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Happy New Year 5765

- Rosh HaShanah begins the evening of Sept. 15
- Yom Kippur begins the evening of Sept. 24
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Celebrate 350
Jewish Life in America
1654 ~ 2004

Iowa Commemorates 350th Anniversary Of Jewish Life in America

September 3 Proclaimed "Celebrate 350" Day

Governor Thomas J. Vilsack has proclaimed Friday, September 3, 2004 in honor of the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America. The sabbath commencing that Friday evening will be observed by local synagogues as part of the national celebration. Commemorative activities elsewhere in America are listed online at www.celebrate350.org

The Governor's proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, in 1654, 23 impoverished and persecuted Jews from Recife, Brazil arrived in North America; and

WHEREAS, September 2004 marks the 350th anniversary of Jewish settlement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, generations of Jews of diverse backgrounds and persuasions, who fled oppression and embraced opportunity; who escaped persecution and found freedom; who shunned indignity and pursued equality for themselves and their descendants have found their home in this nation of immigrants; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of Iowa, Jews have participated creatively and industriously in every facet of our community, building schools, libraries, hospitals, houses of worship and enterprises of every description; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Iowa can be proud of the part our state has played in championing religious liberty and human rights for all peoples;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Vilsack governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 3, 2004, as "Celebrate 350" in Iowa, and I do call upon all citizens of Iowa to join in marking the 350th anniversary of Jews in America with public ceremonies.

JFCS INTRODUCES HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM - BEGINS OCTOBER 6

An exciting new program will be offered to 11th & 12th graders this year at the Jewish Federation Community School. This program is open to any Jewish high school student, whether or not they have previously attended the JFCS. All that is required is a desire to learn and participate in the Jewish community. If you want to be involved in Judaism, even for the first time, this is the program for you!

This special program is tailored to the needs and interests of students in their last two years of high school. Classes will be held three times a month and will include speakers, workshops, current events, community service projects, and social activities. There will also be a College Evening, geared to the special aspects of college life that Jewish students will face as they attend college.

This high school program truly has something for everyone who wants to expand their Jewish education, prepare for college life, help others, and just have fun! Classes begin on October 6th. For more information, contact Lyanna Grund, JFCS Coordinator,

Irshad Manji to Speak, Oct.



Irshad Manji is a woman with a vision of a better, more tolerant future for the world. Oprah Winfrey recently honored Irshad with her first annual Chutzpah Award for "audacity, nerve, boldness and conviction." Ms. Magazine has named Irshad a "Feminist for the 21st Century." And this past June, this highly acclaimed author received the Simon Wiesenthal Award of Valor.

Irshad Manji, host of Big Ideas, a Canadian television program that features the thinkers who are changing how we view the world – and ourselves, is coming to Des Moines. Ms. Manji will be featured at a lecture and book signing at 7:30 pm on Oct. 4 at the Embassy Suites on the River. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and available through the Jewish Federation. Stop by or call 277-

RABBI AARON SCHWARZBAUM TO SERVE BETH EL JACOB SYNAGOGUE



Beth El Jacob Synagogue has appointed Rabbi Aaron Schwarzbaum spiritual leader of the congregation. "We are extremely pleased," says the synagogue's

president Ronna Pochter. "Aaron, as he likes to be called, comes to us with a wealth of knowledge, ideas, maturity and a strong desire for community involvement." Rabbi Schwarzbaum has an extensive background in helping teens at risk and came, along with his family, to Des Moines as a member of the Des Moines Kollel.

His wife Janice has taught for the Des Moines Jewish Academy.

The Schwarzbaums have three

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show host

Irshad Manji

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Book signing to follow

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FROM FEDERATION PRESIDENT POLLY OXLEY



Tune in: take part in learning and discussing the complex issues affecting the world we live in.

With all the turmoil in the world today, how is anyone supposed to make sense of current events?

We are arguably at a critical juncture in our history as Americans and Jews. Al Qaida's terrorist threats, the war in Iraq, pronouncements by the United Nations, findings of the 9/11 Commission, Palestinian unrest in Gaza, the battle over the Israeli security fence and the unfolding tragedy in Sudan are just a few examples of topics in the news.

Keeping up with the news and discerning the significance of contemporary events are major challenges. To stay informed, community members must make a conscious effort to seek out information.

Why does this matter? Because the decisions made by the American public do affect us as Jews and as Americans. Certainly we have a presidential election coming up and that decision, of course, is very important. But more than that, we need be concerned about how a myriad of current events are interpreted on an on-going basis by our friends, neighbors and business associates whose opinions help shape public policy.

We know that the issues surrounding us are complex and that they are not always covered adequately in the media – where most people get their information. Therefore, in order that we can most effectively advocate with regard to issues important to us – whether they be domestic or international issues – we have to stay informed. And we have to engage each other in discussion of issues, not that we have to always agree.

There are numerous ways we can go about keeping informed.

First, in terms of gaining perspective into Jewish history and heritage, whatever your viewpoint, if you haven't taken the Melton class, sign up today. The adult mini-series offered in conjunction with the Federation is very helpful.

In addition, there are many thoughtful books available. Some to start with regarding Jewish issues and the Middle East might be: "What Went Wrong" by Bernard Lewis, "Why the Jews" by Joseph Telushkin and Dennis Prager and "The Case for Israel" by Allan Dershowitz.

Of course, the internet is a primary source to turn to for both breaking news and commentary. The Jewish Telegraphic Agency offers a daily news summary at www.jta.org and the Council of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations sponsors a daily news survey online at www.5

dailyalert.org. Other sources, including links to breaking news and links to a whole spectrum of Jewish organizations and news sources, are available on the Federation's website, www.dmjfed.org.

In specific, one can keep current with issues and legislation of interest to the Jewish community by accessing www.ujc.org/advocacy for domestic issues (including health care and senior services); for constitutional issues and international issues, try going to the Jewish Council for Public Affairs at www.jewishpublicaffairs.org.

More locally, you may wish to attend one of the Current Events luncheons held periodically by our own Jewish Community Relations Commission or simply call the JCRC at 515-277-6321 to either request information on a topic or to discuss an aspect of a topic of concern. In addition, it is important to read our local newspapers, the Des Moines Register and the Ames Tribune, and respond to them either in support or in disagreement to their coverage.

For Israel-related matters, there is no substitute for direct, recent experience. I was fortunate enough to have visited Israel last November on a Federation trip. If you have the interest, your Federation can help get you there. Call us.

No matter what means you use to keep abreast of events, the effort is worth your time and energy – not only for

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The money received through these designations helps the Federation pay for...

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LETTER

Israel ID Program Thanked

Dear Jewish Federation,

Thanks for the 6 week trip to Israel! I can't wait to go back. Thanks for thinking of me on my Bar Mitzvah.

Jeremy Franklin,
West Des Moines

You're welcome, Jeremy. Israel ID is a fund established by the Federation and the Jewish Foundation to send graduates of our community's Jewish education to approved programming in Israel.

For further details, contact the Federation at 515-277-6321.

ORT DIRECTORIES

The 2004 ORT address books are available at the Federation office. If you have not yet picked up your prepaid order, please do so now. Extra directories may be purchased for \$10 each or 3 for \$25.

DMARC's First Annual Interfaith Gathering

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Calendar of Events

Des Moines Art Center Downtown

Thurs., Sept. 9. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. at Beth El Jacob Synagogue for a drive downtown to see the Alex Brown exhibit. We will eat lunch before returning to the Beth El parking lot.

Jordan Creek Town Center.

Mark your calendar for Sept. 27. Take a peek at the new Jordan Creek Town Center. Details to follow.

Next luncheon –

Thursday, October 28th at Temple B'nai Jeshurun at 12:00 noon.

Call Dorothea for reservations at 277-6321.

This Program is made possible through Jewish Family Services.



U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's Exhibit "The Nazi Olympics, Berlin 1936"

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For more information about making a gift to the Des Moines Jewish Foundation, call Elaine Steinger at 277-6321. Des Moines Jewish Foundation Board: Stanley Richards, President

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Elaine Steinger, Foundation Director

FEDERATION WEB SITE FEATURES NEW "COMMUNITY CALENDAR"

As of September 1, the calendar of community events moves online! From now on, you will be able to view it any time you'd like and it will be as current as events can be posted. The address of the Federation web site is www.dmjfed.org and to access the web calendar, click on: Community Calendar.

Consult the Community Calendar to view newly posted events and to determine if events have been changed or even cancelled. It is one way of keeping you informed. Consulting the web calendar can save you time and energy, reflecting even changes due to the weather or other unforeseeable circumstances.

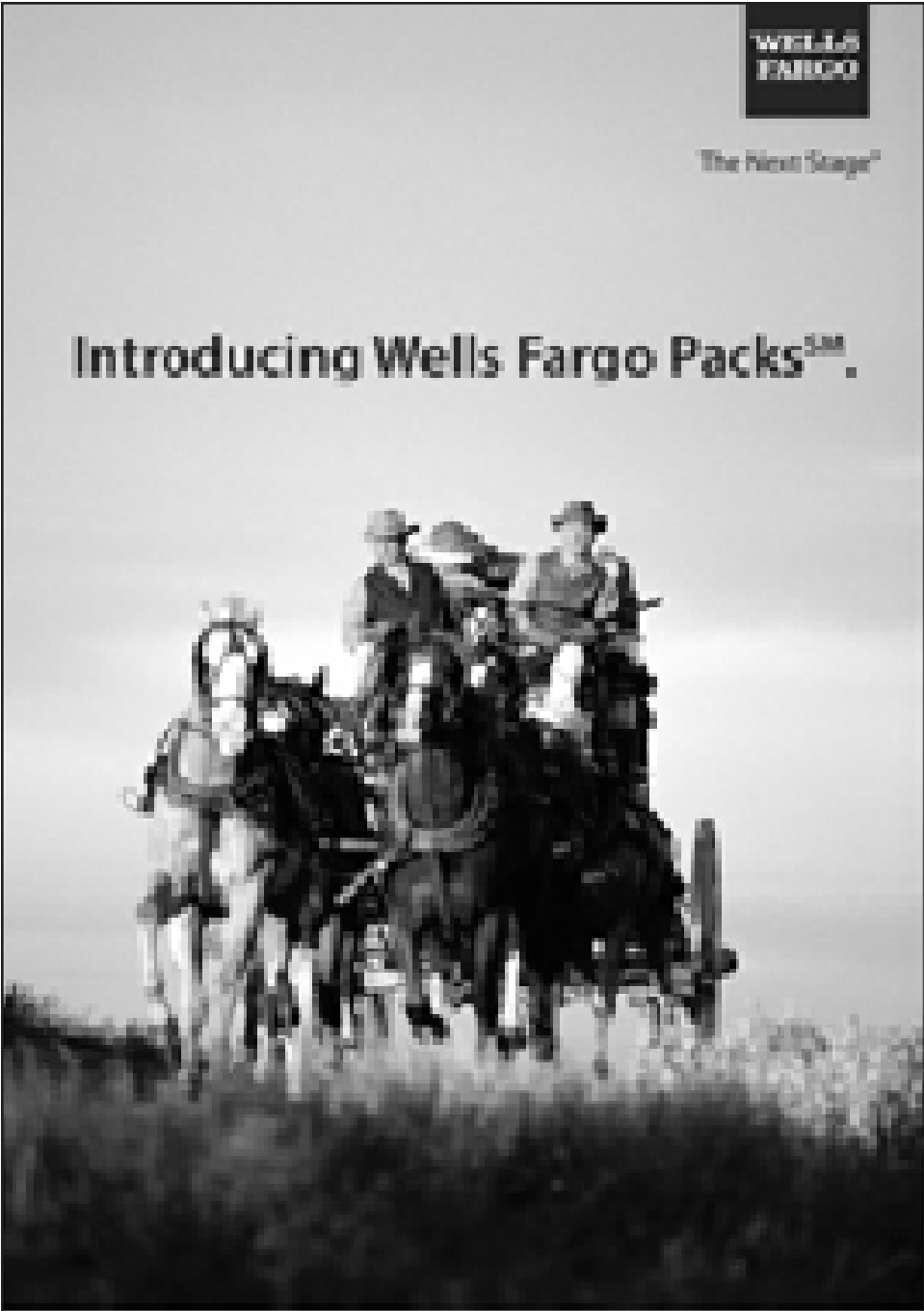
You'll find the online calendar to be very informative and very easy to use – and very flexible in arranging the information in several ways. When you "pull up" the Community Calendar, you will see events listed as they would on a standard monthly calendar. By clicking on a particular listing, you can read all the details about the event you're interested in. But then you have the option of having the calendar events listed sequentially for the day in question, for the week, or for the month. And you will be able to print off the information, if you so desire. You can also send an e-mail directly to the organization sponsoring the event (and perhaps even register online!) So... try out the Community Calendar



and check it often to see what events and activities are scheduled within your Jewish community.

As for the Federation website itself, it is intended to link you directly with the information you need – with links to your local Jewish congregations, to information about the programs and services of your Jewish Federation, and to links connecting you with Jewish and general resources locally, nationally, and internationally. You'll be surprised to what you can find with just a few clicks on the Federation's website. Breaking news.... weather..... a means to "visit" different parts of the world – from around Iowa to Israel.

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JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY

WELCOME! We are excited to begin our 2004-2005 new school year. JFCS is about making friends and making memories, learning about our culture and heritage, and learning about what makes us special. The beginning of a new school year is always exciting.

Elementary Religious School started Sunday, August 29th with a special opening day. Families attended an assembly, orientation, and open house. It was great to see all of our families together again and to see the summer growth of our students.

Religious School this year meets at Tifereth Israel Synagogue on Sunday's from 9:00 am to Noon and on Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:15 pm. Our staff includes: Pre-K – Cynthia Shulman; K – Julie Seidenfeldt; 1st – Juli Margolin; 2nd – Krys Phillips; 3rd – Pat Johnson; 4th – Jane Abrams; 5th – Rachele Hjelmaas; 6th – Jody Hramits; and Hebrew – Wendy Beckerman and Ben Kaufmann.

Our Junior/Senior High School program will be held at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, 5101 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. We will meet Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm till 8:30 pm. This year we will be offering a light dinner between 6:30 and 7:00 pm. Classes for 7th through 12th grade will begin Wednesday, October 6th.

Our staff for this year will be Stacie Franklin, Rabbi HaLevi, Jody Hramits, Rabbi Kaufman, and Krys Phillips.

Also, we are again offering something special for our 11th & 12th grade students. Classes will meet three times per month and will include different speakers, workshops, current events, community service projects, social activities, and a "college" evening. Additional information will be mailed to these students. See related article on page 1.

If you did not receive registration material, would like to enroll your child in our Religious School program, or have a few

wanted

JFCS is looking for donations of **"current computers"** (word processing and internet capability). These would be used by our Jr/Sr High School students to enhance their learning experience in the classroom during religious school. Your support with this endeavor is greatly appreciated. Your donations are tax deductible.

[fact]

More than 80,000 Israeli preschoolers living in areas most vulnerable to terrorist attacks will be protected by security guards this coming school year. Guards will watch over 1,116 kindergartens in 116 communities, covering 2,861 classes. Kindergarten security is funded with \$3 million, as part of the latest \$10 million Israel Emergency Campaign allocations.

FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI

Classes begin September 9

It's that time of year again! On Thursday, September 9, 2004 we will start our seventh year of Melton. The first year class will be studying The Purposes of Jewish Living with Dr. David Friedgood and Rabbi Berel Simpser as their instructors. Rabbi Simpser and Elaine Steinger will be teaching the Rythms of Jewish Living.

Members of the incoming class are: Myron Bear, Wendy Beckerman, Amy Brody, Jill Christopher, Evelyn Fritzler, Jan Goddard-Rosner, Nancy Ludwig, Bruce Phillips, Krys Phillips, Ben Swartz, Joyce Swartz, and Michael Tobis. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and friendship with this first year class.

Welcome back to our former Melton Students who have successfully completed their first year of Melton! This year the second year class will be studying the Ethics of Jewish Living with Rabbi Baruch HaLevi, Rabbi David Kaufman, and Rabbi Berel Simpser. Dr. David Friedgood and Rabbi Berel Simpser will be teaching the Dramas of Jewish Living. The following second year students will be graduating in 2005: Robin Bear, Marcie Berkson, Andi Duitch, Bob Duitch, Susie Kimelman, Josh Kimelman, Mary Reavely, Cindy Rovner, Michael Rovner, Simma Stein, Michael Stein, and Kathleen Tordin. We are all looking forward to another exciting year of Jewish study and learning.

Back by popular demand: Melton Summer Graduate Classes.

Dr. David Friedgood taught a four week course entitled The Eternal Cry of Job: "God-Why Me?" The course was designed to define, review, and discuss Jewish Literature regarding the nature and cause of evil in our world. Mark Finkelstein taught a two-week course "The Only Jewish Country in the World. Israel: A Modern History." Born of necessity, the State of Israel remains a refuge for Jews worldwide. The class learned about the circumstances that led to its establishment and discussed the current challenges to its survival. Rabbi Berel Simpser taught a two week course on Abraham: Lessons For All Time. Abraham, the Patriarch of the Jewish people, struggled through issues that challenged his moral integrity with hostile societal norms, strife and discord. He struggled with the challenge of finding and understanding G-d, wealth, success, and infertility. Though we live in totally different circumstances, human nature has changed little, we face the very same issues today.

Our summer classes were attended by Mary Paul Even, Mimi Rogers Farkas, Barb and Harvey Giller, Dorothy and Bud Hockenberg, Silvia Klein, Shirlee and Jim Marcovis, Roselind Rabinowitz, Audrey Rosenberg,, Trudi and Marty Rosenfeld and Elaine Steinger.

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ISRAEL AT THE OLYMPICS - ATHENS

August 2004: On August 13 the Olympic Games will open in Athens. The Israeli delegation will be composed of 36 athletes from all walks of Israeli society: men and women, native-born and immigrants, city dwellers, villagers and kibbutznikim.

The team will compete in 13 sports: fencing, gymnastics, judo, wrestling, swimming, synchronized swimming, kayaking, shooting, sailing, taekwondo, tennis and table tennis. The team members include Olympic medal winners, world and European champions and athletes who have reached impressive achievements in world sporting events.

The athletes are hoping to win the first gold medal for Israel. Four Israeli athletes have to date won Olympic medals: Yael Arad (Judo, Silver Medal, Barcelona 1992), Oren Smadga (Judo, Bronze Medal, Barcelona 1992), Gal Friedman (Mistral

Wind Gliding, Bronze Medal, Atlanta 1996), and Michael Kalganov (Kayaking, Bronze Medal, Sydney 2000). These three sports are depicted on the series of stamps issued on the occasion of the 2004 Olympics.

Israel's flag was waved for the first time at the Helsinki Olympic Games in 1952. Since then Israel has participated in all the Olympic Games apart from Moscow 1980, which was boycotted by the U. S. and 60 other countries because of the war in Afghanistan.

The murder of eleven Israeli athletes during the 1972 Munich Olympic Games will be engraved in history as the worst tragedy in Israeli sports and in the history of the Olympic Games. The Israeli team will hold a ceremony in remembrance of the eleven athletes, at the memorial in Tel Aviv, before they leave for Athens.

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News from Our Israel Partnership/ Partnership 2000 (P2K)

Akko and Mateh Asher Athletes Attend US Maccabiah Games

A 14 member delegation of Israeli athletes ages 14-16 and their coaches from Akko and the Mateh Asher Regional Council attended the US Maccabiah Games in August. The US Maccabiah Games is a project sponsored by the Partnership 2000 program of the Jewish Agency and each year attract some 5,000 young people from a number of countries. The annual games take place during the summer simultaneously at locations across the U. S.

Partnership with Israel promotes people-to-people relationships between our Jewish community and Israel's Western Galilee through cultural, social, educational and economic programs along with 12 other cities in the central U. S., linked with the Western Galilee, located in the northern part of Israel along the Mediterranean coast.

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— Harold S. Kushner

from Why Bad Things Happen To Good People

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[in profile]

Leah Thorn, Poet and Performance Artist

American audiences do not, on the whole, yet know the famous, British performance artist, the spoken-word poet, Leah Thorn. Her work explores British Jewish identity, particularly her experience as a Holocaust survivor's daughter, and the issue of Jewish women and mental health. Venues for her work include the Jewish Museum (London) where she currently serves as Poet in Residence, the Tate Modern Museum, the Tower of London, the Holocaust Survivors' Centre (London), and Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum. She performs in theaters, at poetry readings and festivals internationally and leads workshops for young people, in particular. Her workshops are called "a fusion of creative writing, self-exploration and performance skills."

"Poetry is a testimony," she says, "and a key theme of my work is English Jewish identity. I aim to make Jews and Jewish issues visible, and to correct misinformation and challenge stereotypes about us."

Born to a Holocaust survivor shortly after the end of the Second World War, Leah witnessed at close range both the personal and political struggles that result from genocide and the resilience of the human spirit. This exposure and understanding has given her awareness, strengths and commitment to challenge injustice and mistreatment wherever and however it occurs. She asserts: "I want my work as a writer/performer and arts educator to reflect this." Leah is currently working on a one-woman performance about the centrality of memory to Jewish identity and is vitally interested in the relations between Israeli Jews and Palestinians.

Leah Thorn believes that by enacting poetry, people can explore their relationship to the Holocaust and the emotional issues that arise. "Performance poetry frees the poetic form from the confines of the page and expands its spatially and dramatically through vocalization, characterization and body language.... Unleashing words from the pages, performance poetry can be ever-evolving, always open to change. [Through my readings] I can reflect the fragmentation and compartmentalization of the Holocaust, it can echo the multi-layered nature of experiences, and it can break with chronology. It can also frame and name what has been hidden [in silence]"

Many of Leah's poems deal with emotional healing, promote healing. "With performance poetry comes an outlet for long-stored emotions... and in turn, emotional release [whether through tears, laughter, or shuddering].... Physical presence is an integral part of performance poetry. Tone of voice, facial expression, body language, the very act of reaching to communicate with other human beings – all are contradictions to the senses of isolation, numbness and powerlessness that can arise as responses to the enormity of the Holocaust"

Here are several excerpts from her poetry.

I don't tell my stories often

I fear being too intense
Overbearing

I'm scared, when people hear my stories they'll think there's
something
wrong with me
find me inconsequential

I fear indifference most of all because it was that
not hate
that
killed my grandparents

(May, 1966 from "Stories in Second Generation Voice")

And She Does

I can't do this, she says
I don't do this, she says....

And then she does.

No, I don't dance, she says
I only look like a dancer, she says

Then she dances.

And the boy stretches and fills the space that is hers
That she thought she could never have again

And she sees there is no straightjacket

Only the tightness of self-criticism
And the constant searching from the criticism of others to prove
I can't do this...
I don't do this

And then she does.

She has photos of her back,
Back lit at the waist,
Hips round and ready for sweeping hands
She has flesh

As her hair grows
She leaves the Holocaust behind
Forever

I can't she says
I don't , she says

Yet she does

She falls back into water,
Leans against unseen energies
Allows unknown hands to rest on her
Hears the story of Abraham and Isaac
And knows
I can't trust, she says
I don't trust, she says

And she does.

Life was never meant to be like this, she says
I wasn't supposed to be close to you, she says
I can't love, she says
I don't love, she says

And she does.

Material for this profile were compiled from sources on the Internet including: <http://www.yad-vashem.org.il/download/education/conf/Thorn.pdf>. and <http://www.culturalco-operation.org>, where you can find a clip of Leah Thorn reading "And She Does."

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Project Elijah

Jewish Youth Mission to Argentina Transformative for All

by Laura Berkson

As the group of ten travelers headed home on June 17 from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Des Moines, Iowa, several of us commented on the sometimes-paradoxical experience of time. We four adults and six teenagers had set out on June 13 on what would prove to be the beginning of a remarkable journey: the first Jewish Youth Mission to Argentina associated with Project Elijah of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. Five days of such an experience, we agreed, felt at the same time as though we had been there for a month and yet had only just arrived.

Fourteen hours in transit gives one ample time to reflect on journeys. The journey of this youth-related program of Project Elijah had started long before the departure date of June 13; long before the planning began in the spring. Truly, it began with a man who stood before a group of teens with an empty box.

In November of 2003, businessman and philanthropist Alan Zuckert asked to speak to the Jewish Federation Community School Junior/Senior High students about a tzedakah project that he hoped might interest them. As he stood before the group in the chapel of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, he held in his hands an empty, flattened cardboard box. He spoke to the 7th-12th graders about an "orphanage" in Buenos Aires that he had visited while traveling there to meet Jews who might wish to resettle in Des Moines. He spoke about the disastrous economic crisis in Argentina that had caused so much hardship for so many Jews, and he described a place called leladeinu (Hebrew for "our children"), where Jewish children of all ages were fed, clothed, housed in bunk beds four to a room... and as he spoke, he shifted flaps of cardboard until the object in his hands held the shape of an ordinary file storage box. "Everything each child at leladeinu has," he told the teens, "fits into a box not much bigger than this." He asked the group if they would like to do something to help these Jewish children in Argentina. We would have to find out what they needed, and some of us might even travel there to see how they lived, meet those who were providing for them, and learn what we could do to help.

The teens asked tough questions, divided into groups, discussed the possibility of fundraisers, and ultimately, through the ensuing months, committed to learning more about leladeinu and to developing ideas to raise money for the program. During the winter and spring of 2004, plans for a Jewish youth mission were also begun and an application process was announced. Six area Jewish youth leaders – Jake Carpenter, Ben Weiss and Emily Kreamer from DMUSY/Tifereth Israel Synagogue, and Katya Dimenstein, Ken Sims and Michael Moskowitz from DMTYG/Temple B'nai Jeshurun – were chosen to participate. Four adults

accompanied the teens: Alan Zuckert; Mara White, Project Elijah and Tifereth Israel/USY volunteer; Kent Clawson, professional photographer; and Laura Berkson, Project Elijah staff who is also Cantorial Soloist and youth group advisor at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

Karina Pincever, Director of leladeinu, who in the first stages of planning had corresponded with Rabbi Berel Simpser at Federation in Des Moines, and Sandra Gutkowski, staff member of HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) in Buenos Aires, worked together with their respective staff members and with Laura Berkson and Alan Zuckert in Des Moines to develop a program and schedule for the mission participants that would give the teens a remarkable and intensive

by Des Moines resident and native Argentinean Peter Mond and his teenage son, Kevin), as well as a visit to the Acisba Soup Kitchen at a Sephardic synagogue and AMIA, the Jewish community center in Buenos Aires. While the teens participated in activities with children at leladeinu, the adult members of the mission met with leladeinu's staff to gain an understanding of the organization, its origins and structure, its needs, and the scope of its services to Argentina's Jewish children and families.

Perhaps the most profound and difficult reality about leladeinu is that, despite being referred to as an "orphanage" it is,

Jews find to be almost incomprehensible. Those in human services and other related professions know that abuse

in fact, a program for Jewish children who have been victims of abuse, violence, poverty and neglect, and who have been referred to leladeinu through other social services organizations and through the courts. leladeinu currently serves 40 children in its Foster Homes Program (supervised, staffed group homes for children); 60 children in its Day Shelter Program; 40 young people in its teen program; and 90 children through family pro-

grams.

The fact that such an organization exists – needs to exist – and currently serves 230 Jewish children of all ages, with a waiting list and approximately 10 new cases each month, is something that we as



From the journals of Project Elijah Youth Mission participants:

KEN SIMS: While walking in Buenos Aires, it became obvious that the city had once been full of wealth, but seeing the people at the side of the roads, begging for money or scraps of food, it becomes apparent that these people are not nearly as wealthy as they would seem. The burden of guilt you feel when walking down the city with a bag full of touristy junk is almost overwhelming, if you let it get to you. The fact that I was able to go there with a group of people, and know that I'm making at least a little difference, well, that made the burden easier to live with. Argentina is truly a beautiful country, and the thought that I may never go back there brings a sadness to my heart like no other place has. I am not a traveller, not by a long shot, and so the beauty I saw in Argentina is something that I don't think I will ever be able to see again. This country, and the kids that we saw in it, has made a huge impact in my life and even now, I am still thinking about ways to get back out there.

JAKE CARPENTER: I knew the goal of the Argentina trip was to create a personal impact on myself. I wasn't sure if that was going to happen, but I knew I would at least enjoy a trip to a foreign country. Now that I am back in America, I can see the impact the trip has had. I know who the children are, and I know they need us to survive.

BEN WEISS: The standard of living in Argentina is vastly different from any life I've known in the United States. I adapted to the foreign customs and I made a strong attachment to the people and places of Argentina. The children of Yeladeinu opened my eyes to the true differences between the U.S. and Argentina. The story each child told was powerful and emotional. The children have very little; Yeladeinu provides them with everything necessary to live a normal life. The program works wonders and brings powerful joy to the hearts of everyone.

KAT DIMENSTEIN: (2nd morning there) "The difference [in Argentina's classes] is incredible, we have breakfast in an elegant buffet next to the pool only a few hours after they [homeless people] are finished searching through our trash for yesterday's left overs... (on the bus day 3) It's so weird, we [the teens] have gotten so close. I expected it to be the other way around, us to be in tight groups, but it isn't like that at all.Instead we are grouping together by sensitivity I'm guessing, we are getting closer together by how we each react to different situations we are put in ... How often do we [Mike and I] talk about little kids?..."

MIKE MOSKOWITZ: Argentina is a land of many horrors and many beautiful sights as well. I have seen things there that I hoped I would never have to encounter. Starving mothers screaming and begging for their starving children on the streets. Wandering little boys scouring the night streets searching garbage bags for something to drink; one of them closing his eyes, overcoming the revulsion that he feels, shoves food down his throat... another day of living hell. But, through all these horrors, I also witnessed the beauty, hope, and potential in every child's eyes, in every moment of happiness that these brave souls can salvage from the remains of their lives. And I have also seen what we, the Jewish people, can do to help. I have seen what we can do if we unite and save our brothers and sisters in Argentina. We have to create a happy ending for that wandering child's constant fight for life.

MARA WHITE: Nothing could have ever prepared me for leladeinu, a refuge for Jewish children. There are 230 of them from ages one to 15, all neglected and abused by their parents. leladeinu cares for and heals them. ...It was incredibly heart-wrenching to see these children who had experienced so much pain, but heart-warming to see their smiles and how resilient they are. One of the most touching stories I heard was of a girl we met who, as a toddler, had been mentally and sexually abused by her father until the courts ordered her into leladeinu's care. That was two years ago. Recently, during arts and crafts at her school, [the children in] her class were asked to draw pictures of their families. [This little girl's] picture was of hundreds of kids, and as she showed her teacher her

Des Moines Federation Represented at Argentinean Solidarity Day

By Alex Fritzler

Last July 14, Des Moines delegates Alex and Evelyn Fritzler attended Washington meetings of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) with the objective to impress upon the Argentine Government the importance of its prosecution of the AMIA bombing case. Following are latest developments in that case and a summary of our meetings.

July 18 marked the tenth anniversary of the AMIA Jewish Community Center bombing in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 1994 eighty-five people were killed and three hundred injured. Only two years earlier, in the same city, a car bomb had demolished the Israeli embassy killing twenty-nine people.

After these incidents, no thorough, determined, and coordinated investigation was launched. As a result, although there is now an on-going trial of several local policemen and civilians who have been implicated in the incidents, no mastermind has yet been charged in connection with these attacks. It is suspected, however that Hezbollah and perhaps at other Iranian backed terrorist groups were involved.

Those events changed forever the once peaceful Jewish life in Argentina. Synagogues and schools were transformed into fortresses with video surveillance in operation around the clock. Taking children to classes became almost the same process as checking into airports after 9/11.

This was probably an early warning to the world about the potential threat and power of Muslim extremists, their growing international links, and their capacity to inflict deadly damage on any western pro-American target. These crimes were later viewed as preludes to attacks in Madrid and the World Trade Center.

Questions are still asked with regard to the 1992 and 1994 car bombings:

1. Was such attack perpetrated against a local government for not keeping up promises to export nuclear know-how to some Middle Eastern country?
2. Were the targets chosen because of their location in a nation where law enforcement and personal security are negotiable?
3. Wasn't this the perfect place to perpetrate bombings with minimum risks of being caught, considering that Adolph Eichmann and other Nazi criminals managed to hide for years from international prosecutors?

July 14 was a typical hot and sticky day in Washington DC. Our JCPA delegation arrived by 10:30AM at the Argentinean Embassy on New Hampshire Avenue. The meeting with Ambassador Jose' Bordon was running one hour behind schedule; he perhaps was waiting for last-minute briefings on the AMIA investigations by a diplomatic advisor. Ambassador Bordon made an effort to

make us feel welcome. He greeted each of us personally. Then he addressed the audience in broken English, trying to raise his voice over a noisy air conditioner that awaited funds for its maintenance – certainly a symbol of the budget constraints imposed after Argentina's 2001 financial crisis.

His government is apparently overwhelmed fighting economic problems and dealing with unresolved legal cases ranging from locating missing citizens to prosecuting corrupt politicians. If this wasn't enough for his administration, the ongoing trial of low level accomplices in the AMIA bombing was going through new complications. The Court recently dismissed the federal judge who was initially appointed to supervise the investigation.

We left the embassy convinced that the government has a strong desire to solve the case, but also with a clear understanding that success may only be achieved by its confrontation with the Iranian government and its allies.

In the afternoon we went to the State Department and met James Derham, who served several years at the US embassy in Buenos Aires and works today at the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. Not only was Mr. Derham very receptive but he was also remarkably knowledgeable about the AMIA case and the investigation's difficulties.

The US government and the Organization of American States (OAS) are giving the AMIA case a high priority as part of the US war against terrorism. Particularly, after the evidence of terrorist cells operating at the tri-border region of Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay; the

tri-border region that is believed to be the center for terrorist logistics. It is said that Osama Bin Laden was there in past years. Kevin Newmaeyer with the OAS Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism gave us an update of ongoing efforts to more closely monitor the area.

The Teheran connection remains the loose end which can only be tracked down by the coalition of the most powerful nations determined to fight against Islamist terrorists. According to current opinion, it is believed that:

- Key suspects of the bombings are several former officers of the Iranian Embassy, currently serving in Great Britain, including former Iranian Ambassador to Argentina Hadi Soleimanpour.
- At the top of the list of suspects is Imad Mugnyiah, a Hezbollah militant who is hiding in Iran.
- Sworn statements by a top Iranian intelligence official indicate that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is the man who ordered the deadly bombing of the AMIA.
- Former Argentine President Menem is suspected of covering up the Islamic regime's responsibility for the bombings.

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On the Crisis in Sudan

Speech by Rabbi David Saperstein, Director, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, at the Sudan Campaign's demonstration at the Sudan Embassy calling for action on the issue Tuesday, June 29, 2004. The people of Sudan, who have suffered for so long, can no longer afford our silence in the face of this new chapter of their tragedy. We are here today to raise our voices so loudly that we cannot be ignored – by the world, by our leaders, and by all those who seek to call themselves moral and caring human beings.

I stand here today to condemn the government of Sudan and its Janjaweed militiamen, for committing genocidal acts and feeding the scourge of slavery and oppression. I stand here to say that we dare not cover our eyes in the face of the unabated evil perpetrated against millions of people of black African origin. We dare not harden our hearts and fall victim to inaction as some 30,000 Darfurians may have already been murdered, as 1.2 million people are forced to flee their homes and farms, and as 350,000 are estimated to die by the end of the year because of the violence and famine if we do not act. We dare not sit on the sidelines when the time for nations to support effective intervention comes into plain view. Should we dare forget the historical injustices wrought because of callous indifference? We must act now.

I stand here today because, for thousands of years, Jews have been among the quintessential victims of persecution and oppression simply because of who we

were, because of what we believed. We waited for others to speak out – but too often there was only silence. Today we must break away from shameful silence and raise our collective conscience in recognition of this terrible affront on all humanity. For only the second time in its history, the Committee on Conscience of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has issued a genocide alert on behalf of the victims in Darfur. Today nearly 20 Jewish Community Relations Council directors from around the country join us in the call for an end to the bloodshed and starvation. We must not wait to take all necessary actions to protect innocent life and avert humanitarian catastrophe in Sudan.

The United States should be applauded for pressing the government of Sudan and rebels in the country's south to reach an end to the 21-year civil war that killed more than two million people. But without a stop to the new violence in Darfur and without unrestricted humanitarian access, there can be no lasting peace in that nation.

We commend Secretary of State Powell for going to Sudan as well as our government for insisting that Sudan reverse the effects of genocidal activity. Still, these are essential but insufficient steps. The United States' provision of vital humanitarian relief to Sudan is an essential and yet insufficient step. Only with an international commitment to peace in Sudan, and only with an international commitment to providing resources to the people of Darfur, and only when the gov-

ernment of Sudan ends its support for atrocities, and only when the government of Sudan allows full humanitarian access for relief workers, and only when rebels in Darfur bear their own responsibility for breeding conditions for continued abuse, and only when Sudanese children can grow and thrive in peace, only then will we say in the words from the Passover Seder – Dayenu – it is enough.

Until then, we will continue to speak

for those who cannot speak, pressing for UN condemnation of the horrors in Darfur, disarming of the Janjaweed, adhering to the April 8 ceasefire with Darfur's rebel groups, pressing for the Sudanese government to allow full and free access for relief workers. Until then we will continue the struggle – and we will prevail.

The Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism is the Washington office of the Union for Reform Judaism, whose more

Catholic-Jewish Meeting : Breakthrough

New York, NY, July 12, 2004 [ADL] For the first time a meeting of Jewish interfaith experts and worldwide representatives of the Holy See produced a joint declaration that expressed, "the total rejection of anti-Semitism in all its forms, including anti-Zionism, as a more recent manifestation of anti-Semitism." Given the rise in global anti-Semitism, Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor, Director of Interfaith Affairs for the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and one of the drafters of the declaration, said, "the importance of this statement at this time cannot be overestimated."

Rabbi Bretton-Granatoor participated in the 18th Meeting of the International Jewish Liaison Committee (ILC) in Buenos Aires which brought together members of the International Jewish Committee on Inter-religious Consultation (IJCIC) and the Vatican's Pontifical Committee on Religious Relations with the Jews, as well as local Catholic and Jewish representatives. "Meeting in Latin America took on a special significance in light of recent ADL surveys

that show foreign-born Hispanics in America hold strong anti-Semitic views," said the Rabbi.

Coinciding with the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camps, the 12th anniversary of the bombing of the Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires and the 10th anniversary of the bombing of the Jewish community center, the AMIA, in the Argentine capital, the declaration stated, "we declare our determination to prevent the re-emergence of anti-Semitism which led to genocide and the Shoah," and "we commit ourselves to the struggle against terrorism....Terror, in all its forms and the killing 'in the name of God' can never be justified, Terror is a sin against man and God."

Rabbi Bretton-Granatoor emphasized that "the promises made in the declaration must go beyond the good words and be implemented by both faith communities."

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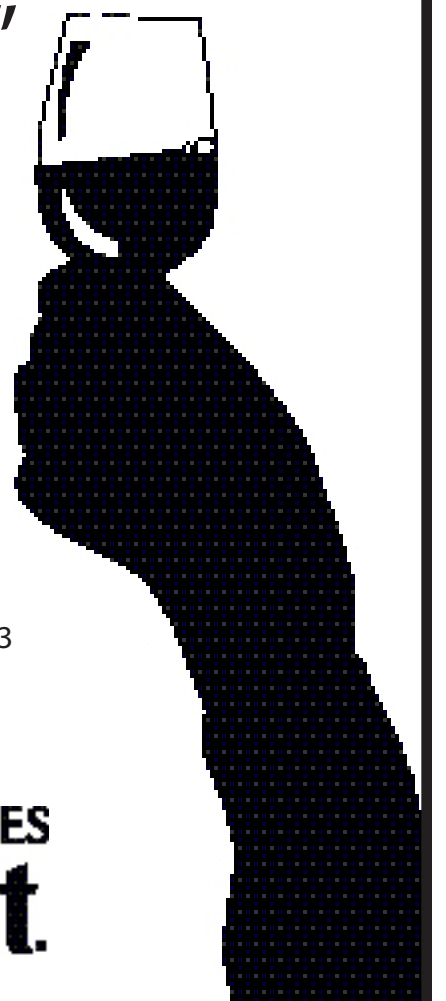
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A Coalition Of the Eager

By Leonard Fein

We have long since learned to swallow hard as the Israelis persist in policies that are ill-conceived and ill-executed, policies that threaten the entire Zionist enterprise. There are so many of these that we try to ignore and even justify — targeted killings, "collateral damage," a fence that is in part a wall and that too often punishes the entirely innocent, and on and on. And most of all, of course, the settlers and their settlements, in both Gaza and the West Bank. True, some of us dissent, and some of us drop out entirely, but meanwhile, Israel — much like America just now — loses its moral standing. Train 10,000 more experts in hasbarah, the art of spinning, and still we will not succeed in restoring the admiration once so widely accorded the Jewish state.

It is no accident that these days, such admiration and even plain old-fashioned respect for Israel and its achievements that were once taken for granted come from President Bush and from Evangelical Christians. These are odd partners for the Israel of our hopes and dreams, partners that do those hopes and dreams no service. It is time to put it bluntly: No one who helps fuel the ambitions of the settlers, no one who winks at the fact of the occupation, and yes, not one of us who swallows hard and lets such things pass without comment, can be thought a friend of Israel. With friends like these,

friends who allow Israelis to believe that there will be no penalty exacted for its excesses in violence and its incompetence at peace-making, Israel scarcely needs enemies.

Incompetence at peace-making? Didn't Ehud Barak offer the Palestinians more than anyone thought possible, and wasn't he rejected? Why blame Israel for what has transpired since?

The answer is easy: Peace is not a concession to the Palestinians. Peace is, in fact, the only way to ensure Israel's future. So if this approach doesn't work, you try that approach; and if that approach doesn't work, you try something else. Whatever else you do, you don't pursue a policy that increases the enmity, that produces new would-be suicide bombers every day, that leads eventually to the calamitous finding of a poll in Israel that shows that fully 25% of Israel's young people do not intend to live their lives in Israel. They plan to leave.

Leaving Israel used to be called "yeridah," or "going down." The implication was that the emigrant was defecting, perhaps even betraying. But "yeridah" is no longer much used. Emigrants are called just that. And even "aliya," or "going up" to the land, is falling out of favor. Both words have developed a kind of quaintness; they no longer capture the emotional or ideological reality of the place.

The Zionist movement and the Zionist idea do not need and do not benefit from daily injections of extreme nationalism provided by the movement's alleged U.S. friends. A very different coalition of support needs to be built, and it can be built well and sturdy only on the basis of reformed policies, not on the basis of excuses and self-justification.

The foundations for such a coalition already exist. All over Israel, I have encountered people who are disgusted by the path Israel has taken these past years. They are not engaged in secret meetings, planning an insurrection. No, they appear on television panel discussions, they write scathing columns in the newspapers, they yearn for a real peace — the kind of peace that promises security, as well.

And in this country, they have allies. I intend here not just the praiseworthy people who get involved in Americans for Peace Now and the New Israel Fund and such; I mean hundreds of thousands of us who are simply tired of swallowing, tired of whispering our doubts to one another, tired of finding ourselves forced to justify policies we know to be folly.

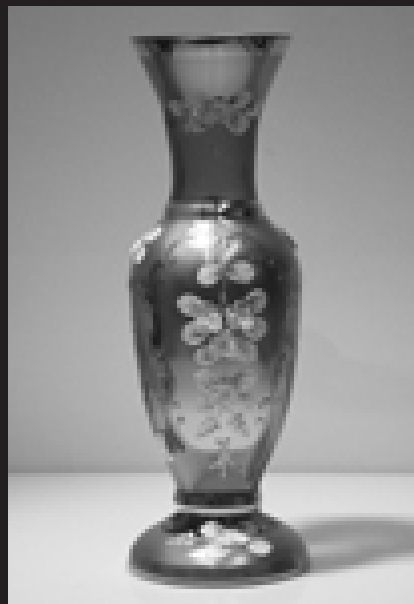
But those hundreds of thousands and their natural partners in Israel are barely aware of one another. In Israel, it is Bush and the evangelicals who command attention; in America, it is Sharon and the settlers. They deserve each other

— but Israel deserves better. It deserves a coalition of the eager — of those eager to restore Israel's moral distinction, its pride, its self-respect. Those in Israel who know that peace takes more than prayer deserve to know they have allies here; those of us who know what Israel has been and can yet be deserve to know that we are not rebels against the Zionist dream but its ardent defenders, and that we are in step with masses of Israelis.

For if we persist in our current listless way, we will inherit an Israel much admired by Tom DeLay and such as he, yet scorned by the people who are nearest us. DeLay's "friendship" toward Israel is, after all, an embarrassment, not an asset.

To know these things, read Ha'aretz on the Web every day. Read the news, read the columnists, and then wonder how it is that what is there reported and there opined is light years away from what the "pro-Israel" community in this country deems proper.

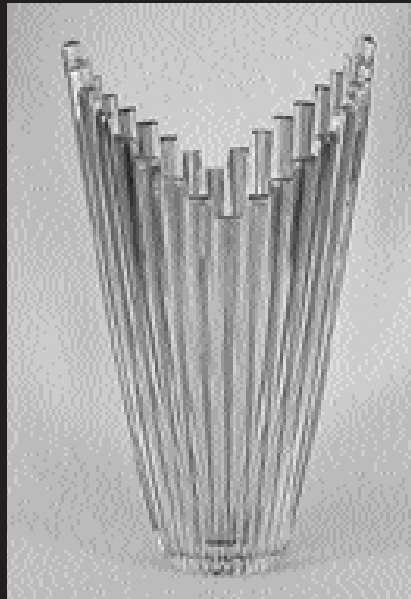
The Jewish people have not come this far — the Jewish state has not achieved all it has — in order to become the darlings of the radical Right. The settlers do not hold title to Zionism. The bitter enmity that now characterizes the Israeli-Palestinian relationship is not our destiny, nor theirs. And we ought by now to be able to do better, much better, than to sulk and swallow.



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9/11 COMMISSION PUTS FOCUS ON 'ISLAMIST TERRORISM'

by Daniel Pipes

Finally, an official body of the American government has come out and said what needs to be said: that the enemy is "Islamist terrorism...not just 'terrorism,' s o m e generic evil." The 9/11 commission in its final report even declares that Islamist terrorism is the "catastrophic threat" facing America.

As Thomas Donnelly points out in The New York Sun, the commission has called the enemy "by its true name, something that politically correct Americans have trouble facing."

Why does it matter that the Islamist dimension of terrorism must be specified? Simple. Just as a physician must identify a disease to treat it, so a strategist must name an enemy to defeat it. The great failing in the American war effort since September 2001 has been the reluctance to name the enemy. So long as the anodyne, euphemistic, and inaccurate term "war on terror" remains the official nomenclature, that war will not be won.

Better is to call it a "war on Islamist terrorism." Better yet would be "war on Islamism," looking beyond terror to the totalitarian ideology that lies behind it.

Significantly, the same day that the 9/11 report was published, July 22, President Bush for the first time used the term "Islamic militants" in a speech, bringing him closer than ever before to pointing to the Islamist threat.

The report of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States has other good value. It paints an accurate picture of Islamist views, describing these as a "hostility toward us and our values [that] is limitless." Equally useful is the description of the Islamist goal being "to rid the world of religious and political pluralism."

In contrast to those analysts who wishfully dismiss the Islamists as a few fanatics, the 9/11 commission acknowledges their true importance, noting that Osama bin Laden's message "has attracted active support from thousands of disaffected young Muslims and resonates powerfully with a far larger number who do not actively support his methods. "The Islamist outlook represents not a hijacking of Islam, as is often but wrongly claimed; rather it emerges from a "long tradition of extreme intolerance" within Islam, one

going back centuries and in recent times associated with Wahhabism, the Muslim Brethren, and the Egyptian writer Sayyid Qutb.

The commission then does something almost unheard of in American government circles: It offers a goal for the war now under way, namely the isolation or destruction of Islamism.

And, after nearly three years, how fares the war? The commission carefully distinguishes between the enemy's two-fold nature: "al Qaeda, a stateless network of terrorists" and the "radical ideological movement in the Islamic world." It correctly finds the first weakened, yet posing "a grave threat." The second is the greater concern, however, for it is still gathering and "will menace Americans and American interests long after Osama Bin Laden and his cohorts are killed or captured." American strategy, therefore, must be to dismantle Al Qaeda's network and prevail over "the ideology that gives rise to Islamist terrorism." In other words, "the United States has to help defeat an ideology, not just a group of people."

Doing so means nothing less than changing the way Muslims see themselves, something Washington can help w i t h but cannot do on its own: "Tolerance, the rule of law, political and economic openness, the extension of greater opportunities to women — these cures m u s t come from within Muslim societies themselves. The United States must support such developments."

Of course, such an evolution "will be violently opposed by Islamist terrorist organizations" and this battle is the key one, for the clash under way is not one of civilizations but one "within a civilization," that civilization being the Islamic one. By definition, Washington is a bystander to this battle. It "can promote moderation, but cannot ensure its ascendancy. Only Muslims can do this."

Moderate Muslims who seek reform, freedom, democracy, and opportunity, the report goes on, must "reflect upon such basic issues as the concept of jihad, the position of women, and the place of non-Muslim minorities," then they need to develop new Islamic interpretations of these.

The 9/11 commission has fulfilled its

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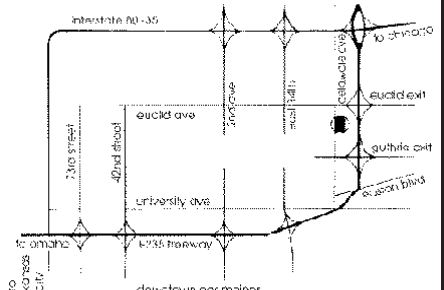

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We can all look forward to October 4, 2004, to a day of exciting events, sponsored by the women's division 2005 All-In-One Campaign, the Lions of Judah and Pomegranates divisions. The community's guest speaker, Irshad Manji, an author, journalist, and talk show host, will speak at a luncheon for the Lions of Judah and Pomegranates at the home of Gail Richards. Irshad Manji's address will focus on the empowerment of women and respect for religious minorities. In 2004, the women's campaigns contributed more than 20% of the All-In-One campaigns overall total. Anyone interested in joining either the Lion of Judah or Pomegranate



Irshad Manji



Not pictured
Lions of Judah:
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Lion of Judah

In the Bible (Genesis 49:9), Jacob's fourth-born son, Judah, is described as a lion's whelp, poised to spring at his enemies in defense of his people. The courage

that made Judah a noble leader is symbolized in Aryeh Yehuda, the Lion of Judah. Therefore, it is appropriate that the Lion is also the symbol of the Women's Campaign, as together we provide courage, strength and inspiration for our people. It is a Jewish woman's responsibility and privilege to stand among her people as a Lion of Judah - committed to her family, her community, and tikkun olam (repairing the world).

A History of the Lion of Judah Society
Introduced in 1972 for the Miami Women's Division campaign, the Lion of Judah pin has firmly established itself as a symbol of commitment to the world-wide Jewish community. The diamond inset 14-karat gold pin was created for the woman making a personal pledge to the annual campaign of \$5,000 or more. A ruby inset recognizes an individual woman's personal commitment of \$10,000 or more to the annual campaign. A sapphire inset acknowledges contributors of a minimum of \$18,000, and an emerald inset for those women who contribute \$25,000 or more. A \$50,000 level was established with a canary diamond inset, gifts of \$75,000 or more, with a cognac diamond. For women contributing at least \$100,000, the Prime Ministers Council pin was created in white gold with a black diamond inset in the eye.

A History of the Lion of Judah Society

Women's Campaigns have assumed an increasingly significant role in raising funds for the UJA Federation Campaign. More than 13,000 women from communities throughout the world proudly participate in the Lion of Judah program. The Lion of Judah symbol has come to signify the dedication and commitment to mobilize ideas, as well as human and financial resources, to pursue justice and repair the world.

The Lion of Judah Endowment Program

The Lion of Judah Endowment program is the National Women's Philanthropy Major Gifts component of the Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) program...a permanent restricted fund dedicated to endowing the Federation Campaigns. **President-elect Toni Urban** is Des Moines' first endowed Lion of Judah, having endowed her gift to the Des Moines Jewish Foundation.

Toni will be among the first recipients of the Kipnis-Willson/Freidland Award, which is in recognition of the founders of the Lion of Judah initiative. Toni embodies the spirit and vision of Lion of Judah through her commitment of Tzedakah and Tikkun olam. All Kipnis-Wilson/Freidland Award recipients will be honored at a special ceremony in Washington DC in October at the International Lion of Judah Conference. In attendance will be Pam Bookey, Debbie Gitchell, Gail Richards,



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Pomegranates

History of the Pomegranate

In 1981, Sybil Baiman, who was then the President of the Allentown, PA Federation, and Jeanette Eichenwalk, then Campaign Chair, determined to develop the Pomegranate giving program.

The Pomegranate Symbol

Ita Aber, in *The Art of Judaic Needlework*, writes: "As a Jewish symbol, the pomegranate is recognized as one of the most perfect spheres in nature. As a symbol of fertility and plenty, it is one of the so-called 'seven species' (of those fruits and grains of Biblical Israel). It is supposed to come close to having 613 seeds, representing the number of commandments referred to in the Bible. Because it was so loved by so many people, it was not unusual that this fruit was frequently used for synagogue decoration.

The Song of Songs refers to the pomegranates thusly: "Thy shoots are a park of pomegranates, with precious fruits. Thy temples are like a pomegranate split open behind thy veil." In Exodus 39; 24-26, "And they made upon the skirts of the robe pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet and twined linen. And they made bells of pure gold and put the bells between the pomegranate; a bell and a pomegranate upon the skirts of the robed 'round about, to minister in, as G-d commanded Moses." These are descriptions of the priestly garments for Aaron and his sons.

- The Pomegranate is a community within the Jewish Federation for women whose individual giving begins at \$1,500 to the Jewish Community Federation's Annual Campaign.
- Belonging to the Pomegranate connects you to a unique group of Jewish women and allows you to meet other women who, like you, are committed to bringing Jewish values to life through Tzedakah, righteous giving. Developing a more tangible understanding of how your contribution impacts thousands of lives worldwide will strengthen this bond.

Through our programs and activities, we will create a more meaningful link to other women in our community, and enhance our understanding of the significant role of the Jewish Federation. The Pomegranate pin is a symbol of your connection to the Jewish community and it is enhanced with rubies as your commitment continues.

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Hadassah Initiated National Grassroots Campaign to Support Stem Cell Research in a 'Call for the Cures Day'

PHOENIX, July 13 /PRNewswire/ – On July 13, at the 90th Annual National Convention of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America – the nation's largest women's organization – National President June Walker launched a national grassroots campaign to expand the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research.

In an effort to mobilize 300,000 Hadassah members across the country to call the White House urging for unfettered embryonic stem cell research, June Walker [proclaimed] July 13th national "Call for the Cures Day."

"Embryonic stem cell research holds the promise of leading to the treatments and cures for more than 100 million Americans suffering from chronic diseases such as Diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer and other devastating conditions," stated June Walker, National President of Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. "That is why we are mobilizing our members to send the clearest possible message to President Bush that when it comes to life and death issues, like stem cell research, he must put the potential for life and healing ahead of partisan politics."

Walker began the series of mass calls to the White House with her own personal phone call to the White House amplified

on a speaker phone before an audience of 1,500 members of Hadassah who have traveled from every corner of the country to celebrate the organization's national convention.

Hadassah Medical Organization and Hadassah's Goldyne Savad Institute of Gene Therapy continue to pioneer medical technology using stem cell research and Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT). Hadassah owns six of the 15 existing stem cell lines approved for federal funding, far fewer than the original 60 thought to be available when President Bush announced his policy in August 2001.

Walker announced the official roll-out of Hadassah's new stem cell initiative called, "The Promise of Stem Cells." That program will empower local Hadassah chapters around the nation to launch an aggressive advocacy and education program at the local level.

Walker also announced that March 2, 2005 will be designated "Date with the State," when Hadassah members in all 50 states will march on their state capitals to urge their state governments to support stem cell research.

Hadassah is a member of the Coalition for the Advancement of Medical Research (CAMR), a coalition of organizations around the country dedicated to changing the federal policy on embryonic stem cell research.

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WIESENTHAL CENTER TO BUILD A MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE IN JERUSALEM

A Museum of Tolerance Jerusalem pre-construction site team recently surveyed Frank O. Gehry projects in Europe in preparation for the commencement of construction on the new Frank O. Gehry-designed Center For Human Dignity – Museum of Tolerance Jerusalem, a Simon Wiesenthal Center project.

The fifteen-person site team consisting of representatives from Frank O. Gehry Partners; the Simon Wiesenthal Center; and the Israeli architectural firm, Kolker and Kolker; visited Germany and Spain including an onsite inspection of the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

As construction on the three-acre site draws near, the \$200-million dollar project is expected to take four years to complete. In May 2004, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger was the keynote speaker at the groundbreaking ceremonies. The project received unanimous approval from Jerusalem's City Council and has won praise from Israeli leaders, educators and public personalities.

Former Mayor and Vice Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, a key proponent of the project said, "I believe this will be the most important addition to Jerusalem in this generation...and the fact that they began to work on this project at a time when Jerusalem was struck daily by terror attacks and the economy in downtown

Jerusalem was completely destroyed, shows true courage and commitment to the future."

Former Prime Minister and Nobel Laureate Shimon Peres said, "Museum Of Tolerance - Jerusalem is not only a building. It is an eternal message of understanding, togetherness, and unity." Noted Middle East commentator for Israeli television, Ehud Ya'ari added, "A beautiful present to Jerusalem and to all those interested in inserting humanitarian common sense into the many conflicts still raging over its destinies."

Alouf Hareven, a senior fellow at the Van Leer Institute said, "Your project has immense potential for change that is urgently needed..."

Prof. Yaacov Iram, who holds the Chair in Education for Human Values, Tolerance and Peace at Bar Ilan University, added, "...The educational function it will perform is no less important than the work of other political and social organizations, for it will provide the environment where the values of tolerance and co-existence... are not just taught, but caught - transferring them through hearts and minds from one generation to the next."

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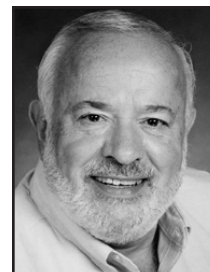
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From The Life Center:

Still, “The Jewish Home”

by Stephen Blend, Executive Director of The Life Center

An article appeared in the October, 2003 issue of The Jewish Press (“What’s in a Name”) which attempted to address concerns stemming from the impression, held by some in our community, that the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center (“IJSCLC”) had changed its name and had abandoned those values which formed and have sustained the organization over the past 70 years.

The hope and intention of that article was that it would allay the concerns of those to whom the Center has and will forever be known as “The Jewish Home” while, at the same time, informing the community of the bold steps being undertaken by the Board of Directors of the IJSCLC to directly address the changing needs of our community, and concomitantly ensuring the viability of the IJSCLC as the cornerstone of our community’s commitment to the care of our aging population.

One result of the Board’s collaborative engagement with the broader community was the identification of a concern with what some have erroneously perceived as a “name change” of the IJSCLC but was, in fact, only a new “marketing emphasis.” While this matter was directly addressed in the aforementioned Jewish Press article of October, 2003, it nonetheless remains a compelling subtext to the community discussion on the future direction of IJSCLC programming.

In an effort to, once again, clarify this misperception, perhaps it would be best to review this matter from the perspective of the evolving nature of the health care marketplace and the Board of Director’s bold vision to maintain the integrity of IJSCLC programming, while, at the same time, responding to events and circumstances which have the potential to adversely impact the future viability of the IJSCLC.

Due to a variety of factors, not the least of which has been the state and federal governments’ efforts to cut funding dedicated to the care of our elderly or governmental efforts to place “seniors-in-need” in sub-optimal, living environments (for which there is little or no third-party reimbursement available), the make-up of the resident population of the IJSCLC has undergone an unprecedented and dramatic change over the past few years.

Persons coming to the IJSCLC for care are much older, much more debilitated, and frequently suffering from dementia (which the IJSCLC is currently not able to properly or programmatically address). Lengths of stay are down and the intensity of care needs has escalated. All-in-all, a very different picture than that of just a few years ago.

With increasing frequency, over the past two (2) years, there have been times when we have found ourselves unable to meet the care needs of some persons seeking admission to The Life Center. For those individuals and their families, our

only option is to refer them to care providers better able to meet special needs - especially in the area of Alzheimer’s/dementia care.

More sadly though, there have been times when we have had to assist in the relocation of residents to other, specialized, care facilities. This being the case when their care needs have changed to the extent that meeting those needs was beyond our then current capability. For those reasons, and for those reasons alone, have we ever denied admission or a continuing stay to members of our community.

Perhaps the most significant change we have seen in the last couple of years has been the metaphorical “explosion” of the IJSCLC’s skilled/rehabilitation program. After over a decade of annual Life Center admissions numbering in the teens, the year 2003 saw over 250 admissions. This trend continues.

In an effort to maintain organizational viability, the Board of Directors engaged in a marketing study to determine how best to keep the beds filled, while, at the same time, maintaining the steadfast commitment to quality care and to the values which brought The Home into being and has been its hallmark ever since.


What the Board discovered, through a comprehensive research and focus group process, was that some of our primary referrers - the hospital discharge planners - were laboring under the misapprehension that one had to be Jewish to be considered for admission to the IJSCLC. Furthermore, many hospital patients in need of post-acute, skilled/rehabilitation care continue to believe this fallacy.

After rigorous consideration of consultant recommendations and evaluation of marketplace trends and realities, the Marketing & Communications Committee of the Board of Directors recommended not a “name change” for the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center but rather an abbreviated version of our tongue-twisting name. This “marketing emphasis” would not only serve as a simplified identifier but would also emphasize that “The Life Center” is welcoming to persons of all faiths - as a place where the accent is on the enjoyment of life and the enhancement of the everyday living experience(s).


There was never any intention to obfuscate The Home’s identity or to deny its Jewish roots. The only intention was to streamline the facility’s name, while, at the same time, assuring the broader community of The Life Center’s avowed inclusiveness in admissions.

Please be assured that The Home is not running away from its core values and identity. The truth is that The Life Center operates in an environment where inclusiveness is inextricably connected with organizational viability. In order for The Life Center to continue as the metropolitan area’s premier rehabilitation and long term care provider, change is inevitable, but, underlying those changes which have been thrust upon us, the fundamental principles which guide The Life Center’s mission of service to the community remain steadfast and immutable.


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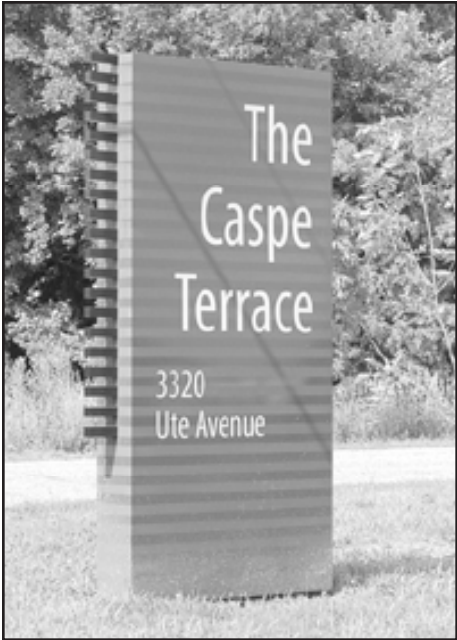
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Landscape Committee Completes Phase I of Improvements to The Caspe Terrace



Federation, has been keeping the project on track. Activities have involved the planting, by design, of a beautiful assortment of native and hardy trees, shrubs, and perennials. An irrigation system around the Bucksbaum Center and Richards Pavilion has been installed to help nature keep the plantings at their peak. To protect the investment of time and effort, a three-year maintenance

plan covering replacement by Perennial Gardens of the plant material has been included as part of the Bucksbaum gift. The patios off of the Pavilion and surrounding the lower entrance to the Bookey Lodge have added to the convenience of using our facilities. The lighting of the road and the signs at each edifice as well as the large sign directing us into The Caspe Terrace at Ute Road have

added appreciably to the utility of the property. We hope that the community will continue to take advantage of our wonderful resources on The Caspe Terrace and in the Bucksbaum Center. The Landscape Committee welcomes inquiries by community members about prospective and planned additions to the property. Please contact Tom Wolff at the



The Federation's Landscape Committee has completed the first phase of its master plan to beautify the grounds of The Caspe Terrace and improve its accessibility. During this stage of development, landscaping, lighting and signage have been added. The improvements have been made possible, over the past two years, through the generosity of Kay and Matthew Bucksbaum, Mary Bucksbaum Scanlan and Melva Bucksbaum.

Perennial Gardens, under the direction of landscape architect James Noelck, has been directing the project. Tom Wolff, Facilities Manager for the



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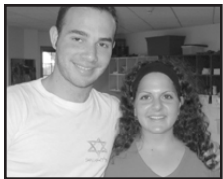
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Shlichim Bring Israeli Culture To Engman Camp Shalom



Two Israeli shlichim, recommended to us through the Jewish Community Center's Summer Shlichim Program, came to Engman Camp

Shalom in June this summer. The Youth and Hehalutz Department and Jewish Agency's Security Department within the Government of Israel have carefully screened each of our shlichim. Each Israeli shlichim goes through an extensive interview process, has references checked and participates in a week-long shlichim orientation seminar. Their purpose at our camp is to impart a love of Jewish culture to campers and serve as goodwill ambassadors for the Jewish State.

Serving as our Israeli Culture Camp Specialist, the shlichim lead daily "hatifka" (cheer), Hatikva (Israeli National Anthem), and a Hebrew word of the day. Other duties include: planning Shabbat on Friday afternoons, teaching Israeli culture and crafts, and directing an end-of-camp skit featuring campers.

Lyanna Grund, administrator of Engman Camp Shalom, welcomed Na'ama Levi and Ran Veichman upon their arrival to Des Moines on June 10th. "Our shlichim help us remember that we are a Jewish camp," Grund says. "They help our counselors infuse Judaism into so many areas with the tools that they're given in their intensive training back in Israel. Their presence is really helping to raise us

up to a whole new level of incorporating the Jewish spirit."

This summer, our shlichim shared with our campers "making Aliyah" to Israel, which is a way to say moving to Israel. Campers made passports and plane tickets and then flew to Israel. They were able to learn about different places in Israel and how this country looks. Campers created an Israeli Market where they sold many food items for Shabbat with Israeli money. They even made their own "non-alcoholic" wine. During the last week of camp, campers finished preparing for their "end-of-camp" skit about Noah's Ark. With help from our counselors, our campers wrote the skit and created all of the additional scenery and costumes.

Towards the end of camp, the Jewish Federation held an open house to show their gratitude to everyone involved in the success of our camp this year. Thank you, David & Lauri Grossman, for hosting this event at your home.

A big "thank you" to the following families who graciously opened up their homes and their arms to house our shlichim this summer. Our shlichim stayed with these families during their time in Des Moines and changed locations every two weeks. Our families were: Zach & Ilene Gilson Family; David & Lauri Grossman Family; Gail Klearman & Jake Jacobs Family; Menashe & Bobbie Khalastchi Family; Terry & Laura Myers; Haim & Malka Naggar Family; Daniel & Donna Sandler Family; Serge & Marina



Thank you to our hosts: the Grossman Family, the Malina and Staroselsky Families, the Gilson Family, the Myers and Jacobs Families and the Naggar Family (not pictured the Sandler and Khalastchi Families)



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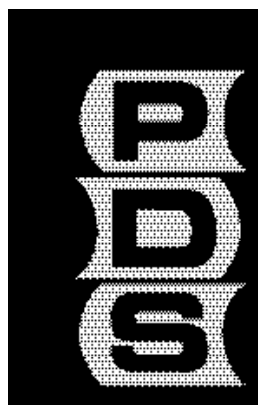
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Read All Of The News Before You React

by Sheldon Rabinowitz



I have often heard statements to the effect "If only Israel could get rid of that hard-liner Sharon as Prime Minister", "If Israel would only get out of Gaza", or "If Israel would only give up the settlements."

These are not necessarily the comments of non-Jews, but more often, comments of less informed Jews who have been sensitized by the constant news reporting depicting Israel as the villainous military oppressor in the Middle East, subjecting the Palestinians to "occupat

In my experience these comments are most likely to come from Jews who do not read a great deal about the Middle East news or history and who have had made only infrequent trips to Israel. They become uncomfortable when Israel and the Jews are in the news to such a large degree, especially when in a critical way.

Hard as we may try, we are not going to readily change the anti-Israel news slant of NPR, CNN, ABC, and many other media sources who are frequently guilty to a lesser degree. Slanted news and headlines have an adverse sway on the thinking of American Jews, and create a discomfort to many who are not adequately informed as to all sides of the issues.

While I personally believe in getting out of Gaza and would also like to think that the ultimate creation of a demilitarized Palestinian State could offer benefits for both Palestinians and Israelis—we should have no illusions that this will create an instant end to the conflict. It could likely create even greater hostilities in the near future.

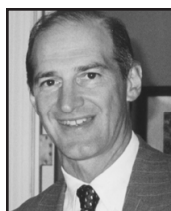
As Israel gets out of Gaza, which the Sharon government is committed to do—will the firing of rockets from Gaza cease? Will Egypt make any effort to prevent the smuggling of arms through tunnels from Egypt into Gaza that would be used for terror purposes? Will the terrorists (or "militants", as the media now prefers to call them) potentially inflict greater damage, by firing longer range rockets into Israel's population centers and industrial areas?

I am afraid my more self-conscious fellow Jews have no answers, mainly because they neglected to even ask the questions. They have not listened to, nor wish to understand, the declared statements by Hamas over and over, that there will be no cessation until "all of Palestine has been liberated and the Zionist entity removed." NPR, CNN, and ABC do not cover those statements, and intentionally avoid presenting a balanced view.

The media has given almost no coverage to what has become almost daily firing of rockets into Israel from Gaza over the past few months. While most have caused minor property damage, in late June a rocket hit a nursery school yard, killing an adult and a child. While no great surprise, there was not much media coverage of that deadly incident either.

Moreover, I have not heard any comments related to the rockets or the resultant deaths by those who believe getting out of Gaza will solve many of the problems. Would we in the U.S. tolerate firing from across our borders at us? Will that problem go away after Israel leaves Gaza? Or, will there be retaliation Lebanon 1982 style, potentially creating

SCHOEN HONORED AMONG ENTREPRENEURS OF THE YEAR



Don Schoen, CEO and President of MediNotes Corporation, was honored by leaders in the business community at Ernst & Young's "2004 Entrepreneur of the Year" awards gala. He won in the "Realizing Business Potential" category, new within the competition. The award has been created, through a sponsorship by Microsoft, to recognize smaller companies (fewer than 100 employees) that have demonstrated success and growth by leveraging computer related technology in their business.

In highlighting Schoen's accomplishments, the awards committee noted how Don built upon his prior business and technology experience in catapulting MediNotes, a medical software company, ahead of competitors. They also pointed to Don's use of innovative approaches to run MediNotes and sell its products, noting specifically that he had focused initially on medical specialties that competitors believed to be less lucrative. In addition, he chose to display his products at medical conferences, where doctors could try out and potentially purchase the software on the spot.

Perhaps the most interesting revela-

tion was that despite the obstacles he has faced, Don's MediNotes, which serves 2,150 practices nationally and abroad, has doubled its employees in the last year and more than doubled revenues.

Tim Urban, President of Urban Development Group was recognized as a Finalist in the awards competition, for which there were 200 nominees. The Urban Development Groups is a private-sector land development corporation which since 1976 has constructed group homes and subdivisions of vacation homes and has constructed and managed several shopping centers. In lauding Tim, the committee accentuated the social consciousness, which has guided him to take risks to better Des Moines. Tim was the first developer to build on the near north side, near 13th Street and University Avenue, when no one was willing to do so. Through his efforts, a government office building and a small shopping center were constructed. Tim also helped a minority entrepreneur build a bulk mail center.

Both Don and Tim are true entrepreneurs, as defined by their peers in the business community. As articulated by Ernst & Young, "they possess the vision, leadership, and achievement to succeed, sometimes against all odds." Congratulations to both gentlemen.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Federation's Annual Meeting in June honored members of our community (pictured left: President Polly Oxley congratulating Toni Urban), heard from Dr. David Hunter (shown far left, below) on the status of Jewish-Catholic dialogue, and welcomed our two Israeli cultural specialists (below, right) who worked at Engman Camp Shalom.



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JAKE CARPENTER GETS TECHNICAL

By Robin Bear



While some teens hang out at pools or movie theaters this summer, Jake Carpenter is working a schedule that rivals many working adults. Last year Jake and his friend, Ben Weiss, created their own video production and website development company called CW Digital Visuals. Their services are diverse. In the past year they have done everything from videotaping weddings to creating websites for their clients. Last year West Des Moines school administrators asked them to create a video for a Martin Luther King Day celebration and hired them again this summer to assist with Planet Seven, a program designed to ready incoming seventh graders to their new school. Their job for Planet Seven includes filming and editing the students' activities. Jake and Ben have also filmed a commercial for the Estilo Salon and Day Spa.

While at a Bar Mitzvah brunch last fall, Jake was introduced to a photojournalist working at KCCI. Before the brunch ended, Jake was offered an internship at the station. He currently logs many hours weekly going out on assignments with cameramen and helping with the filming and editing. He says he is learning a lot from his work at KCCI and mentions that the photojournalist met at the brunch has become one of his mentors.

Three days a week Jake works at Carpenter's, his family's business, where he is constructing a new website that hopefully will be completed by the time he returns to Valley High School as a senior this fall.

Last spring when Jake learned that he was one of six teenagers chosen to travel to a Jewish children's orphanage in Argentina, he was eager to go. With Jake's background in video production, he felt he could be most useful producing a documentary that might be used as a promotional tool to raise awareness and support for the orphanage. Once completed, Jake hopes the video will be shown in several cities this fall and winter.

The upcoming year will bring new challenges for Jake as president of U.S.Y., United Synagogue Youth, at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. One of his goals for the year will be to get Kadima, the program involving the youngest USYers, off to a good start. "I want to send several people to Kadima Kinnus," said Jake, "and I'll probably even go myself." He's also looking forward to the International Convention held in December. At that time over 1000 Jewish teenagers from both inside and outside the U.S. will gather for a conference in Chicago.

Once the fall semester begins at Valley High, Jake will turn his attention to school but plans to continue working at both CW Digital Visuals and KCCI. He'll also be mak-

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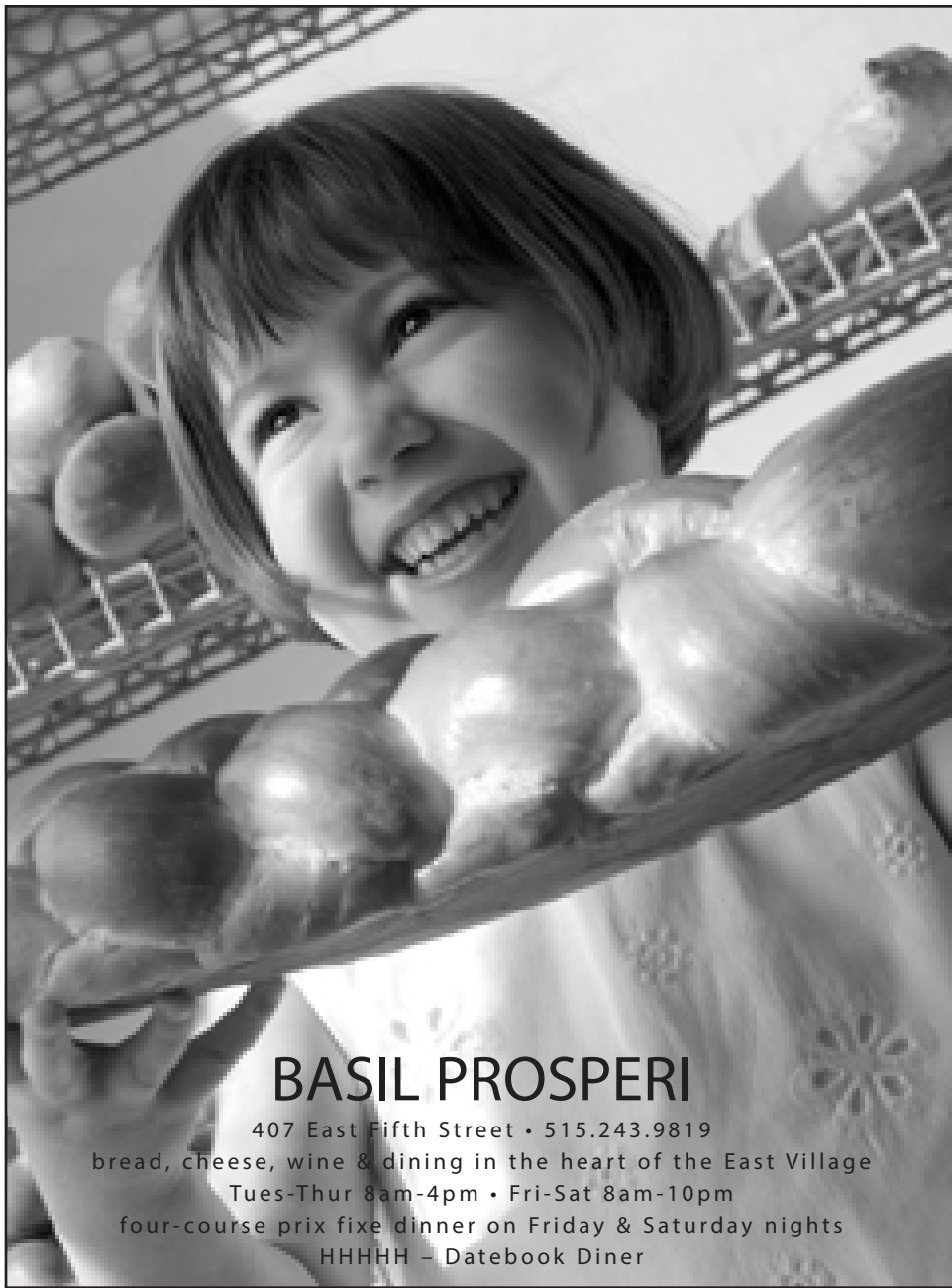
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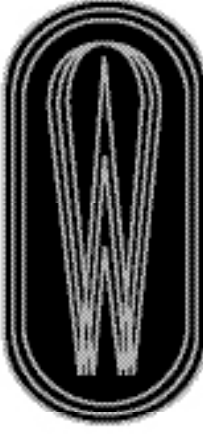
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Must-See Movies

By former Areiva to Des Moines, Ayelet Kleinman



Dear Friends, Shalom!

I hope you are all doing well. It seems to me that it has been a long time since my last column appeared in the Jewish Press. I have decided that this time I will not talk about politics, the coming elections – yours or ours – or the situation in Israel. No. This time I would like to tell you about three Israeli movies that I have seen lately. Each is superb and each addresses a different topic within Jewish society.

Usually, I do not like watching Israeli movies. They tend not to be of highest quality, but these three, I find very special. I am not sure if you will get a chance to see them in the States. But maybe on your first visit to Israel if you see one of them, remember who told you about it.

These films show something about life in Israel: even though the situation is not that good, we still care about culture, which I believe is very important to our being. And now, something about each of the films.

Turn left at the end of the world by Avi Nesher - The movie tells the story of the immigration to Israel, in the 1960s, of Jews from two distinct backgrounds and their settlement in the Negev towns of Dimona and Yeruham. Indian Jews arrived looking for a better life in the West, only to find themselves in the desert. When their English Colonial demeanor met up with the French background of the Moroccan immigrants, there is an inevitable clash of cultures. The complexity is increased when a married Indian man falls in love with a young Moroccan girl. Things get really interesting when it is learned that the English cricket team will be stopping in the Negev for a match, and the two groups have to work together to produce a team capable of taking on the powerful English.

Shlomi's Stars, written and directed by Shemi Zarchin - A warm and witty comedy that centers on Shlomi, a 16-year-old boy who plays the role of peace-keeper within his chaotic family. The pressures of being constant mediator, confidante and cook leave Shlomi little time to develop his own personality. But when one of his teachers detects an extraordinary gift Shlomi never knew he had, aided by the power of first love, Shlomi breaks out of his timid shell and discovers his own independence and potential.

Walk on Water by Eytan Fox - "Walk on Water," a colorful and very contemporary road movie [apparently not in the Crosby-Hope tradition] takes its characters around Israel and later to Berlin. This unique movie is a non-traditional attempt to understand the role still played by the past in the lives of Israeli and German young people, our attitude toward a different Germany, the way we cope with our national character and the way the Germans cope with their history. Against the background of repeated terrorist attacks the Arab character says, bluntly: "You, Jews, are always busy thinking of what has and what has not been done to you. Maybe, if you could stop worrying about this past of yours, you could see."

TEMPLE RECEIVES GRANT TO PURCHASE JEWISH HERITAGE VIDEO

Temple B'nai Jeshurun has been selected to receive \$10,000 in matching grant funds for the acquisition of the Jewish Heritage Video Collection through support of the Charles H. Revson Foundation and other donors.

Alan Pearlman, executive director, who wrote the grant application said, "We are honored to receive these funds for the purchase of this collection. We will be the only institution between Chicago and Minneapolis to have such a collection. I am aware that the competition for funds this year was very keen".

The Jewish Heritage Video Collection lending library consists of more than 200 outstanding feature films, and documentaries, television and children's programs, American and foreign productions with significant Jewish content and interest. Its ten original film-based courses on subjects such as Israel, Yiddish culture, the Holocaust, and American Jewish identity bring people together to study, think, discuss and connect with their Jewish heritage. The public will be able to check out these resources.

Additional funds required as match,

On Tuesday, July 20, 2004, The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center held a Donor Recognition Ceremony honoring recent gifts to The Center's Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund was established to ensure The Senior Life Center's continuing ability to fulfill its mission of service to our seniors. The outstanding rehabilitation and long-term care services provided by The Life Center are supported by the generous gifts of our community members.

When gifts of \$1,000 and above are made to the Endowment Fund, those contributions are recognized on the Cornerstones board located in The

Center's atrium. This colorful board contains individually engraved tiles indicating the various levels of monetary support. All monies donated to the Endowment Fund enable The Life Center to further its traditions of excellence in quality care.

The Board of Directors, Residents, and Staff of The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center extend their gratitude to all those who have supported the Endowment Fund in the past, as well as for the ongoing generosity of the community.

For more information about the Endowment Fund or how to contribute to The Life Center, please contact

Meet Roselind Rabinowitz



A search team was dispatched throughout Iowa looking for the best Stuffed Cabbage. To our chagrin the gastronomes found the very finest Stuffed Cabbage right here in Des Moines!

Roselind Rabinowitz is acclaimed for the delicacy we know as Stuffed Cabbage and enjoy anytime, but particularly during the holidays. They make a wonderful main course or an accompaniment at Rosh Hashanah or erev Yom Kippur dinners.

Roselind's expertise in the kitchen evolved as she cooked and baked with her sister Helen. Roselind grew up in Des Moines as a Pomerantz, having been the youngest of nine children. Her siblings were Isadore, Eva (Silvert), Victor, Helen (Sandler), Lou, Pauline (Fisher), Harry and Marvin. Marvin Pomerantz and Roselind are the only surviving siblings from that large family. Roselind's mother passed away when Roselind was eight, so her siblings played an important part in her childhood.

Her father was originally from Carroll, Iowa and was in the salvage business. Later his business evolved into a recycling business which was the forerunner of Midwest Bag later owned by Harry Pomerantz. All of the brothers were in similar businesses.

Roselind, or "Rosie" which is how her friends and grandchildren affectionately refer to her, attended Lincoln Jr. and Sr. High Schools and attended the Talmud Torah Hebrew School at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. It was on the way to Hebrew School on the streetcar that Roselind first met Sheldon Rabinowitz. Roselind was about 13 years old!

Sheldon, whom Roselind later married July 8, 1951, was born in Des Moines and attended Beth El Jacob Synagogue where his grandfather, Naftali Zeichik, was the Rabbi for 45 years. Sheldon's mother, Rose Rabinowitz, was the daughter of the Rabbi and a wonderful cook!

Roselind attended Drake University and as a married couple both Sheldon and Roselind went to the University of Iowa. They raised four children who have been a source of pride and joy. Their oldest son, Victor, lives in Sacramento, California where he practices law and has a twelve year old son, Zachary. Julie, the next oldest is married to Gary Marx and lives in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Julie is an attorney for Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. The Marx children are Jacob,

13 and Daniele Rose, 11. Daughter Joy lives in Herzliya Petuach, Israel and is married to Joshua Argaman. She is a CPA and still plays a mean game of tennis having won a gold medal in 2001 playing doubles in the International Maccabean Olympics. Their children are Michal, 22, a university student studying law and business, and Dan, 20, who is in the Army intelligence division of the Israeli Defense Forces. Youngest daughter Elyse and her husband, Jim Porter, live in Minneapolis with Hannah Rose, 15, and Samuel, 13.

Tennis has always played an important role in the Rabinowitz family and Joy and Elyse won the State of Iowa Doubles Tournament in high school. Roselind boasts that she only won trophies when she played with her children.

Roselind's family and her Jewish Community are her passion. When her children were young she was active in the Bureau of Jewish Education and Tifereth Israel Synagogue. She held most positions in the Sisterhood including the Presidency. She has been an active participant on the

Stuffed Cabbage

A recipe from Roselind Rabinowitz

Meat

2 heads of cabbage

2 medium size onions

2 lbs. hamburger

salt and pepper

3 – 4 Tablespoons rice (dry)

1/3 – 1/2 cup dark raisins

1 small can tomato sauce

tomato juice

1 small can tomato paste

cup light karo syrup

sour salt or lemon juice


sugar

Sauté 2 medium onions and mix with the raw hamburger and dry rice. Add salt and pepper as desired.

Core the heads of cabbage and put the heads in boiling water until leaves loosen.


To make the sauce, **mix** one small can of tomato sauce and one small can of tomato paste with raisins. Add a little tomato juice, one cup of light karo syrup, one tablespoon of sour salt or lemon juice to taste. Add 3 tablespoons of sugar. Bring the mixture to a boil then simmer for 20 – 30 minutes.

Roll the hamburger mixture into tubes approximately 1" by 3" and wrap each in a cabbage leaf. Place in a pyrex dish, then cover with sauce. These can be frozen before baking for future use.



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B'nai Mitzvah

Robert Dennis



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Robert will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Please join us in worship and celebration at 10:00 A.M. at Ames Jewish Congregation. A kiddush Luncheon will follow.

Jeremy Jay Dubansky



Saturday, October 2 at 4:30 pm

Temple B'nai Jeshurun

Jeremy Jay Dubansky, son of Robert and Peggy Dubansky, will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at a Havdalah service 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2004 at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

Alexandra Garland



Saturday, October 9 at 4:30 p.m.

Temple B'nai Jeshurun

We invite the community to share in our simcha as our daughter, Alexandra, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah Saturday, October 9, 2004 at 4:30 p.m.

ISRAEL'S CONSUL GENERAL TO SPEAK IN DES MOINES



Mr. Moshe Ram, Consul General at the Israel Consulate in Chicago, will be among the participants at the World Food Prize Symposium and Laureate Celebration held in Des

Moines October 14 - 15. During this time period he will also be addressing local audiences on the current situation in Israel. Look for details about his public speaking engagements on the federation website, dmjfed.org.

[for teens]

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Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to **Gloria and Allan (Sonny) Rovner** on their 50th wedding anniversary, September 5.

Mazel Tov to **Eleanor Zeff**, assistant professor in Drake University's department of politics and international relations for being honored in June by the Iowa Council for International Understanding. Professor Zeff was presented the Elinor Robson Award for her significant contributions promoting international understanding. Her expertise is in European and African politics.

Baby at Tifereth Israel Synagogue Elisa and Patrick Jones had a new baby boy on July 2. His name is **Braydon Willard Jones**. Other proud family members are big brother Reece, grandparents Martin and Trudi Rosenfeld and great-grandparents Max and Mollie Lasky.

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow
the recent passing of

Rabbi Ed Chesman
(of Temple Judah in Cedar Rapids)

Steven Gorshel

[from our congregations]

AMES JEWISH CONGREGATION

Services

Weekly Friday night services will begin September 10th. Unless Rabbi Rosenbloom will be in town, the services will be lay-led.

Saturday, September 11

Selichot: 8:00 p.m. dessert social followed by service at 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15th - Erev Rosh Hashanah services

8:00 p.m. with an Oneg to follow.

Thursday, September 16th - 1st day Rosh Hashanah

Morning service at 9:30 a.m.

Children's service 3:30 p.m. geared for 4th grade and below.

Tashlich: 4:00 p.m.

Evening service 8:00 p.m.

Friday, September 17th - 2nd day Rosh Hashanah

Morning service at 9:30 a.m.

Shabbat service at 8:00 p.m. with Oneg to follow.

Saturday, September 18th

Robbie Dennis' Bar Mitzvah service 10:00 a.m. Kiddush luncheon to follow the service.

Adult education: 2:00 p.m.

Friday, September 24th Kol Nidre

Services 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 25th Yom Kippur

Morning service: 9:30 a.m.

Children's 3:30 p.m. geared for 4th grade and below.

Afternoon: 5:00 p.m.

Yizkor 6:00 p.m.

Neilah 6:30 p.m.

Community Break-the-fast to follow Neilah service.

Wednesday, September 29th Erev Sukkot

6:00 p.m. dinner

7:00 p.m. service

Friday, October 8th Simchat Torah

7:00 p.m. Yiskor

7:30 p.m. Simchat Torah

Friday, October 22nd

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Services led by Rabbi Rosenbloom with an Oneg to follow.

Saturday, October 23rd

10:00 a.m. Kevin Svec's Bar Mitzvah. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

2:00 p.m. Adult Education

Friday, November 12th

8:00 p.m. Services with Rabbi Rosenbloom. An Oneg will follow the service.

Saturday, November 13th

10:00 a.m. Morning service with Torah study led by Rabbi Rosenbloom.

2:00 p.m. Adult Education

Other AJC news: The Ames Jewish Congregation Religious School will begin classes on Sunday, September 12th. Once again this year we have fun activities planned for both students and families. We are looking forward to more joint activities with the Des Moines Federation School. Stay tuned for more information about this year's activities in upcoming Jewish Press issues.

Saturday, November 6th:

8:00 p.m. Movie night. Stay tuned for more information.

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2004 High Holiday Schedule 5765 Tishrei

Observance	Date	Candlelighting	Time
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Memorial Service at Glendale Cemetery
Sun., Sept. 12 None

Erev Rosh Hashanah Wed, Sept. 15 7:05 P.M.
Rosh Hashanah Thur, Sept 16 8:03 P.M.
(First Day)

Rosh Hashanah Fri, Sept 17 7:02 P.M.
(Second Day)

Shabbat Shuva Sat, Sept. 18 None

Fast Of Gedalia Sun, Sept. 19 None

Erev Yom Kippur Fri, Sept 24 6:50 P.M.

Yom Kippur Sat, Sept 25

Break The Fast Sisterhood Sat, Sept 25

Evev Sukkot Wed, Sept 29 6:41 P.M.
Sukkot Thur, Sept 30 7:38 P.M.
(First Day)

Sukkot Fri, Oct. 1 6:38 P.M.
(Second Day)

Chol Homoed Sat-Wed Oct.2-6 None
A.M.

Chol Hamoed

Sun-Wed.
Hoshanna Rabba Wed, Oct. 6 6:29 P.M.

Shemini Atzeres Thur, Oct. 7 7:27 P.M.

Simchas Torah Fri, Oct. 8 6:26 P.M.

Yom Tov Ends at 7:34 P.M.

First Annual Pre Rosh Hashana Sunday Funday Fun for the whole family!

Open To The Entire Community! Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, 3:00pm – 7:00pm at Beth El Jacob Synagogue, 954 Cummins Pkwy, Des Moines. Raffles, Dinner Provided, Round Challah Baking, Card Cutouts, Honey Dish Painting, Informative Session, Clown Show, Magician, Honey Cake Baking, Challah Cover Decorating, Face Painting, Balloon Sculptures. Pre Registration: \$8.00 Beth El Jacob Members / \$10.00 non-members; \$25.00 Family Maximum; At Door \$12.00 / \$36.00 Family Maximum; Must Pre Register To Guarantee Project Availability; Sponsorships Available; \$5.00 for inclusion in our Beth El Jacob Rosh Hashana Greeting Book

Sunday School program for the 2004-2005 school year. We are excited to open these learning opportunities to the entire Jewish community. The curriculum will consist of Hebrew reading and writing and the study of major biblical figures. Parsha study will enable each child to enhance their knowledge of the Torah portion while expressing their individual creativity. Customs and laws of each Jewish Holiday will be taught and each Festival will have your child creating a unique depiction to take home for the holiday. The environment will be friendly, warm and suitable for any background. Wonderful experiences will allow us to make the learning of Judaism both fun and meaningful. Registration is open to ages 3-13. If you are interested, please call the office at 274-1551 to get registration forms and additional information. We look forward to a wonderful learning year. Classes run from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm and begin on Sunday Sept. 19, 2004. Registration will take place on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004 at 9:00 am.

1st Annual Community-wide Sukkah Building Contest and

Celebration. Prizes will be awarded in each age category. This program is open to all ages. All building supplies and lunch will be provided. The only thing you need to bring is your imagination. Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., \$5.00 per person

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Sisterhood Calendar of Events for 2004-2005

Saturday, September 25, 2004 – BREAK THE FAST

Tuesday, October 12, 2004 – Puce Luncheon

1:00 P.M. Holocaust Memorial
1:30 P.M. Cemetery Service
6:45 P.M. Mincha & Maariv
8:30 A.M. Services
10:30 A.M. Shofar Blowing
5:30 P.M. Tashlich- Colby Park
6:45 P.M. Mincha & Maariv
8:30 A.M. Services
10:30 A.M. Shofar Blowing
6:45 P.M. Mincha & Maariv
9:00 A.M. Services
6:45 P.M. Mincha & Maariv
7:00 A.M. Shachris
6:30 P.M. Mincha & Maariv
8:05 P.M. Fast Ends
1:30 P.M. Mincha
6:45 P.M. Kol Nidre
9:00 A.M. Morning Service
5:15 P.M. Mincha
6:30 P.M. Neila Service
7:58 P.M. Fast & Shabbos End
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6:45 P.M. Services
9:00 A.M. Services
6:45 P.M. Mincha & Maariv
9:00 A.M. Services
6:30 P.M. Mincha & Maariv
9:00 A.M. Services- Shabbos

6:30 P.M. Mincha & Maariv
7:36 P.M. Shabbos Ends
Regular Service schedule times
6:30 A.M. Services
6:15 P.M. Mincha, Maariv
9:00 A.M. Main Service
10:30 A.M. Yizkor
6:15 P.M. Mincha & Maariv
8:30 A.M. Services & Hakafot
6:15 P.M. Mincha & Maariv

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January 23, 2005 – “Parents and Children: Obligation and Opportunity”

February 27, 2005 - “A Community of Meaningful Relationships”

April 10, 2005 – “A Relationship to Ourselves”

Dates set for our “Rabbi’s Table Dinners” are :

October 8, 2004; November 5, 2004; February 4, 2005

A New Series, “Movies and Midrash” will be in the evenings on weekends with food, a movie and discussion. Dates set throughout the year are:

November 13, 2004 ; January 15, 2005 ; March 5, 2005

Our “Book Club” will be meeting on Mondays:

September 27, 2004 ; October 18, 2004; November 22, 2004; December 13, 2004

SHARED SELICHOT SERVICE With Temple B’nai Jeshurun and Tifereth Israel Synagogue Saturday, September 11 at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Oneg Reception begins at 8:00 pm followed by Selichot Services and Project Elijah-Argentina program at 9:00 pm.

SILENT AUCTION AT TIFERETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

Tifereth is having a large Silent Auction the evening of Saturday, September 11 from 8:00 – 10:00 pm. Some of the items to be auctioned are a Sticks Table Box, a Judith Whipple Bird, unique jewelry and purses, many Restaurant, Clothing and Sports Gift Certificates, Discovery Toys, Theatre and Symphony tickets.

ARTS & HEIRLOOMS SALE At Tifereth Israel Synagogue

Sunday, September 12 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Monday, September 13 from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

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SUKKOT SERVICES AT TIFERETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

Erev Sukkot Services - Wednesday, September 29 at 6:00 pm

Sukkot Day 1 Services – Thursday, September 30 at 9:15 am

Sukkot Day 2 Services – Friday, October 1 at 9:15 am

Shabbat Evening Services –Friday, October 1 at 6:00 pm

JOIN US FOR PIZZA IN THE HUT IN THE SUKKAH AFTER SERVICES!

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION WITH A TASTE OF CAMP!

Tifereth Israel Synagogue begins its Simchat Torah Celebration with Shemini Atzeret services, Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm and Thursday, October 7 at 9:15 am.

Thursday evening, October 7 at 6:00 pm join us for a free light dairy dinner in the Social Hall. Rabbi Daniel Greyber, Exec. Dir. of Camp Ramah in California is returning and bringing his wonderful Ruach to celebrate Simchat Torah with us, lead our services, and add a “Taste of Summer Camp” to our celebration! Simchat Torah services will begin at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 7, following the free dinner. Everyone is invited to this fun, spirited dinner and service! Rabbi Greyber’s visit is sponsored by our wonderful Pomerantz Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund. Simchat Torah Morning Services are Friday, October 8 at

9:15 am. Rabbi Greyber will lead services with Rabbi HaLevi. Our Annual Simchat Torah Luncheon following services is sponsored by the Dubansky Family.

RABBI’S TABLE DINNER - Friday, October 8 at Tifereth

Following our 6:00 pm Erev Shabbat Service, join us for our Rabbi’s Table Dinner. Rabbi Daniel Greyber, Exec. Dir. of Camp Ramah in California, will speak on “The Future Identity of Your Jewish Children & Grandchildren: Reflections on Jewish Camping and Education.” The cost for this dinner is \$20 per person. To RSVP, please

2004 HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

at Tifereth Israel Synagogue
with Rabbi Baruch HaLevi and Deirdre Farr

ROSH HASHANAH – September 15-17

Sunday, September 12 – Services at Glendale Cemetery

Holocaust Service	1:00 pm
Memorial Service	1:30 pm

Wednesday September 15

Erev Rosh Hashanah	8:00 pm
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Thursday, September 16 – Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Preliminary	8:30 am
Torah Service	9:30 am
Sounding of Shofar	10:15 am
Sermon	10:30 am
Musaf	11:00 am
Children’s Services	10:30 am –12:00 noon
Tashlikh at Glendale Cemetery	
Tashlikh Meditation	4:30 pm
Tashlikh service	5:00 pm
Walk to T.I.	5:30 pm
Ma’ariv	6:00 pm

Friday, September 17 – Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Preliminary	8:30 am
Torah Service	9:30 am
Sounding of Shofar	10:15 am
Sermon	10:30 am
Musaf	10:45 am
Children’s Services	10:30 am –12:00 noon
Rosh Hashanah Meditation	5:15 pm
Ma’ariv (Shabbat)	6:00 pm

YOM KIPPUR – September 24-25

Friday, Septemer 24th

Kol Nidre	7:00 pm
President’s Message	

Saturday, September 25th

Preliminary	9:00 am
Torah Service	10:00 am
Sermon	11:00 am
Musaf	11:15 am
Yizkor	12:45 pm
Children’s Services	10:30 am –12:00 noon
Healing Service	2:00 pm
Study Session	3:00 pm
Meditation/Song	4:00 pm
Mincha	5:30 pm
Neilah	6:30 pm
Ma’ariv	7:30 pm
Break-the-fast	7:45 pm

BRING YOUR OWN SHOFAR FOR THE CONCLUSION!

Women’s League and the Board of Trustees cordially invite you to attend the Break-the-Fast following the conclusion of Yom Kippur.

NOTE: It is a tradition at Tifereth Israel Synagogue to invite any student to join one of our families for a meal during Rosh Hashanah. Please contact the Synagogue office if you would like to be hosted by a family.

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PHILLIP LASANSKY, SPEAKER
"The Life and Art of Mauricio Lasansky"
Sunday, October 10, 2004

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FRIDAY EVENING 7pm:

"Armageddon, Israel, & the Jews --
Terrorism & World Turmoil in Evangelical Endtime Scenarios"

Millennialism didn't end with Y2K. Still convinced history will culminate shortly, tens of millions of millennialists process today's terrorism & world turmoil as theological blue-prints from God, with the Jews & Israel, the Antichrist & Armageddon still much in mind. Why are we Jews and Israel so central in their scenarios, and what must we know to navigate today's crises?

Saturday Evening 7:30pm:

"STEREOTYPES OF JEWS FROM CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE:
Understanding Their Roots, Coping with Their Legacy"

(a slide presentation featuring famous medieval and Renaissance art)
From ages past, Christianity has always understood itself as Judaism's younger sibling. Both the New Testament, and also Christian interpretations of the Hebrew Bible, have stressed how the younger sibling always emerges victorious, a symbol of Christianity's triumph over Judaism. Famous medieval and Renaissance art routinely showed elder and younger sibling imagery under the figure of Jesus on the cross, accompanied by all sorts of symbols whose powerful messages were understood then but are commonly unknown now (goats' heads, oil lamps, staffs [broken or whole], banners, chalices, crowns, the 10 Commandments, and others). Scriptural characters, too, were often displayed either under the cross or in proximate settings (Jacob's wives [Leah and Rachel], Mary, St. John, John the Baptist, Judas, Longinus and Stephaton [the sponge-bearer], etc.). Properly interpreted, all these symbol-laden works of art were heavily influential on the attitudes adopted toward Jews by the Christian masses, conditioning the mind set of millions in Europe, and possibly playing some role in allowing Europe to be caught unawares by the Holocaust.

SUNDAY MORNING 10am:

"Praying FOR & Preying ON the Jews:
Why Such Brazen Offensives to Convert US?"

When Jewish families lose a member to Christian proselytizing, the experience is heart-rending. When missionaries target Jewish youth, how should we respond? How has expectation of Jesus' Second Coming catalyzed missionaries? How has unawareness by most Jews about Messianic Jews & Jews-for-Jesus actually facilitated missionary encroachment? What must we learn in order to neutralize those targeting our youngsters and exploiting Jews who've intermarried?

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Temple B'nai Jeshurun
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Friday, September 3
6:00 p.m. EREV FAMILY SHABBAT
7:00 p.m. FAMILY POTLUCK
Saturday, September 4
9:00 a.m. TORAH STUDY – Ki Tavo (Deut. 26:1-29:8)
10:00 a.m. SHABBAT SERVICE
JAKE BRUGGEMANN BAR MITZVAH
KIDDUSH LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW
Friday, September 10
6:00 p.m. EREV SHABBAT SERVICE
Saturday, September 11
9:00 a.m. TORAH STUDY – Nitzavim/Vayelech (Deut. 29:9-31:30)
10:00 a.m. SHABBAT SERVICE
9:00 p.m. SELICHOT SERVICE – Tifereth Israel Synagogue
Sunday, September 12
12:30 p.m. KEVER AVOT CONGREGATIONAL MEMORIAL SERVICE –
Woodland Jewish Cemetery
1:00 p.m. KEVER AVOT COMMUNITY HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL SERVICE –
Glendale Jewish Cemetery
1:30 p.m. KEVER AVOT COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE –
Glendale Jewish Cemetery
Wednesday, September 15
7:00 & 9:00 p.m. EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES
Sermon by Rabbi Kaufman
Lekh-Lekha and Lekhi-Lakh. The Stresses of Life Changing Events.
Thursday, September 16
8:30 a.m. ROSH HASHANAH TRADITIONAL SERVICE
Sermon by Rabbi Kaufman
When God Tested Abraham...Or Did God?
10:30 a.m. ROSH HASHANA CHILDREN'S SERVICE
in Redstone Room (lay led)
11:15 a.m. ROSH HASHANAH INFORMAL SERVICE
Sermon by Rabbi Kaufman
TASHLICH SERVICE WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE INFORMAL SERVICE
AT GLENDALE CEMETERY POND
Friday, September 17
6:00 p.m. KABBALAT SHABBAT
Saturday, September 18
9:00 a.m. TORAH STUDY – Ha'azinu (Deut. 32:1-52)
10:00 a.m. SHABBAT SERVICE
Friday, September 24
7:00 & 9:00 p.m. KOL NIDRE
Sermon by Rabbi Kaufman
Anti-Semitism, Anti-Zionism, and Introspection
Saturday, September 25
8:30 a.m. YOM KIPPUR TRADITIONAL SERVICE
Sermon by Rabbi Kaufman
La'asok B'divrei Torah. Busying Yourself with Torah:
The Command to Study and to Action.
10:30 a.m. YOM KIPPUR CHILDREN'S SERVICE
in Redstone Room (Clergy will participate)
11:15 a.m. YOM KIPPUR INFORMAL SERVICE
Sermon by Rabbi Kaufman
1:00 p.m. YOM KIPPUR MEDITATIVE MUSICAL INTERLUDE
3:15 p.m. YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON TORAH/HEALING SERVICE
4:30 p.m. YOM KIPPUR YIZKOR/NEILAH/HAVDALAH SERVICE



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Chapters in American Jewish History

The First New World Rabbi

In 1642, when the 600 Jews of Recife (Pernambuco), Brazil, felt secure enough to establish a synagogue and worship openly, they summoned Rabbi Isaac Aboab de Fonseca of Amsterdam, Holland, to serve as their first hocham (spiritual leader). Aboab de Fonseca became, thereby, the first congregational rabbi in the New World.

When the Portuguese explorer Cabral landed in Brazil in 1500, he was accompanied by at least one person of Jewish birth who had been captured in India and forcibly baptized. Portuguese conversos continued to settle in Brazil for more than a century. Then, in 1630, the Netherlands drove the Portuguese out of the Pernambuco region.

When the Portuguese military departed from Recife and its environs, the representatives of the Holy Inquisition left with them. Some of the Portuguese conversos who remained behind took the opportunity to openly profess their Judaism. When additional Jews from Amsterdam arrived in Recife, the Jewish community, estimated to be as large as 5,000 individuals, organized congregation Kahal Kodesh Zur Yisroel. Rabbi

Isaac Aboab de Fonseca—known to his followers simply as Aboab—served this congregation through the best and worst of times.

Born in Portugal in 1605, Rabbi Aboab was a rabbinic prodigy: even in his teens, he was considered highly learned, a charismatic speaker and a respected teacher. When Aboab was a child, his parents fled Portugal for France and then Amsterdam, where the young boy became a student of the great hocham Isaac Uzziel. Aboab possessed a powerful intellect and writing skills. Historian Leon Kayserling summarized Aboab's contributions by calling him "an excellent Hebrew poet who left us magnificently enduring works," including several translations of Hebrew kabalistic writings into Spanish, and vice versa.

At age 21, Aboab was called to the pulpit of Amsterdam's Congregation Bet Israel, one of three Jewish synagogues in the city. In 1639, the three congregations merged, and Aboab shared the role of hocham. When he chose to relocate to Recife in 1642, his departure was greeted with sadness.

For the first four years under Aboab's leadership, Recife's congregation Kahal Kodesh Zur Yisroel thrived in an atmosphere of religious toleration characteristic of the 17th century Dutch. The Portuguese, however, had retained control of the Bahia region of Brazil and never ceased longing to recapture Pernambuco. In 1645, a Portuguese Jesuit, Joam Fernandes Vieyra, convinced the King of Portugal to regain Recife because "that city is chiefly inhabited by Jews, most of whom were originally fugitives from Portugal." Vieyra continued, "They have their open synagogues there, to the scandal of Christianity. For the honor of the faith, therefore, the Portuguese ought to risk their lives and their property in putting down such an abomination."

In 1646, Vieyra and his army attacked Recife. Hoping to divide and conquer, Vieyra offered the city's Jews protection on the condition that they not participate in the battle. The Jewish community unanimously rejected his offer and took up arms with their Dutch comrades.

The Portuguese besieged Recife off and on for a total of nine years, unable to

defeat the inhabitants yet unwilling to retreat. During this prolonged ordeal, Recife's Jews gave their food, property and lives in defense of their freedom. Throughout the siege, Aboab encouraged all the resisters—Jewish and Dutch alike—and led prayers asking God to protect the colonists from their enemies.

Recife held out through nine years of deprivation. In a poem he later wrote, Aboab described his congregation's ordeal: "Many of the Jewish immigrants were killed by the enemy; many died of starvation. Those who were accustomed to delicacies were glad to be able to satisfy their hunger with dry bread; soon they could not obtain even this. They were in want of everything and were preserved alive as if by a miracle." It is the oldest known Hebrew text written in America that has survived to the present day.

In 1654, the Dutch garrison could no longer hold out and the governor agreed to surrender. To their credit, the Dutch insisted that the Portuguese not slaughter the Jewish inhabitants as a condition of surrender. The Portuguese honored this proviso but demanded that the Jews leave Brazil. Some departed for Surinam, some for Guadeloupe, but a majority wished to return to Amsterdam. (One such boatload of 24 Amsterdam-bound passengers was accosted by pirates and robbed, then blown off course and finally landed in New Amsterdam—the first Jews to settle in North America.) Aboab, abandoning the place he had called home for 13 years, traveled with those who successfully returned to Amsterdam.

Held in high esteem by his former Amsterdam congregants, Aboab was reappointed as hocham in the synagogue and made teacher in the city's talmud torah, principal of its yeshiva and member of the city's bet din, or rabbinic court. He died in 1693 at the age of 88, having served the Jewish community of Amsterdam for 50 years after his return from Recife. In his latter years a man of letters, teaching and contemplation, the adventuresome Isaac Aboab de Fonseca had been, from 1642 to 1654, America's

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Local calendar

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday	09/04/04	10:00 AM	Jacob Bruggemann Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
Sunday	09/05/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Women's League
Tuesday	09/07/04	10:00 AM	Women's Study Group in Library at Tifereth
Thursday	09/09/04	10:30 AM	Senior Outing to the Des Moines Art Center Downtown
Thursday	09/09/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at the Temple
Saturday	09/11/04	8:30 PM	Silent Auction and Reception at Tifereth
Saturday	09/11/04		Arts and Heirlooms at Tifereth Israel Synagogue
Sunday	09/12/04	2:00 PM	Beth El Jacob Rosh Hashanah Sunday Funday
Monday	09/13/04		Lions and Pomegranates Evening Campaign
Tuesday	09/14/04	4:30 PM	Temple Executive Committee
Tuesday	09/14/04	5:30 PM	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday	09/16/04		ROSH HASHANAH
Thursday	09/16/04		NO MELTON CLASSES
Saturday	09/18/04	10:00 AM	Robert Martin Dennis Bar Mitzvah in Ames
Sunday	09/19/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
Monday	09/20/04	6:00 PM	Federation Executive Committee Meeting
Monday	09/20/04		DMARC Program
Thursday	09/23/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at the Temple
Thursday	09/23/04	7:30 PM	US Holocaust Memorial Museum, IJHS Program
Saturday	09/25/04		YOM KIPPUR
Monday	09/27/04		Senior Outing to Jordan Creek Mall
Monday	09/27/04	12:00 PM	Tifereth Book Club
Tuesday	09/28/04	7:00 PM	Tifereth Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday	09/30/04	7:00 PM	SUKKOT - No Melton Classes
Friday	10/01/04	6:00 PM	Shabbat Services followed by "Pizza in the Hut" at Tifereth
Saturday	10/02/04	4:30 PM	Jeremy Dubansky Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
Monday	10/04/04	12:00 PM	Lion of Judah and Pomegranate Lunch at the Embassy Suites
Monday	10/04/04	5:30 PM	Major Gifts Dinner at the Embassy Suites
Monday	10/04/04	7:30 PM	Irshad Manji Lecture and Book Signing
Thursday	10/07/04		SHEMINI ATZERET - No Melton Classes
Thursday	10/07/04	6:00 PM	Simchat Torah Dinner with Rabbi Daniel Greyber at Tifereth
Friday	10/08/04		SIMCHAT TORAH
Friday	10/08/04		Dr. Michael Cooke, Scholar-in-Residence at the Temple
Saturday	10/09/04	10:00 AM	Alexandra Garland Bat Mitzvah at the Temple
Sunday	10/10/04	5:00 PM	IJHS Fall Program, Speaker: Phillip Lasansky
Tuesday	10/12/04	12:30 PM	Sisterhood Puce Luncheon at Beth El
Tuesday	10/12/04	4:30 PM	Temple Executive Committee
Tuesday	10/12/04	5:30 PM	Temple Board Meeting
Thursday	10/14/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at the Temple
Sunday	10/17/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club Meeting
Monday	10/18/04	12:00 PM	Tifereth Book Club
Thursday	10/21/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at the Temple
Saturday	10/23/04	10:00 AM	Kevin Svec Bar Mitzvah in Ames
Saturday	10/23/04	10:00 AM	Adam Bailin Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
Sunday	10/24/04	10:00 AM	Bagels and Beliefs at Tifereth
Monday	10/25/04	7:00 PM	Kollel Event - Dr. Alan Morinis (Mussan Lecture)
Tuesday	10/26/04	7:00 PM	Tifereth Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday	10/28/04	12:00 PM	Senior Luncheon at the Temple
Thursday	10/28/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at the Temple
Friday	10/29/04	6:00 PM	Isaac Poole Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
Friday	10/29/04		USY Leadership Training Institute at Tifereth
Saturday	10/30/04	9:00 AM	Eitan Naggar Bar Mitzvah at Beth El

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She served on the committee of the Jewish Community Relations Committee (JCRC) and later, when it became a commission, hired Elaine Steinger to be its first director. She organized the first Teacher's Institute in Des Moines, which was a forum to educate teachers about the Holocaust. Out of that institute came a syllabus for teachers to use in the public schools. She recently, again, co-chaired the Teacher's Institute and was instrumental in bringing Gerda Klein, noted author, to Des Moines as their speaker. Ms. Klein was here in conjunction with the display of the U. S. Holocaust Memorial Exhibit, "Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936" at the Iowa State Historical Building.

Roselind has been the recipient of the community service award handed out by the NCCJ. Her community involvement has not stopped with the Jewish Community. Roselind has served on the boards of Orchard Place and Children and Families of Iowa.

Roselind was instrumental in raising funds for scholarships for Des Moines children to attend Camp Ramah. Roselind proudly reports that seven Tifereth Israel Children attended camp this summer on full or partial scholarships. Both Roselind and Sheldon support organizations in Israel, particularly the Tennis Center.

The holidays often bring the Rabinowitz family together and Stuffed Cabbage is a favorite of grandson, Dan. It can be served as a meal over rice (with a little saffron) or as an accompaniment.

We thank Roselind for sharing this special recipe with us and will entice her



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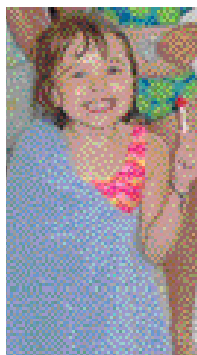


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Engman Camp Shalom



Reflections On Engman Camp Shalom 2004

Our wonderful summer camp season has come to an end. It is hard to summarize the eight weeks. We have done so much together, shared so many stories and experiences, and made so many great memories. The staff and the campers, all of us grew together during this summer.

Our younger campers, Camp Kibbutz (kindergarten – 2nd grade) were engaged in many activities throughout the summer. There were sports and swimming lessons – the children really seemed to improve their skills! Then there were activities, such as arts and crafts and drama, where the children expressed themselves through creative projects that were a delight to us all.

Our older campers, Camp Maccabim (3rd – 6th grade) were permitted to choose between special week-long activities. Some of the specialties for this year were: Bulldogs Basketball Camp and Basketball Camp at the Y, Kosher cooking with Sara Simpser, archery, horseback riding, computers at Hamilton college, Soccer with the Menace, Discover the Magic, Cheerleading and Sports Week at the Y, Martial Arts at Farrell's, Metal Design with Sue Bassman, Science with Allison Harris, baseball with Grand Slam USA, and pottery with Glazed Expressions.

Our Camp Sabra (7th & 8th grade) participated in all of the Camp Maccabim activities. However, each week, this group set aside time to learn leadership skills and responsibility, preparing them to become counselor's in training (CIT). Sabra's learned about first aid kits, the difficulties of immigrating to a new country, setting good examples on appropriate behavior at camp, and executing leadership skills throughout their eight weeks of camp.

We took exciting field trips every week. We went to West Grand Golf for miniature golfing, the Blank Park Zoo, bowling, Living History Farms, White Water University and much more. After every field trip, our "traditional" hot dog Shabbat lunch was prepared for our campers upon their return.

Our weeks ended with a Shabbat Service where we had a blessing over the wine and the Challah, lit candles, sang songs and danced Israeli Folk Dances – a great and relaxing way to start the weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank some wonderful people: our Kibbutz, Maccabim, and Sabra leaders: Denise Myers, Zach Smith, Sidney Wiggins, and Jennifer Zagoren, for being so responsible and for helping a lot throughout the summer; our drama specialist and swim instructor: Nina Givan, who comes back summer after summer to enliven our camp; our counselors, assistant counselors, and CITs: Jessica Farber, Julia Gitelman, Emily Kreamer, Andrew Rosenfeld, Elliot Sandler, Jamie Speicher, Marianna Staroselsky and Joe Tripp, for showing creativity and helping to make this camp a better experience for everyone.

Many thanks to Na'ama and Ran, our Israeli schlichem, for bringing Israel to our camp and for helping us learn a lot about how wonderful Israel is!

I would also like to thank Kelli Moore, our new camp director, for making sure everything ran smoothly this summer and for giving her heart and soul to the camp and the campers, and our camp office assistant, Julie Seidenfeld, whose voice many parents heard but did not have an opportunity to meet.

Finally, I would like to thank YOU, the parents, for helping us through the summer

