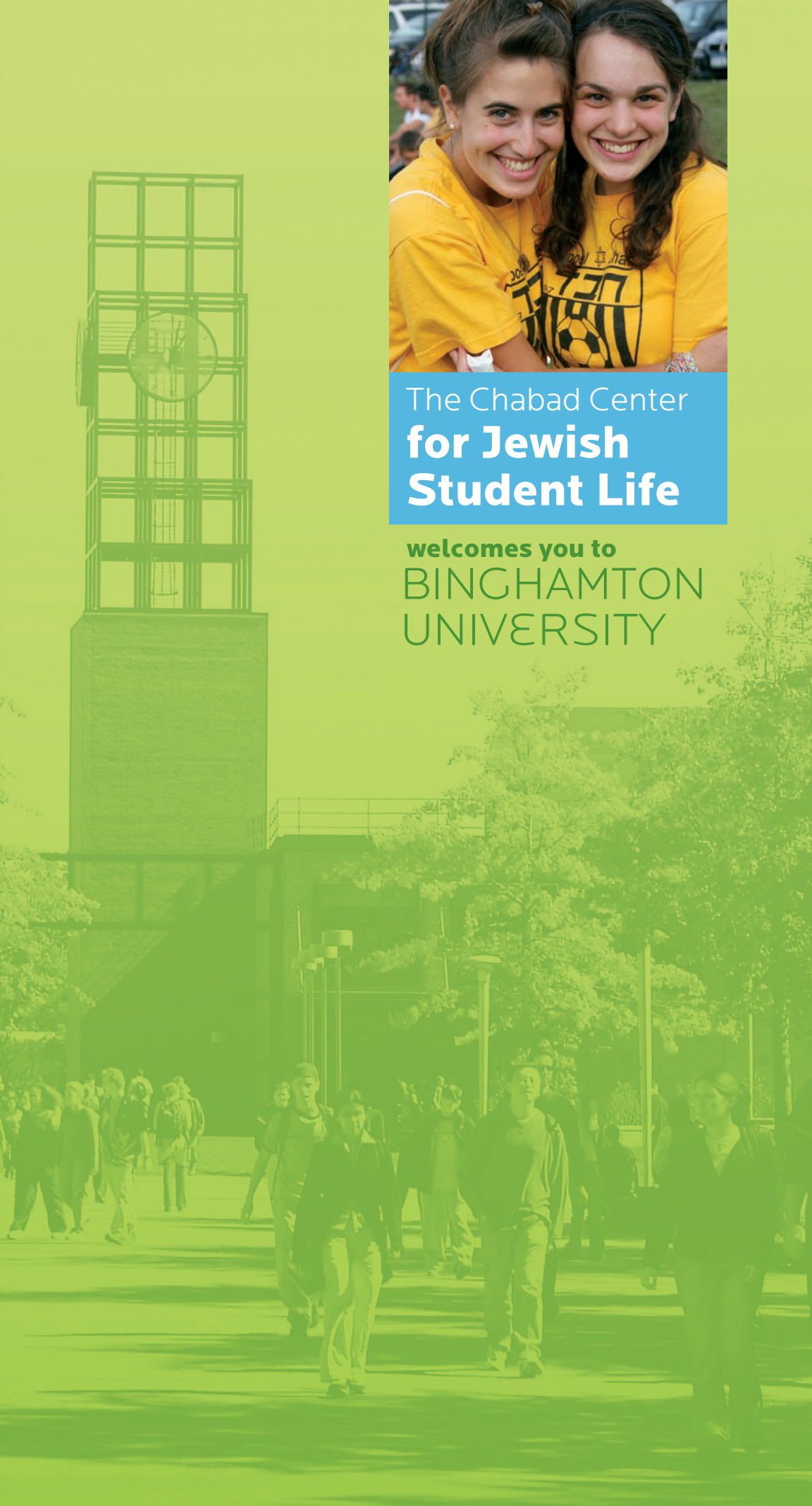




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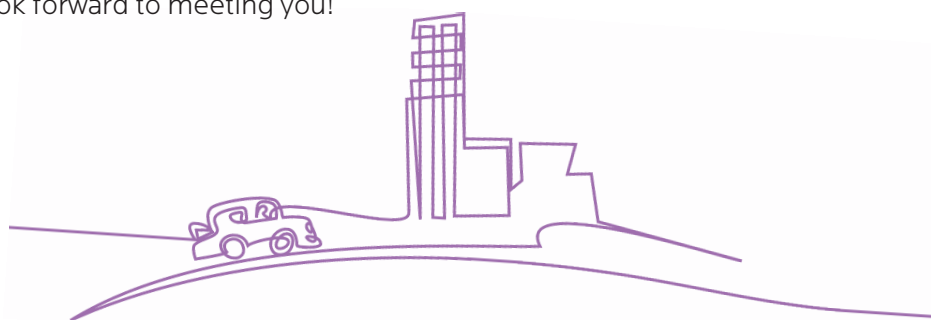
# שלום and welcome to Binghamton

If you're reading this you are either thinking of coming to Binghamton, you've already been admitted, or you are a current student seeking involvement in the Jewish community. No matter where you are, you have important decisions to make about how you will use your time during the next few years.

College is where you go for a degree; it's also where you'll find out more about who you are and what you want in your future. That's why Jewish life on campus is so important. At Binghamton you'll find one of the most vibrant Jewish communities available at any university today.

The Chabad Center at BU gives you a place to feel connected and proud, safe, and above all, appreciated. It's a place where distinctions melt away; you'll meet the most interesting people and make lifelong friends. It's a place to hang out, celebrate, study, pray, work out, eat great food, attend fun events, hone your leadership skills and learn all kinds of new things that you will take with you wherever you go. Binghamton will change you... for the better.

Chabad is about you so let us know if you have any further questions or if there is some way we can be of assistance. We look forward to meeting you!



# celebration



*“I came to Binghamton rarely celebrating any Jewish holidays... I gave into peer pressure and went where all the students around me were going: the Chabad center on Friday nights... that is an important part of why I became so passionate about BU. Some of my most memorable events have been the Purim Carnival and Shabbat 1000 because each so successfully reaches out to the entire campus and shares with them our traditions and celebrations.”*

**Chabad is a celebration of our Judaism, our Torah, our glorious past, and our rightful place in the Jewish future. Each semester is chock full of dynamic events and programming; we do a lot of celebrating at Binghamton!**

—Matthew Schneider '05

# Shabbat at Chabad

The heart and soul of Jewish life at BU is the weekly Shabbat experience at Chabad.

It begins with Friday night when hundreds stream to the center for services followed by a full course, home cooked dinner, topped off by a sumptuous dessert buffet. This is the place to find the coolest people and the warmest atmosphere! But it doesn't stop there; there are Shabbat morning services, lunch, Seuda Shlishit, and Havdallah.



**Shabbat 1500** the biggest Shabbat dinner on any campus, anywhere

**High Holiday Services and meals**

**Festivities in a Sukkah that seats 400**

**Jazzukah** a music festival in the Sukkah complete with BBQ'd ribs!

**Pop up sukkahs on campus**

**Simchat Torah Bash**

**Grand Chanukah Celebration**

**Tu B'shvat Fest**

**Purim Carnival Extravaganza**

**Megilla Readings and Purim Feast**

**Passover Seders and holiday meals**

**Lag B'omer Bon Fire and BBQ**

**Bar/Bat Mitzvah Bash** for students who never celebrated their coming of age

**Girls Night Out** to celebrate Rosh Chodesh



# education



**Some of the most important lessons you'll take away from college are gleaned between classes. That's why Chabad offers an endless stream of educational opportunities both formal and informal. At Chabad we believe that education feeds Jewish passion, connection, and pride.**

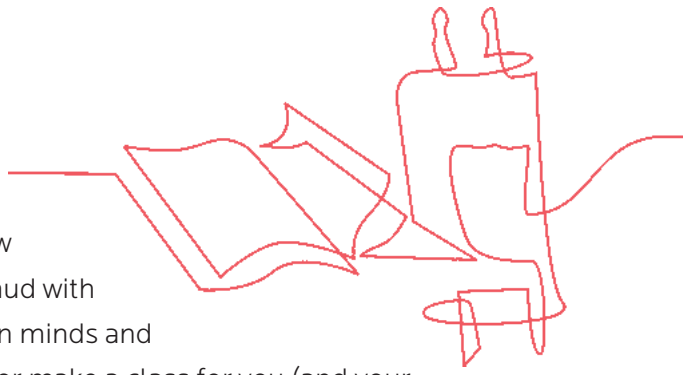


*“Chabad has helped me grow both as a Jew and as a person. Now I can say I know what I believe and can face the world secure in those beliefs.”*

—Shlomo Lockerman '07

# Torah Classes

Chabad offers classes in everything from Hebrew reading to advanced Talmud with instructors who sport open minds and listening ears. We will tailor make a class for you (and your friends) in any area of your interest and can set you up with a one on one tutorial. These classes are not for your parents, not for your teachers and not for academic advising, these are just for you. It's about your initiative, your choices, and your pace.



**Beit Midrash/Supper with Soul**

**Pizza and Parasha**

**Lunch and Learn**

**Jewish Learning Institute**

**“Take Out” Judaism**

**Jewish Awareness Week**

**Guests speakers and Scholars in residence**

**Yeshiva for a Day**

**Jewish Crafts Festival**



A night photograph of a Chabad Center sign for Jewish Student Life. The sign is illuminated from within, casting a warm glow. It features a logo on the left and the text "CHABAD CENTER FOR JEWISH STUDENT LIFE" in a serif font. The sign is set in a landscaped area with green grass, several small bushes, and a few flowers. In the background, a building with light-colored siding is partially visible, and a large, bright light source in the dark sky creates a prominent starburst effect. A paved road or driveway is in the foreground.

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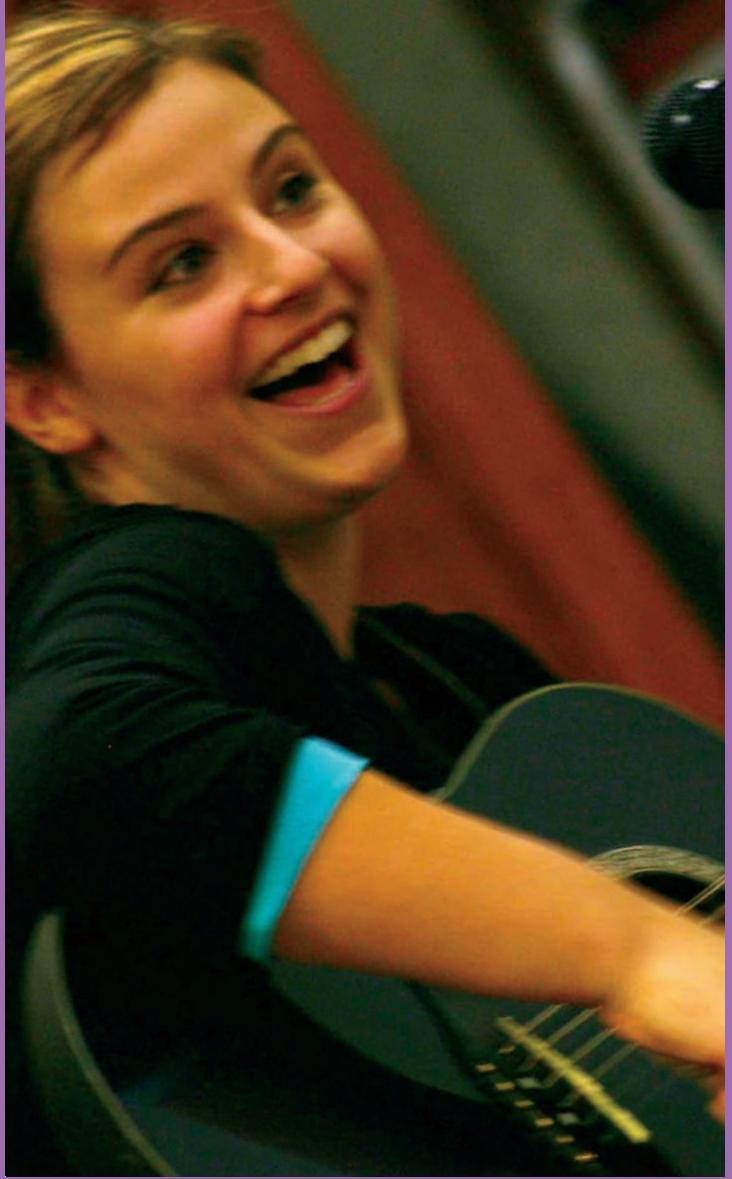


# WELCOME TO BINGHAMTON.

We're keeping our light on for you!



# recreation



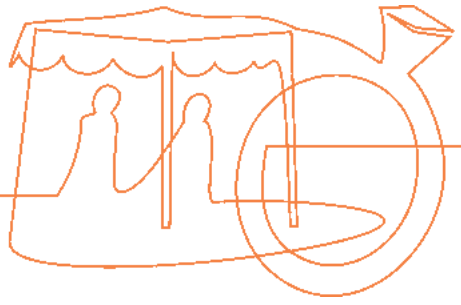
**College can be stressful; challenging classes, different environment, added responsibilities, new and sometimes confusing relationships... Everyone needs a place to just kick back and have some fun. Chabad offers cool events where you can have a blast, regroup, meet great people and leave the stress at the door.**



*“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 s/he was Jewish...”*

**—Amir Herman '97**

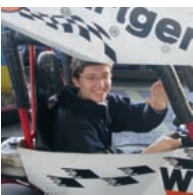
# My Big Fat Jewish Wedding



My Big Fat Jewish

Wedding is a re-enactment of a

Jewish wedding where everything is for real—the excitement, great menu, zany wedding party, awesome music and decorations—except the relationship between the bride and groom. It's simply more fun than should be legal!



**Ashkefardic night**

**Jewish Women's Cabaret**

**Challah Baking**

**Jewish cooking workshops**

**Ski Trip**

**Apple Picking**

**Game-Nite**

**Midnight Madness Breakfasts**

**Intramural Sport teams**

**Paint Ball Shooting**

**Concerts**



# Leadership



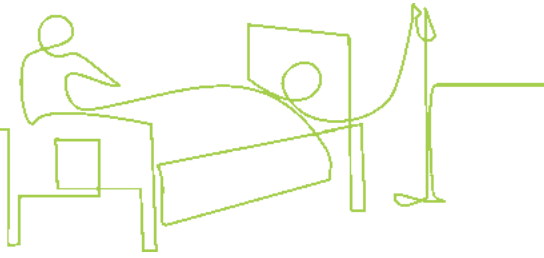
**Chabad offers students the opportunity to take charge and make a difference through getting involved in planning and executing our cutting edge programming, and joining our governing boards. Chabad also gives you the chance to be enriched by helping your peers at BU, members of the local Binghamton community, and organizations around the world. “Giving is getting” is more than just a motto; at Chabad it’s a way of life.**



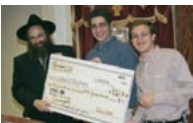
*“Chabad not only unlocks love and passion for Judaism in its students but teaches them to do the same for others.”*

—Alan Zeitlin '00

# Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation



Through Chabad's Barry J. Raff Maasim Tovim Foundation, a group of students help nurture a community. They bring care packages to their peers who are sick in their rooms, visit the sick and elderly in area hospitals and old age homes, and bring pre-holiday cheer and programming to assisted living centers and shut-ins.



## Campus wide Mitzvah Marathon to commemorate victims of 9/11

### The Can-Norah

a huge Chanukah menorah built from cans of food which are later donated to the local food pantry

### Fashions for Cure

a fashion show which raises critical funds for women battling breast cancer

### Blood Drives

### Credited Internships

### Charity Drives



# Community



**Coming to college often means leaving your home town and with it everything which is familiar. At Chabad we understand that and are here to help you find your way around. Need a mechanic, barber or a dentist? Having trouble with classes or roommates? Feeling lonely or just need to talk? Call us, or come on over to Chabad and you'll feel better as soon as you step through the door. You will be surprised at how fast you can call Binghamton **"Home."****

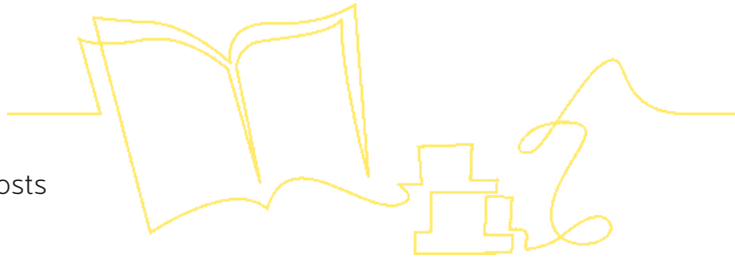


*"Chabad at Binghamton is like a huge Walmart. It has anything you can possibly need..."*

*—Josh Rosenfeld '98*

# Prayer

The Chabad Center hosts accessible, inclusive, warm and lively prayer services on Shabbat, Holidays and every morning. What's special about these services? For one, no one is dragged there! Second, you get to pray with people from different backgrounds that are united in their desire to connect. Third, if you're just starting out, we'll help you.



**Staff that offers Counseling, Crisis Intervention and Referrals, 24/7**



**Kosher Pizza Cafe**

**State of the art Fitness Center**



**Comfortable Lounges**

**Fully equipped Game Room**



**Well stocked Library and Research Center**

**Judaica Shop**

**Free wireless internet access plus hot drinks and cookies in endless supply**



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- Up to the minute news on events
- Photos and Videos
- Jewish Housing Board
- Interactive Ride Board
- Treasure trove of educational content





*“Chabad is a landmark in every sense: physically, socially, spiritually. Chabad brings Jewish students to Binghamton and keeps them together all the way through.”*

**Jacob Asher '08**



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