

## BJE Students Celebrate Hanukah

Celebrating the Festival of Lights at the BJE is always a joyous occasion, especially when it evokes memories of past candle lightings and eating fresh sufganiyot. This year, BJE students did just that, students also played with dreidels and sang and danced to familiar Hanukah tunes.



Ms. David-Smith, Kitah Gimmel teacher, says she has always loved the story of Hanukah because it really showed the perseverance of the Jewish people.

Parents of Gimmel students dined in the BJE Auditorium as their children served them an Israeli-style breakfast. Students were able to showcase their mastery of ordering and fulfilling orders in Hebrew.

Following breakfast, Kitah Gimmel students and their parents celebrated the first night of Hanukah with students at the Weizmann School in Akko, Israel. Students at both schools, sang, danced and said the first night Hanukah blessings together. We were even able to make the world's cutest Hanukiah, comprised of BJE students and future BJE students.

Kitah Bet student Charlie Weinberger was also particularly excited about partaking in BJE festivities and said he was looking forward to next year's celebration because Hanukah "really brings everyone together."

From everyone at the BJE, we want to wish your family a Chag Hanukah Sameach!



## BJE Announces BJE Connect

On Tuesday Dec. 1, we began our #GivingTuesday campaign to raise money to outfit the remainder of our classrooms with distance-learning technology. Within the first 24 hours, we raised over \$1000. We have \$24,000 more to raise, as we need to raise \$25,000 to make this dream a reality.

We have four more classrooms left, and we need your help spreading the word about our extended campaign to raise these funds.

### Ways you can help:

Share our Facebook statuses and Tweets.

Encourage others to give by sharing our posts and adding a personal touch to them.

Encourage others to share the word about our campaign.

**Donate directly:** <http://bit.ly/1lvr4eC>  
or send checks to the BJE at 6711 Hoover Road Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Help us connect BJE students to Jewish life around the world with your gift today.

**Click on the Facebook & Twitter logos to access our pages directly, there you can view BJE-Connect in action.**



### BJE Parents' Week

Parents' week was a success! Thanks to every parent who came to visit their children's classes. Teachers were equally as excited to have parents in their classrooms. Mr. Beauford, Kitah Bet Teacher, said he had a blast with parents as they competed alongside their children in a match of Hebrew Jeopardy, with topics ranging from Israeli culture, food and the Hebrew language to Hebrew prayers.

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# Celebrating 18 Years: Cantor Judy Meyersberg



For the past 18 years, you or someone you know have learned with Cantor Judy Meyersberg. Not only is she a fun-loving BJE staff member and senior leader in the Indianapolis Jewish community, but you can always count on her brightening up your day with a smile, fascinating conversation or by being greeted by her best friend adorable dog Sienna. Cantor Meyersberg truly has an infectious laugh and the ability to teach any child Torah and Tefilot. And when she's not at the BJE, she's cooking up something delicious. Everyone at the BJE looks forward to smelling something awesome she's cooked or learning how she's put a new spin on a Jewish classic like brisket or chicken soup.

Rabbi Paula Winnig, Executive Director of the Indianapolis Bureau of the Jewish Education said, "We couldn't be more related to have such a dynamic educator like Cantor Meyersberg on our staff. It's also a pleasure hearing Cantor Meyersberg chant Torah throughout the day, knowing that she's teaching our future Jewish leaders." So, what does an organization like the BJE do to celebrate this milestone? We're having a mesibah (Hebrew word for party) to celebrate her 18 years of service to the BJE and the Indianapolis Jewish community on Sat. March 19.

## BJE Staff Memories of Cantor Meyersberg

**Kevin Easley, Housekeeper:** "I treasure the conversations I had with Cantor Meyersberg while planting a tree at her late husband's memorial bench."

**Shai Wallach, BJE Teacher:** "Although I have been here only a short time, I love coming to the BJE and smelling the delicious smell of Cantor Meyersberg cooking popcorn."

**Tamar David, BJE Teacher:** "She's always here to help, in fact, I recall a time I purchased hummus for an event and it was spoiled, Cantor Meyersberg left the event to get hummus. To me, she's just a selfless person, and I love that about her."

It's clear that Cantor Meyersberg has made a lasting impression on her BJE family. We want to once again thank Cantor Meyersberg for spreading her knowledge to BJE students for 18 years and we are looking forward to many more years of educating future Jewish leaders of Indianapolis. We hope you will join us to celebrate Cantor Judy Meyersberg on Sat. March 19, stay tuned for time and location.

Support the BJE, help us outfit our classrooms with BJE Connect

"When I use distance-learning (BJE Connect), I still learn with other kids, and that really makes me feel like a part of the class." Kitah Bet, Charlie Weinberger

Share Help to further #IndyJewishEd Click [here](#) to donate.

Students using BJE Connect during BJE Hanukkah party with our partnership school in Akko.





A legacy gift to the BJE is your opportunity to help to build the Jewish community of the future. For 105 years the BJE has provided the educational foundation for the Jewish community of greater Indianapolis. To make your legacy gift contact: Zev Winicur, Sheila Greenwald, Mary Smith, or Rabbi Paula Winnig.

## LIFE & LEGACY Update

We hope you will consider giving to help ensure Jewish futures at the BJE. We'd like to thank everyone who has given a legacy gift so far:

Julie & Paul Lande  
 Michael Skolnick  
 Andrew Kleiman  
 Sheila Greenwald  
 Rochelle Greenwald

Janie & Tom Herman  
 Ben & Rachael Greenfield  
 Shirah & Zev Winicur  
 Rabbi Paula Jayne Winnig  
 Larry Greenwald

Cynthia Yosha Snyder & Family



**W**e educate students and teachers about the Holocaust so that we can fulfill our motto: Never forget. Never again. Never anywhere.

The Holocaust Education Center of Indiana is planning a study mission for teachers from the entire State of Indiana to Poland and Israel, Summer 2017. Details available soon!

## BJE Representatives Present at National Conference

On Oct. 28, 2015 Rabbi Paula Winnig & Dina David-Smith, Program Director of the Holocaust Education Center of Indiana, presented a workshop to 50 teachers at the Simon Youth Foundation Annual Educators' Conference. The workshop entitled: *The Holocaust: Relevant & Important Today?* was designed to give the teachers of the 25 Simon Youth Academies in 12 States the rationale and pedagogical guidance for including the teaching of the Holocaust in their schools for at risk youth. This is the beginning of an ongoing collaboration with the Simon Youth Foundation in developing specific curriculum for their network of academies. So far this year the Holocaust Education Center has had five Teachers' Workshops in Jasper, Indiana and three workshops in partnership with Dance Kaleidoscope's Remembrances Ballet, reaching over 50 teachers and their many students.

For additional information visit our website:  
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 Or email:  
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## Save the Dates

- Dec. 20-Jan 4 (winter break)
- Jan. 4 School reopens
- Jan. 10 Dalet Parents' Meeting 12 p.m.
- Jan. 17&18 No School MLK Day
- Jan. 24 Aleph Parents' Day 11:30 a.m.-1p.m.
- Gimmel & Dalet Yom Hashoah Program

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## Adult Hebrew Courses 2016

All classes begin on January 24, 2016 and end on May 11, 2016.

**Beginning Hebrew: \$135:**

Sun. 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

**Beginning Hebrew II with Shoshi Roland: \$200:**

Mon. 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

**Advanced Hebrew with Yossi Cohen: \$200:**

Wed. 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.

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