

Rabbi Schmuel Weinstein

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Shmuel Weinstein was born in Richmond, VA in 1960. He attended Virginia Tech, graduating with a BS in physics and mathematics in 1982. After graduating, Rabbi Weinstein traveled to Israel, where he received his rabbinical ordination in 1985. While in Israel, Rabbi Weinstein met his wife, Sara, and after a short period of post-rabbinical Jewish study there, they returned to the U.S., where Rabbi Weinstein began simultaneous rabbinical and scientific tracks. He and his wife opened the Chabad House at the University of Delaware while he worked on his master's in electrical engineering, which he received in 1988. The Weinsteins relocated to Pittsburgh, PA the same year, and Rabbi Weinstein continued his dual efforts, both as a research engineer at the Westinghouse Research and Development Center and as cofounder, director, and rabbi of the Chabad House on Campus in Pittsburgh, serving Pittsburgh-area colleges and universities. While Chabad on campus in Pittsburgh has grown to four rabbis and their families, Rabbi Weinstein's technical career has led him to a research position at Carnegie Mellon University, as well as a high school level physics and chemistry teaching position locally. At present the Weinsteins share in the blessings of taking care of college students, as well as their 11 children and 23 grandchildren.