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**Song Day to benefit tornado victims**

The Foreign Language Department's annual holiday Song Day, to be held at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, in Forum I in the Wright Administration Building, will also function as a fundraiser for tornado victims this year.

"We usually have people bring desserts," said Leslie Roberts, acting chair of the Foreign Language Department. "This time I'm asking everyone to contribute \$1 for tornado relief."

Roberts said she plans to donate the money to Habitat for Humanity's Operation Home Again, a program to build homes for tornado victims.

Song Day is a multi-denominational celebration of the holidays. Roberts will open the program with a traditional Hebrew blessing, which she will sing while lighting a Menorah. Classes in each of the five foreign languages at USI – French, German, Spanish, Japanese and Latin – will perform three traditional holiday songs in their respective language.

"And then we sing one verse of 'Silent Night' in each language, and sing a verse all together – in English – at the end," Roberts said. "I think of it as a prayer for peace to the universe in general – for a good year for people, and more harmony."

About 300 people are expected to attend the event.