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STUDENTS ON CAMPUS REMEMBER VICTIMS OF TERROR

On Sept. 10, more than 50 Jewish students joined together on the front lawn of the Helen G. Simon Hillel Center to mourn those who lost their lives in recent suicide bombings in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. The memorial service was organized by students Danny Farahan, Dan Lande (both from Indianapolis), Yasmin Schnayer (of Illinois), and David Fuchs (of Connecticut).

Michal Maoz-Levy, Israel Programming Coordinator for Hillel, felt that, "This service provided an opportunity for students troubled by recent events in Israel to share their thoughts with each other as well as an outlet to be pro-active rather than apathetic."

A call-out meeting for all students interested in participating in Hillel's Israel programs was held on Sept. 16. More information about Hillel's Israel events is available at www.indiana.edu/~hillel/israel/israel.htm.



Josh Taff speaks at the memorial service for Israelis murdered by terrorists.

CALL-OUT MEETING FOR NEW JEWISH STUDENT NEWSPAPER TONIGHT

The *Bloomington Jewish Student*, the new Jewish student paper on campus this semester is holding a call-out meeting for anybody interested in helping or contributing to the *BJS*. **The meeting will be held at 7:15 pm in Ballantine 015.**

Available positions include writers, public relations specialists, management boardmembers, photographers, editors, web site managers, and perhaps more. We are in our infancy and are open to creative ideas, and look forward to receiving help from others in building up our publication.

If you can't make the meeting, please e-mail bloomingtonjewishstudent@yahoo.com to indicate your interest.

Don't forget: 7:15 pm in BH 015.

ZEMANIM FOR SHABBOS NIZAVIM

Plag HaMincha 5:32 pm (Grah) 6:29 pm (M. A.)
Candle Lighting 6:31 pm
Sunset 6:49 pm
Tzais Hakochovim 7:31 pm (Fixed 42 Minutes)
Alos HaShachar 5:20 am (Fixed 72 Minutes)
Sunrise 6:32 am
Midday 12:39 pm
Mincha Gedola (Earliest Mincha) 1:10 pm
Sunset 6:47 pm
Tzais Hakochovim 7:29 pm (Fixed 42 Minutes)

MAKE JEWISH STUDIES A PART OF YOUR CURRICULUM

The Robert A. and Sandra S. Borns Jewish Studies Program at Indiana University is the largest undergraduate Jewish Studies program at a secular university in the U.S. If you are interested in the major in Jewish Studies, the area certificate in Jewish Studies, the Jewish Studies Hebrew minor, or the doctoral minor in Jewish Studies, go to www.indiana.edu/~jisp/ for more information. Students wanting to sign up to be Jewish Studies students should call the Jewish Studies Program secretary, Nita, at 855-0453 to make an appointment to see Dr. Carolyn Lipson-Walker.

ENJOY A FREE MEAL WITH A SIDE DISH OF HEBREW

The Jewish Studies Student Association and the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center invite students to the weekly Hebrew Table. Come speak Hebrew with other students at dinner!

- Every Tuesday night 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- At Kosher Café in the Hillel dining room 730 E. Third Street
- Continues every Tuesday through Dec. 9 (except Thanksgiving week).
- Eat or just come for the Hebrew conversation. Free dinner for Hebrew Table participants.
- ** This is not a tutoring opportunity, but a chance to speak Hebrew.
- Hebrew Table chairs: Michael Joffe, Josh Taff, and Sonya Weisburd
- For more information, please contact 855-0453 or email: iujsp@indiana.edu

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CHABAD HOUSE INVIGORATES SHABBAT CELEBRATION

There is a house which every Friday night for the past decade has been filling the Shabbos air with convivial song and intense discussions. Located two houses from the corner of Seventh St. and Indiana Ave., the Chabad House (inhabited by Rabbi Yehoshua Chincholker and his family) provides the IU campus with prayer services and free food.

Every Friday night at sundown the prayer services for welcoming the Shabbos begin. After the service comes a free Shabbos meal, which includes nonstop singing and heated discussions which allow for the Shabbos spirit to seep into every pore of your body.

On Saturday at 11 a.m., Rabbi Chincholker leads a class on the Jewish laws of utensils. This class delves deeply into what it means for something to be kosher, and the importance of kosher food laws in modern times. Following the discussion, lunch--which includes traditional Jewish foods such as chulent and kugel--is served, and in order to help the food digest properly, there is a plethora of songs to be sung. The Chabad House gives a very nostalgic and traditional feel to Shabbos. To spend the Sabbath at Chabad is to appreciate what Shabbos truly is.

-Jacob Traunfeld

The *Bloomington Jewish Student* has published three issues on a more-or-less weekly basis. After next week's issue, we plan to convert to a bi-monthly publication. The *BJS* is distributed free of charge. The mission statement of the *BJS* is to cover events of interest to the Jewish community, and to publicize them. By doing so, we hope to encourage more involvement in Jewish organizations and more awareness of Jewish activities among students.

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HILLEL UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 17th:

5:00-6:00 Wondering about Worship
5:30-7:00 Kosher Café: It's deli night!!, deli meats (or veggie substitutes), deviled eggs, pasta salad, all kinds of veggies, chips, & apple sauce.
6:00-8:00 Dinner & Panel discussion: Strengthening the Black & Jewish communities in the 21st century.
6:00-7:00 Learn from other students at Torah Study
6:30-9:00 Gin N Jews - that's right all you who are of age (21 or over) meet us up at Crazy Horse for dinner and ½ bottle of wine night. *note this dinner is not subsidized by Hillel*

Thursday 18th:

8:00-10:00 The last season of Friends! Why sit at home alone and wonder about Joey's escapades, or what mess Ross will get into next, head up to Hillel and catch must see TV on the big screen!

Friday 19th:

3:00-4:00 Challah baking at Hillel
5:30-6:30 Services
6:30-7:30 Dinner

Saturday 20th:

10:00-12:00 Services
12:00 Brunch - please RSVP if you and/or your family is planning on attending. Contact Sharon at Hillel@indiana.edu.
8:00 Havdalah & S'lichot Service.

Monday 22th

4:00-5:00 Lattés with Leah (at Starbucks)

Tuesday 23th

5:30-7:00 Kosher Café
6:30-7:30 Hebrew Tutoring
7:00-8:00 Rosh Hashanah Preparation Program
8:00-9:00 Israelpalooza Call out meeting

Wednesday 24th

5:00-6:00 Wondering about Worship
5:30-7:00 Kosher Cafe
6:00-7:00 Torah Study

MISHMAR STUDY SESSION HELD AT CHABAD

A *mishmar* study session attended by a several students was held Sept. 12 at the Chabad House. It was the first of its kind in Bloomington. The session leaders hope it will turn into a year-round program. The *mishmar* sessions allow people to study the weekly Torah portion in groups for a half-hour, engage in evening prayers, and discuss Jewish texts on a topic of their choosing with *havrusas* (study partners) for an hour.

Chabad House Rabbi Yehoshua Chincholker explained that the month of Elul is a time of *teshuvah* (returning) for the rest of the year, *erev Rosh Hodesh* is a time of returning for the month, bedtime is a time of *teshuvah* for the day, and Thursday night is the time of returning for the week. Thus, Jews around the world, especially in yeshivas, keep awake Thursday nights during what is generally called a watch, or a *mishmar*, while reading Jewish texts. Now, this custom has arrived at IU.

Anyone interested in participating in a future *mishmar* should contact Drew Kaplan at askaplan@indiana.edu or (812) 219-4759.



Daniel Farahan waves an Israeli flag while Alana Zoldan speaks at the vigil.

MITZVAH CORPS MEMBERS KEEP PETS ALIVE



Mitzvah Corps students hold two of their new canine friends at a Pets Alive! pet adoption fair.

Mitzvah Corps, a group of IU Jewish students committed to the role of *zedakah* in the Bloomington community, works actively with several local nonprofit organizations to fulfill the imperative of *Tikkun Olam* in today's world. The student-led group selects a different social action focus every month ranging from hunger and homelessness to breast and ovarian cancer awareness.

This month's mitzvah focused on animal rights. A group of 12 students volunteered at a weekly pet adoption fair and, by partnering with the Bloomington-based nonprofit group Pets Alive!, helped to save the lives of nine dogs and cats from unnecessary euthanasia. Some students volunteered to give a few unlucky dirty puppies a bath, while others worked with prospective adoptive families to help facilitate the adoption process. The outing was so much fun that all the students have volunteered to do it again next week!

For more information on Mitzvah Corps or any of Hillel's other programs, please visit www.indiana.edu/~hillel.

If you still have yet to do so, please fill out the proper form for being absent for classes on Yom Kippur on Monday 6 October. It is available online at <http://www.indiana.edu/~deanfac/download/holidayreq.html>

SELIHOS START THIS SATURDAY NIGHT

The traditional Selihos for Ashkenazim start at the midpoint of the night, this Saturday at 12:40 pm. Selihos are penitentiary prayers and usually start for Ashkenazim on the night after the Shabbos which precedes Rosh Hashanah. The Sephardic custom is to begin reciting Selihos from the beginning of the month of Elul. Selihos continue for the week before Rosh Hashanah and continue through Yom Kippur.

SHABBOS ACTIVITIES AT CHABAD HOUSE

Friday night

7 pm Evening services followed by Shabbos dinner

Saturday

11 am Learning session
12 pm Shabbos lunch



Students and Rabbi Sue Shifron sing at the vigil for Israeli victims of terrorism.

Issue #4 will come out next Wednesday, September 24. It will have information regarding Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It will be the last issue for two weeks. If you would like to include articles, photographs, announcements, or want to advertise, please e-mail bloomingtonjewishstudent@yahoo.com by Monday, September 22.

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