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“HOOSIERS FOR ISRAEL”

The kickoff meeting for “Hoosiers for Israel” on September 30th was a great success. To give a brief overview for those who could not attend, “Hoosiers for Israel” is what we are calling the group of people who want to take a proactive, positive stand for Israel on campus. Under “Hoosiers for Israel,” there are 5 major tracks – An **advocacy** group which will be dedicated to training people how to deal with anti-Israel sentiment, and which will engage in pro-active advocacy on campus; a **cultural** group which will operate under the slogan “there’s more to Israel than the news,” focus on educational and cultural aspects of Israel, and who be in charge of planning Israelpalooza in the spring; a **political** group (IIPAC) which will focus on voter registration, lobbying, and trying to get someone from Indiana government to campus; a **media** group which will focus on monitoring the IDS (Indiana Daily Student), and creating an Israel magazine; and a “**Be there**” group which will focus on getting people to go visit Israel through Birthright and Israel programs. Israel can use all the support we can give, so if you are still interested in becoming a member of “Hoosiers for Israel,” please email me (Becca Bloch) at rcbloch@indiana.edu, and let me know what track you are interested in joining. To those who came out to the meeting, thank you so much for showing your support, and I look forward to working with you in advocating for Israel on campus!

For Israel,
Becca Bloch

HILLEL AND CHABAD HOLD HOLIDAY SERVICES AND MEALS

The Helene G. Simon Hillel Center and the Chabad House held meals and services for students on Rosh HaShanah and for Yom Kippur the past two weekends.



Students enjoy a pre-fast meal before Yom Kippur.

JERUSALEM REPORT ESSAY CONTEST

"The Jerusalem Report" and Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life are proud to announce the first Jerusalem Report-Hillel Essay Contest. Essays may be 650-850 words in length describing one's Jewish experience on campus. This can relate to Israel, religion, Tzedek (social justice) work, or any other way one connects to Judaism on campus. First place includes a free trip to Israel and publication in "The Jerusalem Report." E-mail submissions to jreportessay@hillel.org.

THINKING OF STUDYING ABROAD?

To the reader:

I wrote this paper as a reaction to the life I lived last Spring while in Prague with the CET – Jewish Studies program. In this article I wish not to articulate any of my specific experiences religious or secular, but rather to give an idea of the freedom and personal growth I felt I received from such a study abroad experience.

If you have any sort of questions of about this program or study abroad in general, please feel free to email me at dfuchs@indiana.edu.

Thanks,
David Fuchs



I think that the key to my life in Europe was independence. Certainly I'd never lived in a land as different my home as I did, certainly I did things that I'd never done before, but it was the emotions that I felt that changed me. One can forget a strange encounter with a person of a different language, culture, religion. One can forget a day at an historic site of some kind. But one never forgets the birth of new emotion.

The day I landed in Prague, Thursday, January 23rd was a day that was to set the feel of the country for the next 5 or 6 weeks. The day may best be described as gray, this backdrop of flat light and muted sunlight was, with almost no respite, to be the setting for my life until March. The seldom kept promise of rain hung in the air like so many days were to have spoken, luckily precipitation was mild and seldom.

The world had changed. I could not say how I had come to this conclusion, nor could I particularly say what exactly had changed. I merely new that the world of today was not the world of yesterday. And from this we may see that the possibility is alive and well that tomorrow's world will be equally different.

As the semester grew and changed and loved me and hated me and taught me and learned from me I saw that I was in a universe with no rules. I saw that the world I had been taught to live in was constructed around a certain set of rules, and that those rules were relative and finite. In a different place, in a different land, with different persons, the correct way of life was different. I was correct in America, but by virtue of this I was different in the Czech Republic. And I had to cope with being an outside merely for being who I was.

And this was the challenge of my life for the semester: To be an outsider and to find my way in. To be different and find out how we are the same. To be a stranger and learn how to become a friend. And these are lessons that

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JEWISH STUDIES UPCOMING LECTURES

Thursday, October 16

The Jewish Studies Program Sol and Arlene Bronstein Lecture in Jewish Studies
“The Femininity of God in Jewish Mysticism and in Christianity”

by Professor Peter Schafer of Princeton University
8:00 p.m., Georgian Room, IMU, Reception following

Two Helen and Martin Schwartz Lectures in Jewish Studies by Professor Isaiah Gafni of Hebrew University in Jerusalem on “Past and Present in Rabbinical Literature:”

Tuesday, October 21 at 8 PM

“Remember the Days of Old: Perceptions of Past and Present in Rabbinic Literature”

State Room East, IMU, Reception following

Wednesday, October 22 at 8 PM

“Reading the Rabbis as History”

State Room East, IMU, Reception following

The *Bloomington Jewish Student* has published five issues. This issue is the first to be published on a bi-monthly basis. 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. Issues may be obtained at Hillel and other places. Issues may also be viewed or printed off at our website.

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HILLEL UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 9

12:30 PM-1:30 PM Join the Hillel Staff For Free Lunch

Friday, October 10

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Shabbat Services

6:30 PM-7:30 PM Shabbat Dinner

Sunday, October 12

1:30 PM-4:30 PM Keshet Goes Apple & Pumpkin Picking, meet at Hillel

6:30 PM-7:30 PM Israelis in Bloomington in the Hillel Sukkah

Monday, October 13

4:00 PM-5:00 PM Lattes with Leah at Starbucks

5:30 PM-7:00 PM Sukkah on Wheels at the Wright Quad

6:00 PM-7:00 PM Jew Fondue with KOACH in the Hillel Sukkah

7:00 PM-8:00 PM "JEWSHI" - Kosher Sushi in the McNutt Formal Lounge

8:00 PM-10:00 PM Grad Student Comedy Caravan at Bear's

Tuesday, October 14

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Basic Judaism

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Sukkah on Wheels at McNutt Quad

5:30 PM-7:00 PM Kosher Café

6:30 PM-7:30 PM Hebrew Tutoring

7:00 PM-8:00 PM Israeli Dancing in the Sukkah

7:00 PM-9:00 PM Israeli Cinema Club

Wednesday, October 15

5:30 PM-7:00 PM Kosher Cafe

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Sukkah on Wheels at AEPi's Front Lawn

6:00 PM-7:00 PM Torah Study

Thursday, October 16

12:30 PM-1:30 PM Join the Hillel Staff For Free Lunch

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Hoosiers for the Hungry Dinner in the Sukkah

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Sukkah on Wheels

Friday, October 17

2:30 PM-5:00 PM Over 21 Oliver Winery & Pot Luck Shabbat, meet at Hillel

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Shabbat Services

6:30 PM-7:30 PM Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, October 18

7:30 PM-9:00 PM Simchat Torah Service

9:00 PM-October 19 8:00 AM Sukkah Under the Stars

Monday, October 20

4:00 PM-5:00 PM Lattes with Leah (Starbucks)

6:00 PM-7:00 PM Hoosiers for Israel Dinner Bedouin Style

Tuesday, October 21

5:00 PM-6:00 PM Basic Judaism

5:30 PM-7:00 PM Kosher Cafe

6:30 PM-7:30 PM Hebrew Tutoring

7:00 PM-9:30 PM Hoosier Heights

7:00 PM-9:00 PM Israeli Cinema Club

Wednesday, October 22

5:30 PM-7:00 PM Kosher Cafe

6:00 PM-7:00 PM Torah Study

8:00 PM-10:00 PM Outdoor Movie at Dunn Meadow

Thursday, October 23

12:30 PM-1:30 PM Join the Hillel Staff For Free Lunch

Friday, October 24

5:30 PM-6:30 PM Shabbat Services

6:30 PM-7:30 PM Shabbat Dinner

CHABAD UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 10 October

6:00 pm Shabbas Services and Dinner

Saturday 11 October

11:00 am Learn with the Rabbi

12:00 pm Shabbas and Holiday lunch

6:00 pm Services and Dinner

Sunday 12 October

11:00 am Learn with the Rabbi

12:00 pm Holiday meal

Friday 17 October

5:45 pm Shabbas Services and Dinner

Saturday 18 October

11:00 am Learn with the Rabbi

12:00 pm Shabbas and Holiday lunch

5:45 pm Services and Dinner

Sunday 19 October

11:00 am Learn with the Rabbi

12:00 pm Holiday meal



Students speak with a presenter after a dinner at Hillel.

FORMER KNESSET MEMBER TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS

“Israel’s Road to Peace: Current Trends & Future Directions”

Monday, October 20, 7:30 p.m.

IU Bloomington, Myers Hall room 130

Marcia Freedman, a former Israeli Knesset member, is President of Brit Tzedek v’Shalom, the Jewish Alliance for Peace & Justice. This event is sponsored by the Bloomington Chapter of Brit Tzedek v’Shalom/Jewish Alliance for Peace and Justice.

Brit Tzedek v’Shalom, the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, is a national organization of American Jews deeply committed to Israel’s well-being through the achievement of a negotiated settlement to the long-standing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The group represents a spectrum of secular and religious Jews, committed to Israel as a place where people can live safe and meaningful lives, free from the fear of violence and prejudice, and equally committed to the creation of a Palestinian state that affords the same to its people.

For directions or more information about the Bloomington event, contact bloomington@btvshalom.org, or call Sue Swartz at 812-333-8409. To learn more about BTVShalom, visit the website at www.btvshalom.org.

CANDIDATES TO SPEAK AT BETH SHALOM

On Sunday October 12 at 6:30 pm, Temple Beth Shalom will be having a pizza dinner, followed by talks by candidates for city offices. IU students are welcome.

WANT TO GET YOUR MESSAGE OUT THERE ABOUT YOUR EVENTS? SUBMIT IT FOR INCLUSION IN THE BJS.

Whether it be an article, picture, or even just brief info about an upcoming event, we may be able to publish it. If you are interested in advertising, our rates may be found on our website. E-mail us for questions.

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I might not have perfected, but in the state of disconnection from all things familiar that I was in, every moment that I was existing with people, whether they were American or Czech or Israeli or Russian or Australian or originally from the Ukraine and now based out of California and studying in Prague for the year, every moment was a challenge that had potential to be a learning experience. And every time that I learned how to feel or think something new or was reminded that smiling is the same in every language, than I knew I had succeeded in the most important learning of the study abroad experience.

When there is no authority other than the understood social contract with the body politic one may lead a life for the sake of self improvement. When one is far from friends and family and their expectations and old thoughts and bad memories and the permanence of being an American citizen living an American life in America, when these things are an ocean and half a continent away the presence of the old is only there because you brought it there. This environment comes the closest to the word “Freedom” as any situation I’ve ever lived in, and this changes a person. In this situation there are no rules, they must be learned by one failure at a time, one sunrise for its every sunset. A person charged with the complete and total responsibility for his life has now no excuse for failure, nowhere to hide from the inevitability of existence, and nowhere to go but up.

ZEMANIM FOR UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

The column in the middle is for the first two days of Sukkos and the column on the right is for Simchas Torah and Shemini Atzeres.

Plag HaMincha	5:04 pm	4:55 pm
Candle Lighting	5:57 pm	5:47 pm
Sunset	6:15 pm	6:05 pm
Tzais HaKochavim	6:57 pm	6:47 pm
Alos HaShachar	5:39 am	5:47 am
Sunrise	6:51 am	6:59 am
Midday	12:33 pm	12:31 pm
Mincha Gedola	1:01 pm	12:59 pm
Sunset	6:14 pm	6:04 pm
Tzais HaKochavim	6:56 pm	6:46 pm
Alos HaShachar	5:40 am	5:48 am
Sunrise	6:52 am	7:00 am
Midday	12:32 pm	12:31 pm
Mincha Gedola	1:01 pm	12:58 pm
Sunset	6:12 pm	6:02 pm
Tzais HaKochavim	6:54 pm	6:44 pm

-Zemanim extracted from <http://www.kasbrut.com/zemanim>

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