



# Groundbreaking

More than 100 people turned out for the October 21, 2007, ceremony marking the start of renovation of the Perelman Center for Jewish Life. The renovation will transform 4032 – 4034 Spruce Street into a 13,000 square-foot-state-of-the-art Jewish home on Penn's campus. The ceremony took place in front of the building that for nearly three decades has been the home of Lubavitch House at Penn and the Jewish Heritage Programs. During construction, all programs will continue in their temporary location, The Provost House at 4037 Pine Street.

**"I've been involved with Lubavitch House since my freshman year. This organization has had a profound impact on my personal development with a deep commitment to my faith that grows every day. Many of my fondest memories of college are of my times here." Bryan Leeds, University of Pennsylvania, Senior Lubavitch House Alternative Spring Break Participant**

**"And now, with The Perelman Center we will have a beautiful home for Lubavitch House, the Jewish Heritage Programs, the Philadelphia Jewish Business Network, the Healthy Living Taskforce and the Jewish Woman's Center." President, Amy Gutmann, University of Pennsylvania,**

**"We support the Lubavitch House because they give their support to us." Kelly Sutton-Skinner, University of Pennsylvania, Senior Co-Leader Lubavitch House's Healthy Living Task Force**

**"What began as an opportunity to explore my Jewish identity with other Jewish students at Penn has turned into so much more, it's been an integral part of my experience at Penn."**

**Elana Wilf, University of Pennsylvania, Senior Lead Intern Jewish Heritage Programs**

**"I haven't been involved in the Lubavitch movement. But with the increasing number of Jewish people leaving the fold, I found that I had a mission. When I first met with the Lubavitch House rabbis Schmidt and Levin, they won me over with their vision, and their demonstrable success in making Judaism relevant in today's world . L'Chaim to more Jewish Kids!" Ilan Kaufthal, Vice Chair Investment Banking Bear Stearns Co-chair Groundbreaking Committee**

**"Every one of us here shares the privilege to learn within this house headed by Rabbi Schmidt, directed by Rabbi Levin, nurtured by Rabbi Haskelevich. We here are just a few of the force of 300,000 across the globe learning along with all of their rabbis and their wives and families to carry out the mission of the Rebbe."**

**Rabbi Avrohom Shemtov  
Yoshev Rosh Agudas Chassidei Chabad, Head Shliach Philadelphia,  
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