

The Florence & Chafetz Hillel HOUSE AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

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Israeli Culture Week at Boston University

Drawn by the smell of falafel, hundreds of Boston University students experienced Israeli culture firsthand at the Israel Fair on Marsh Plaza in early spring.

The fair began the festivities of Israeli Culture Week, hosted by BU Students for Israel (BUSI). Celebrating 58 years of Israeli independence, BUSI planned a variety of events for the week to showcase all aspects of Israeli culture.

Students were drawn to the fair by activities such as henna tattooing and Dead Sea mud masks but stayed to learn more about Israel.



BU Hillel students form a human Israeli flag on Marsh Plaza

"I was on the 'T' and the big 'free henna' sign caught my eye," said a College of Arts and Sciences sophomore. "I looked around a bit and took home an informational CD."

By allowing students to experience the cultural aspects of Israel, BUSI members said they hope to break down stereotypes many people hold about Israel.

"Israel is about diversity," BUSI Senior Advisor, Chloe Markowitz CAS'06 said. "That's what we want to show in this week."

Hillel Program Associate Seth Kroll said BUSI aims to showcase a lighter side of Israel than what appears in the news.

BUSI members said they hope students will not only take away the culture of Israel but also become more educated about the country. "To have a positive association with Israel is what's really important," group member Nina Robinson said.

Katelyn Boller, The Daily Free Press

Take One. Action!

"One day, people won't take your calls, and the next, celebrities are asking for your autograph as you walk down the street."

Clearly still shell-shocked, BU junior and active Hillel student Jeremy Parker COM'07 returned to campus the day after winning the Audience Award at the Vail Film Festival for his film, "One Per Cent". Jeremy's and his brother David's "documentary with a twist" is a novel investigation of the wealthiest 1% of Americans. The film, which challenges viewers' expectations of this subject, won the largest number of votes of any film in any category at the festival.

All that Jeremy will reveal about the film's budget is that it was entirely funded by the brothers' Bar Mitzvah savings. When asked by a leading Hollywood director if it cost more than \$5million to produce, they simply answered, "No."

"The crazy thing," according to Parker, "was that we almost weren't going to attend the award ceremony. I mean, what for? We didn't even expect to be mentioned. But by the end of the evening, producers who wouldn't take our calls before were asking us what our next project is."



Parker brothers, David (left) and Jeremy COM'07 (right)

BU Hillel's Umbrella Covers 35 Jewish Student Groups

Cultural Arts Groups

Kalaniot Israeli Dance Troupe
Kol Echad A Cappella Group
Jewish Theatre Guild
Student Gallery Committee

Dining

The Hillel Dining Program

Ethnic Groups

Judeos a Hillel (Latino)
Russian Jewish Students

Graduate Student Groups

Graduate Student Society
Jewish Law Students' Association
Maimonides Society

Hillel School

Beit Midrash Society
Kollet Jewish Leadership Project
Seven different classes on Jewish subjects

Interest Groups

BAGLE
BU Jews With a Cause
Freshman Council
Holocaust Education Committee

Israel Related Groups

BU AIPAC
BU Chug Israeli
BU Students for Israel
Israel Political Discussion Group

Palestinian-Israeli Peace Alliance
Taglit birthright israel

Religious Related Groups

Conservative Minyan (Koach)
Orthodox Minyan
Reform Minyan (Keshet)
Religious Life Council
Sephardic Minyan
Women's Rosh Hodesh Group

Social Action / Hesed Societies

Clowning
Generations
Outreach to Jews in City High Schools
Social Action Council
Stand Now Against Hunger



"Clowning" - a social action group prepares for a visit to Children's Hospital

Sports

Hillel Intramural Sports, including two basketball teams, one hockey team and one softball team

Student Government

Hillel Student Board

Meeting and Events Facility



View of Boston from the Florence & Chafetz Hillel House

The Florence & Chafetz Hillel House at Boston University offers a full range of events and meetings services, from well-appointed rooms of various sizes to kosher catering to state-of-the-art audio visual equipment. Numerous Bar and Bat Mitzvahs have already been reserved through 2007, and the facility also has been chosen as the site for high-level events by the ADL and Jewish Women's Archives.

For more information about rental opportunities, please contact Lilka Elbaum at (617)353-7634 or lelbaum@bu.edu

Calling All Artists!



Rubin-Frankel Gallery at Boston University Hillel

Since opening less than a year ago, the Rubin-Frankel Gallery at the Florence & Chafetz Hillel House has already housed the works of three accomplished artists: Zion Ozeri, Tamar Messer and David Goberman. Works by Jewish students at BU will be exhibited later in the spring, and artist Sarah Horowitz will be featured this summer. For information about exhibiting your own work, please contact Kip Lombardo at (617)353-7200, or kip60763@bu.edu

Mazal Tov to...

Marci Block Aharon CAS'98 and Danny Aharon on the birth of their daughter, Caitlin, in December 2005

Rachel Marr Blumenthal SED'96 and Yonoson Blumenthal on the birth of their daughter, Yocheved, in January 2006

Shira Garber CAS'03 on her engagement to Nathaniel Straussberg

Rachel Kohl CAS'03 on her engagement to Avi Finegold

Beth Lampport SAR'05 and **Yashi Krauss UNI'03** on their engagement

Ilana Lew CAS'05 on her engagement to Daniel Masri

George Lloyd CLA'77 on the engagement of his daughter, Danielle

Adina Mermelstein CAS'05 and **Ari Konikoff ENG'04** on their engagement

Nili Schiffman CLA'99 on her engagement to Ethan Isenberg

Talia Tor CAS'03 on her engagement to Yitzi Flynn

Bruce Yudewitz CAS'73, member of BU Hillel's National Board of Advisors, and **Sharon Yudewitz CAS'72**, and **Diana Gould LAW'79** and **Jack Gould LAW'79**, on the engagement of their children, Efraim and Jessica

Our Deepest Sympathies to...

Jeffrey Parker SMG'77, president of BU Hillel's National Board of Advisors, and **Naava Parker SED'79**; **Julie Parker SED'79**; **Drew Parker CAS'82**; **Keith Parker CAS'84**; **Jeremy Parker COM'07**; and **Shannon Mantell CAS'08** on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Shirley Parker