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Upcoming CMA Events:

Multicultural Affairs Advisory Board Meetings
2pm Monday, weekly
Rosa Parks Conference Room

Multicultural Feast
November 30th
Location TBA

For more information visit
www.sunyfredoniacma.com

I am still determined to be cheerful and happy, in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances.

-Martha Washington -

Welcome Back

By AVERL OTIS

I am so proud of the CMA students whom last year had 79 programs and 6,799 people in attendance. Their efforts demonstrate a commitment to quality programs enjoyed by the campus and surrounding community. It is a true testament regarding our students' commitment to diversity and multiculturalism. I am delighted to have Mike Mendez for a second year as our



Graduate Assistant. He has done some fabulous things over the past year. By redesigning our website, Mike has made it more user friendly for everyone to browse. I encourage you to look at our events on our website and the colorful publications advertising the events. Some of the annual events to look for ward to the year are the Multicultural Feast, Rosa Parks Scholarship competition, Diversity Concert, La Fiesta, Culture Night, and

Shabbat dinners. I take tremendous pride in the work done by the individuals in the center, and I am confident that they will exceed everyone's expectations in all challenges put in front of them this year. Have a great semester and thank you to everyone that supported us in our endeavors.

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News from the Center

Welcome to Another Year!

By MICHAEL MENDEZ

After what seems to have been another very short summer, it's nice to be settled back into another semester. As much as I enjoy fall though, and a *slight* chill in the air, winter is still far too close for my liking. We had a very successful year in 2005-2006, and we're looking to stay strong and to keep offering more to the campus. For those of you less aware, especially new students and faculty/staff, we are always available for programming and workshops out of our office or yours! The student groups that reside in our office (Pride Alliance, Black Student Union, Jewish Student Union, Women's Student Union, Native American Student Association, and Latinos Unidos) are also available, and are very active with programming and events around campus throughout the year.

It's great to see so many of our shirts being worn around campus, and seeing awareness of our office increase. As a second year graduate student, I have the privilege of not only working with the office once again, but also of having experienced all the events and opportunities we provide. I hope to capitalize on this as much as possible to make improvements to the work I did last year. I would appreciate any advice, opinions, and thoughts that you, our loyal readers, may have (mendez@fredonia.edu).

We have revised our website even more since last semester, making changes and adaptations for a smoother experience, and reflecting easier navigation to the content in highest demand. Stay tuned for the addition of photo galleries of group events, and the addition of student maintained sites for each of the groups willing to take on the task.

Multicultural Feast is coming up fast already, and we're looking for recipes as always. An online submission form will soon be available on our site, along with of course any alternatives such as campus/postal mail, email, fax, and carrier pigeon, whichever you are most comfortable with. Send us your favorite cultural dish, or dishes, family born (if you're willing to share such secrets) or lucky finds. Please be sure to include serving sizes and number of servings so our dedicated FSA staff can plan appropriately for the feast!

Included on the bottom of page 3 is a handy short form for recipe submissions and/or ideas for the office with our campus address already printed on the back. Please feel free to use it and attach it to whatever you'd like to send us (even if it's just an interesting article you found). The more feedback we receive, the better we can focus our efforts on what you like!



Introducing... Michael Cox!

By MICHAEL COX

My name is Michael Cox. I am a senior History major with a minor in Political Science. I am proud to say that I am the first Intern in the Multi-Cultural Affairs Office. This semester I will be busy with a number of different projects. One such project I will be working on will be to develop an evaluation survey for the groups within our Office to evaluate their programs. I will also be working on an

Alumni database so that Alumni of SUNY Fredonia will be kept up to date on what is currently going on in the Office as well as possibly give the current students a chance to network with Alumni. These two projects are just a taste of what I will be contributing to the Office this semester and I look forward to working on others.

Black Student Union News

Upcoming BSU Events :

Coffee House

Saturday, October 14th
Time/Location TBA

Cultural Night

Saturday, November 18 Place:
TBA
Time: TBA

Kwanzaa

Friday, December 8
Place: The Newman Center
Time: TBA

For more information visit
www.sunyfredonia.cma.com

The battles that count aren't the ones for gold medals. The struggles within yourself – the invisible, inevitable battles inside all of us – that's where it's at.

-- Jesse Owens,
Blackthink (1970)

Black History Month

By EDWARD FOURCELL

Every year The Black Student Union strives to promote awareness of diversity on the campus by hosting a number of events. With the year already in progress and events in the development stages, we were aiming to continue on with the success we've had, but taking it up to another level. With the new semester comes a new e-board and thus a new group of individuals devoting their time and effort to putting together some of the best events the campus has seen. With that in mind the year begins with **Social Chair Kamilah Whitfield's** organized **Freshmen Retreat**, taking place September 23rd and 24th in the College Lodge. This event is an introduction to freshmen and transfer students and also a time for them to partake in various activities with some of Fredonia's own faculty and President. The semester will continue on with the Social Chair's **Coffee House**. Coffee house, which is a showcase of talent on the campus, is being dubbed Coffee House for a cause this year, in an effort to collect donations and donate them to the Hurricane Katrina fund as a tribute to the 1-year anniversary of the natural disaster. If you thought we would slow down after that, you're in for a surprise. Come November the campus can celebrate culture with **Cultural Chair Chyna Morris**, as she pays respect to China. Chyna Morris is also in the beginning stages of developing a month wide celebration for **Black History Month** next year during February. We know how students feel come December with studying for finals and the eagerness to be home and celebrate the holidays with family, so the BSU ends their successful year with the **Kwanzaa Dinner**. At this time, all further events for next year are in the development stages, but you can expect to see **Cupid's Ball** during Black History Month just in time for Valentine's Day, organized by sophomore chair *Lauren Williams*. **Publicity Chair Eddie Fourcell** will be responsible for the **MC Battle** taking place in March, just in time for multicultural weekend. BSU will present their last events with a full weekend of festivities as the **College and Community Chair, Lesondra Brown**, conducts the **People of Color Concerns Conference** and ties it in with **Fashion Show Chair's Glendalys Arrendell** and *Danitra Lee's Fashion show*. The rest of the BSU is comprised of hardworking individuals who make it possible for events to take place, that being **President Shawna Belnavis**, **Vice President Safiya Martin**, **Advisor Kathleen Bonds**, **Treasurer Chris Perry**, **Technical Chair Abdul Lawal**, **Corresponding Secretary Erika Brooks**, **Recording Secretary Takia Campbell**, and last but definitely not least SA Correspondent *Shakela Fluellen*. The Black Student Union looks forward to its greatest achievement, success within the campus. We thank everyone and anyone who assists and supports us throughout the year.

Suggestion Form - Center for Multicultural Affairs

Name:

Ideas? Let us know here (or attach)!

Preferred Email:

___ Attached is a recipe for this year's Feast

___ Attached is a submission for Enlightenment

___ Other

Pride Alliance

Upcoming Pride Alliance Events

General Meetings Tuesdays, 10pm Williams Center, S123-124	National Coming Out Day Tuesday, October 11 th	Remember Matthew Shepherd October 12 th Williams Center MPR	Out of the Darkness Walk October 14 th Register at 8:30am Walk at 10:00am Williams Center	Making Gay History October 19 th Time TBA Williams Center, Spot
Take Back The Night October 25 th	Time Warp Movie October 27 th 8pm	Masquerade Ball October 28 th Time TBA	Diversity Concert November 4 th Time TBA	For more information visit www.sunyfredonia.cma.com

Bisexuality

By KELLY MONGILLO

Bisexual. The term was first coined by botanists to describe flowers with both male and female structures, but today it also embraces a very hotly debated and multifaceted part of the GLBT community. Bisexuality is the romantic attraction to both males and females. Unlike heterosexuality and homosexuality, it is not limited to one gender, making it a very flexible label with many misinterpretations.

Misconceptions abound for the bisexual community. We are viewed as easy, attention seeking, closeted, or simply confused. We have been labeled as fence sitters who refuse to "pick a side". It is commonly assumed that bisexuality is a transitional period, as apposed to a lifestyle of its own. But these are all incorrect stereotypes. Bisexuality is a legitimate lifestyle that encompasses a community of people who don't restrict romance to one gender.

Unlike other sexual orientations, bisexuality has received very little study even after the sexual revolutions that brought alternative sexualities into the spotlight. Besides studies done on heterosexual men who had homosexual experiences, there was virtually no acknowledgement of bisexuality in American culture. In 1994, one of the first studies was conducted by three researchers, Martin Weinburg, Colin Williams, and

DW Pryor. They saw bisexuality as a separate sexual orientation, and proceeded to further classify bisexuals into 5 categories of behavior. Their research was just the beginning however; and now bisexuality branches off into countless subcategories.

Since bisexuality encompasses aspects of both homosexual and heterosexual culture, it has a tendency to blend in and go unnoticed. While the GLBT community has included the B in the acronym, the bisexual orientation is still very under represented. A bisexual pride flag was finally established in 1998 by Michael Page. It is made of three vertical stripes. Pink, representing homosexual relationships, is the top stripe. The bottom stripe is blue, to signify heterosexuality. In the middle, the colors overlap to represent how bisexuality merges the two elements together. This flag is not commonly seen or widely known. If bisexuals want to achieve the same level of visibility and acceptance as the gay community, we have a lot of ground to cover. As bisexuals, we can look at ourselves as the first generation of bisexual pride, our flag not even a decade old. So let's start spreading the word, that bisexuality is its own entity, and not a phase. Bisexuals are out, loud, and proud!

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Native American Student Association

How Buzzard Got His Feathers

Submitted By JOSHUA SANJULE, found at <http://www.indians.org/welker/iroqoral.htm>

A long time ago the birds had no clothing. They spoke like people, but they were shy and hid from sight. One day they decided to hold a great council. "We must go to Creator and ask him for clothing," said Eagle. So it was decided. But who would carry the message?

Many birds volunteered. But finally they chose Buzzard. He could fly great distances because of his long wings, and he could soar higher than any of the other birds and so come more easily to the sun-place, where Creator lived. All of the birds burned tobacco and sent their prayers up to creator, and then buzzard set out on his way.

It was a long journey. Buzzard flew and flew. He ate the food he had carried with him and still he was far from the place of Creator. He became hungry, so hungry that he stopped and ate some dead fish washed up on the shore below him. They were rotten and smelled bad. But his hunger was great, and he did not notice.

He continued on his way. Now he was close to the sun-place; he went higher and higher. It grew fiery hot from the sun, but still he flew up and up. The skin on top of his naked head burned red in the sun's heat, but at last he came to the place of Creator.

"I have been waiting for you," Creator said, "because I have heard the prayers of the birds. I will give you clothes made of fine feathers to take back." Then he showed Buzzard the clothing he had prepared. It was fine indeed. There were as many colors in the feathers as there are in the rainbow snake that arches across the sky after a rain, and the feathers shone so brightly that Buzzard had to turn his eyes away from them.

"Now," Creator said, "I know how hard it was for you to fly to me. You may have the first choice of all these suits of feathers. Remember, though, you may try on each suit only once."

Buzzard was very pleased. "I must choose the finest feathers," he said to himself. "Then everyone will see them and always remember it was I who brought back clothing for the birds."

He tried on a suit of bright blue and white feathers with a jaunty cap. "No," he said, taking it off, "not bright enough." And so that suit went to Blue Jay.

"I really like this story a lot because I view it as a metaphor for people. The world is a very diverse place full of many people. No matter what race you are we are all capable of great things. No matter who you are be proud of your own heritage and embrace your culture as well as others." - Joshua

Sago! November is Native American History month. We would like to encourage students and staff to join N.A.S.A in the celebrating of Native Culture. We will have a workshop in November on how to make Dream Catchers. Also we are planning on bringing a few guest speakers to speak on various topics regarding Native Culture. Hope to see you there!

He tried on another suit of brilliant red and black with a tall crest. "No," he said, "I do not look good in red." And so that suit went to Cardinal.

He tried on another suit of gray and black with a scarlet vest. Again he was not satisfied, and that suit went to robin.

He put on a suit as yellow as the sun with handsome dark markings. "Too much black on this one," he said, and that suit went to Goldfinch.

Creator patiently watched Buzzard trying on one suit after another. None of them were right. Sometimes the feathers were too long. Sometimes they were not long enough. Some were too dark, others too light. None of them seemed to be just right for the messenger of all the birds.

Finally Buzzard put on a suit of clothes that was too small for him. Although all of the other clothes had grown larger or smaller to fit whatever bird chose them, this last suit of feathers was very tight. Buzzard pulled and strained. Finally he got it on. It left his legs and his neck bare; the red skin of his bald head remained uncovered. He looked at the suit. Not fine. Not fine at all. The feathers hardly had any color--just a dirty brown. They were not shiny and neat like the others. Buzzard was not pleased, "This is the worst of all." he said.

Creator smiled. "Buzzard," he said, "it is the only suit left. Now it will have to be yours."

And so to this day you can see Buzzard wearing the suit that he earned for himself. He still eats things long dead because of what he ate on his journey to the place of Creator. And though some make fun of the way he looks, Buzzard still remembers that he was the only one who could make that long journey.

Even in his suit of dirty feathers that fits him badly, even with his head burned scarlet from the heat of the sun, he remembers that he was chosen be the messenger for all the birds. When he circles high in the sky, he is close to Creator. Then, even in his ill fitting suit of feathers, he is proud.

Jewish Student Union

Upcoming JSU Events

Shabbat Dinners

October 13th
 November 17th
 December 8th
 6:30pm, Café G

Jewpardy

Tuesday, October 24th
 7pm, McEwen G24

For more information visit
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"It's not how much or how little you have that makes you great or small, but how much or how little you are with what you have."

- Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch

Fall Update

By MICHAEL DAVIDSON

The Jewish Student Union will be hosting three Shabbat dinners during the semester. The dates are October 13, November 17, and December 8. All of the dinners will begin at 6:30 pm and will take place in Café G in the Williams Center. The cost of each dinner is one meal if you have a meal plan or about \$9.60 in points. If you plan on attending, please contact Mike Davidson at davi1223@fredonia.edu. In the email, please send your ISO number, which is the number on your FredCard or SUNYCard and also specify if you are using a meal or points. If you can't pay because you don't have a meal plan, please contact Mike so that alternate arrangements can be made.

Now that all of the administrative stuff is done, I can tell you about Shabbat. Shabbat is the Jewish Sabbath. It takes place from sundown on Friday night to sundown on Saturday night. To celebrate Shabbat, we light candles,

drink wine (or in our case, grape juice), eat challah and enjoy a nice dinner with our friends. We also say short prayers to welcome the Sabbath and to thank G_D for giving us this day of rest. If you are interested in the menu selections for any of the dinners, email Mike. Jewpardy will take place on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00pm in McEwen G24. For those of you new to our campus, I will explain what Jewpardy is. Jewpardy is Jewish Jeopardy. The questions are answers and the answers are questions. Everyone will be part of a team, and the team with the most points wins. Simple as that! Some of the topics for this year are (*hint-hint-hint*) Islam, Israeli Prime Ministers, Populations, and the Exodus. And, as always, prizes will be given out to all who attend, even those who know NOTHING about Judaism. So, won't you join us.

Who We Are / What We Are

By JENETTE LISS

JSU is the Jewish Student Union and we try to reach out to all of the Jews and non-Jews on campus. You don't have to be Jewish to join our group. You just have to come out and enjoy our events and want to learn something about a different religion. We hope to have a successful year with an e-board that has started to plan fun events. We want to promote Judaism and help teach others about what our religion is about. Some of our events this semester include Rosh Hashanah, which is our Jewish New Year. The holiday is on September 22nd through September 24th. On Friday night we will be going to Temple Beth Israel in Dunkirk, Washington St., and having services followed by a dinner at 6:30 pm. On Saturday we will be attending

services at 9am and the same on Sunday. On October 1st and 2nd is Yom Kippur. This is the day of morning where each Jew fasts from sundown to sundown if you are over the age of 13. On that Sunday, the 1st, we will be going to services at 6:15pm. The following morning, services are at 9am. If you would like to attend, it is an excused absence from class. Then we will be going back that night for services at 5:15pm. Some other events that we will be having this semester are Shabbat dinners, Jewpardy, a Hafla-a Middle Eastern dance/music event, discussions and other fun things. Please look out for our flyers and coming up events. If you are interested in anything, just contact me at Jenette7@aol.com

Hebrew Words of the Month – Bodies of Water

By MICHAEL DAVIDSON

Gulf	מִיָּם
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meef-rotz

Ocean	אֹקְיָנוֹס
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ohk-ya-nos

Lake	אֲגֻם
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ah-gom

River	נָהָר
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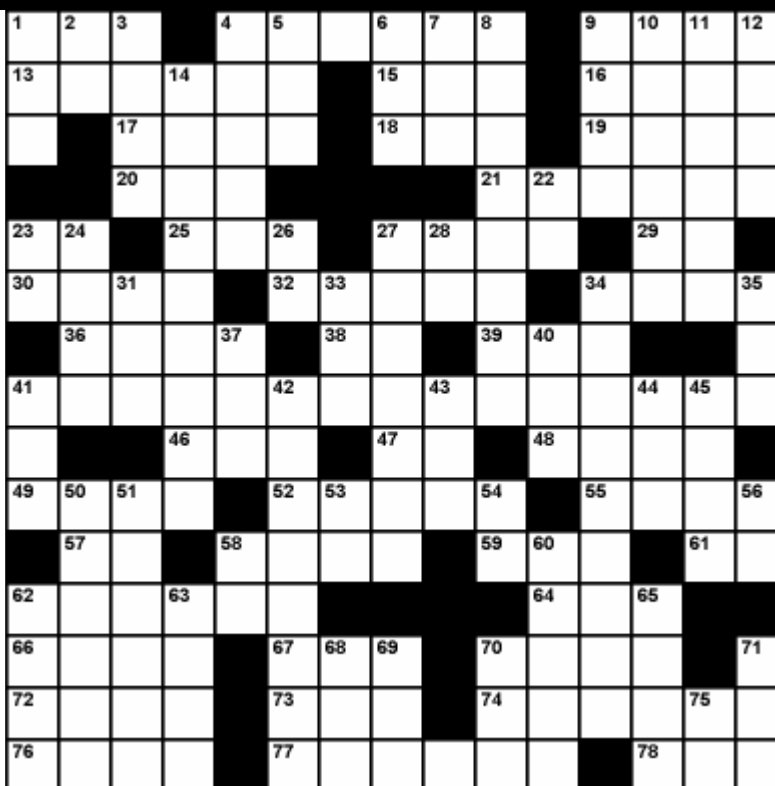
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Women's History Crossword

* Solution can be found on the newsletter page of our website at www.sunyfredoniama.com

Across

1. * HERstory's Number One Woman
 4. * Foe of Feminism
 9. Conference, for short
 13. * American zoologist who won international acclaim for her study of mountain gorillas (Last Name)
 15. * For short, it was devised to combat #4A
 16. Singer Smith
 17. Word with Rummage
 18. It'll turn "ual" into a custom
 19. It'll make "tional" unreasonable
 20. Type of Tree
 21. * This novelist works didn't receive much attention during her lifetime, but today are regarded as masterpieces which feature vivid characterizations (Last Name)
 23. He does commentary on "60 Minutes" (Initials)
 25. Course Circuit
 27. Danish physicist
 29. Particular Pronoun
 30. * Mariah Carey is on the top three list (along with The Beatles and Elvis) for artists who have had the most Number One singles on the Billboard charts. Question: Mariah is with Columbia Records which has an association with which company?
 32. * This actress once portrayed #8D (First Name)
 34. Bottle tops
 36. Classify
 38. * In 1919, Mary Pickford co-founded this gr. in order to increase her share in the profits from her movies
 39. Faith, for short
 41. * One of the most famous women in HERstory
 46. Singer Shannon
 47. Jazz composer: Sun ____ (b.1914 - d.1993)
 48. Golden: French
 49. Japanese beverage
 52. Actress Ekland
 55. Heap of combustibles
 57. He co-starred in "The Odd Couple" (Initials)



58. Breakfast Cereal Brand
 59. Health resort
 61. * Gloria Steinem was the founding editor of this magazine in 1972
 62. * Madonna is one of the most famous women in music HERstory, and this is a song from her critically acclaimed "Ray of Light" album of 1998: "___/Ashtangi"
 64. Business name abbr.
 66. Nighttime talk show name
 67. For short, it's measured at the Prime Meridian
 70. Koran chapter
 72. Picnic invaders
 73. The Common People: ___ Polloi
 74. * Queen Hippolyta, for one
 76. Labyrinth
 77. * Child star who grew up to be a United States ambassador (Last Name)
 78. Sea eagle (var. sp.)

Down

1. Small lizard
 2. Whiskey bottle acronym
 3. "Fin" Finisher
 4. Actress Blair
 5. Peeper
 6. "Funn" Finale
 7. Word with Lanka
 8. * She was executed by the French in 1917 for spying for Germany during Word War I
 9. Sliders on the Slopes
 10. * International star and multi-talented performer who once portrayed Helen of Troy (First Name)
 11. * Academy Award winning actress who participated in the 1994 "A Century of Women" television project (Last Name)
 12. Connery or Penn
 14. * In 1983, she became the first American woman to travel into outer space
 22. City of ancient Sumer
 23. Shakespeare's "___ You Like It"
 24. * She is an American civil rights leader who inspired the civil rights movement across the nation (First Name)
 26. Movie rating
 27. * Queen of The Netherlands who ascended to the throne (in 1980) after her mother Juliana abdicated in her favor
 28. Long hockey game acronym
 31. And not
 33. * Hillary Rodham Clinton has made HERstory by becoming the first First Lady to ___ for Senate
 34. * One of the most famous women in HERstory
 35. * Female pronoun
 37. Golfer's prop
 40. Film Finale
 41. * Female form of address
 42. * In 1997, she became America's first female Secretary of State (Last Name)
 43. Cereal grain
 44. Attempt
 45. Condition
 50. * The Parthenon was dedicated to this Greek Goddess
 51. * World-renowned top-selling modern female novelist (Last Name)
 53. It's one of the original Thirteen Colonies, briefly
 54. Mr. Eliot
 56. Atomic #99
 58. * She is one of the women pioneers of popular music and remains one of the World's top performers today (Initials)
 60. * Early female novelists often chose to use a male nom-de-___ in order to have their books published, such as England's Bronte sisters whose first published work (of 1846) was called "Poems by Currer, Ellis and Acton Bell"
 62. Flap down
 63. Olfactory Organ
 65. Stupor
 68. The Three Stooges member
 69. Comedian Conway
 70. Mr. Mineo
 71. * World famous advice columnist (First Name)
 75. Alternative indicator

October Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 (Week 40) •JSU - Yom Kippur •Parents' Weekend	02 •JSU - Yom Kipper Services •2pm» Center: MAAB Meeting •4pm» KOTD Meetings	03 •LU	04	05 •NO CLASSES - Fall Break	06 •NO CLASSES - Fall Break	07
08 (Week 41)	09 •2pm» Center: MAAB Meeting •4pm» KOTD Meetings	10	11	12	13 •6pm» Shabbat Dinner	14 •BSU Coffee House
15 (Week 42) •JSU - Simchat Torah	16 •LU Closing Ceremonies •2pm» Center: MAAB Meeting •4pm» KOTD Meetings	17	18	19	20 •Homecoming Weekend	21 •Homecoming Weekend
22 (Week 43) •Homecoming Weekend	23 •2pm» Center: MAAB Meeting •4pm» KOTD Meetings	24 •7pm» Jewpardy	25	26	27	28
29 (Week 44)	30 •2pm» Center: MAAB Meeting •4pm» KOTD Meetings	31				

November Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			01 •JSU - Haifa	02	03	04
05 (Week 45)	06 •2pm» Center: MAAB Meeting •4pm» KOTD Meetings	07	08	09	10 •6:30pm» Shabbat Dinner	11 •BSU Cultural Night
12 (Week 46)	13 •2pm» Center: MAAB Meeting •4pm» KOTD Meetings	14	15	16	17	18
19 (Week 47)	20 •NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break •2pm» Center: MAAB Meeting	21 •NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break	22 •NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break	23 •NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break	24 •NO CLASSES - Thanksgiving Break	25
26 (Week 48)	27 •KOTD Meetings •2pm» Center: MAAB Meeting	28	29	30 •Multicultural Feast		

As always, be sure to check our online calendar for updates!
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