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It Takes Many Lights to Keep Our Jewish Community Thriving



Jarad Bernstein
President

Latkes, jelly doughnuts, spinning a dreidel with the hope of winning a lifetime supply of gelt... there's much to love about Hanukkah. While the food and games are great, I often think of the holiday's musical tradition.

Some Hanukkah songs are well-worn classics: Ma'oz Tzur, Hanukkah Oh Hanukkah, and

Adam Sandler's Hanukkah Song to name a few. Even our non-Jewish neighbors hum merrily along when Dreidel, Dreidel is played that one time on the radio each December.

One of my favorite Hanukkah song is the lesser known Banu Choshech Legaresh by famed Israeli choreographer and lyricist Sarah Levi Tanai. It's so unknown in this country that it didn't make it to either of the two official Hanukkah playlists on Spotify! (As a millennial, this is of course how I judge cultural relevance.) The rough translation of the opening lyrics are as follows:

We came to drive away the darkness
In our hands are light and fire
Each individual light is small

But together the light is mighty
Flee, darkness and night
Flee before the light

Just as each candle on the chanukiah creates its own seemingly insignificant light, only when combined with the other lights is the darkness expelled.

This is true of our community as well. We are fortunate to have a history of many bright individual lights in our small Jewish community. They illuminate our cities, our culture, and our families' quality of life. They volunteer, give what they can, and attend events. But these lights cannot expel the darkness on their own.

Our Jewish Federation helps gather the light and shine it where it's needed most. That

light must remain constant and bright for Gan Shalom, Beit Sefer Shalom, Hillel, Jewish Family Services, our work in Israel, and so much more.

It takes many lights—great, small, and in unison—to provide everything from basic services to, every now and then, miracles. Can we count on your light to make miracles for those who need them most in our community?

As we close out our All-in-One campaign year this month, I ask that you please remember to send in your contribution today. It's as easy as calling in your contribution to 515-987-0899 or clicking the "Donate" button on JewishDesMoines.org.

Hanukkah Sameach!

Get \$1,000 for Jewish Overnight Camp



We've got big news: PJ Library and PJ Our Way are giving subscribers up to \$1,000 to attend Jewish overnight camp for the first time! The program, called PJ Goes to Camp, is now accepting grant applications for the summer of 2018.

Who is eligible for a grant from PJ Goes to Camp?

First-time campers who are one of the following:

- A current member of PJ Library or PJ Our Way
- A sibling of a PJ Library or PJ Our Way member
- An alumni of PJ Library or PJ Our Way

What is the amount of the grant?

There are two different grant amounts: \$700 grants for sessions of 12-18 days, and \$1,000 grants for sessions of 19 days or longer. Full eligibility requirements can be found at onehappycamper.org

Women of Honor in the Des Moines Jewish Community



Sharon Goldford
Executive Director

Recently the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines presented the first “Woman of Honor” award to Gail Richards. It was a wonderful event honoring one of the most esteemed women in our community. It was very evident from the speakers at the luncheon that Gail has touched many lives in her own quiet way. Gail and Stanley have certainly touched the Federation and our schools and our children with their generosity.

Gail is the first woman to receive this award, but, it will be given too many more in years to come. There are so many deserving women in our community. Every day you see the work that goes on behind the scenes with very little fanfare.

The women that spoke in honor of Gail are a few of those women. Robbie Winnick, Jeanne Levitt, and Sophie Homonoff. Robbie and Jeanne have worked together in business, have raised families together, they play cards together, and they give back to their community.

They along with Gail have been friends for several years. They, like Gail, have raised money for Jewish causes and organizations that support children and families and other very worthy causes. They have chaired many committees, been Presidents of women groups, and have mentored so many young women. They are active in the Jewish community as well as in our larger community at the Des Moines Art Center, the Des Moines Symphony, and other philanthropic groups, to name a few.

Sophie Homonoff is one of our star upcoming young women. Sophie works tirelessly for our community by moving Jewish education forward from toddlers to high school students. She has a smile for everyone and she never knows a stranger. Sophie works in her synagogue, assists in leading services, puts

up sukkahs, teaches Hebrew songs to our children and educates them on Jewish holidays. Sophie is a special gift to the Federation and to our community. She is a “Woman of Honor” in her own right.

“Women of Honor” are very prevalent in our community. Jewish women inherently give back. They have a sense of duty of doing for others. They give of their time, talent and money. They give themselves.

Golda Meir said, “I can honestly say that I was never affected by the question of the success of an undertaking. If I felt it was the right thing to do, I was for it regardless of the possible outcome.”

The women already mentioned and many more do not do the work they have undertaken or will undertake for success. It will be to make someone else’s life a little better and our community a little brighter.

Our “Women of Honor” are the ones that lead the way so others can follow.

Shalom,
Sharon Goldford

The Jewish Federation would like to congratulate Josh Mandelbaum on his recent election to the Des Moines City Council. Josh serves on the Federation Executive Board and Board of Directors. We wish Josh a successful tenure as Council member for the third Ward.

We Are Updating Our Records

In order to make sure we reach as many Jewish families in and around Des Moines as possible, we need your help in making sure we have your current information. If you have recently moved, change phone numbers or have a new email address, or alternative summer or winter addresses, please contact our office and update your information. Thank you!

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Upcoming Senior Activities

- December 14: Senior Hanukkah party at Tifereth Israel Synagogue with Abe Goldstien and Laura Sparks entertaining.
- January 9: Seniors will travel to Prairie Meadows for lunch, gambling, and live music.
- February 8: Senior luncheon and yoga at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.



Seniors enjoying good food and even better company at October's luncheon

COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY UPDATE

Thank you for your input!

The response to the survey was wonderful with over 230 people sharing their information and opinions. We are currently compiling the information and will share the summary information with the Visionary Committee and the Federation board. The results will be available in the near future on the Federation website. We look forward to sharing this information with you.

Wishing our friends

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**Happy Hanukkah and
Happy New Year**

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Community Report

Engman Camp Shalom

- Engman Camp Shalom will offer 10 weeks of camp during the summer of 2018 (Dates TBD)
- New Camp Director is needed. Assistant Camp Director, Julia Minnehan, works all year
- 68 different campers participated in Engman Camp Shalom during the summer of 2017
- ECS had 223 total registrations during the summer of 2017
- Scholarships supported six families (12 children) in 2017

Beit Sefer Shalom

- Beit Sefer Shalom has 120 students registered for the 2017-18 school year
- 23 teenagers are currently participating in the Madrichim Program
- BSS is educating two year olds through seniors in high school
- Social Justice/Tolerance lessons are being updated in each grade this year at Beit Sefer Shalom
- Our Israel curriculum is being taught by Brenda and Gil Coosner to Kindergarten-6th grade
- Beit Sefer Shalom offers transportation Wednesdays and Sundays from Tifereth Israel Synagogue

Gan Shalom

- Gan Shalom educates 32 students with new two year olds beginning monthly.
- Gan Shalom Open House, Grandparents lunch and Iowa/ISU Tailgate were all well attended
- Staff participated in the Iowa AEYC Fall Institute Conference in Altoona
- Rosh Hashanah fundraiser was successful. Money raised will support nature based learning
- Z'man Ivrit is taught twice a week to all four classrooms
- Picture Day ran smoothly with the support of parent and grandparent volunteers

Jewish Community Relations

- Facilitated conversations about Israel to review current events and to hear and discuss a variety of perspectives
- Convened members of the Iowa Council for Holocaust Education to begin work on a project to help teachers identify the specific statewide standards most relevant to teaching about the Holocaust
- Planned the community Kristallnacht commemoration involving representatives of the Jewish, Bosnian and Rwandan communities.
- Participated in conversations and planning with representatives from Partnership2Gether/Western Galilee and the West Des Moines – Match Asher Project
- Monitored local anti-Israel programming and met with individuals to explain the problematic issues involved
- Maintained our online resources pertaining to antisemitism, Holocaust education, the West Des Moines – Match Asher Project, and communication with the Jewish communities in Iowa. We initiated a public website to help people find information about the Iowa Jewish communities. It is found online at IowaJewish.weebly.com

Iowa Jewish Historical Society

- The events featuring Celina Karp Biniarz continue to generate a lot of interest with visitors and schools in the greater Des Moines community. Videos of her presentations at Valley High School and Caspe Terrace will soon be available online
- The Iowa Jewish Historical Society's museum gallery will be temporarily closed from November 16, 2017 until May 1, 2018 to complete a 6-month project to improve the long-term preservation and care of our collections. Some museum exhibits and programming will be featured in other parts of Caspe Terrace
- On October 31, the IJHS welcomed students from Des Moines' Scavo School to study the Holocaust and the contributions on the Jewish people of Iowa to our state and the nation. This will be continuing program with the DM Public Schools

Jewish Family Services and Outreach

- On October 19, the senior luncheon was held at Temple B'nai Jeshurun with Louise Kaufman providing musical entertainment
- Jewish Family Services delivered Rosh Hashanah baskets to seniors. Thanks so much to everyone who donated to support this effort. The seniors love receiving the baskets!
- On October 23, Jody attended the Senior Life Conference. This program is put on annually by the Central Iowa Senior Education Network and provides information and resources about services for seniors. Topics this year included Senior Housing Options, Legal and Financial Issues for Seniors, Medicaid and Medicare, and Achieving Wellness for Older Adults.
- Please don't hesitate to contact Jewish Family Services if you are aware of someone who is hospitalized or is in need of services to help them stay in their home. We are here to help!

The Devil in Judaism: History of Evil in the Torah and Today

Dr. David Friedgood
Torah Commentator

The world we live in is not perfect. Evil exists. Our Holy Book, the Bible, recognizes this fact. Adam and Eve, the first Humans, were expelled from the Garden of Eden as a result of their transgressions. Their son Cain murdered his brother. The Hebrew word *ra* (evil), derived from the verb *RAA* (evil, misery, to break), is used frequently in Biblical text. There is, however, little comprehensive discussion of the theology of evil in the Torah. The given message is simplistic. Do good and be rewarded. Sin and be punished.

In later Books of the TANACH (Torah, Prophets, and Writings) some attention is devoted to the meaning of evil and its implication on Jewish Life. Satan, a Hebrew word meaning 'adversary', originally is seen as an Angel, a messenger of God. Satan was sent by God to block the path of the misguided prophet Balaam who was sent to curse the Israelites as they wandered through the desert. (Numbers 22:22) Later the Prophet Zechariah has a vision of Satan as an independent prosecutor in a celestial court. Satan is standing to the right of God, the Accuser of His people.

In the last book of TANAKH Satan is seen to act independent of our Deity: "Satan rose up against Israel and incited David to number Israel (in preparation for war)". (I Chronicles 21:1)

Later Rabbinical teaching was influenced by the Greek 'diablos' (Devil) and Zoroastrianism. In the 6th century BCE in Persia, Zoroaster was tempted by the Devil. Dualism was born with Satan seen as a devil, an evil-being inciting humans to sin. He is a counterpoint to our Holy God. In the 2nd Temple period the monastic sect of Essenism viewed evil as the work of an independent devil, not part of God's creation. This view was later fully developed by Christianity. Servants of the Devil recognized in Jewish literature include: Azazel (a fallen angel reincarnated as a goat), Leviathan (a sea devil),

and Lilith (the she devil). In the Book of Daniel, Michael is named as a Prince of God who defends Israel against its enemies.

In the Talmud Samael, chief of all Satans, seduces Abraham to defy God: "Samael came to see our father Abraham and said to him: "Old man, old man, have you lost your senses? Are you going to slay a son who was granted to you when you were a hundred years old?" (Genesis Raba 56:4)

Later Michael saves us from the wrath of Samael. In the 1st Temple period our Prophet Isaiah reports an apocalyptic

come to mind:

1) God creates evil. This seems unacceptable, as our God does not do bad things.

2) Perhaps our misfortunes represent punishment for our misdeeds. Too often however we see the innocent suffer while the wicked seem to be rewarded. God cannot be making mistakes.

3) God permits evil to occur. The world was set on its course in Genesis but incomplete, allowing bad things to happen. 4

) God does not control the actions of humans. We are endowed with free will, able to choose right from wrong. Evil results out of our ignorance or

may never understand. Job's fortune was restored and he was blessed with another family. Job continued to believe in his LORD. He died contented.

Over the millennia our teachers have wrestled with the problem of evil. Sadia Gaon (10th century) saw evil as punishment for our transgressions.

Abraham ibn Ezra (11th century) felt that evil represented a defect in this world. The Rambam (12th century) felt all evil was a negative. Death for instance is the negation of life. God's creation remains positive and perfect. He also saw evil as a lack of knowledge. If people were all learned and wise, none would inflict harm on another. Baruch Spinoza (17th century) took this concept further and developed a Universalist Philosophy where nature and God are one and there is no need for religious doctrine.

If we were all wise and acted in our collective best interest there would be no evil. (For this he was excommunicated by a Jewish court in Holland.) Abraham Heschel (20th century) sees religion essential to the development of human society. "The world is in need of redemption, but we all need to work to make our world worthy of this redemption.

Our faith, good deeds, and acts of loving kindness prepare us and our world for ultimate redemption". (God in Search of Man 1956) Perhaps in this way we can drive the devil out of Judaism, and out of our world.

*"...The LORD has given,
and the LORD has taken away,
Blessed be the
name of the LORD".
(Job 1:21)*

vision when speaking to Jews trying to find their way in the world: "Wildcats shall meet hyenas, Goat-dreamers shall greet each other; There too Lilith shall repose and find herself a resting place". (Isaiah 34:14)

So, you may ask, what is the problem? We all know evil exists. It is all around us. Our job is to be good. We are here to foster our Yetzer HaTov (good inclination) and suppress our Yetzer HaRa (evil inclination). Problem solved. But, what effect does evil have on our relationship with God, and how does the horror of evil affect our belief in religion? Our God after all is perfect and infinitely good. Our deity created a perfect world. Where does evil fit in? How can a demonic Satan exist in God's creation?

Several possible answers

misbehavior.

5) God chooses not to interfere with the function of the world. Bad things happen, perhaps by luck or unforeseen circumstances. Who knows?

The Book of Job deals with the question of evil directly. Job was a good man who feared God and shunned evil. He was wealthy with 10 children. One day Satan went to the LORD and convinced the deity to put Job to the test. Job lost his possessions and his family. He suffered greatly but 'for all that, Job did not sin or cast reproach on God'. Job's friends try to console him and offer excuses for his misfortune. None could help alleviate his misery. Job suffers, but finally realizes that God is the Great All Powerful Creator of the universe. Still bad things happen for reasons that mortals

In the Kitchen for Hanukkah

Karen Engman
Chef du Jour

As I write this column, the temperature has dipped into the 20's, so my thoughts have turned to the coming of winter and the celebration of Hanukkah. The 2017 "festival of lights" begins on Wednesday, December 13 and ends on December 20.

Hopefully, you will partake in a traditional Hanukkah meal that, of course, includes potato latkes. Instead of sharing just one recipe this issue, I propose you check your BEYOND MATZO BALLS cookbook for these menu suggestions for a delicious meal.

In case you haven't purchased the Iowa Jewish Historical Society's cookbook, it's not too late! Just fill in this order blank and then you will have a host of new recipes, great photos of objects from the IJHS collection and interesting commentaries from the recipe contributors. Also, I will deliver your cookbook (in the Des Moines metro area) so you can save the mailing charge.

Since two of the entrée ideas were beef recipes, the rest of the menu did not include any recipes with dairy products. If you go with a fish main course then there is a multitude of dairy salads and desserts to choose from in this cookbook.

Remember, BEYOND MATZO BALLS is a wonderful holiday gift so order today!

Proposed Menu Suggestions

Fat Free Latkes (page 124)
Melva Bucksbaum

Latkes (page 127)
Steve Wilke-Shapiro

Potato Latkes (page 131)
Bernice Corn

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Heidi Moskowitz

Sour Salad (page 46)
Rosita Rabinowitz

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Marsha Miller

Miso Salmon (page 74)
Barbara Carlstrom

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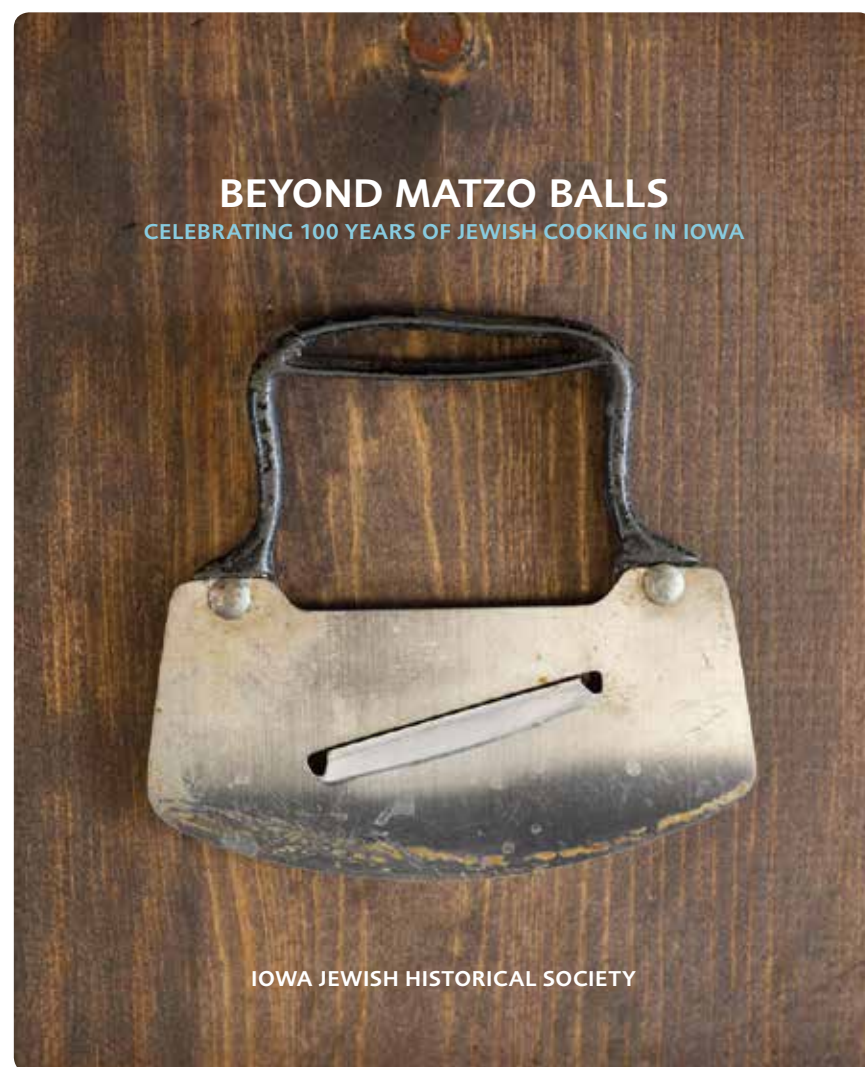


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A new tradition: Fans at Kinnick wave to patients in children’s hospital

Andy Wittry | NCAA.com

The University of Iowa’s Kinnick Stadium has a seating capacity of 70,585, which gives the Hawkeyes incredible strength in numbers in one of the coolest new traditions in college football. The stadium is located next to the new University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital and hospital patients have a view that overlooks the sea of gold and black on gamedays.

What started as a fan suggestion on an Iowa Facebook fan page has turned into a full-blown movement: Iowa fans collectively waving to the top floor of the hospital, where the children and their families gather to watch Iowa, at the end of the first quarter during Hawkeye home games.



Joint Kever Avot with Patrick Courtney, Rabbi Emily Barton, Ira Lacher and Rabbi David Kaufman



Holocaust Council Meeting



This is John Norwood, point person for the West Des Moines Sister Cities Commission – Match Asher Project. John, along with others, reported to the West Des Moines City Council in October about the growing relationships between Israel, Iowa, and West Des Moines.



Stanley and Gail Richards visit Caspe with Sharon Goldford and Sophie Homonoff and enjoy visiting students and staff.

Jews Need Trifocal Lenses to Confront Antisemitism

Adapted from a column by David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee

For close to two decades, the American Jewish Committee has been blowing the whistle on the rising tide of antisemitism. When asked about the source of this antisemitism, our answer has always been the same: Look in three directions — the far-left, the far-right and the jihadists.

Too many people in our hyper-politicized world, however, would prefer to shy away from this trifocal analysis. For them, it doesn't necessarily sit well ideologically. Yet, is my contentions that it's time for those people who genuinely care about antisemitism to open their eyes wide — and not allow ideological or partisan thinking to narrow their field of vision.

Here's a very brief overview of the three sources of antisemitism that pose serious threats.

When neo-Nazis came out by

the hundreds in Charlottesville and chanted blood-curdling diatribes evoking the Third Reich, many Jews rushed to condemn them, and rightly so. We were most assuredly among them.

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To be absolutely and unmistakably clear, there is a real danger emanating from the far-right. But the antisemitic danger doesn't begin and end here. Nor, therefore, should our concern and outrage.

The far-left also poses daunting challenges. Many in this camp seem to have a problem with one country on earth — and it just happens to be the only Jewish-majority nation around. Is the far-left's obsessive, relentless, and selective attempt to challenge the Jewish people's national

aspirations not a form of antisemitism? Of course it is, and it has been acknowledged as such by the UN secretary-general, the president of France and many other astute leaders.

Yet bifocal lenses aren't sufficient, either. Trifocals are needed — because in recent times, the greatest physical threat to Jews has come from jihadists.

Consider the fact that every fatal attack against Jews in Europe in recent years has been carried out by Islamic extremists -- jihadists. From the kosher supermarket in Paris to a Jewish school in Toulouse, from the Jewish Museum in Brussels to the synagogue in Copenhagen, from the murders of Ilan Halimi and Sarah Halimi in Paris to the Israelis (and Bulgarians) killed in Burgas — these attacks were

all perpetrated by jihadists.

Add to that the genocidal ambitions of Iran, Hezbollah and Hamas, and you see how serious this threat truly is.

Finally — if things weren't complicated enough — we also must not lose sight of the seemingly bizarre alliances that emerge. These include the alliance between the far-left and Islamic extremists regarding Israel and Zionism, and the alliance between the far-right and Islamic extremists on Holocaust denial and demonization of Jews.

The complete column by David Harris is online at <https://www.algemeiner.com/2017/09/07/jews-need-trifocal-lenses-to-confront-antisemitism/>



The Federation will screen a first-run film at the Caspe at 1:30 pm on Sunday, December 17th as a Hanukkah gift to the community. The film, 'Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas' is "an offbeat, fun and intelligent film about the immigrant and first generation Jewish songwriters responsible for so many of the holiday chestnuts. The 'chosen people' of Christmas- cheer not only melodized Christmas; they froze it in time." The timing is coordinated on that Sunday to dovetail with the Intergenerational Hanukkah Party at the Caspe organized by Beit Sefer Shalom, the Jewish Federation, and PJ Library.

Set entirely in a Chinese restaurant, I'M DREAMING OF A JEWISH CHRISTMAS is an

offbeat, fun and intelligent film about how Jews redefined the Christmas season. Dreaming of a Jewish Christmas explores the Jewish songwriters—Irving Berlin, Mel Tormé, Sammy Cahn and many others—who wrote the soundtrack to Christendom's most musical holiday, and transformed the holiday, in a sense, from a religious to a secular and inclusive one. The film is a unique documentary, featuring rarely-seen archival footage, musical performances and interviews with contemporary writers and performers as well as connoisseurs of American popular music.

The film had its world premiere in November in the Vancouver Jewish Film Festival.



"The Moment that Changed Everything" was held at Tifereth Synagogue on November 9. The program focused on remembering the 79th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the Holocaust, the Rwandan Genocide and the Bosnian Genocide of Srebrenica. Michael Wolnerman, a child of Holocaust survivors, spoke about growing up with parents who lived to tell about this terrible time in history. He also spoke on the importance of remembrance. Claudien Karangwa, chair of the Rwandan Community of Iowa, and Jules Muhunde, Co-chair of Friends Rwanda, each spoke about living in Rwanda during the time of the genocide. The 1994 genocide targeted Tutsi people, and there were one million deaths. Hazim Becirovic is a survivor of the Bosnian Genocide and spoke about his bravery in saving himself and his sister. Each individual's story was powerful and moving. It was a full house of community members, gathering to remember some of the most difficult times in history. As Michael Wolnerman said at the end of his speech, "Forgive, but never forget."

Lunch, 12:30 - 1:30, featuring "Hanukkah Carols, Oy Vey!" gleefully performed by Laura Sparks and Abe Goldstien



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Remembering Ella, a Light That Filled the Gan Shalom Halls and Many Lives

This article originally appeared in July/August/September issue of the "The Journal of the Iowa Pharmacy Association"

Kate Gainer, PharmD
Executive Vice President
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I contemplated a few different topics for this Journal's editorial. But my heart kept coming back to Ella. Ella was the life of every backyard party we've had. In a sea of young children, she was the one orchestrating the chaos, or at least making sure everyone was included. She knew exactly where the snacks were (doughnuts if it was breakfast), and would sneak an extra when she thought no one was looking. While tall for her age, she was young enough to jump up and give great big hugs with her arms, and legs, wrapped tightly around you. I'm fairly certain that she gave me one of those hugs every time we were together. She was exuberant, loving and silly.

Ella was a healthy and strong 5 1/2 year old when she unexpectedly and entirely too soon died from sepsis. But in those 5 years – every waking moment of those years- she lived life to the fullest. Ella was the middle child of our close friends, Kate and Jess. Kate is a pharmacist and IPA member; so even though she was too young to know it, Ella was part of the Iowa pharmacy family. Not a day has passed that I don't think of Ella. I miss her mischievous smile, her wild, loving energy, and her tiny yet boisterous voice calling me KP (which was always drawn out as kaaaaaayy-peeeeeee).

Our friends have shown more strength and grace since losing their daughter than I knew was humanly possible. Yet, to hear them speak of Ella's final hours,

they credit the real strength to the medical team at UI Stead Family Children's Hospital that fought to save Ella's life. The PICU team fought for Ella as though she was their own daughter and never left her side for 12+ hours; they didn't

since her death, and her light provides me daily reminders of love, childhood innocence, and gratitude. If I can spread Ella's light beyond my own family to my pharmacy family, it would be to share a few of these reminders with you.



eat, they didn't break, and they didn't step away. One nurse was overheard saying a prayer for this beautiful child.

Ella's light continues to shine bright for everyone who knew her. It's been three months

Hug those you love, really hug them tight and squeeze a few seconds longer; Eat ice cream, 2 scoops, and sneak a giant spoonful from the tub when no one's watching;

Sing to your heart's content, and I mean really, REALLY sing;

Be thankful for the noise;

Don't be afraid of the mud, or the rain, or grass stains (Ella was the Ballerina with grass-stained knees);

Be grateful for the important people in your life – and tell them so;

Be present.

Many of us have an 'Ella' – someone who has touched our life while she was with us on Earth, but once gone continues to touch us in an even bigger and stronger way. And, hopefully, touches the lives of people she never had the chance to meet.

Rest in peace sweet girl.

“She’s got a rebel heart a country mile wide; there’s a little bit of devil in those angel eyes”

At Gan Shalom, we are honored to announce Ella's family will be organizing a Scholarship fund for Gan Shalom students. Details are not finalized at this time, but we will share more information about the Scholarship soon.

Beit Sefer Shalom

Beit Sefer Shalom Hosts Global Day of Jewish Learning at Caspe

Each year, Jewish people around the world take part in participating in the ‘Global Day of Jewish Learning.’ This program is a time when students, parents and community members come together to learn about and appreciate the Jewish culture. Each year has a different theme. This year’s theme was ‘Embracing a Beautiful World.’ Check out how the Global Day of Jewish Learning was celebrated at Caspe.

Community Scholar Presentations

Community scholars including Rabbi Yossi Jacobson, Rabbi David Kaufman, Rabbi Emily Barton, and Mike

Kuperman spoke to the adults while students were in their classrooms and doing activities throughout Caspe Terrace.



Scavenger Hunts at the Museum

Students of all ages at Beit Sefer Shalom took time at the Historical Society’s museum to

learn more about the history or the Jewish community in the Des Moines area.





Becoming Role Models for Beit Sefer Shalom Students

From first years to alumni, it's no secret Beit Sefer Shalom wouldn't be complete without all the Drake University students who work here. This year, there is one of the highest number of Drake students BSS has ever had. We want to thank our Drake students for supporting BSS and teaching our students. Get to know them below.



My favorite thing is seeing the kids smile.

Sarah Valdman
First Year, English Major and
Two Business Minors
2nd Grade Teacher



My favorite thing is the friendships made.

Delia Koolick
Sophomore, Psychology Major
and Sociology Minor
2 and 3 Year Olds Teacher



My favorite thing is engaging with kids and seeing a smile on their faces.

Isaac Franks
First Year, Psychology Major
6th Grade Aid



My favorite thing is seeing the kids learning new stuff.

Kyle Grossmann
Senior, Data Analytics Major
Computer
Lab Assistant



My favorite thing is working with children and teaching them as well as watching them grow.

Brea Whitefield
Junior, Psychology Major and
Spanish Minor
2 and 3 Year Olds Teacher



My favorite thing is when the kids are excited and engaged in class.

Sara Shankerman
Graduate, Occupational
Therapy Doctorate
6th Grade Teacher



My favorite thing is watching my students grow and learning from them.

Giovanna Zavell
Senior, Magazine and English
Double Major
5th Grade Teacher



My favorite thing is the great kids and the community.

Tali Eisenstadt
Senior, Education Major
2nd Grade Teacher



My favorite thing is educating young Jewish minds of the future.

Rebecca Perl
Sophomore, Public Relations
and Law and Politics and Society
Double Major
3rd Grade Teacher

Not Pictured

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Celina Karp Biniaz Returns to Des Moines

From September 10 through 13, the Iowa Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) had the distinct honor and rare privilege of presenting a series of programs featuring Celina Karp Biniaz.

For those four days in September, Celina captivated students and the general public alike with her story of surviving the Holocaust by being on Schindler’s List and with her message of hope and forgiveness.

On Sunday, September 10, at Valley High School, Celina spoke to approximately 800 people of all ages who came from across the state. Students from at least four colleges—Grinnell, Drake, Simpson, and Central—joined high school students as well as adults and seniors in listening to her story.

Celina returned to Valley High School on Monday, this time to speak to 1,000 10th –12th graders in two presentations. Between the presentations, she came to our museum for a private tour.

On Tuesday, at a luncheon in her honor that was attended by 115 people from as far away as Kansas, Celina personalized her presentation even more, interspersing a description of her life with poems that she wrote after representing the Shoah Foundation at the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz. Many in the audience described her talk as bringing them close to tears.

From the luncheon, she headed to her alma mater, Grinnell College, and talked with another 300 students and community members.

Thursday, she capped off her speaking engagements with a presentation at her other alma mater, North High School, where she was greeted with a rock star welcome—loud clapping, cheers,

and foot stomping from the 350 students, faculty, and guests from the community.

But her work was not done! That afternoon, Celina sat down with former IJHS President and Director, Janice Rosenberg for a two-hour oral history interview about her life since her Shoah Foundation testimony in 1996. In more than one way, the interview completed a circle that started for both of them in 1995/1996. Janice was trained by the Shoah Foundation and did 8-10 interviews with Des Moines Holocaust survivors for the Shoah Foundation archives.

At all of her presentations, Celina invited audience members to come up on the stage to look at the artifacts she brought with her—including a pair of scissors that Oskar Schindler gave her family and all the other prisoners in his factory in preparation for the liberation of the factory. He hoped that they would use the scissors, bolts of cloth, bottles of whiskey and other items to barter with as they rebuilt their lives after the war. Celina told us that when the time is appropriate, the Schindler Scissors will join the Schindler Cup at our museum.

And, at every talk, the stage was soon crowded with students and adults who wanted to meet her, to thank her for coming, and to share stories of their own challenges. Celina usually spent close to an hour after each presentation talking with each person and taking selfies.

In total, Celina spoke to at least 2,500 people during those four days and helped tens of thousands of people become aware of her story and also of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society through her interviews with the media.



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Objects on the Move: First Major Funded Project is Underway at IJHS

On November 16, 2017, the doors of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society's museum gallery closed temporarily so the IJHS staff and volunteers could start the long-anticipated changes for the storage of its collection. Some museum exhibits will be moved into Bookey Lodge, the Staroselsky Club House, and the downstairs classroom and the IJHS will use the auditorium and other areas of the building for programs.

During the temporary closing of the gallery (November 16, 2016 to May 1, 2017), the IJHS will carefully pack and move our collection of approximately 8,000 artifacts into another part of the museum and install compact movable shelving;

specialized racks for holding textiles, artwork, framed pictures, awards; heavy-duty shelving for the memorial boards of the Children of Israel Synagogue; and new cabinets and workspaces in the office/receiving area. After the installation of the new shelving, the entire collection will be moved back into the newly-renovated storage areas. To help with the move, the IJHS is hiring a Collections Assistant for one year funded as part of this project by the 20th Anniversary Fund Drive.

Some of the artifacts to be moved are single objects that must be handled individually; others are groups of objects packed together in acid-free

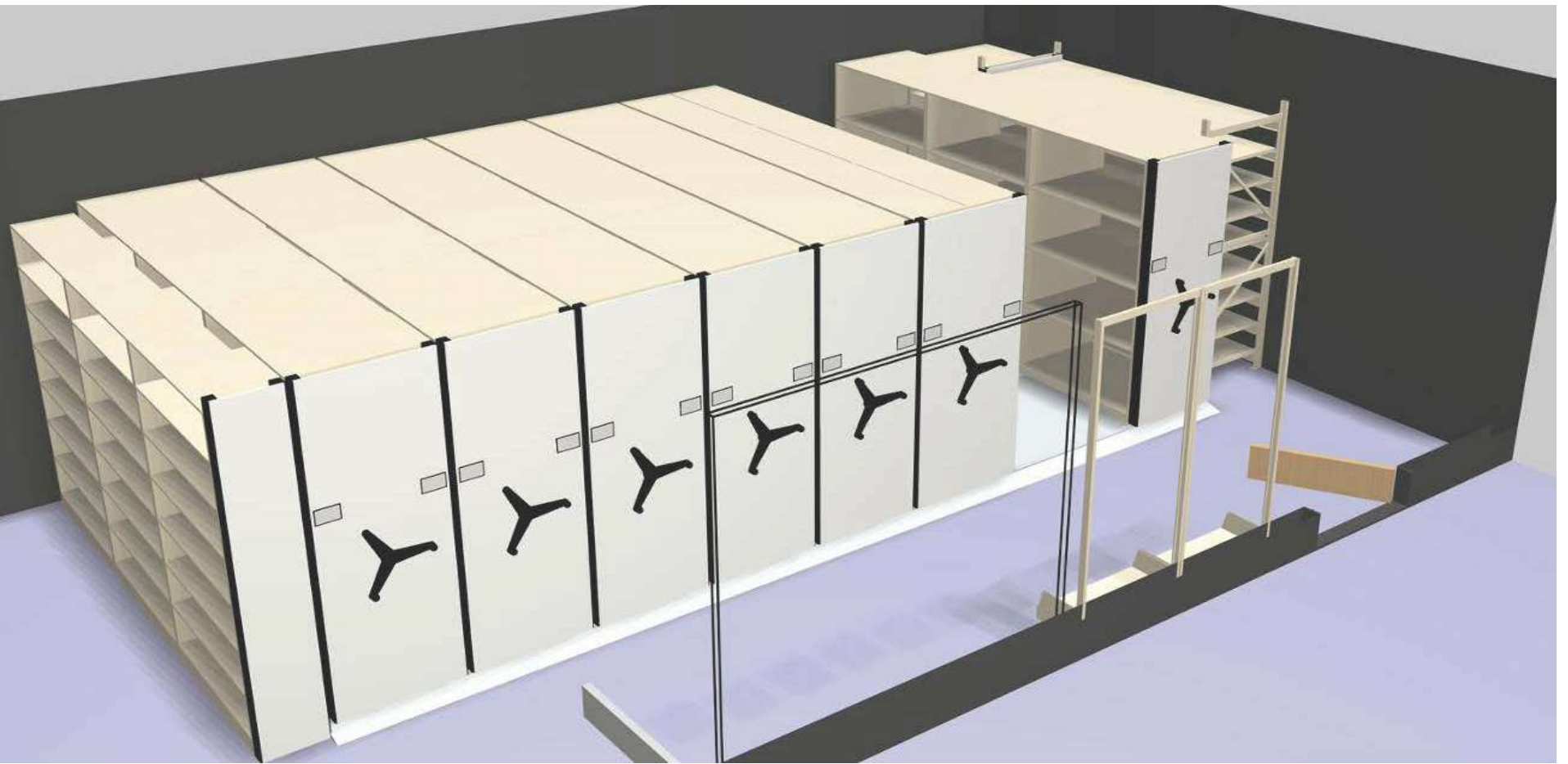
boxes. Moving this number of objects safely is a tremendous challenge—ensuring that no artifacts are broken and that no item is “lost” or misplaced because its new location is not accurately recorded.

This project will resolve one of the biggest challenges facing the Iowa Jewish Historical Society—too tightly-packed shelves, artifacts stored on the floor, lack of special racks needed for different types of artifacts, etc.—that can accelerate the deterioration of the entire collection if not addressed.

Museum staff and volunteers have been preparing for this project for more than 5 years, including inventorying and cataloging the artifacts so that

we would know how many of each type of shelf would be needed; working with potential vendors on different layouts and costs; and raising funds as part of the 20th Anniversary Fund Drive.

When the shelving is installed, it will provide a 225% increase in cubic storage space, creating enough space so that objects don't touch/damage each other, no objects will be stored on the floor, and there is ample room for future donations. It will also create separate storage areas for artifacts that are being offered for donation so they can be evaluated for mold, mildew and other damage before exposing the entire collection to these potential dangers.



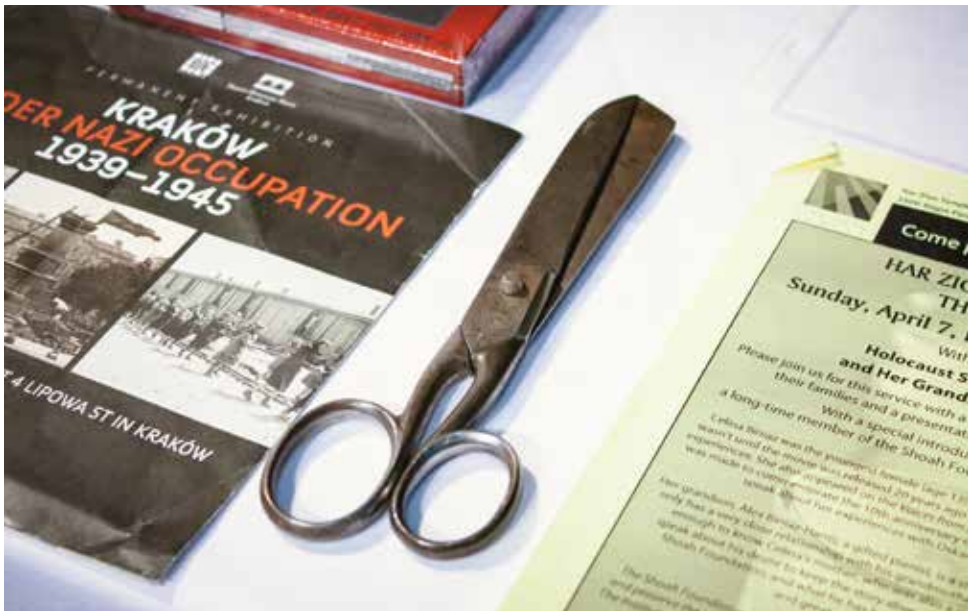
This exciting project to improve the long-term preservation and care of the entire IJHS collection is being funded by donations made to our 20th Anniversary Fund Drive. Please help make our other projects successful as well. Donate now to our 20th Anniversary “How Beautiful is Our Heritage” Fund Drive. Thank you!

Memorable Moments From Celina Karp Biniaz's Visit

Photos Courtesy of Katelynn Durbin



Celina at Valley High School speaking about her experiences with the Holocaust and being on Schindler's List.



Display of artifacts from Celina's collection featuring the scissors Oskar Schindler gave the Karp family to barter with as they rebuilt their lives after they were liberated. The red cup was also Celina's and she used it during her family's time at Schindler's factory. It can be found on display in the Jewish Historical Society's Museum.



A standing ovation for Celina after her presentation for the general public at Valley High School.



Those who attended the general public event at Valley High School were able to meet Celina and take selfies.



Celina and community members gathered at Caspe Terrace for a luncheon and showing of her artifacts collection.



Co-Presidents Melanie Sandler and Robbie Winick helping Celina open her gift using the Schindler Scissors.



Celina speaking with guests about different artifacts in her collection during an event at Caspe Terrace.



Celina holding the Schindler cup with David Copeland, Sarah Carlson, Sandi Yoder and Janice Rosenberg.



What is Chabad-Lubavitch



There are no trumpets sounded when they arrive in their new home city; no red carpets unrolled in their honor. They have few friends, no relatives, no familiar culture, atmosphere or environment. Many commodities, such as kosher meat, dairy products and other basics, may have to be shipped in, but here are certain staples, vitally essential to their mission, which they bring with them by the truckload: friendliness, affection for all, compassion, tolerance, self-sacrifice, utter devotion and selfless dedication.

Armed with these, they immediately begin their work of "Outreach": explaining, shedding light, dispelling myths, countering stereotypes. "What does it mean to be a Jew?" "Rabbi, how can I observe the Shabbat, when my store has its best sales on Saturday?" "How are Mitzvot relevant today, in this community?" The Shluchim of Chabad-Lubavitch don't insist; they suggest. They don't take over, they give over. They don't criticize; they encourage. They do not "preach down" to people; they act as genuine equals, as friends. And the revolution begins. It takes place without anyone realizing it. A few years fly by and seemingly "out of nowhere," it is a familiar and accepted sight to see families with sukkot, observing Shabbat, eating kosher, etc. ...

Rabbi Leibel and Malka Jacobson have moved to Ames to establish a Chabad center.

"There has been, for the past few years, a growing need for a strong Torah true Jewish presence in Ames and at Iowa State University. There are several hundred Jewish students at ISU" says Rabbi Leibel. We want those students to know they have a home-away-from-home, a place where they are always welcome and wanted and

can explore and connect to their Jewish heritage."

The Jacobson's are the directors of one of over 3,500 Chabad and Chabad on Campus centers worldwide. Even though the Jacobson's just moved and have barely had time to settle in and become familiar with the city, their doors are already wide open offering Shabbat meals on Friday nights, programs for the Jewish holidays, one-on-one learning sessions, social events, and philanthropic and volunteer opportunities to help others in need in the community.

The Jacobson's will also focus on encouraging students to take leadership roles in their campus communities to help foster the creation of the next generation of empowered Jewish leadership.

When asked what their primary purpose is Mrs. Malka Jacobson responded, "We wear many hats to meet the needs of the students and community. We serve as mentors, friends, counselors, teachers, and sometimes even surrogate moms and dads. We are here for them and want them to know they can come to us for anything from a home-cooked meal to guidance on their challenges and struggles," she said.

The first Chabad House on campus was established in 1969 with the encouragement of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, the spiritual guide and leader of the Chabad movement, to serve a growing need. "College is a transitional time in a student's development and often when one's values, goals, and identity start to solidify. It is essential that Jewish students have access to experiencing and learning about the richness of Judaism so that their Jewish identity be able to flourish as well," stated Rabbi Yossi Gordon, Executive Vice President of Chabad on Campus International Foundation.

The Jacobson's immediate focus is meeting new students and getting them involved in the various opportunities and programs that Chabad has to offer.

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AJC Religious Services

Rabbi Nina Mizrahi will be coming to Ames to lead services and adult education on the following weekends:

- December 15-17
- January 12-14
- February 16-18

Lay-led Shabbat services will be held on other weekends. Please go to <http://ajciowa.org/events.htm> for the schedule of Shabbat services and other activities.

Hanukkah Party

AJC's Hanukkah Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 17 around noon (details to be announced later).

If you would like to receive notifications about upcoming events and/or the monthly AJC newsletter, please send a request, along with the e-mail addresses where you would like to receive this information, to ajciowa@gmail.com

**Recurring Events****Minyan**

Tuesdays, 7:15 a.m.

Services

Fridays, 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Services

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Services

11:30 p.m. Shabbat Cafe

12:30 p.m. Shabbat Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Emily Barton

Special Events for November and December 2017 January and February 2018

December 2017

Saturday, December 9, 10:15 a.m. Lev Shalev Meditation

Sunday, December 10, 2:00 p.m. YAD, Kadima & USY Ice Skating

Friday, December 15, 6:00 p.m. Mishpacha Shabbat Dinner & Hanukkah Party

Friday, December 22 - Saturday, December 23 USY Shabbaton

January 2018

Saturday, January 6, 5:45 p.m. Havdalah, Potluck & Game Night

Saturday, January 13, 10:15 a.m. Lev Shalev Meditation

Sunday, January 14 YAD - Service Project - MLK Day

Saturday, January 20, 6:00 p.m. YAD Disco Party & Dinner

Sunday, January 21, 6:00 p.m. USY Evening Event

Saturday, January 27, 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat & Jr. Congregation

February 2018

Saturday, February 3, 6:15 a.m. Havdalah, Potluck & Game Night

Friday, February 9, 6:00 p.m. Mishpacha Shabbat, Potluck &

Ramah Shabbaton

Saturday, February 10, 9:30 a.m. Shabbat services and Ramah Shabbaton

Saturday, February 10, 10:15 a.m. Lev Shalev Meditation

Sunday, February 11, 2:00 p.m. USY - Levitt Youth Lounge

Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat & Jr. Congregation

Adult Education

Shabbat Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Emily Barton

Saturdays after Shabbat Café at 12:30 p.m.

S.T.E.P. (Sunday Torah Education Program) with Michael Kuperman

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Adult Hebrew for Beginners with Patrick Courtney

Sundays at 3:00 p.m.

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We begin with Hanukkah and our miracle of the Temple lights. Beyond reason, as the oil continued to burn in the Temple, we come together in fellowship to warm the cold and dark. Nature’s rest continues, and we can snuggle and share, renewing our spiritual strength in learning and remembering; enjoying the opportunity to meditate on Adonai’s goodness while the outside sleeps.

Take this opportunity to come to Sisterhood meetings and activities, to renew our solidarity

and assume our responsibility for the life and the future of our Jewish community.

Upcoming events are below.

- Sisterhood and Youth Group for Games and Crafts
- December 9: is Temple Talent Show
- December 10: Sisterhood Tea. Speaker on Domestic Abuse
- December 11: Breakfast Club at Windsor Heights Hy Vee 9:30 a.m.
- December 11: Sisterhood and Brotherhood Book Club, “Everything is Illuminated”
- December 15: Hanukkah Shabbat and Game Night
- December 24: Dinner for Everyone at Hibachi for Erev Fun
- December 28: WE DO Lunch Location TBD



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DECEMBER 2 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:35 a.m. Rabbi’s Torah Study	JANUARY 19 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood / Brotherhood Game Night
DECEMBER 8 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	JANUARY 20 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:35 a.m. Rabbi’s Torah Study
DECEMBER 9 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:35 a.m. Rabbi’s Torah Study TBD Youth Group Talent Show	JANUARY 26 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
DECEMBER 15 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m. Hanukkah Shabbat 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood / Brotherhood Game Night	JANUARY 27 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:35 a.m. Rabbi’s Torah Study
DECEMBER 16 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:35 a.m. Rabbi’s Torah Study	FEBRUARY 2 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m. Family/Classic Shabbat 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Potluck Dinner
DECEMBER 22 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	FEBRUARY 3 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:35 a.m. Rabbi’s Torah Study
DECEMBER 23 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:35 a.m. Rabbi’s Torah Study	FEBRUARY 9 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service
DECEMBER 24 5:30 p.m. Dinner at Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet	FEBRUARY 10 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:35 a.m. Rabbi’s Torah Study
DECEMBER 29 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	FEBRUARY 16 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 p.m. Sisterhood / Brotherhood Game Night
DECEMBER 30 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:35 a.m. Rabbi’s Torah Study	FEBRUARY 17 9:00 a.m. Weekly Text Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service 10:35 a.m. Rabbi’s Torah Study
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JANUARY 12 5:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service	

Spring 2018 Adult Education and Introduction to Judaism Schedule, All Classes Begin at 7 p.m.

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Upcoming DMTYG Youth Group Events



Hello! My name is Hanna Marcus and I am the new 2017-2018 DMTYG president! This year I have many new and exciting programs planned for our youth group. Along with me our board this year consist of the following:

- Hanna Kaufman: Vice President of Programming and Social Action
- Avi Kaufman: Vice President of Membership and Publicity
- Ellie Kaufman: Secretary
- Andy Kaufman: Treasurer
- Maureen Pletcher: Middle School Liaison

We all are very excited to be apart of DMTYG this year. I hope to see many youth grouper's at the events to come. Below is the calendar of events for this year.

- December 9: Talent Show, Time TBA
- December 15: Hanukkah Service with Quartet
- December 17, 4 p.m.: Youth Group to sponsor meal at Iowa Homeless Youth Center
- December 24, 5:30 p.m.: Meet at Hibachi Grill for dinner and maybe movie
- December 30, 7-10 p.m.: Annual Lock In for 6-12 grades
- January 7, 12:30 p.m.: Youth Group Board Meeting at Caribou on Ingersoll
- January 14: Teen Talk
- January 21: 6-8 grade program, TBD
- February 2-4: Junior Youth Group Chavuriah St Louis
- February 4, 12:30 p.m.: Youth Group Board Meeting at Caribou on Ingersoll
- February 28: Megillah Reading
- March 2: Megillah Reading for Kids
- March 4, 12:30 p.m.: Youth Group Board Meeting at Caribou on Ingersoll
- March 25: Kids go to Get Air
- April 4: Youth Group Lead Seder Dinner with 6-12 grades
- April 8, 12:30 p.m.: Youth Group Board meeting at Caribou on Ingersoll
- April 15: Teen Talk
- April 22: Social Action Project with 6-12 grades TBD

Meet the 2017-18 DMTYG Advisors



Samantha Kemp Carlin
Originally from Wisconsin, Sam moved to Des Moines 5 years ago with her husband, Paul, and their two black cats, Griffin and Hanna Kate. She is a Mental Health Counselor for Iowa Homeless Youth Centers where she works with homeless and at-risk youth ages 16-25 and specializes in substance abuse, trauma, and LGBTQ-affirmative counseling. She is new to Temple B'nai Jeshurun, and, after a decade of studying Judaism on her own, is currently going through the conversion process with Rabbi Kaufman. She is passionate about working with young people and is excited to learn and grow alongside our temple youth. In her free time, she can be found crocheting, reading, binging a series on Netflix, or enjoying board games with friends. She loves podcasts, trivia, NPR, and Wonder Woman.



Sarah Mansfield
Sarah grew up in Des Moines and participated in Beit Sefer Shalom and TBJ Youth Group. She attended Tufts University in Boston, where she studied English Language and Literature. She has now returned to Des Moines, where she works as an immigration paralegal at Davis Brown Law Firm. Creating bonds with other Jewish youth was an important part of her teenage years, and she is excited to be a part of building and strengthening these bonds for TBJ's current and future Youth Group. In her free time, she enjoys playing flute, reading fiction, tutoring high school students in writing and English, spending time with her twin sister and younger brother, and hanging out with her two cats, Fitz and Bert.

**Not Pictured:
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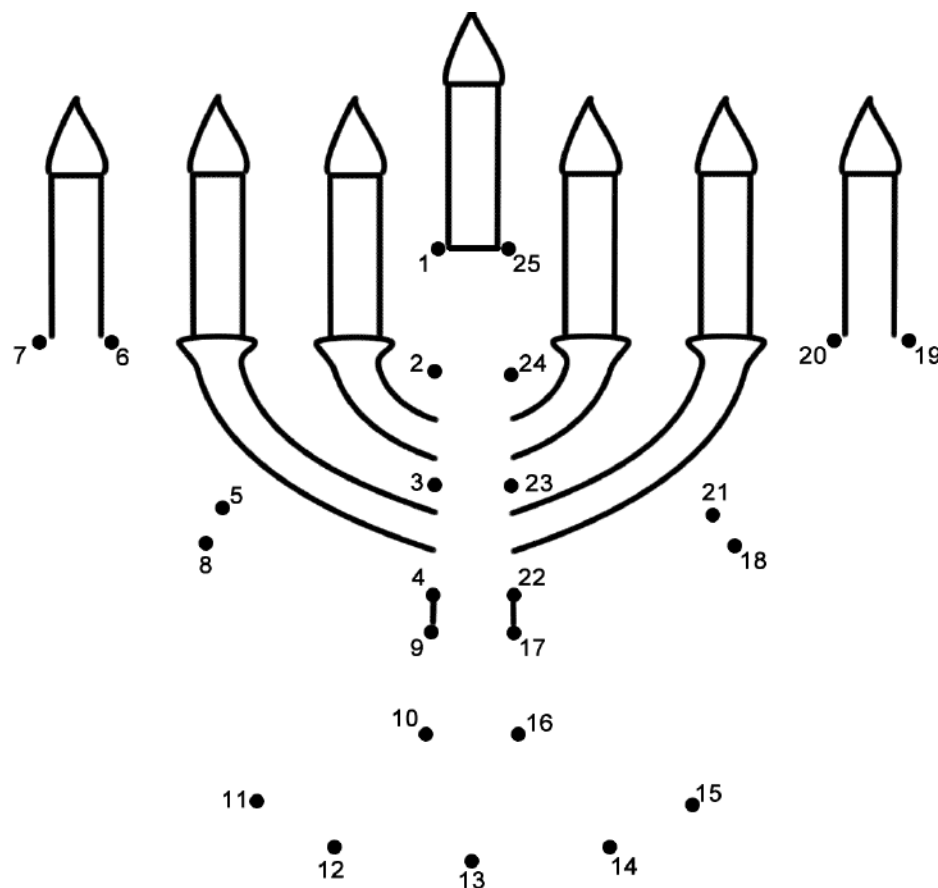
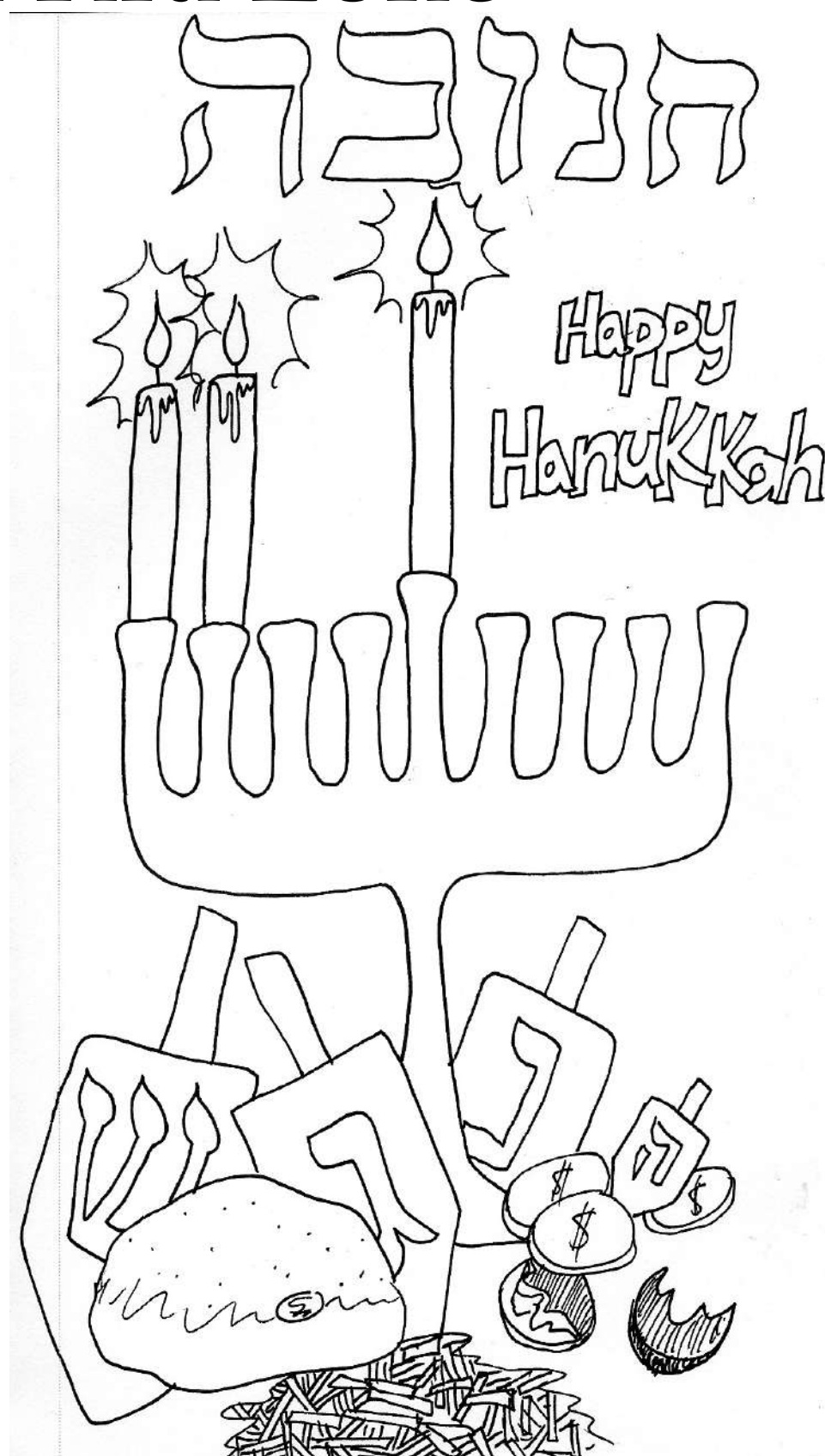
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