

2004 HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Purdue Student
Union Board



Join us as we celebrate
holiday traditions from
around the world

Date: 12/08/04

Time: 4:00pm to 7:00pm

Purdue Memorial Union—First Floor
near Holiday Tree

Hillel

Hanukkah, which is known as the Jewish festival of lights is actually a lesser significant Holiday in the Jewish calendar. It commemorates the Jewish Maccabees victory over the Syrians in Jerusalem in 165 B.C. to regain their holy temple. Traditional activities include spinning the dreidel, eating potato latkes and exchanging presents.

I Love Taiwan Club

The Lunar Valentine's Day celebration is a celebration of love. The legend behind the celebration says that a daughter of Heaven, Weaving Maid, came down to earth and married a farmer named Cowherd. Weaving Maid's mother, the Queen of Heaven, heard of the marriage and drew a line in the sky called the Milky Way to separate them all but one day of the year. Legend has it that in the evening of lunar July 7th, Cowherd and Weaving Maid will meet on the Milky Way.

Bangladeshi Student Association

There are numerous celebrations during the holiday season in the Bangladeshi culture including Eid and Bijoya. Eid means recurring happiness or festivity. The Eid prayer is very important for all Muslims. It has the merits of the dory prayers, the effect of the weekly convention (Jumu'ah) and the characteristics of annual reunions between Muslims. Bijoya is a special ritual whereby peace and good relations are reaffirmed. Families exchange sweets and people embrace each other, vowing brotherhood.

Black Cultural Center

Kwanzaa is a unique African American celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-