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# ANNUAL REPORT

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The college years are a time of dynamic growth, change and critique of the world. When one graduates, that often shifts gears to settling down and establishing roots. **We are so fortunate to be involved in the lives of Queens College students and alumni.** From Sushi rolling nights with students to parenting and marriage advice with young married alumni, our network has grown over the years, while still retaining the personal touch that Chabad is known for.

5776 was a phenomenal year in Queens. The initial mission statement of Chabad On Campus – Queens (est. 2004), included the phrase, **"founded on deep personal relationships."** We are so proud to report that 12 years later, those same core values are reflected in everything we do – **from large scale events to one-on-one learning.**

Our student leaders meet every Wednesday in the Chabad House for dinner and a meeting. Great ideas are explored, fantastic programs are launched, and a first-rate group of empowered leaders begin to make their footprint on the world.

Meaningful Mondays and Torah Tuesdays are cute names for hundreds of hours of learning Torah in small groups. **Ultimately the impact of Chabad has been one individual at a time, many times over.**

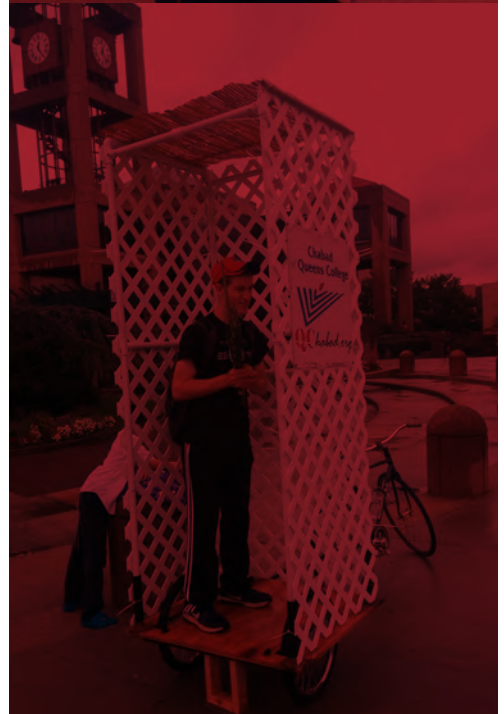
The year began under the chuppah of alumni, sped into a student-led Alzheimer's walk, meandered through September on a homemade bike sukkah and together with QC President Felix Matos Rodriguez, brought Chanukah lights to the highest peak in the borough of Queens. Eleven weekly classes continued into the spring; pizza nights, game nights, paint night, and the second annual Shabbat in the Mountains retreat highlighted the second semester.

The following pages will detail many of the special Shabbat programs and events that took place this year with Chabad on Campus – Queens. Behind each picture is a full story, a relationship developing in various shades with young men and women at a formative age in their life.

The Young Couples Network has taken off with much excitement. **There is no such thing as "too much" support for young marriages.** Often couples feel as if they are on their own once the honeymoon ends. The Young Couples Network, still in its incipient stage, is a meaningful and fun outlet for couples as they meet other couples and begin to navigate a new stage in life.

We are so proud of how Chabad has developed over the last 12 years, and we thank you for your support. **Thank you for believing in Chabad On Campus – Queens, and for partnering with us to make it all possible.** We hope that you share our nachas as you read through these pages.

With much appreciation,  
Shaul & Tzipah Wertheimer





# AROUND THE TABLE

Since the establishment of Chabad on Campus – Queens in 2004, we have spent countless hours sitting with students around the table. **From Torah classes, to weekly meetings and Shabbat meals** – the table is a cornerstone of the Chabad House.



## This year our table hosted

Meaningful Mondays - Chassidus with Tzipah | Torah Tuesday - Gemora & Chassidus with Shaul | Sinai Scholars – Class on the fundamentals of Judaism | Parsha Class & Rashi Analysis | Thursday Night Chassidic philosophy | Weekly Shabbat meals | Weekly Board Meeting | Hours of personal counseling | Tons of 'schmoozing' | Purim feast | Game Nights | Rugelach Rolling | Sushi Making | Gourmet Pizza Night | Pickling | Paint Night

# YOUNG COUPLES NETWORK

Many QC alumni choose to marry and start a family in Queens. Though there are many synagogues and tons of Jewish amenities, many seek the warmth of Chabad that they remember when they were students. To serve this emerging demographic, the Young Couples Network hosted

**Labor Day BBQ**

**Chanukah evening**

**Chopped: Hamantashen Bake Off,  
husbands vs wives**

**Intimate Shabbat Lunches**

Young couples joined us for Shabbat lunches on a regular basis throughout the year.





# ON CAMPUS

The global reach of Chabad outside of the Chabad House is of utmost importance. Increased student engagement, a **noticeable presence on campus** and large scale events are all vital for the growth and strength of the organization.



## This year Chabad had a great impact on Campus with:

- **Tableing** - standing at our weekly table situated on campus for advertising upcoming events, meeting new people, wrapping tefflin and establishing a routine meeting spot.
- **A handcrafted in Queens Bike Sukkah**
- **'Pink Shabbat'** - Friday night dinner to raise awareness about Breast Cancer with guest speaker QC alumna Aliza Sherman. 100 students attended
- **Attendance at the weekly Talmud class for professors**
- **One on One learning with Professors**
- **Grand Menorah Lighting** with QC President Dr. Felix Matos Rodriguez
- **Purim** - multiple Megillah readings and mishloach manot



# OFF CAMPUS

As a relationship based organization we cherish the opportunity to spend time with students and alumni outside of the routines.



## This year Chabad deepened the off campus experience in many ways including:

- **Attending 9 alumni/professor weddings**, and officiating at one as well.
- **The Alzheimer's Walk** in Flushing Meadows Park – Chabad registered an official team and raised over \$1000 for the cause
- **Shabbat in the Mountains** – Intercollegiate Shabbaton in the Catskills .
- **Trip to the Ohel** – a spiritual visit to the resting place of the Lubavitcher Rebbe with alumni, students and local politicians
- **The Million Person Wedding** – We ran a successful crowd funding campaign to send a representative from Queens to attend the Litman wedding in Israel –to share in the joy that was born out of pain
- **Menorah distribution** on and off campus
- **Special alumni visits**
- **Local megillah readings** in Kew Gardens Hills
- **Matzah distribution** to students, professors, and Queens residents





"Chabad gives our students a place to shine and an arena in which they can have an impact on the campus and the world around them."

- QC Pres. Félix V. Matos Rodríguez

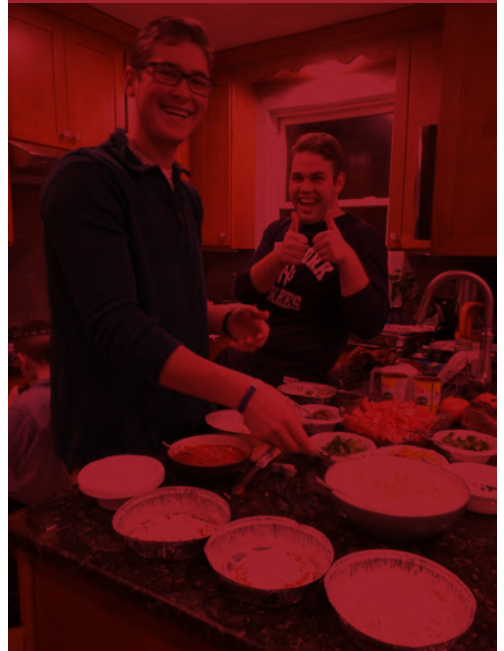


"My daughter benefits greatly from Chabad at Queens College!"

- Marjorie Goldstein



# WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

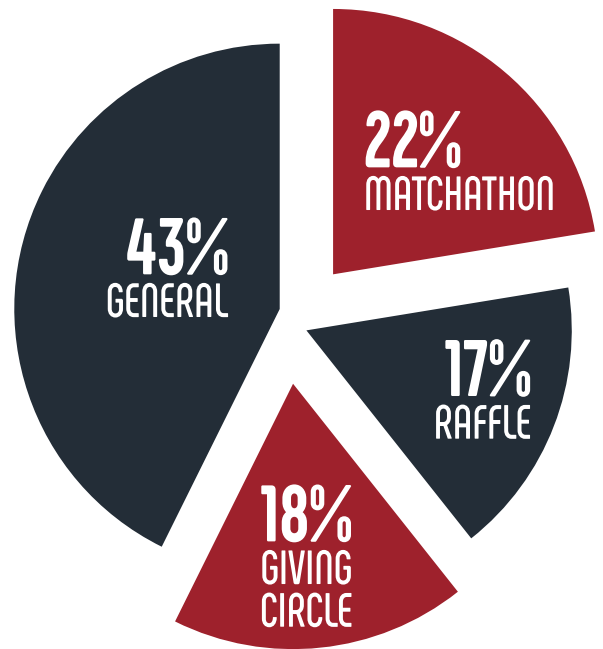


# FINANCIALS

Thanks to 334 unique donors in the 2015/2016 fiscal year, Chabad experienced a 38% increase in funds raised from the previous fiscal year.

Chabad on Campus of Queens continues to operate with a modest budget, and we strive to stretch every charitable dollar. This much needed increase of resources will allow the organization to continue growing and expanding.

In addition to ongoing development throughout the year, this past year was host to three specific fundraising initiatives.



We successfully hosted our first online fundraiser in December 2015, "Thirty for Thirty," raising \$34,419.50 in 30 hours (Appendix B).



The impact of the annual raffle has continued to rise. This year, 170 people purchased 713 tickets, for a total of \$25,668 raised.



Our monthly donors are a crucial part of the stability of Chabad, contributing 18% of the annual budget.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the members of the Monthly Giving Circle!

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# SHABBAT IN THE MOUNTAINS <sup>B"H</sup>



May 2016  
Lag BaOmer 5776

## UPDATE

Fifty students from across four campuses enjoyed the second annual "Shabbat In The Mountains," a rejuvenating Shabbaton with Chabad On Campus at Camp Shaloh in Napanoch, NY, April 15-17.



Lighting Candles Before Shabbat



Partial Group picture

Surrounded by tall evergreen trees with a brook to the side, Camp Shaloh is an ideal getaway. Students attended from **Queens College, Fashion Institute of Technology, Hofstra University and SUNY New Palz.**



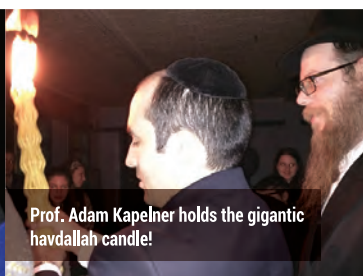
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Motzei Shabbos bonfire



Rabbi Shaul Wertheimer and Daniel "DA" Albert at the bonfire.



Prof. Adam Kapelner holds the gigantic havdallah candle!

*"The highlight of the Shabbaton was meeting new people and learning new things. I met people from my school that I wouldn't have met had I not attended the Shabbaton."*

– Molly Aflalo, Queens College

QC Mathematics Professor Adam Kapelner joined the program along with his wife. Kapelner addressed the crowd at Shabbat Lunch, probing the students to identify miracles in their lives. His thought-provoking discussion was very well received.

On Shabbat day the grounds were dotted with clusters of students enjoying the sunshine.

*"I have never participated in a Shabbaton before and it was impactful on how I view and understand Shabbat."*

– Gabi Taft, SUNY New Palz

Students were given numerous options throughout the afternoon including taking nature walks, enjoying the grounds and attending various discussion-based classes. Mrs. Malka Werde led a popular discussion titled, "Why does Madonna study Kabbalah?"

*"I enjoyed meeting so many new and different people."*

– Daniel "DA" Albert, QC

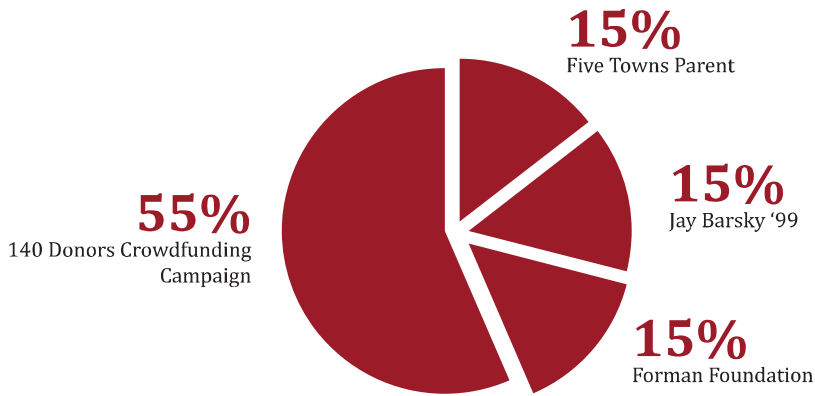


**At a glance:**

- 3 Anchor Donors
- 140 Matching Donors
- 130% of principle raised during the campaign
- 20 First Time Donors
- 48 Alumni Donors
- 125 donations under \$200

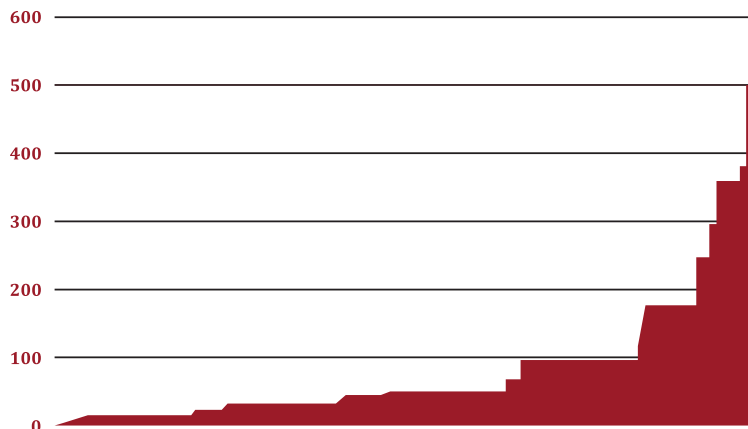
**Thank you for your generous support!**

This chart shows the impact of the three anchor donors on the “30 for 30” campaign to raise \$30,000 in 30 hours. Each anchor donor pledged \$5,000, and the campaign goal was to crowd fund an additional \$15,000. Ultimately the campaign generated an additional \$19,419.50.



**A total of \$34,419.50 was raised for Chabad on Campus - Queens.**

This chart accounts for 137 donations in the range of \$1-\$500.



The campaign also generated three larger donations (not charted) of \$1240, \$2500 & \$3600.

# WHAT'S IN STORE

**Winter Kollel** – as an outgrowth of our success with high level learning and instruction we envision a winter break collegiate kollel for both men and women. **Students will enrich their knowledge and Jewish experience** with the highest levels of instruction, deep philosophical texts and a broad range of lectures in the spirit of the classical warmth of Chabad. The weeklong program will be located in NYC, open to students from around the country, and function under the auspices of the Chabad on Campus International office.

**Young Couples Network** – we launched the young couple's network this year **to fill this very real need in the community** and plan to continue expanding the reach and deepening the impact. Ideas include parenting classes, Torah study for couples, Shabbat meals, programs and a retreat.

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