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MARYLAND HILLEL VOWS TO RECAPTURE GUINNESS DREIDEL CUP RECORD

After three years of holding the world record for the “Driedel Cup,” Maryland Hillel congratulated the Indiana University Jewish community on becoming the new title holder, while laying down the gauntlet for next year. At a recent event, Indiana Hillel students simultaneously spun 713 dreidels at one time, breaking Maryland Hillel’s reigning Guinness Book of World Record title for spinning 535 at one time.

Maryland Hillel Executive Director Ari Israel and his staff are formulating strategies to bring the title home. Indiana will learn to once again “Fear the Turtle,” in keeping with Maryland’s slogan. A student committee has already been formed to shatter Indiana’s record. Students plan to spin 3,600 dreidels at one time, to put to rest any further notions that the Maryland Terrapins can be challenged.

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WEARING A KIPPAH ON CAMPUS

At Indiana University, only a handful of students wear kippos on their heads. The Hebrew word, kippah, is also known in Yiddish as a yarmulke. Wearing a kippah can be weird and different to other students, particularly those students who are not familiar with seeing Jews or Jewish paraphernalia. Kippos or other head-coverings have traditionally been worn by male Jews for centuries primarily as a means of acknowledging G-d’s presence. This acknowledgement is particularly borne out in the Yiddish word for a kippah – yarmulke, which comes from the Hebrew words awe and king, denoting that the kippah represents one’s awe of the King.



Kippah-wearer David Fuchs

Students at our campus have decided for different stories as to how they came about wearing them. Students may have decided to begin wearing them at events where there were a lot of Jews present, such as the pro-Israel rally in April 2002 in Washington, DC for David Fuchs or on trips to Israel, such as the Alexander Muss High School in Israel for Aaron O’Brien, while others wear them because of their upbringing.

A common discourse for wearing a kippah on campus is the students’ relation to Judaism

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JEWISH NEWSPAPER INTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE

Interested in finding out what goes on behind the headlines at a weekly newspaper? Want to get paid while writing feature stories and community news for the CJN? If you have completed at least your freshman year of college by June 2004, you can apply online for the CJN's 10-week Irving R. Stone and Marcus Family summer internships. For details, visit www.clevelandjewishnews.com or call 216-454-8300, ext. 217, to have an application mailed to you.

Jonathan Levey is looking for a Jew to be his roommate next year. He is looking for a Jew who is of a similar age (20), is very studious, and a nice, friendly person. He can be reached at jlevey@indiana.edu.

LAST SHABBAS AT THE CHABAD HOUSE OF THE SEMESTER

Before shabbas, there will be a Fabrengen at the Chabad House on Thursday 11 December at 7:00 pm for guys. There will be a women's activity on Wednesday 10.

Shabbas activities will include davening on Friday 12 December around 5:00 pm, followed by Friday night dinner. On Saturday 13, there will be davening at 10:00 am, a learning session at 11:00 am, and shabbas lunch at 12:00 pm.

BJS FINISHES UP FIRST SEMESTER

The Bloomington Jewish Student, Indiana University's first Jewish student newspaper at IU is finishing up its first semester, having run nine issues. It was founded this semester by seniors Drew Kaplana and Josh Hamerman. Current editor Drew Kaplan will be handing over the reins to the paper as he will be graduating at the end of this semester.

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"We already embarrassed Indiana in basketball," Maryland Junior Micha Weinblatt said, referring to the Maryland Terrapins championship victory in the 2002 NCAA Tournament. "We look forward to humbling them when we destroy their dreidel record next year."

"This is a remarkable opportunity for Maryland Hillel to engage Jewish students and enable them to take their 'first spin' on the path to strengthening their Jewish identity and involvement," remarked Ari Israel. "Jewish life at Maryland is abuzz with activity and is getting stronger everyday. Next semester, we will shatter a Maryland Hillel record as we celebrate 'Shabbat' 1018, a free Friday night dinner for more than 1,000 students."

The *Bloomington Jewish Student* has published nine issues and has operated on a bi-weekly basis for most of this inaugural semester. Issues are available at the Helene G. Simon Hillel center at 730 East Third Street. The *BJS* is distributed free of charge. The mission statement of the *BJS* is to cover events of interest and relating 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. Submissions by e-mail are encouraged, particularly articles and photographs. Issues may also be viewed or printed off at our website.

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UPCOMING HILLEL EVENTS UNTIL THE END OF THE SEMESTER

Wednesday, December 10, 2003

Kosher Cafe

5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Dreidle Dayz

6:00 PM-8:00 PM

The Pre-Hanukkah Party!

Auditions for Hillel Play

8:30 PM-10:00 PM (Hillel Library)

Grad Student Karaoke Night

9:00 PM-11:00 PM (Office Lounge)

Its that time to catch Snakebite (Scott) pounding out another metal classic at the office lounge. The event is FREE, so bring your singin voice. For more info: scanewma@indiana.edu, rverden@indiana.edu

Beer and Bowling

9:00 PM-11:00 PM (Suburban Lanes)

Thursday, December 11, 2003

Join the Staff For Free Lunch

12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Come join your staff for lunch at Hillel, its free-heat up your favorites from the weeks Kosher Cafés. FYI: Hillel is open all day, drop in and help yourself to luch at anytime during the day seven days a week, and it is FREE!!



Above: Dough being kneaded before being baked while Drew Kaplan answers questions during the joint challah-making and Everything You Wanted to Know About Judaism program.



Jewish Open Mic & Poetry Night

7:00 PM-9:00 PM (Falafels)

\$6 All you can eat, open mic & poetry night at Falafels. Contact: fiddler420@aol.com for more information

Friday, December 12, 2003

Shabbat Services

5:30 PM-6:30 PM

Shabbat Dinner

6:30 PM-7:30 PM

JIGL (Jews In Greek Life) Shabbat Dinner

7:00 PM-8:00 PM (TBA)

Stay tuned for the location of JIGL's first Greek Shabbat Dinner! For more info on JIGL Shabbat: smsmiley@indiana.edu

Saturday, December 13, 2003

The 24 Hours of Finals

December 13 7:00PM-December 18 10:00PM (Hillel)

Hillel is open 24 Hours a day during finals!

Israeli Cinema Club: *The Song of Galilee*

8:30 PM-10:30 PM

(Michalmaoz_levy@Hotmail.com)

Monday, December 15, 2003

Lattes with Leah

4:00 PM-5:00 PM (Starbucks)

Tuesday, December 16, 2003

Basic Judaism

5:00 PM-6:00 PM

CHALLAH-MAKING PROGRAM AND QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION SUCCESSFUL

Challahs were made and questions were answered at this program that took place on Dec. 3.

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and G-d. Sophomore Aaron O'Brien said that he wears his because, "it is a symbol of my faith and understanding in the concept of G-d." Senior David Fuchs said that, "there were essentially no men on campus wearing kippas and that by wearing one I made myself noticeably on the outside of the mainstream of student life here. I enjoyed being separate from the masses of my peers, and I

also feel uncomfortable when my head is not covered. I wear a kippah all the time because I know that G-d is not just in



Kippah-wearer Jason Fox

anywhere, but rather, He is everywhere." Sophomore Yair Elias says he wears his "because I'd like to make a *kiddush Hashem* (sanctification of G-d) to those that I come in contact with."

The standing out can also be a drawback in wearing a kippah. Sophomore Jason Fox says that, "One major difficulty in wearing a kippah is

that it stands out and is unique. In Jewish classes, it is almost expected for many of the men to wear them, but in classes like anthropology or other sciences they are rare and you could be the only one there." A unique and different reason for not wanting to wear a kippah is a lack of religiosity on the behalf of the wearer as O'Brien said, "I don't feel I live up to the customs of the religion and me wearing a kippah is thus not an appropriate representation of the religion. However, I came to the consensus that wearing a kippah is a showing your belief in G-d. I do believe in G-d and so I continue to wear my kippah."

One might suspect that wearing a kippah in such a place as Indiana might be subject to anti-Semitic slurs or actions, but that has been minimal. Fox said that he has had "people who are anti-Semitic and will yell stuff at me when I'm walking or biking home after class. At first, I was ambivalent to wear a kippah because of reactions from students, but as I wore it I saw that the campus is really not bad at all." O'Brien said that he does "get some strange looks at times but they are always off curiosity. It's a great icebreaker. I have had many conversations about what a kippah means, why I wear it. I have never had a bad experience like someone discriminating me because I wear one, or saying anti-Semitic things. I have always been met with people wanting to learn or understand more about it." Elias comments echoed those by saying, "I don't find any hostility what so ever, and I'm very thankful for that." Some people may just stare as Fuchs said that he sees "people staring at me sometimes, so in return I'll stare back at them" because of his kippah.

Wearing a kippah around on campus may not be popular, but those who do wear them feel fulfilled and continue to wear them



SIGNIFICANT TIMES FOR UPCOMING SHABBASOS

Shabbas Vayishlah	Shabbas Vayeshev
Dec. 12-13	Dec. 19-20

<i>Plag haMincha</i>	4:24 pm	4:27 pm
Candle Lighting	5:06 pm	5:08 pm
Sunset	5:24 pm	5:26 pm
Exiting of the Stars	6:06 pm	6:08 pm
Rising of Dawn	6:45 am	6:49 am
Sunrise	7:57 am	8:01 am
Midday	12:40 pm	12:44 pm
<i>Mincha Gedolah</i>	1:04 pm	1:07 pm
Sunset	5:24 pm	5:26 pm
Exiting of the Stars	6:06 pm	6:08 pm

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE SEMESTER. THE BLOOMINGTON JEWISH STUDENT WILL HOPEFULLY RETURN IN JANUARY 2004.