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## Bloomington Indiana united against anti-Semitic acts

This Hanukkah, an interethnic, interfaith crowd of nearly 200 gathered in freezing temperatures at Indiana University's [Chabad House](#) Jewish Student Center for the lighting of a 9-foot menorah by city Mayor Mark Kruzan.

The menorah incorporated a 10-pound rock that had been hurled through the center's window on Nov. 23. The Nov. 23 incident is the first among several between Thanksgiving and Hanukkah that has brought the college town national attention.

A window at the Hillel Center and a glass case listing Jewish Studies faculty was broken. Swastikas were discovered in a student dorm. Then, just days before Hanukkah, eight Hebrew texts from Indiana University's Wells Library research collection were taken to eight men's bathrooms and urinated on. Similar books were also flushed in toilets at the county library.

But people in the town were ready to take action. Read about how Bloomington responded [here](#).



Sign that has stood in Bloomington yards since Bloomington United formed in 1999. Image from the Bloomington Jewish Solidarity Day Facebook page.

## Remembering Richard Goldman

Not In Our Town remembers philanthropist [Richard Goldman](#), who passed away Nov. 29, 2010. [This poem](#), from his funeral service, reminds of us the lasting influence of extraordinary men like Goldman, as well as ordinary men and

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## NIOT Community

*The latest from the groups and members in the NIOT network:*

NIOT-Rockland, after the Westboro Baptist Church nearly protests Nyack High School's production of *The Laramie Project*, encourages the community to "honor the courage and dedication of the Nyack students" and support the LGBT community.

NIOT Billings has produced two videos as part of its exciting "I Am Billings" campaign: A [video announcement and invitation](#) to a community photo shoot on the 25th anniversary of MLK day and the [first episode](#) in its "Real Talk" series that explores hate, fear and violence.

NIOT-Corvallis rallied for unity and peace at the site of the alleged bomb plot in Portland, Ore. just weeks after they formed in response to the Corvallis mosque arson.

A Pacific University student in Forest Grove, Ore.-a NIOT.org member-shared the heartwarming news of [student-organized peaceful responses](#) after chalk vandalism was found with slurs against women, Muslims and the gay community.

*Stay tuned for more on these exciting*



Richard Goldman, 1920-2010

women around the world who stand up with courage and hope in the face of hate.

We are very proud that Not In Our Town has been supported by the [Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund](#).

## Embracing the Dream: DVDs ready to ship

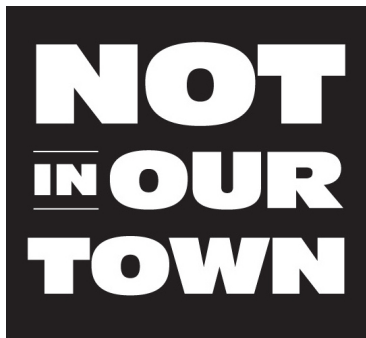
Are you looking for a program to celebrate Martin Luther King Day in your school or workplace? In our last eNews, we announced a short film collection, *Embracing the Dream: Lessons from the Not In Our Town Movement*. We've made our first shipment of DVDs to schools, businesses and companies who will screen the film and use the accompanying study guide as an innovative way to celebrate MLK Day on Jan. 17, 2011.

Order today to get *your* copy in time for the federal holiday. The DVD contains four Not In Our Town short films highlighting communities living out Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision by responding with courage and positivity following a hate crime murder, cross burning, hate speech, and bullying. For more information, to preview one of the four films and to order, visit our [MLK page](#).



The Man with a Dream:  
Martin Luther King, Jr

## NIOT seeks school and community organizer



Next year will be an exciting one for Not In Our Town: We're strengthening our Not In Our School program, producing new films with educational partner [Facing History and Ourselves](#), and coming out with a PBS special (see the trailer [here](#)). All we need is an integral member of our team: The School and Community Organizer.

If you (or someone you know) are experienced in and passionate about community and school engagement, check out our [job description](#).

## Support the Not In Our Town movement

developments.

### NIOT in the News

Groups in the NIOT network have been making headlines

["Victory of Love and Unity over Violence In Oregon"](#)  
*Newsvine, Corvallis, Ore.,*  
Dec. 20, 2010

["A Holiday Story of Community Solidarity Revisited: Mont. Townsfolk Unite Against Anti-Semitism"](#)  
*Huffington Post,*  
Dec. 16, 2010

["Stop the Hate: The Music Video"](#)  
*Care2, Dec. 13, 2010*

["Vandalism mars Hanukkah in Ind. college town"](#)  
*Associated Press,*  
Dec. 9, 2010

["Statistics Shed Light on Hate Crimes"](#)  
*Coloradoan,*  
Fort Collins, Colo,  
Dec. 6, 2010

["Deploring vandalism, local Muslims tell Jews: 'What happens to you happens to us'"](#)  
*Herald-Times,*  
Bloomington, Ind.,  
Dec. 3, 2010

["Jewish Community Stronger After Incidents, Local Support"](#)  
*Indiana Public Media,*  
Dec. 3, 2010

["IU, Bloomington communities respond to anti-Semitic incidents"](#)  
*IU News Room,*  
Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 3, 2010

["Hanukkah begins amid anti-Semitic incidents; unity events being planned"](#)  
*Herald-Times, Bloomington, Ind.,*  
Dec. 2, 2010

["Bloomington United responds to recent anti-Semitism at IU"](#)  
*Indiana Daily Student,*  
Bloomington, Ind.,  
Dec. 2, 2010

["Hundreds Gather for Vigil"](#)

We stop hate. Together. Our stories-150+ models of successful action-are the core of who we are. This year, we launched NIOT.org to share the best anti-hate models and spread our collective power town by town, school by school. Since February, we have reached thousands of people. The need is clear, and our influence is growing. One positive story continues to inspire many other life-changing responses.

In 2011, our work has an opportunity to expand significantly with the release of our third Not In Our Town documentary and we need your help. *The Patchogue Story: Light in the Darkness* will air on PBS channels in September.

We need your financial support to continue telling these stories. Your donation helps us connect with communities, get cameras into the field, and create new inspiring stories of people making change. Thank you for giving generously at this exciting and urgent time in our history. [Donate today](#).

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Our video documenting Gunn High School's positive response to WBC-pickers attracted more than 22,000 views

[at Fire-Damaged Corvallis Mosque"](#)  
KLCC Public Radio,  
Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 1, 2010

*If your group has received local coverage, email us at [web@theworkinggroup.org](mailto:web@theworkinggroup.org).*

