



## Hebrew Club



By: Tamar Ingber

Israeli rap blasting in the background, hummus and pita for everyone, and joyous Israeli dancing all in a small room. This may sound like a day in Israel; however, it is just one of Hebrew Club's monthly meetings.

"I'm Israeli! And it is so cool a public school can have a club about my country!" said **Tal Shulman, 10**.

Hebrew Club was more than just a language, it promoted Israeli culture.

"My goal is to bring a more diverse student body to club, while promoting diversity within the school," said **Dena Rappaport, 11**, co-president.

Hebrew Club excelled above the rest, having two native Israelis attending all club meetings.

Adi Ayalot and Itai Madar deferred their required army service for one year to bring Israeli culture to Cincinnati. For Deck the Halls, they shared falafel in pita, Israeli fast-food, with everyone.

For Diversity Day, they taught many sessions. For Purim, a Jewish festive holiday, they helped bake Hamentashen, a traditional baked good associated with a holiday.

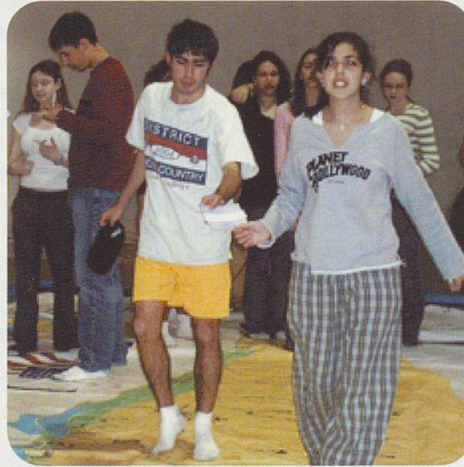
"Hebrew club is great. It helps add to the diversity we are achieving!" said **Adina Farber, 10**.



**Adi Ayalot and Andrea Perlman, 11**, make edible dreidels during Deck the Halls. **Perlman** enjoyed meeting Adi Ayalot and Ittai Madar, the Israeli Shlichim. They brought their love of the Hebrew language to the club.



**Dr. Keith Kelley and Mrs. Judi Miller** converse on the great achievements of Hebrew Club. The diversity it promoted created a level of understanding and respect. This was a main goal by the club.



**Answer fast! Yafuz Annali, 11, and Dana Bahir, 9**, ran across a giant map of Israel. Members especially enjoyed this interactive meeting of Hebrew Club.



## German Club



By: Jaime Orent

Useful German Phrases:  
**"wo ist die toilette?"** - Where is the bathroom?  
**"Guten tag"** - good day  
**"auf wiedersein"** - goodbye  
**"danke schon"** - thank you  
**"Ich mochte gern ein brat wurst"** - I want another hot dog

**G**uten Tag! German Club worked extremely hard, along with the rest of the school, to promote diversity. A language spoken in Switzerland, Austria, as well as Germany, German is a diverse language that encompasses many different cultures.

This cultural plethora was represented at the Diversity Day lunch with chocolate fondue, apple strudel, and stollen.

German Club also threw their own party, Mardi Gras style, called Frasnacht. All of the members dressed up and ate more German food. "Frasnacht was a blast, Germans really know how to party!" said **Venkat Shanker, 12**.

Deck the Halls was another major celebration

that German Club participated in. Their theme was "The Nutcracker." This was because the writer, E.T.A Hoffman, was German. The club played music from the play and painted scenes of the Nutcracker to decorate.

The students also baked German cakes for the celebration.

"One really positive thing about German Club was that the club board was more active in organizing and leading activities," said **Laura Moster, 12**, president.

German Club's biggest event of the year was their trip to the German Bilingual School. The students paired up with second, third, and fourth graders for an entirely German day. Afterwards, the students enjoyed lunch at the Hofbrauhaus.



**Gotta' love that chocolate cake!** **Frank Bakes, 9**, enjoyed the German cakes eaten during the Deck the Halls celebration in December. He was mimicking how the nutcrackers crack nuts because the club's theme for Deck the Halls was "The Nutcracker".



**Stumped?** **Alex Kapcar, 11**, and other members of German Club visited Fairview German Bilingual School. "I had a great time and loved getting humiliated by first graders who knew more German than I did," said **Kapcar**.

