

FROM THE RABBI

Friends,

We have had the privilege of celebrating Shabbat and many holidays with the Jewish students at IU this year. We began the year with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Simchat Torah. During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we focused on ourselves and our own lives. We looked inward in order to improve our lives, to better ourselves in the coming year. We then moved immediately into Sukkot during which time we built our sukkah. The sukkah is an open structure and quite fragile. We couldn't help but see the world around us and think about our connection to nature and to our community. I think that it is quite significant that we moved from focusing on bettering ourselves to then confronting our responsibility to our world community and our environment.

I can't help but believe that our students clearly understand the message that we have a responsibility to work together to build a more just and fair community. We just celebrated a mitzvah corps Shabbat. The students reiterated their commitment to doing community service both on a local and global level. On a local level we have organized a blood drive, had fundraisers for "Save a Child's Heart", and volunteered at local organizations. On a national and global level, we are planning three alternative break trips. Our trip locations include New Orleans, an organic farm in California, and South America. The students truly understand that we invest our everyday lives with meaning and sanctity through our actions. The holiness of our world is found in the way we treat our poor, our children, our environment and our world. Rashi, a medieval commentator, said that "holiness" is a promise and not a command". It is a promise that if we live our lives and act in the ways that are laid out for us in our Jewish tradition, then we will find holiness and meaning. Basically, the way to a holy community is through our acts of tzedek—righteousness and justice. I am so proud of the tzedek work that our students have embarked upon so far this year and look forward to their continued partnership in making our world a better place.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Sue Laikin Shifron

ALTERNATIVE BREAK 2009

**Cheap travel, staff chaperoned,
lasting memories!**

Spring Break

Organic Farm: California

Gulf Coast: New Orleans

May 2009

Nicaragua

Scholarships available!!!

Spaces still available...act *FAST!*

Email Jen at jazaligs@indiana.edu

JEWIS IN GREEK LIFE: OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

This year we are in the process of jumpstarting our Jews in Greek Life (JIGL) initiative. The main goal of JIGL is to create a sense of Jewish community within the Greek system. We are working to find one representative from each house to help plan and publicize events. Sophomore Alayna Dibo from Phi Mu is spear-heading this initiative with Hillel Engagement Associate, Carlie Weisbrod. JIGL successfully hosted a "One Stop Shabbat" on North Jordan where students could grab grape juice and challah on a Friday afternoon in early November. Some of the upcoming JIGL ideas include: Greek houses hosting Shabbat dinners once a month, tabling on fraternity and sorority row for Shabbat and other Jewish holidays, and social gatherings for students to meet and have fun. JIGL plans to continue its tradition of the annual Greek Passover Seder. Stay on the lookout for upcoming JIGL events- it is going to be a great year!

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FUN, STRESS-FREE COLLEGE CREDIT

Hillel will be offering seven R100 topics in Spring 2009! R100 is a leadership class offered through HPER. These one-credit courses will allow students to get credit for participating in Hillel and are a great way to learn new skills, try new activities, boost their GPA, and meet other students!

Meeting times will be determined by the participants early in the semester. If your student is interested, please have them send their full name, email, cell phone number, 10-digit ID number, campus address, and class preference to Jen at jazaligs@indiana.edu. Below you will find the course descriptions, which are available to all students:

Alternative Break: Participating in an Alternative Break with Hillel this spring or summer? Join the Alternative Break R100 to get a head start on learning about Judaism and justice, and spend time getting to know the people who will be on your trip. During the semester, discussions will be based around Judaism and social justice, students will work on fundraising for the alternative break trips, and do local service projects.

Birthright: Are you interested in participating in a Taglit-Birthright trip? Have you already participated in a Taglit Birthright-Israel trip? Would you like to raise awareness of this trip and recruit others so they can experience the same wonderful 10 days you did? Birthright R100 will give you an opportunity to build connections with other Birthright alumni, help advertise and recruit for the upcoming Birthright trip and plan reunions for other Birthright Alumni.

Campus Super Star: Are you interested in fundraising or marketing? Come help plan and run one of the largest talent competitions in the state of Indiana! Campus Super Star follows the same structure as American Idol with try-outs, semi-finals, and a final show in Indianapolis in mid-April. Gain experience in event planning, media relations, learn essential fundraising skills, and contribute to an exciting and one-of-a kind event open to all college students in the state of Indiana!

Israelpalooza: Israelpalooza aims to promote Israel awareness to the Bloomington student body and local community. This is the eighth year for Israelpalooza at Indiana University. Last year it engaged over five hundred students and community members. The event is scheduled for April 5, 2009 in Dunn Meadow. Join the Israelpalooza R100 and help plan this great event!

JIGL (Jews in Greek Life): With JIGL R100 you will gain leadership skills through planning programming initiatives for Jewish students in Greek life. It is also a great opportunity to become involved in your house and gain valuable leadership experience in the Greek community. Not to mention, you will get to meet other Jewish students in Greek life.

Love, Sex & Jewish Relationships: Sex, relationships, love. How do the media and our communities portray these issues? Does Judaism have anything to say about the topics? Discuss these and other issues affecting Jewish college students including interfaith relationships, dating violence, being happy and single, and creating healthy relationships.

Hanukkah Celebrations!



12/10/08 JIGL Hanukkah Latke Party- Location TBA
12/11/08 at 8:00pm **Open Mic Hanukkah Party**
at Baked (enjoy fresh cookie and coffee)
12/12/08 Latke Shabbatke at Hillel
12/13/08 Grad Student Hanukkah Party
Location TBA

Help us keep our records straight! If you are an IU graduate, please send us your mailing address and graduation year!

You can also help us out by telling your friends, parents of current students, and alumni about the Chai-U times. To join, email Leah: leahaft@indiana.edu.

Thank you for your generous support of Jewish student life at Indiana University!

HILLEL STUDENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

This semester, Hillel has offered a variety of sections of R100 (a one credit course designed to enable students to become involved in Hillel by meeting other students with shared interests, and developing personal leadership skills). The “Community Activism” section of R100 has brought students together to volunteer their time at organizations within the Bloomington community. Most recently, these students spent a Sunday afternoon playing board games and doing arts and crafts with residents of Southern House. Southern House is a group home for women with disabilities, and is supported through Stone Belt which is one of the largest service providers for individuals with developmental disabilities in south central Indiana. After finishing up their games and art projects, the residents and students sat down to eat dinner together. Favorite recipes, silly stories, laughter, and pumpkin pie were enjoyed by all!



Nina Loftspring, visiting professor, Dr. Bligh, Lauren Weinberg, Brittany Cohen, and Matt Tepperman at “Hillel Votes” last month. Dr. Bligh was the featured speaker at a three-part lecture series planned by Hoosiers for Israel and Hillel.

FUN & FREE!

One of our main goals is to come up with exciting new ways to meet students on campus and engage them in the amazing Jewish community Indiana University has to offer! Each day of the week, students are able to Hillel staff members on campus, in dorms, and on Kirkwood for free fun snacks and coffee! Check out what’s going on:

Mondays from 11am-1pm meet Carlie for lunch in Foster Gresham with students in the Northwest neighborhood!

Tuesdays from 12:30-2:30pm Join Jen at Starbucks in the Indiana University Memorial Union for a FREE cup of coffee and conversation!

Wednesdays from 12-2pm Hot Chocolate Stand right outside of Ballentine Hall- Grab a FREE cup of hot chocolate with Carlie in between classes!

Wednesday evenings Work out at the SRSC with Carlie! Her favorites are cardio kick-boxing and hip-hop!

Thursdays from 12-1pm JHOP (Jewish House of Pancakes) at Hillel. Stop in for Lauren and Jen’s free specialty pancakes in a fun and relaxing atmosphere!

Friday from 12:30-2:30pm take a java break and meet Lauren at Starbucks by the Sample Gates (Indiana Ave. & Kirkwood).

All are welcome at these daily programs! If you can’t make it, feel free to stop by Hillel and say hello or email a staff member to find a time to meet up!

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WISH LIST

We are always looking for new or gently used items to help us grow and continue to meet the needs of the 4,000 Jewish students on campus. If you would like to help by donating one of the following items or have a question about our need for an item, please contact Leah Hedrick Aft at leahaft@indiana.edu.

- **Full Service Coffee Bar (machine that has capability to make lattes and cappuccinos)**
- **Playstation 3 or X-Box 360 (and games)**
- **Foosball Table**
- **Sports Equipment**
- **Sports Tickets to the Pacers or Colts**

SHABBAT SPONSORSHIP

Many Jewish memories center around the celebration of Shabbat. The aroma of baking challah, the beauty of the dancing candlelight, the wonderful sounds of laughter and conversation around the table--Shabbat dinner has always been a vital centerpiece of Jewish life and community. Here at the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center, we are able to recreate that magic for hundreds of Jewish college students every week with our vibrant FREE Shabbat dinners. Serving as every Jewish student's "Jewish home away from home", we provide a FREE home cooked kosher meal every Friday night after services. It is truly a special tradition, and one that we take great pride in being able to offer to our students; in fact, many students tell us that the warmth, friendship and fulfillment that Shabbat dinner at Hillel brings is one of the highlights of their week.

In order to continue our tradition of FREE Shabbat dinners, we need your support! If you are interested in sponsoring a Shabbat dinner for the 2008/2009 school year, please contact Leah Hedrick Aft: leahaft@indiana.edu or Rabbi Sue Laikin Shifron: hillel@indiana.edu.

We would like to acknowledge the parents and grandparents of current students, Hillel board members, and friends of Hillel that have made investments in Jewish student life at Indiana University by joining the Good Shabbos Club for the 2008/2009 school year.

Special Thanks to Shabbat Club Members

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Brodey
The Nathan Sacks Family



Members of Hooshir (Hillel's acapella group) during a Sunday evening practice. HooShir recently returned from a Chicago tour and is currently working on mid-west bookings! Contact Rabbi Sue at hillel@indiana.edu to see them in your city!



Hillel staff member Sarah Cohen and senior Allison Oreck make pancakes for Hillel's weekly JHOP! All are welcome for FREE specialty pancakes every Thursday from 12:00pm-1:00pm.

TAKE THE EDGE OFF FINALS WITH HILLEL!

Where you can find Hillel on Campus

Sunday, 12/7 from 2:00pm-8:00pm Study Groups at Hillel. FREE snacks and coffee!

Monday, 12/8 from 9:00pm-11:00pm Study Break at Wright

Tuesday, 12/9 from 9:00pm-11:00pm Study Break at Briscoe

Wednesday, 12/10 at 11:00pm Late Night JHOP at Hillel

Sunday, 12/14 from 2:00pm-8:00pm Study Groups at Hillel. FREE snacks and coffee!

Wednesday, 12/17 coffee in the library with Carlie

Wednesday, 12/17 from 9:00pm-11:00pm Study Break at Foster

Thursday, 12/18 coffee in the library with Carlie



Hillel's Hours During Finals Week

Monday-Wednesday 9:00am-9:00pm

Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm

Friday 9:00am-4:00pm

PARENTS CLUB

We pride ourselves on creating a "Jewish home away from home", and now serve close to 4,000 Jewish students, providing them with a wide array of unique and innovative programs that help to create a strong and vibrant Jewish community on campus. We offer everything from Shabbat services and FREE Shabbat dinners to delivering FREE matzah ball soup to sick students. Hillel touches the lives of all Jewish students at IU through programs, religious observances, and as an advocate on campus. All of this involvement serves as a reminder to students that there is a strong Jewish community here in Bloomington. We also view it as one of our primary responsibilities to educate the general campus community about Judaism and Israel, and to promote diversity programming and understanding on campus.

At Hillel we pride ourselves on constantly developing new and exciting programs to better serve students, and empowering them to grow and become strong leaders within our community. Through your participation in Parents Club, you are enabling Hillel to continue to provide award winning and nationally recognized programs and services to your student while he/she is attending Indiana University.

Even if your child does not take advantage of these programs and services directly, your child benefits from IU Hillel's work to create a community that fosters Jewish life. We have worked diligently with Indiana University on diversity training, and successfully helped to create IU's policy allowing students to be excused from classes without penalty for religious observances. Your investment in Jewish student life is critical to our continuing success! There has been a dramatic increase in the demand for Hillel over the past few years. We truly need your support more than ever. Please consider becoming a member of our Parents Club, *Club Dor L'Dor* (Generation to Generation).

When you become a Chai-Giver in *Club Dor L'Dor*, you will be helping us nurture your child's Jewish self. This membership will help to sustain our many creative programs and enable us to continue to inspire your child. Your tax deductible Chai-Giver donation will also provide you and your child with many exciting benefits. Please read on to find out more about the many giving options open to you.

PARENTS/ GRANDPARENTS COUNCIL: Council members will contribute to the vision and mission of Hillel, help with local fundraising efforts, be invited to two stakeholders meetings each year and are members of Club Dor L'Dor.

- Officer: \$10,000
- Executive Committee: \$5,000
- Member: \$2,500

PLATINUM CHAI-GIVER -- \$2,000

This highest giving level entitles your child to all the wonderful packages we offer.

BIRTHDAY PACKAGE: On your child's birthday Hillel will deliver a delicious homemade, personalized birthday cake (your choice of flavor and icing!), birthday card and balloons directly to his/her campus address. All care packages come personalized with your special message. It's an easy and convenient way to let your child know that he/she is never far from your thoughts!

FINALS WEEK CARE PACKAGE: At the beginning of finals week each semester, your child will receive a "Finals Week Care Package" of mouth-watering goodies to help him/her get through this particularly stressful time.

PURIM PACKAGE: Help your child celebrate this joyous festival with a goody-filled package of tasty Purim treats!

PASSOVER PACKAGE: Give your child a present of wonderful, kosher-for-Passover delights! Kosher-for-Passover treats can be hard to find in Bloomington but not at Hillel!

We also welcome grandparents to join *Club Dor L'Dor*. Simply forward their mailing/e-mail information to leahaft@indiana.edu.

GOLD CHAI-GIVER -- \$1000

Your choice of any 3 packages plus one free Kosher Café on the Night of Student's Choice

SILVER CHAI-GIVER -- \$500

Your choice of any 2 packages, plus one free Kosher Café on the Night of Student's Choice

BRONZE CHAI-GIVER -- \$250

Your choice of any one package, plus one free Kosher Café on the Night of Student's Choice

We know that you worry about your child when he/she is not at home. Rest assured that Hillel will always provide your child with a warm and welcoming Jewish home to visit on campus. Your gift ensures the continued growth and success of Hillel. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please feel free to call 812-336-3824.

To join Parents Club, please print off the following page, send in with credit card (Visa/Master Card/Discover) or check (payable to IU Hillel) and mail back to:

**Hillel
730 E. Third Street
Bloomington, IN 47401**

Yes! We would love to join Parents/Grandparents Council!

Parents/Grandparents Council will contribute to the vision & mission of the Hillel program, be involved in local fundraising efforts, be invited to two stakeholder meetings/year and automatically become members of Club Dor L'Dor.

- Officer** . . . \$10,000 (receives all packages)
- Executive Committee** . . . \$5000 (receives all packages)
- Member** . . . \$2500 (receives all packages)

Yes! I/we would love to join Club Dor L'Dor!

- Platinum** ... \$2000 (receives all packages)
- Gold** ... \$1000 (receives choice of 3 packages)
- Silver** ... \$500 (receives choice of 2 packages)
- Bronze** ... \$250 (receives choice of 1 package)
- Other** \$ _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Address _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Email _____

Please provide the following information so we can invite your child's grandparents to join the Parent/Grandparent Council or Club Dor L'Dor:

Grandparent Name(s) _____

Address _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Email _____

Grandparent Name(s) _____

Address _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Email _____

Child's Name _____

Bloomington Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____ Grad Year _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

OR

Please bill my Visa/MasterCard (circle one)

\$ _____ Card # _____

Name on Card _____ Exp _____

3 Digit Code _____

Enclosed is the indicated contribution, but please do not send packages to my/our child.

Grand/Parents Council & Platinum (All Packages)

Gold (receives 3 of the following packages)

Silver (receives 2 of the following packages)

Bronze (receives 1 of the following packages)

Package Options:

- Birthday Cake
- Purim Goody Bag
- Kosher for Passover Goody Bag
- Finals Week Goody Bag

Please complete the information below so your child receives his/her package

For Birthday Package ...

Birthdate _____

Cake: Chocolate Yellow

Frosting: Chocolate White

Cake should read _____

Card should read _____

For Purim, Passover, Finals Packages...

Card should read _____

Please deliver a Regular Lite package

*Please complete ALL information and return to:
Helene G. Simon Hillel Center
730 E. Third Street, Bloomington, IN 47401*

PARENTS CLUB '08

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