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Toni Urban Inducted As Federation President



Local businesswoman Toni Urban was inducted on June 26th as the thirty-eighth President of the Jewish Federation since its inception in 1914. Assuming office after her formal elec-

tion at the Federation's annual meeting in June, Toni embarks on a two-year term, succeeding outgoing President Polly Oxley.

Toni ascends to the position after serving as Vice President of the Federation, Campaign Chair of the All-in-One, Chair of the Federation's Planning & Budgeting Committee, and member

of the Advisory Board and columnist for the Jewish Press. She is the recipient of a 2004 UJC Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Leadership Award and she is a Lion of Judah, a position of stature in the Jewish philanthropic world, with the special distinction of having endowed her gift to support Jewish activities in Des Moines in perpetuity.

Toni has been invited to join the National Women's Philanthropy Group. This group, in partnership with Women's Campaigns throughout the country, is working to develop new strategies in the area of Women's Philanthropy. Market research shows that over the next 50 years, women will be in charge of a \$41-136 trillion transfer of wealth. This signals

Dr. Lipstadt To Speak Sept 21

"When I first learned that David Irving was considering suing me for libel, I laughed. In my book I had devoted about 300 words to Irving, describing him as 'the most dangerous Holocaust denier,' a Hitler partisan and someone who knew the truth but who bent it until it fit his anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi ideology. Who would take [his] garbage seriously? ...There were [indeed] people who took it seriously."

Thus Dr. Deborah Lipstadt explains the context of her quest to keep the world from accepting by default David Irving's self-serving definition of the Holocaust as legitimate.

Named by the Forward second on its list of the fifty top Jewish influentials for the year 2000, Dr. Lipstadt will speak here in Des Moines about her five-year legal battle in England against David Irving. A trial likened in importance by the Daily Telegraph of London to the Nuremberg



tribunals. A trial in which the judge found Irving to be a falsifier of history, a racist, an anti-Semite, a liar – and a Holocaust denier.

Join us to hear the Doro Professor of Modern Jewish and Holocaust Studies at Emory University and noted author Dr. Deborah Lipstadt speak at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, Sept. 21 at the Embassy Suites Hotel on the River in a presentation entitled "History On Trial". Tickets: \$10 in advance (plus 1.00 shipping, if not picked up at the Jewish Federation) or \$15 at the door. A book signing follows the Question & Answer session. Dr. Lipstadt's appearance is made possible by the 2006 All-In-One Campaign.

Earlier in the day, Dr. Lipstadt will be guest speaker over a lunch for the Pomegranates and Lions of Judah of the Federation and a dinner for major donors to the Campaign.

Tickets for the evening event are available by calling the Jewish Federation at 277-6321 x218. Major credit cards accepted.

Appreciation is expressed to com-

Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center

An Open Letter to the Des Moines Jewish Community

For 70 years, the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center has been the beacon which has illuminated the needs of and has stood ready to serve the elderly of our community. For those seven decades, The Life Center has been the guarantor of the community's commitment to honoring the Fifth Commandment. The Senior Life Center's reputation as an outstanding provider of elder care services has been strong and unwavering.

Over the past three years, the Board of Directors of The Senior Life Center has spent immeasurable time and effort in determining the nature and extent of the changing health care needs of our elderly members.

Sisters Compete as International Team, Medal at the Maccabiah Games



Two sisters originally from Des Moines – one American, the other now Israeli – won gold medals in tennis, playing as a team at the 17th Maccabiah Games in Israel. The daughters of tennis enthusiasts Roselind

and Sheldon Rabinowitz, Elyse Rabinowitz-Porter of Minneapolis and Joy Rabinowitz Argaman of (Herzliya Petuach, Israel) joined forces to defeat their competitors in women's doubles in the 45 + over category. In addition, Elyse earned a silver in singles play and Joy captured a silver medal in mixed doubles, as well. Elyse went to Israel a week earlier than the competition to go into training with

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to keep our community up to date with what is new and exciting and important in the Jewish world.

The Federation/Foundation is there at your synagogue planning the next mission to Israel for December 2005, where we will provide a subsidy of \$2,000 for every Federation member who has never been to Israel. The Federation is alongside your children exploring issues of faith in Hebrew High School, and discovering our Jewish world with the Foundation gifts up to \$2,100 for a teen's expenses to Israel. We are there with your congregation planning and helping to pay for community holiday and observances such as Yom HaShoah and Israel Independence Day. We are there with The Jewish Press, the online Community Calendar, and our new Federation website that will be up by October to link you to the Jewish world. The Federation coordinates planning with our congregations to best utilize our services and programming together in our small, but vibrant community.

We are there with an annual grant to the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center. We are the helping hand to your unemployed Jewish neighbor and to the family with a child on drugs. We are the providers for the frail senior who has to choose between heat and their medication this winter. We are the drivers to the grocery store, the doctor, the movies, and a play for seniors trapped by age and loneliness in their homes. We are there, but sometimes you don't see our hand and our heart.

The Federation is there when a community member faces anti-Semitism in the workplace. We are there when your child is called names at school or is asked to take a test on a Jewish Holiday. We are there to work positively for a safe and secure Israel and to help our friends in the general community understand our commitment. And yes, we are there to answer unfair misrepresentation of Israel and the Jewish people.

So while you may not feel you come into direct contact with the Jewish Federation or the Des Moines Jewish Foundation, hopefully you will feel our presence in your congregation and your daily life....**We're there every day.**

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LETTERS

JFCS COMMENDED

Federation:

I am writing at the commencement of a wonderful year of learning and teaching. Last year I was selected as one of ten outstanding Jewish educators in North America, and met with these other fellows and their ten mentors in Manhattan for three days. The theme of the seminar was Using Vision to Shape Educational Practices. My mentor, Karen Shawn, an internationally recognized Holocaust educator, and I collaborated to create the curriculum for our Community School Seventh grade pre-Holocaust history class. The curriculum was titled Pre-Holocaust History: A Study of the Shtetl Through Choice and Voice. The seventh graders presented a play they wrote about Shabbat in the shtetl last May.

This year, in June, I presented this curriculum, along with my experiences over the last year in Tarrytown, New York. Other participants were amazed with the student participation in this class, as well as the amount of work students put into realizing their vision.

I am very grateful to Elaine Steinger and Lyanna Grund for nominating me for this amazing honor, and am extremely grateful to the Covenant Foundation for its support of Jewish education. We have a great Community School, and I am proud of the fact that it is recognized as such by many leaders in Jewish

THANKS FOR SPONSORSHIP

Federation:

Thank you to the Des Moines Jewish Federation for sponsoring my registration to Hava Nashira recently! It was an incredible experience that benefited me in many ways. I not only learned many new techniques and songs to enhance my abilities as a Jewish song leader in Des Moines, but I also gained a personal Jewish enrichment that will shine through in all that I do.

Hava Nashira was held at Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute Camp in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. It brought together 215 Jewish music lovers and leaders ranging in age from 18 to over 60 to share ideas, curriculum, harmonies and melodies over the course of five intensive days. Some of the faculty of the conference included Debbie Friedman, Cantor Jeff Klepper, Craig Taubman, Cantor Ellen Dreskin, Dan Nichols, Peter and Ellen Allard, and Merri Arian. These incredible musicians shared their talents and love of Jewish music by inspiring and enriching our gatherings. My “major” track was Religious School Music. It was very informative, concentrating mostly on kindergarten through seventh grade appropriate music.

The feelings that Hava Nashira engenders and elicits will certainly carry over into my various types of Jewish leadership within our community. Thank you for supporting this invaluable personal development activity for me. It has created a renewed sense of enthusiasm for Judaism through the medium of Jewish music!

KEEP UP THE GREAT JOB, JP

To the Editor,

I have enjoyed reading all the issues of The Greater Des Moines Jewish Press I have received. The articles are most interesting. There always has been something or someone I was associated with during my past days in Des Moines. It was in Des Moines that I first became involved in Jewish community activities. I was President of Jewish Family Service for a couple of years when we were successful resettling the initial input to DM of Jews from the former Soviet Union. We were small but an active family service organization. When I retired to Tucson, Arizona in 1982, I joined the Board of the Tucson Jewish Family and Children Service. I remained a member of the board for 8 years. I have been on their Resettlement Committee for over 12 years. Besides the Jews from the former Soviet Union, we have resettled Sudan Boys, families from various African nations, and Jewish families from central Asia. I am currently President of the Jewish Historical Society of Southern Arizona.

Keep up the great job you are doing in reporting the Jewish news of your area.

AL Lipsey

DAVID BELIN FAMILY
FEDERATION OUTREACH AND
WELCOMING FUND IS SET

Federation:

I am writing in my role as President of the Iowa Foundation for Education, Environment and the Arts. I am pleased to enclose a check for \$20,000, completing our five-year, \$100,000 pledge for the endowment of the David Belin Family Federation Outreach and Welcoming Fund.

Thanks for all you are doing to make Des Moines a welcoming place for interfaith families and Jews by choice. Since moving back to the area, I have met many people who were not raised as Jews, but who are involved members of Temple B'nai Jeshurun or Tifereth Israel Synagogue. I recently ran into a woman I've known since elementary school, who is living in Des Moines again and in the process of converting to Judaism. My father in particular would be pleased by the friendly environment for those who did not grow up with a Jewish education.

With this gift my family also sends best wishes to everyone at the Federation. Sincerely yours, **Laura Belin**

MEMORIAL GIFT APPRECIATED

Members of the Jewish Federation,
You were so kind to honor the memory of my husband, George Brown, through a contribution to the Mischkeit-Spiller Holocaust Memorial Fund.

George would be very pleased because he knew how much I value the importance and impact of the works the Mischkeit-Spiller Fund has accomplished for Iowa teachers, particularly here in Central Iowa. He also believed the lessons from the Holocaust need to be taught.

Thank you for honoring George and his family in this way. Sincerely, **Carol Brown**

IN PRAISE OF
ENGMAN CAMP SHALOM

Federation:

I would be remiss if I let the summer pass without letting you know how thrilled our family is with Camp Shalom. This is our daughter Dahlia's first experience as a day camper, and honestly it could not be any better. She has great affection for the counselors and Josh Goldsmith. She loves the programming – from the Y swimming lessons to the Israeli dancing to arts and crafts to the sports activities.

I have had the pleasure of volunteering every Friday that Dahlia has been in camp (three weeks to date) and have seen firsthand what makes Camp Shalom so special. The atmosphere is one of family and each child is treated as an important and valued member of that family.

The credit has to largely go to Josh. It is his unbelievable commitment to quality, teaching, guidance and creating a safe and fun atmosphere that has bolstered Camp Shalom. Enough cannot be said about his importance to the current success of the Camp.

Thank you for making the investment in bringing in a skilled camp leader and for bringing Josh and Debbie in particular. Together they make a fabulous team and serve as role models for both the staff and campers. Let's hope they will want to return next summer to continue to build on the success of this

Federation:

My daughter, Emily Galenbeck, has now completed two full weeks of camp. I wanted to let you know what a delightful experience it has been this year. It isn't that anything was wrong with camp last year, but it was not as fresh. I wondered how we would get Emily to the same programs for another few years. This year, camp has changed a bit and is energized. The entire staff is caring, sweet, accommodating, and high energy. Emily comes home every night talking about everything that has happened during the day and the little interesting games, etc that they do. And she is exhausted, which I always think is great.

From a parental viewpoint, I like the transportation options this year. I also like that Josh, the camp director, is very involved with the kids.

Thanks for a great program this year. I appreciate what you are doing.

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We are always happy to receive articles and contributions for consideration. We reserve the right to edit submissions for space considerations and clarity.

JOIN US AT
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY IN NOV

Ben Stein will host the opening plenary of the United Jewish Community's 2005 General Assembly in Toronto, Nov 13-16. For information: www.ujc.org; Jewish

[wanted:]

New columnist to write Chef du Jour 6 columns a year. Must like people and enjoy writing. Great benefits!! No pay. Contact jcrc@dmjfed.com

L'Shanah Tovah!
The Board and Staff of the Jewish Federation wishes all the members of our community a happy and healthy new year, 5766!

Those families involved in our Jr/Sr High School Program should have received information relating to our 2005-2006 program. One of the changes we have made in the upper grades is teaching shorter units, which will allow us to cover more information. Some of these units include: Who wrote the Bible?, Villians in the Bible, Comparative Religion, Cooking with Jews from around the world, Be the judge, Ethics in action, Flawed and unflawed heroes, just to name a few. We also hope to offer some type of book club for students who are interested. There will again be several social action projects and special guest speakers.


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MELTON GRADUATE CLASSES

A Four-Week Session begins Sept 6

Melton Graduates - We have some exciting NEWS for you!!! Rabbi Berel Simpser and Dr. David Friedgood will be teaching four-week graduate classes during the month of September. Classes will be held at Tifereth Israel Synagogue beginning Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00.

Dr. Friedgood will teach the first class which begins at 7:00 and ends at 8:00.

It is titled: Judaism and the Great Monotheistic Religions – Christianity and Islam -Brothers or Adversaries? This class will explore the development of the world's great monotheistic religions and how they influenced each other. Christianity and Islam both developed from a Jewish template responding to the unique needs of its people. They evolved into uniquely different theologies ultimately rejecting Jewish thought and, at times, seeking the destruction of the older religion. In turn, each of the newer religions influenced the further development of Judaism. Much of what we consider Jewish belief and custom today were borrowed from the majority cultures in which our ancestors lived. We all believe in the same God. What are our true differences? How are we alike? These are the questions we will explore using original texts and commentaries in the Melton tradition. As is typical in Melton courses, original material will be read in class and discussion should be lively. There will be no lectures.

After treats at 8 pm, Rabbi Berel Simpser will be teaching the second hour class, from 8:15-9:15. Rabbi's class will be entitled Ancient Messages - Modern Lessons - a text based analysis and discussion of ancient and modern texts with the goal of providing practical moral and ethical lessons for our modern era.

We hope that you can clear your calendar on Tuesdays during the month of September and study with Rabbi Simpser and Dr. Friedgood. The cost for each four-week class is \$50. If you are interested in attending, or have any questions, please call me at 223-0086.

AMES RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The AJC school is looking forward to another year of exciting activities and renewal of learning as we usher in the New Year of 5766. All our students will be returning this fall, including our post-confirmation class who will be meeting with Rabbi Rosenbloom during his monthly visits to Ames. We are very excited to welcome Anat Rubin who recently arrived in Ames from Israel. Anat will be teaching our level five students as well as Dalet Hebrew and Teen Hebrew classes. Another new teacher is Emily Kawaler, who recently graduated from AJC Religious School and will be teaching our level four students. We have a great many topics to cover this year and hope that our students will learn and experience many new things that will help them identify with their Judaism.

JFCS Students Return From Educational Trip to Germany

By Cheryl Garland

In June, Laura Berkson and I had the privilege to accompany our JFCS 11th and 12th grade students to Germany as invited guests of the Bridge of Understanding program (www.bridge-understanding.de) through the German government.



9 Days—12 teens—4 cities—WHEW! What a challenge and yet, what an opportunity!

We had barely landed when we were out on the streets of Cologne for a city tour. The next day we explored Jewish Worms where the first synagogue dates back to 1034. Jews were once brought to Worms to help build the economy there. They were also “encouraged” to leave at least twice. In 1689 when King Louis XIV of France set the city on fire and November 10, 1938 on Kristallnacht when the Nazis set the Old Synagogue on fire and devastated the community hall and Levy Synagogue. After 1942,

there wasn't a Jew left in Worms. So it was quite amazing to be able to walk the restored Judengasse and visit a medieval cemetery, an ancient mikvah, as well as The Rashi House, which is currently celebrating 900 years of the scholar's influence.

Shabbat was a wonderful experience. The youth group at the Shul in Cologne hosted us. The kids made a real effort to get to know our students and we celebrated Shabbat with services and a great meal. Fortunately, most Germans students learn English so the teens had little problem communicating. On Saturday we had some welcome free time and enjoyed a boat ride on the Rhine and visited a chocolate museum in Cologne.

To be honest, I was not that excited about visiting our next stop, Berlin. I could not imagine how much I would find of interest in Berlin. To begin with, the architecture is fabulous. Because so much of the city was destroyed in WWII, Berlin has many modern buildings mixed in with the old buildings. The history in this city is both startling and engaging. We took a tour of the Stasi [East German Secret Police] prison camp, which was used by the GDR as the main remand prison to enforce the communist dictatorship, up until the wall fell in 1990. This prison was used by the secret police to interrogate and torture innocent East German citizens. Later, we stopped at Checkpoint Charlie, which one used to pass between West and East Berlin. Today you can barely tell which side you are on, but if you look at the ground, you can see where the wall used to be.

On our city tour of Berlin, we made a brief stop at the new memorial to the “Murdered Jews of Europe”. The Germans didn't mince words with this one. It has been a controversial project as many Germans felt that there was no need to have such a large and disturbing reminder of the Shoah in their midst. The pillars are created in such a way as to form a disturbing maze, which makes you feel uneasy as you walk through it. This was the intent, to make people feel uneasy, and the creator succeeded in his effort.

The visit to the Reichstag, The German Parliament which was burnt down by Hitler in 1933 and stood in ruins until it was fully restored from 1991 to 1999. The restored Reichstag building is an amazing combination of modern architecture inside the original 1884 building. The platform on top of the Reichstag is a great place from which to view all of Berlin. That evening, our students had the privilege of having dinner with Volkmar Schultz, a former Parliamentarian, who patiently answered their questions and engaged them in a discussion of modern world politics as well as topics of historical interest.

In Kruezburg we were able to see how today's immigrant population, The Turks, are living in the very town where Jews once lived. While this is not the most desirable part of Berlin, there seems to be a renewal there, much like in our own East Village.

We all enjoyed the visit to the Jewish Museum in Berlin. The building has an addition designed by Daniel Libeskind, the architect who designed the memorial, which will soon be built at the site of the Twin Towers in New York. Libeskind has also built a memorial to the Shoah inside this museum, the Garden of Exile. We all agreed that we would like to have spent more time at the Jewish museum, but our schedule would not allow it.

As you may have guessed, our trip was building up to something....a visit to Sachsenhausen concentration camp and museum. Sachsenhausen has the distinction of having been used not only by the Nazis, but also by the Russians and later the East Germans, the GDR up until 1950. I learned that Sachsenhausen was but one of 10,000 concentration camps created by the Nazis.

This was my first visit to a concentration camp but several of the students and Laura had been to other camps before. This was a day like no other I have experienced.

How do you explain the feeling of walking on ground trod by thousands of our people? Our people who lived there, worked there and died there? I could not take it all in—I really didn't want to imagine what had happened there.

At one point, we came upon an incline built into the side of the hill. I felt the evil presence there before we reached the spot. And later, it



L'Shana Tovah!

[in profile]

Sheldon Rabinowitz

At top of his game as
International Chairman of Israel



In addition to being Chair of the Federation's Community Relations Commission, Sheldon Rabinowitz has been elected International Chairman of the Israel

Tennis Centers. There are

14 Centers throughout Israel, serving 7,000 children a week, making it the largest tennis teaching institution in the world. Sheldon shared a bit about his love for tennis and his relationship with the Israel Tennis Center in an interview with the Jewish Press.

Jewish Press: Your own relationship with tennis goes back how far?

Sheldon Rabinowitz: I started playing when I was 11 years old. I played with Marvin Winick, Jim Marcovis, Jerry Vitebsky and others at Birdland.

JP: And so this is a lifelong hobby for you?

SR: I'd say so... I quit playing when I was 16 and didn't play again until I was about 27 years old. Then I started playing with a vengeance [chuckling].

JP: How often do you play at present?

SR: "Only" 5 times a week. [chuckling]

JP: Sheldon, you have a license plate that conveys your passion for the sport: 10SNE1. When did you first get the plate and have you gotten any interesting reactions to it?

SR: The plate is a conversation piece. I

got it back when vanity plates first became available in Iowa.

JP: Have you played tennis with many interesting people? Any celebrities?

SR: I have played with some interesting people, but the most famous couple I played with would have to be Yitzhak and Leah Rabin, and fortunately I have a picture of the occasion, showing the Rabins courtside with my wife Roselind. He kept leaving his alley open! I also played a set against John Newcombe -- it went quickly.

JP: So you are now International Chair of the Israel Tennis Center. How did you get involved with that organization?

SR: On one of my early trips to Israel I noted the scarcity of tennis courts in the country, and those that they had were black asphalt. They didn't have the right kind of green topping that you need to surface a court correctly. I tried to make some effort to improve their courts, having some familiarity with tennis court construction. In about 1974, I learned there was a new organization being formed, spearheaded by Dr. William Lippy (whom I knew from Federation Young Leadership activities) and Joe Shane, a former national chairman of UJA. They told me not to waste my money, but to put it into what became the origins of the Israel Tennis Centers. The first center opened in 1976. I participated in a trip for the dedication of the stadium in Ramat HaSharon in 1977 and seeing the entire children's related program, I fell in love with it.

JP: Who are the Israel Tennis Centers intended to serve and for what purpose?

SR: The Tennis Center serves kids, not adults. When the centers were built -- and

there are now 14 of them -- for the most part, they have been built in the economic disadvantaged areas of the cities. This makes the programs and facilities available to lower economic and disadvantaged kids.

JP: What services does the ITC offer?

SR: We offer tennis clinics, instruction, recreational activities, and physical education programs. Remember that the Israeli schools do not offer physical education. We have students from Kindergarten through High School and those going into the army.

JP: And what type of diversity do you see among the students?

SR: We have children from all backgrounds: Ashkenazim, Sephardim, Arabs, Christians, Orthodox, secular Jews, Ethiopian Jewish children and plenty of them. We bring them all together, and we integrate kids through sporting activity.

JP: What do you see in terms of the outcome?

SR: What we've really accomplished -- more than anything else -- is we've taken a kid who comes from a poor area of the city and we teach them etiquette, good manners, a little polish and refinement. There are many of them, who have become good enough tennis players to get college scholarships in the States -- kids who would have never had a chance to go to college. There are now two of our students in Des Moines at Drake -- Israeli kids, who got their training at the Tennis Centers, who could not otherwise have afforded to go to college. They are getting degrees in business. There are thousands of students who have benefited similarly. We've had more than 350,000 "graduates" of our

programs.

JP: What is the level of tennis played by the students? Is there some interaction with the international tournaments?

SR: There are currently about half a dozen pros from Israel on the traveling circuit that have come out of the ITC. We've had several players ranked among the top twenty in the world. Some names you might recognize include Amos Mansdorf, Anna Smashnova, and, currently, Shahar Peer.


JP: In terms of your personal involvement, you went from being a sponsor of some sort to chairman?

SR: I served on the board three different times. But it wasn't until recently, after I retired, that I had enough time to devote to the tasks to make a difference. This last time around, I became treasurer, in 2003 of the US fundraising arm and then also treasurer of the international organization which runs the centers. In April in 2005 I became international chairman. To me it's a great program and I'm glad that I was perceived to be the most capable person for the job.


JP: What are your responsibilities as chair?

SR: It's my responsibility to oversee the ITC's CEO in Israel, to see that our personnel are qualified, that we are running the centers well and that we function as well as we need to financially. We have 14 centers and over 250 employees -- it is a large operation.


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Our ever- expanding group of collaborative partners has just added two new members. We're honored to include WESLEY RETIREMENT SERVICES and their affiliate Wesley At Home Services to the group who will be assisting us in many ways as we begin our NORC-OASIS project.

In addition, we have connected with The EDDIE DAVIS COMMUNITY CENTER in Valley Junction to be one of the NORC-OASIS sites that we will be utilizing to outreach to seniors.

In future issues, as the project commences, we will be highlighting these sites and those who are partnering with us.

Job Openings at Jewish Family Services

Our Federally funded NORC - OASIS project will begin this fall and we are searching for a few new staff members. These positions are one year appointments with the possibility of continuing after that.

- 1) **CASE MANAGER** - someone who will be the lead staff member in assessing senior clients and referring them to appropriate services. This person should be an MSW or LSW with case management experience. Full time position with benefits. Experienced preferred.
- 2) **CASE WORKER** - assists the case manager in the implementation of client management and providing services. Full time position with benefits. Experience preferred.
- 3) **ACTIVITY AIDES** - part time employment. This person would help coordinate educational, social and cultural activities for seniors in our project. He or she would work closely with our current Senior Adult coordinator, Gloria Young.
- 4) **SECRETARY** - 15-16 hours per week.

To apply, contact Rabbi Berel Simpser, Director, NORC-OASIS, Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, 910 Polk Blvd, Des Moines, IA 50312 phone: 515 277-6321 x 218 or email: bsimpser@dmjfed.org

Senior Luncheon Thursday, September 15, 12:00 Noon, at Tifereth Israel Synagogue

Brenton Arboretum Thursday, September 22, we are planning a trip to the Brenton Arboretum located between Adel and Dallas Center. We will see summer turning to fall with the prairie in full color. The Director of Outreach and Education will give us a tour. Then we will lunch at the Corn Patch in Grimes. We will leave the Beth El Jacob Parking lot at 10:00 am and be back by 2:00 pm. Bus cost is \$2.00. Please make your reservations by calling Dorothea at 277-6321 x218.


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CAREMEALS

Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center and Jewish Family Services Collaborate on Meals Program

The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center and Jewish Family Services have joined together to offer fresh meals for shut-ins, recuperating adults, community members in the hospitals, and others who need a pre-cooked meal. The meals will be offered by the Life Center from their daily menu and will be available for individuals who are ill, snow-bound, without family help, or just wish to have a meal ready at hand.

The meals will be available with a 24-hour notice. Lunches will be \$7.00 and dinners will be \$10.00 each. Food is carryout from the Life Center and will be paid for at pick up. Jewish Family Services can arrange for delivery at \$5.00 per trip.

Call Dorothea at the Federation, 277-6321 x 218, for more information.

Kashrut Informatin: Food provided at Federation events or through Jewish Family Services programs (including senior lunches and "Care Meals" from the Life Center) are only under kosher supervision when so stated in printed material. If you have questions whether a particular program has kosher supervision, contact Rabbi Simpser at 277-6321

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[entertainment]

Watermarks at the Varsity Theater Sept 27 – 28

"A moving documentary that approaches the Holocaust from a fresh, intimate perspective" – NY Times

Mr. Bev Mahon, owner of the Varsity Theater has graciously enabled the screening on Tuesday, September 27 and Wednesday, September 28 of an award winning film titled Watermarks. The film, previewed by community members, should appeal to anyone with a heart for 20th Century Jewish history and an appreciation for an artistic film of human interest.

Watermarks is the documentary story of the champion women swimmers of the legendary, 1930s Viennese Jewish sports club, HaKoah. The film re-visits and reunites the remaining swimmers, now in their 80s and living in Israel and the United States. It is a beautiful movie.

The legendary Jewish sports club, Hakoah Vienna ("The Strength" in Hebrew) was founded in 1909 in response to the notorious Aryan Paragraph, which forbade Austrian sports clubs from accepting Jewish athletes. Its founders were eager to popularize sport among a community renowned for such great minds as Freud, Mahler and Zweig, but traditionally alien to physical recreation. Hakoah rapidly grew into one of Europe's biggest athletic clubs, while achieving astonishing success in many diverse sports.

Excluding soccer, swimming was Austria's most popular sport, with top swimmers often elevated to superstar status. Established in 1910, Hakoah's swim team had met with only modest success. By 1924, Hakoah recorded sensational victories in the competitions, beginning Hakoah's enduring winning streak. During this era, Hakoah's great adversary emerged – the pro-Nazi EWASK club with its satellite regional branches. Throughout the next decade, EWASK continuously attempted to block Hakoah success, usually by procedural means and questioning Hakoah's national affiliation and loyalty. More positively, Hakoah successfully organized annual international meets, attracting world famous swimmers (including the legendary Johnny Weismuller, who broke a world record during the Hakoah event).

Throughout the early 30s, team participants stretched their victories to international meets throughout central Europe, earning rankings that rivaled Europe's top swimmers. Despite the quality of these efforts, EWASK's increasing followers mounted rising contempt for the Jewish athletes. To combat this disturbing trend, Hakoah moved its important championships out of Vienna to provincial towns.



In 1932, the team completed an important sporting and emotional voyage, when it competed at the 1st Maccabiah Games in Palestine's Haifa harbor.

By the mid 30s, these prejudiced obstacles turned more physical; many competitions deteriorated into violent anti-Semitic demonstrations. In the face of adversity, Hakoah remained stellar in the pool, with the female swimming section's best days still to come

In early 1936, one of the Hakoah stars, Judith Deutsch, became the first team member to win the Golden Badge of honor, a prestigious award annually bestowed on Austria's top three athletes. Unfortunately, her status as national sporting hero

was short-lived; within a year, she was permanently banned from competition and saw all her records erased from official books. These slights resulted directly from her courageous decision to refuse competing in the Nazi Berlin-held Olympic Games. Other teammates joined her in the boycott as well.

On March 15, 1938, Nazi Germany invaded Austria without resistance. The Nuremberg laws were implemented and the authorities promptly shut Hakoah down. Channeling his immense courage reserves, the team officials began a highly successful rescue operation, supported by club functionaries already established in London. Most Hakoah members managed to escape Vienna and the Nazi horror, and later renewed their team bonds by comprising the international brotherhood "Brit Hakoah 1909".

Spreading the Hakoah tradition, they formed Hakoah clubs in their new homes – including New York, San Francisco, Tel Aviv, Sydney and London. This resistance and dedication could not save everyone; 39 Hakoah members perished in the concentration camps.

Community members are encouraged to attend one of the screenings, the times of



Dear Des Moines Jewish Community Members:

It's the New Year, a time of renewal and introspection - a time to reflect on your family and your community. And hopefully, to also reflect on the ways you can strengthen them both. One of the best ways: creating a legacy that ensures the survival of the Des Moines Jewish community for years to come.

Maimonides wrote that at Rosh Hashanah, the shofar spiritually wakes us up to our responsibilities to humanity. Remembering the Jews who came before us does the same. Those who perished in the Holocaust. Those who battled for the State of Israel. Those who came to America, poor, to lay the groundwork for their children's and grandchildren's prosperity. In recalling these hardships, we are compelled to do what we can to protect the people we love, and the countless people they will love well into the future.

The Federation community is the Jewish people's protector. It meets the Jewish community's changing needs and unforeseen problems.

Today, through your generosity, Federations are providing food, housing and employment assistance to some 350,000 Jewish children and adults living in poverty in the United States. The Des Moines Jewish Foundation is providing programming for education, youth and seniors in our community through designated funds.

Today, federations support counseling and school-based programs that help ease the emotional and psychological wounds of more than 222,000 Israeli children exposed to violence and trauma.

Tomorrow, there will be unexpected crises that will undoubtedly and unfortunately affect our people. No matter where or when, you can be there for the Federation and the Jewish community. A charitable bequest in your will enables you to help support Jews in need forever.

In this time of a renewed commitment to humanity, learn how you can help preserve the Jewish community. Please contact Elaine Steinger at 515-277-6321 if you would like more information on charitable bequests.

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ADL, Yad Vashem and Shoah Foundation Create New Multimedia Holocaust

Los Angeles, CA, July 28, 2005 ... Echoes and Reflections – a multimedia curriculum on the Holocaust – is the result of an unprecedented partnership, combining the national outreach network of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the unmatched visual history resources of the Shoah Foundation, and the historical expertise of Yad Vashem. The pedagogical experience of the three organizations produced the most comprehensive curriculum on the Holocaust available to date.

Today, at the Shoah Foundation in Los Angeles, leaders from the three organizations joined to celebrate the launch of this comprehensive new educational resource for American high school students.

Every day on high school campuses throughout the U.S. students confront issues of prejudice and bigotry. Echoes and Reflections inspires students to confront the racism and discrimination they face in their own lives. Through the study of the Holocaust, the curriculum helps students connect history with contemporary issues and develop skills to become active members of an informed citizenry, free of racial hatred.

From Steven Spielberg

In a videotaped message played at the event, Steven Spielberg, Shoah Foundation Founding Chairman, said, "It has always been my dream that the Shoah Foundation's unique archive of testimonies would transform the way history is taught and learned. Today, that dream is becoming a reality. The partnership we celebrate here today ensures that future generations can learn what survivors and other eyewitnesses to the Holocaust can teach: that our very humanity depends on the practice of tolerance and mutual respect."

From the partnering organizations

"As the years take us further away from the Holocaust and witnesses pass away, it is incumbent upon us to teach not only the history of that terrible time, but to learn its lessons so that it will never again happen to any people anywhere," said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL National Director, and a Holocaust survivor. "That is the goal of Echoes and Reflections, an innovative and extraordinary teaching tool, of which ADL is proud to be a partner with Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation and Yad Vashem."

According to Douglas Greenberg, Shoah Foundation President and CEO, "Echoes and Reflections, with its integration of visual history testimony from the Shoah Foundation archive, provides teachers with a unique and valuable tool: the real life stories of Holocaust survivors and witnesses. These first-person narratives of Holocaust survivors and other witnesses have an important educational value, not only because they support the study of the Holocaust, but also because they often broach questions of fairness, justice, labeling, or scapegoating—issues that adolescents confront in their daily lives. Visual history provides the immediacy and personalization that can make history, and the

lessons that students can learn from that history, truly come alive."

Avner Shalev, Yad Vashem Chairman, explained, "Clearly, this partnership signifies the imperative to remember and to educate about the Holocaust. Yad Vashem's International School for Holocaust Studies was able to provide material for this project by drawing upon its own vast pedagogical resources, as well as on other Yad Vashem resources such as the archives, library, art collection, and on-site historians. It is hoped that every pupil who will study Echoes and Reflections will remember this chapter of history and connect with the authentic voices of the witnesses featured in it. By learning about this unprecedented event in western civilization, we hope that students and teachers will infuse it with meaning by upholding human rights, freedom, and the sanctity of life."

Echoes and Reflections is made possible through the generosity of Mr. Yossie Hollander, entrepreneur and philanthropist, who stated, "I am doing it as an investment in the future of all children. Only by learning, facing, and understanding the past, we can hope for a better future. The new multimedia curriculum assures that an important chapter in human history will be taught and remembered, because the next generation of children will not be able to learn and hear about the Holocaust first-hand. The moral, social, political, and human questions raised by the Holocaust will remain with our children forever."

Visual History in the classroom

The lessons include segments of video testimonies of Holocaust survivors, rescuers, and American liberators from the Shoah Foundation's archive, and are intended to help students make connections between questions of cultural diversity, intolerance, and genocide in both past and contemporary settings, placed within an historical context.

The first-person video testimonies of Holocaust survivors and witnesses featured in Echoes and Reflections offer distinct perspectives on this historical event. Use of visual history testimonies establishes an emotional connection as students hear survivors share their life stories before the Holocaust, their struggle to survive, and their resiliency of spirit. This opportunity to affect students provides an opening for learning that can continue long after students have left the classroom.

While watching these testimonies, students see a face and hear a voice, helping them realize that behind the statistics of the Holocaust are real people with individual stories to tell. It has never been more important to pay attention to the life stories of Holocaust survivors and other witnesses. Their generation is the last one to bear witness to the Holocaust, making their testimony invaluable both as a historical record and as an educational tool for future generations.

Curriculum Integration

The curriculum is designed for high school classes, but can easily be adapted to accommodate other grade levels. All

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Israeli Lawn-Mowing Robot Makes The Cut

By David Brinn - June 26, 2005

Wouldn't you like to lie back on a lounge chair with a cool drink while your lawn mower cuts the grass by itself?

Semi-automated lawn mowers have been in existence for years, but never with the autonomous qualities of the Robomow RL1000 - developed by Israeli company Friendly Robotics. It really is a 'lawn robot'.

It may be ironic that Israel - where a much smaller percentage of residents live in residences with lawns than in the US - would be inventing a robotic lawn mower, but for Friendly Robotics CEO Udi Peless, it was a personal mission.

Ten years ago, he was one of those minority of Israelis with a lawn. "I hated mowing the yard," the former Israeli air force pilot told ISRAEL21c.

Already a successful businessman in 1995, Peless was challenged by his wife who said 'why don't you just make a machine that does it for you?'

Peless joined forces with friend and former army colleague Shai Abramson to launch Friendly Machines in 1995, which evolved into Friendly Robotics.

"We joined our visions of automating devices used around the house - particularly the lawn mower," said Peless.

The first automatic mower they developed - called the Lawnkeeper - was bulky and unattractive, but when demonstrated, cut about 200 square yards of grass without assistance. Through continual

upgrades, Friendly Robotics has honed the process, arriving at the advanced Robomow RL1000.

At a cost of \$1,800, the Robomow is sold in more than two dozen countries, with the bulk of sales in the US. According to Peless, the only work the consumer has to do is a one time installation of a cable around the perimeter of the garden, a cable which tells the robot where to stop mowing the lawn. The cable itself can even be buried in the ground - thus making it completely invisible.

The RL1000 has sensors which allows it to bypass obstacles on the lawn, and is equipped with a small alarm that informs those in the vicinity that it's about to start its operation in five minutes. The Robomow cuts the lawn to a fine powder which in turn it disperses as a fertilizer back onto the soil.

A recent consumer column in The Washington Post described how the Robomow works:

"When switched on, the Robomower reads a signal from the wire and registers the boundaries of the yard. Then it starts moving in a roughly triangular pattern, changing directions when it reaches the perimeter wire or bumps into a tree, a birdbath, a stray football left behind by neighborhood kids - until every square foot of the lawn has been, somewhat haphazardly, cut. Those partial to tidy straight mow marks may not be satisfied.

Because its movement is basically

mindless and random, the Robomower can take two to three times longer than would a human being. But that's time the owner can spend doing something other than panting and wheezing beneath a hot sun."

To make things run even more efficiently, the Robomow comes equipped with a docking station and battery recharger. An added feature of the RL1000 over its earlier incarnations is the addition of a timer that can be preset. When the pre-ordained time arrives, it will dislodge from the docking station - with a blast of bugle and drums fanfare - and start cutting. When the batteries run low, the RL 1000 is programmed to roll back to the docking station for quick recharge, and then resume cutting until the job is completed.

"We have a unique technology with two features that sets it apart from our competitors," said Peless. "We're using a powerful cutting system - which delivers a quality of cut similar to, or even better than, a regular lawn mower. Others use light platforms with weak cutting power. And secondly, we have unsurpassed technology for the systematic coverage of the lawn area, whereas our competitors tend to be random."

Other features that make the 80-pound machine user friendly include a theft-deterrent four-digit code, a quiet engine which enables it to run at night without annoying nearby neighbors,

adjustable blade settings, and slope capabilities of up to 15 degrees.

According to Ames Tiedeman of Systems Trading Corp., the Robomower's North American distributor, most of Robomower sales in the US are via the Internet through the sites www.probotics.com and www.robomower.us.

"The first person who is going to buy it is the techno-geek," Tiedeman told The Washington Post, "somebody who just wants something new. The second person is going to be somebody who just doesn't like to mow the lawn - who detests the concept. And the third person is going to be somebody who used to mow their lawn, but can't any longer, maybe because of their age or their health."

"It's interesting that this lawn mowing technology came out of Israel where there aren't that many big lawns. But we do have a niche market here - with more than 1,000 customers," said Peless.

Peless said that new versions of the Robomower are constantly being worked on, but refused to divulge what groundbreaking features will be on future models. However, he did announce that Friendly Robotics has gotten even friendlier to the house cleaner by developing a vacuum cleaner robot under the name of Friendly Vac, which can move around the house, avoid obstacles and clean the floor.

Friendly Robotics mission is to 'liber-



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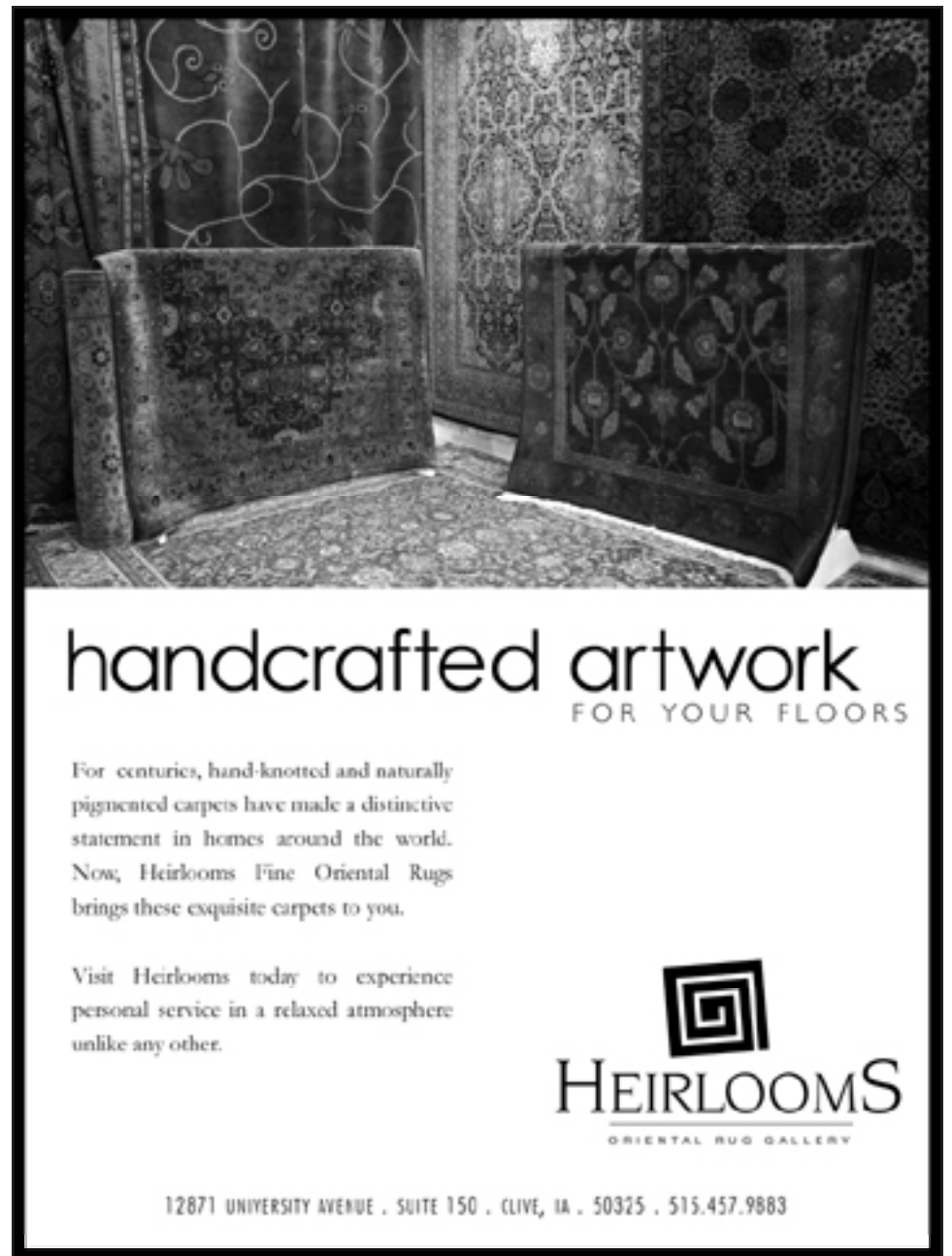
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Highlights of Accomplishments:

EDUCATION

- Fifty school twinnings- a class in the Western Galilee learns a joint curriculum with a class in a day school or public school in one of the Central Area Consortium communities
- The Western Galilee College has exchanges and joint research with University of Nebraska-Omaha, Youngstown State University, University of North Texas, Consortium of Canton colleges, etc.

MEDICAL

- Four successful ERGs (Emergency Response Groups)- Training US doctors in emergency and mass casualty management at the Western Galilee Hospital
- Exchanges of doctors, nurses, medical technicians, etc.

between the Western Galilee Hospital and hospitals in the Consortium communities

COMMUNITY

- Scores of teens from the Western Galilee have been counselors in Consortium JCC day camps
- Athletes from the Western Galilee have joined Consortium communities teens in their communities and then at JCC Maccabi Summer Games
- Creation and maintenance of Hafouh al Hafouch, a Coffee House and Information Center for youth in Akko
- JCC Staff exchange between the Consortium JCCs and the Akko and Matte Asher Community Centers

ARTS

- The YITZHAK GATHERING in the Western Galilee: Seven-day happening with over 80 artists and art lovers from the Consortium communities. Presentation of art works (plastic arts, music, dance, theatre, etc.) produced in the Western Galilee and in the Consortium communities on the theme of "Yitzhak"

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Increasing tourism to the region through:
- Shukran- Creating coordination, branding and promotion of the store owners of the Old City of Akko "One More Night"- Creating new niches and upgrading the B&Bs and tourism in Matte Asher

Examples of other projects in the Western Galilee that have been funded with the help of the Consortium Communities

- Community police stations in Akko - restoring personal security to residents of Akko
- Buildings and security scholarships at the Western Galilee College

News from our Israel Partnership Region

Norman Loberant, Chief Radiologist at Western Galilee Hospital has graciously provided us with an update about Congregation Emet v'Shalom, in Nahariya. The congregation maintains a special relationship with Temple B'nai Jeshurun and the Partnership 2000 group here in Des Moines.



Norman relates that their rabbi, Rabbi Horowitz, is very musical and, in addition to accompanying services on electronic organ has put together a songbook with popular

and traditional songs to be sung during services. He reports that there is both a Hebrew songbook and a transliterated Spanish songbook, the latter for use, along with a bilingual prayer book, for Argentinean immigrants.

Of the numerous simchaot celebrated recently, Norman points, understandably, with pride to one involving the oldest Loberant granddaughter, Arbel. He notes that Arbel participated in a Friday evening service at the synagogue (inset) but that on Saturday morning Arbel read her maftir and haftarah at the old synagogue in the nearby, northern Druze village of Peki'in. We're sure that was both very interesting and spiritually rewarding.

In closing his report, Dr. Loberant invites us all to come visit the Western Galilee and Congregation Emet v'



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1939 "World of the Future" Fair included a pre-State Israel exhibit

The Jewish Palestine Pavilion at the 1939 New York World's

By Mark Finkelstein

Oh, it is not hard at all to imagine how exciting the 1939 New York World's Fair, in Flushing Meadows, Queens, would have been - especially to youngsters. The Fair's theme:



"The World of the Future..." and what novelties there were at the fair: a simulated trip to the moon; Westinghouse's talking robot and a talking Plymouth. And the public display of many 'firsts'.... nylon, plexiglass, fluorescent lighting, the first 3-D movie.... and television.

Along with all this, fitting in with all the innovation, was an exhibit that most people know virtually little, if anything, about. The Jewish Palestine Pavilion. Yes, this was 1939 and Israel was not established until 1949. But there it was, the positive affirmation of the State- to- be. And in it was displayed the sentiments of the Jewish yearning for stability and security in the ancestral homeland and evidence of the hard work that had already been made - including all the progressive innovations effected, such as the kibbutz -- in building the foundations of statehood.

Let's look at the context of all this, for just a moment. The Jewish people, along with others, were in turmoil internationally during the 1930s. The world was in an eco-

nomie depression, dating to the Stock Market Crash of 1929. There were increasingly desperate needs for Jewish emigration from Nazi Germany, most recently motivated by the horrors of the Kristallnacht pogroms of 1938 throughout Germany - only several months prior to the opening of the World's Fair. Despite the emergency, the doors of America were virtually closed: American immigration laws were tightened as of 1924, denying entry to refugees. And in addition, according to research, there were at least 800 anti-Semitic organizations in the United States with a membership of about 3 million.

Conditions for Jews fleeing persecution were no better in the League of Nations -mandated Palestine. The Arab riots in British-controlled Palestine created chaos there between 1936 and 1939, resulting in increasingly drastic restrictions on Jewish immigration from Nazi Germany and neighboring countries. Not so rosy a picture!

How did the Jewish Palestine Pavilion come about? Once Britain, the government entrusted by the League of Nations to bring a Jewish homeland into being, declined to enter a Palestine exhibit in the Fair, an American Jewish committee was founded to do so and various proposals were put forth. The plan that was accepted by the Fair's Board was one promoted by Meyer Weisgal who had staged a successful pageant, about the age-old Zionist

longings of the Jewish people, at the 1933 Chicago Fair called "The Romance of a People." Instead of mounting another pageant, Weisgal this time, however, concentrated on constructing a building, on land leased by the Fair, to house information he desired Americans to know about Jewish life in Palestine. In the process of developing his ideas, Weisgal employed an architect who had made aliyah (immigrated) to Palestine in the 1920s. The architect, Arie el-Hanani fabricated a simple Israeli-Bauhaus design, akin to the prevailing style of construction in Tel Aviv. The design comprised three rectangular buildings: one broad one, with two seeming arms. A tower stood symbolically guarding the pavilion, just as towers guarded Jewish villages in pre-state Israel. Inside the structure would be housed ten exhibit rooms and a restaurant. And adorning the exterior doors would be three metallic figures crafted by the artist Maurice Ascalon. As shown on pictures and postcards of the building, the 14 foot high relief was of three types of individuals who labored on behalf of Eretz Israel, the Land of Israel: the toiler of the soil, the manual laborer, and the scholar.

The dedicatory plaque written by Chaim Weizmann (who would become the first President of Israel) reads as follows:

"This pavilion bodies forth the story of a deathless struggle four thousand years old - a struggle for the freedom of an idea and a people. He who seeks to understand what it is that underlies the emergence of this struggle must think of the homelessness of the Jewish People, the unbroken and unbreakable bond of senti-

ment between the Jewish People and Palestine, the transformation of frustrated city dwellers into bands of pioneers, and the liberation of constructive energies which results from moral liberation. These are the spiritual realities which precede and explain the physical realities presented in the Jewish Palestine Pavilion."

It was Albert Einstein that gave the keynote address at the opening of the Pavilion in April of 1939. And the building itself was adorned with an Eternal Light kindled at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, in memory of those whose lives were lost in fighting for a sovereign Israel.

Because the pavilion was not sponsored by an existing government, it was placed in the Fair's "Community Interest" Zone. It stood right next to the Temple of Religion and in sight of the Fair's symbols, the 700-foot Trylon tower and 200-foot Perisphere globe, affectionately called the Lulav and Esrog - ritual objects for Sukkot - by the Jews, at the time. It was said that many Jewish programs were commenced at the Fair's Temple of Religion (which could be used by any denomination for other than prayer) and continued at the pavilion. Thus served the Jewish Palestine Pavilion at this wonderful fair that brought hope to the world, even as Europe was being enveloped in war, in 1939 and 1940, the second year of the Fair.

As relatively little is known about Jewish participation in the 1939 World's Fair, Professor Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett of New York University has spent considerable effort over the past number of years researching aspects of the Jewish Palestine Pavilion as well as how Jews have

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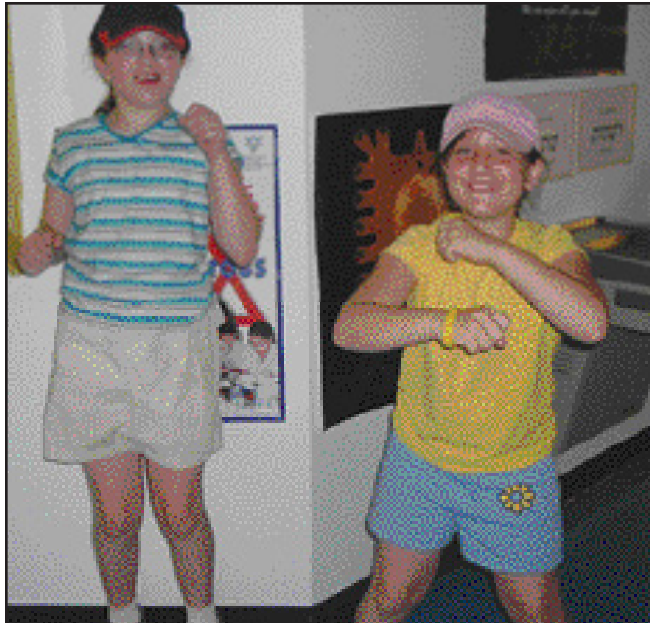
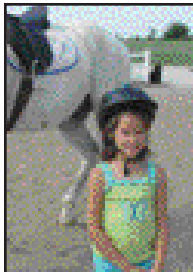
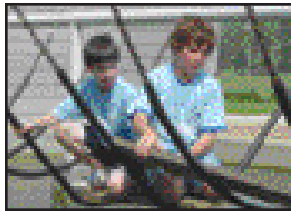


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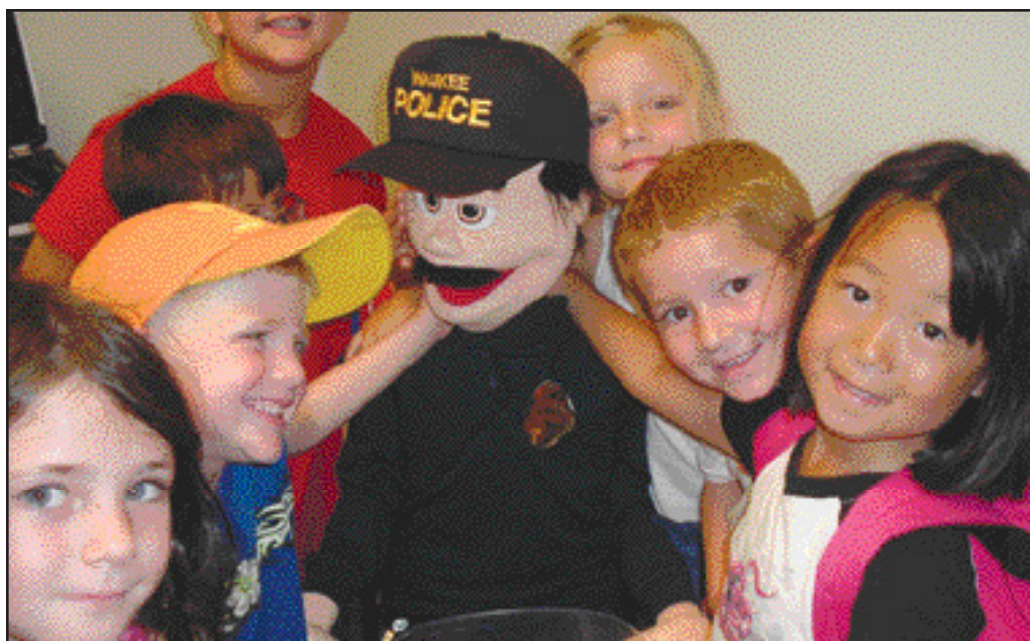
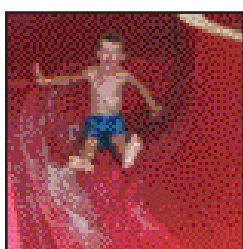


An amazing summer at Engman Camp Shalom! With anywhere from 35-50 children each week, campers participated in a wide range of activities, such as magic, Israeli dancing, sports, arts and crafts, swimming, and more.

In conjunction with weekly themes, campers took part in both traditional camp activities and special programs and trips. Kicking off the summer with "Humor Week" led to a lot of laughs during Laugh Olympics, Joke-a-thon, and Make Me Laugh programs. During "Mitzvah Week," campers endeavored to earn Mitzvah Points for helpfulness, showing consideration, and other meritorious behavior. Points were then spent on prizes at a Mitzvah Auction. In addition, campers learned about four major charity organizations in Israel through drama, arts and crafts, sports, and puzzles. The annual "Color War" was the focus of week three as the Blue Tel Aviv team competed against the White Jerusalem team in a variety of events throughout the week.

Among the most notable themes was "Courage and Heroes Week." As campers built model rockets, they also learned about Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon who was tragically killed aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia in 2003. As part of a moving ceremony in his memory, campers sang "Hatishma Koli" (Can You Hear My Voice), the song was chosen by Ramon's wife as his wakeup call from NASA during his mission in space. One day during this week of camp, children and staff came dressed up as their favorite hero. One child dressed up as the doctor who was currently treating his father for a very serious illness. Another came dressed as his mom. Hearing from the campers why they chose the heroes they chose made it clear to the staff yet again how special and wonderful the Engman Camp Shalom campers are. Other weekly themes included Leadership, Nature, Health and Fitness, and Friendship and each week we were reminded anew of how great the kids at Engman Camp Shalom are as their enthusiasm never diminished!

There is no question that Camp was an exciting experience for staff, campers and even parents. Certainly much of this can be attributed to the months of pre-planning by the camp committee and Federation as well the Camp's staff execution, but I believe the real success to the 2005 Engman Camp Shalom season can be attributed to the wonderful campers. I have worked in summer camps for over 20 years and my experience with the campers this summer proved inspirational to me. The combination of these kids' enthusiasm, manners and genuine appreciation of the staff's efforts just blew me away. The Des Moines community deserves to be proud of these amazing young people. They are the community's most valuable assets



Bitter Jewish Experience Means Community Can't Be Silent On Darfur

By David Harris and Ruth Messinger

Today we are proud to stand as "am echad," one people united in solidarity with the people of Darfur, victims of a government-sponsored genocide.

In an extraordinarily unified effort, the leaders of the American Jewish community fully recognize that the lessons of history have taught us to confront genocide wherever it may occur. Indifference or inaction is simply not an option.

The signing of a "Call to Action on Darfur," addressed to President Bush by the leaders of major national Jewish organizations, all religious denominations and hundreds of local synagogues, federations and Jewish groups, asserts our role as a people who recognize our obligation to be a voice for those who remain unheard.

The situation in Darfur, Sudan represents the first genocide of the 21st century. We must seek to ensure that it's the last.

This "Rwanda in slow motion" already has taken the lives of 400,000 African Muslims who have died through murder, starvation or disease in the process of being forcibly displaced by Sudanese government forces and the Arab militias known as Janjaweed ("evil men on horseback"), whom the government forces support.

Almost 3 million people have been uprooted and suffered murder, rape and

many other atrocities. Their homes, villages and livelihoods have been destroyed. They have been herded into camps without enough food, clean water, or medical care.

Unless there is a decisive response, 1 million people may starve to death by the end of this year.

Sixty years ago, after the Holocaust, the world vowed "never again." That vow was repeated after the genocide in Rwanda in 1994.

The world cannot wait any longer to make good on those promises — and neither can the innocent victims of state-sponsored murder in Sudan.

The Jewish community's response on the grass-roots level has been extraordinary: Thousands of Jewish individuals and communities around the country have educated, agitated and raised money to end the Sudanese government's policy of mass extermination.

In effect, they have been a catalyst for a broader response by the organized Jewish community to demonstrate to these individual Jews and communities that they are not alone in their outrage and commitment to keeping our collective promise.

Many of the sponsors of the Call to Action on Darfur have been engaged in activities and issued resolutions about the crisis. Last summer, more than 20 national Jewish organizations joined the

Save Darfur Coalition, founded by the American Jewish World Service, partnering with other religious communities and important civil society leaders to raise awareness and end the atrocities in Darfur.

By signing and publishing this Call to Action, we now take another visible step forward in conveying the importance of this issue to all Jews, working to focus the Jewish community's energies against this genocide and increasing Jewish communal involvement in this effort.

Together we stand firm in our insistence that it is the moral duty of all people of good will to band together against this heinous and systematic campaign.

To that end, the leaders of the organized community seek to fuel a groundswell of conscience that will result in our government's assertion of its moral and political influence to lead the world in calling for immediate and comprehensive international intervention in Darfur.

Besides contributing to the Jewish Coalition for Sudan Relief, the AJWS Sudan Relief and Advocacy Fund or other humanitarian relief funds for the victims of Darfur, we ask Jews and people of faith and conscience everywhere to call on President Bush to lead the international community in:

- Creating security through a larger international peacekeeping force with the expanded mandate and ability to

protect all civilians;

- Providing additional financial and logistical support for African Union troop training, mobilization and deployment to Darfur as part of that peacekeeping force;
- Increasing funds for humanitarian assistance and facilitating its urgent delivery; and
- Assisting in the reunification of families, their voluntary return to their lands and the rapid reconstruction of their homes, schools and communities.

This call has been sent to President Bush, and the endorsing organizations are sending it to their constituents, urging stepped-up action.

Until conditions are established that permit the voluntary, safe and dignified return of those displaced by the conflict, and violators of the conflict are held accountable, our diligence must not wane. Each of us, in ways big and small, can make a difference.

Our collective memory of persecution and genocide evokes deep empathy for the victimized people of Darfur and keen recognition of our responsibility — as Jews, as Americans, as people of conscience — to aid them.

Bitter history has taught us that indifference must never be the response to genocide.



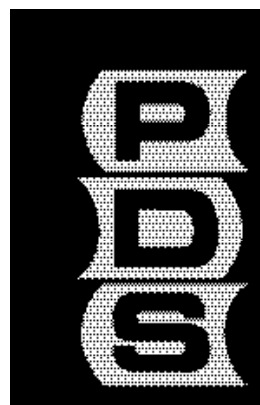
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Israelis are the Peacemakers

by Pnina Luban

[An Ames resident's] vitriolic attack on Israel (Letter, July 2) rests on the patently false premise that Israel's intent, past and present, is to crush the Palestinian people. Historians overwhelmingly confirm that during the past century Israelis made intense efforts to live peacefully with their Arab and Palestinian neighbors. Further, Israel has been willing to make painful, risky concessions for peace that others wouldn't: As part of Israel's peace treaty with Egypt, Israel relinquished the oil-rich Sinai Peninsula leaving her 70% smaller, more vulnerable to attack, and entirely dependent on imported oil. However, until the signing of peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, Israel's peace overtures were consistently rejected, and still are by most Arabs and Palestinians. The small fringe group of revisionist historians, which [the letter writer] builds on, has been accused of fabricating and manipulating historical sources in order to suit its own extreme political agenda.

Arab rejection of a Jewish state is a constant policy. In 1947 the United Nations passed Resolution 181 calling for partition of the land into two states, one Arab, one Jewish. The Jews agreed, but the Palestinians vehemently refused. The Palestinians insisted on a single Arab country (dictatorship, like all Arab countries) where Jews would reside as protected second-class citizens, their historic status in all Arab states. In 1948, the newly born Israel narrowly survived invasion by five Arab countries. From 1948-1967 Jordan and Egypt occupied the West Bank (WB) and Gaza with an iron fist. They forcibly detained Palestinian residents in refugee camps under harsh conditions.

Rejection of Israel continued in 1967 when Egypt, Syria, and Jordan initiated another war with the declared intent of "pushing Israel into the sea". Israel won and captured the WB and Gaza, thus becoming a reluctant occupier. Again Israel made a peace-for-land offer based on U.N. Resolution 242, but the Arab League responded with the infamous "Three No's: No peace, No negotiations, No recognition of Israel." Nevertheless, thanks to Israel's assistance, the Palestinian economy, health care, education, etc.,

improved dramatically. Israel offered help in dismantling the refugee camps but the Palestinian leaders preserved the camps as a political chip, and as a perpetual pool for frustrated terrorists.

In 2000, under U.S. auspices, Israel offered the Palestinians 97% of the WB and Gaza in contiguous territory for establishing a Palestinian state. Arafat rejected this historic offer and unleashed the Intifada which to date has cost nearly 4500 fatalities. Moreover, Arafat channeled billions of dollars in humanitarian aid from the U.S., U.N., Europe, and other countries, earmarked for improving the lives of Palestinians, into his private bank accounts and to fund terrorism. This, not the "Occupation," plunged Palestinian society back into poverty.

An essential part of the Palestinian terror infrastructure, which resulted in thousands of Israeli casualties, are private homes used as cover for weapon smuggling tunnels, snipers, bomb-making labs, suicide bombers, etc. Demolishing such houses was part of Israel's war on terror. The International Solidarity Movement sought to prevent this, thus indirectly aiding terrorism. According to NGO Monitor, a think tank concerned with human rights, "The ISM's blatant support for Palestinian incitement and rejectionism is the antithesis of a human rights organization." The ISM is also known to have aided terrorists en route to a suicide bombing which resulted in scores of Israeli casualties. In 2003 the ISM website showed "Palestine" as including all of Israel, and ISM leaders characterized suicide bombings as noble.

With Israel unilaterally disengaging from Gaza, paving the way for implementing the U.S.-backed road map, Palestinians will hopefully follow suit by dismantling terror organizations, halt incitement against Israel, replace their corrupt dictatorship by democratic institutions, and genuinely accept Israel's existence. That Israel is now 57 years old while Palestine has yet to be created is a direct result of the Palestinians' continuing refusal to compromise vs. Israel's policy of compromise and moderation. The world should follow the U.S. administration's lead in

10 Commandments Cases Re-open Debate on Government Neutrality

Excerpt from Between Religious Equality and Liberty, an opinion editorial by Marc Stern, general counsel of the American Jewish Congress. "The 19th Supreme Court endorsed the view that America was a Christian country. Scalia has now posed a different alternative: a monotheistic America in which Judaism is fully accepted as an equal partner. This is no small achieve-

ment for American Jews.... [But] I believe Scalia's wholesale concession does not justify a change in Jewish support for government neutrality.... [because] it is impossible to square with a principled commandment to religious liberty.... In a country whose citizens are overwhelmingly Christian, permission to endorse faith will ultimately take on a Christian form." The op ed originally appeared in the

UJC Launches \$160 Million Efforts For Ethiopian, FSU

United Jewish Communities (UJC) and the Jewish Federations of North America committed Sunday to raise \$160 million in new funds to bring the remaining Ethiopian Jews to Israel and integrate the entire community more fully, as well as helping poor elderly Jews in the former Soviet Union while strengthening Jewish identity for younger FSU Jews.

The action addresses two of the most significant challenges facing world Jewry.

"This commitment is truly historic, and reflects the imperative of addressing major obstacles facing our fellow Jews in Ethiopia, in Israel and in the former Soviet Union," said Howard M. Rieger, UJC president and chief executive officer. "Our action will infuse tens of millions of dollars into helping meet the present and future needs of some of the world's most vulnerable Jews."

One hundred million dollars of the \$160 million in new funding will be targeted for an Ethiopian initiative. The three-year initiative is aimed at the nearly 20,000 Ethiopian Jews, known as the Falas Mura, to immigrate to Israel, resettle them, and provide an array of programs to assist the newcomers and existing Ethiopian-Israeli youth to enhance their educational potential from birth through high school matriculation, giving them access to higher education and vocational training.

The three-part plan calls for \$23 million in new funding to bring the Falas Mura to Israel; \$40 million for absorbing them, and \$37 million to mainstream Ethiopian-Israelis through better education. By 2007 the Ethiopian-Israeli community will reach an estimated 120,000 people.

"Fourteen years ago, I was privileged to stand on the airport tarmac in Israel and be an eyewitness to a miracle and welcome more than 14,000 Ethiopian Jews rescued in Operation Solomon," said Susan Stern, campaign chair of UJA-Federation of New York and outgoing National Women's Campaign chair.

"What an extraordinary experience

that was, seeing the great pride of the Jewish community and feeling the great hope of that day. We have accomplished much since then, but we have not yet completed the promise."

In addition, \$60 million of the \$160 million in new funding will be earmarked for immediate and long-term needs of the nearly one million Jews in the former Soviet Union. Many are elderly, live in poverty and lack social services. While some elderly Jews receive aid as Holocaust survivors, many others rely on UJC and the federation system to meet basic needs.

Resources will also help establish and support initiatives - leadership development opportunities, Israel travel and education programs, Jewish day schools, Jewish summer camps and Hillels, for example - to ensure community growth and continuity. Currently, less than 20 percent of the Jewish population in the FSU is tied to any Jewish program and the intermarriage rate is approaching 80 percent.

"Jews in the former Soviet Union face an array of challenges in their daily lives," said UJC Chair Robert Goldberg. "UJC and the federations of North America always have been, and always will be, dedicated to supporting their individual and collective well-being and needs."

The UJC board approved an omnibus motion on the Ethiopian and FSU initiatives that:

- Approves the FSU and Ethiopian Initiatives for an aggregate amount of \$160 million in new funds and requests the UJC Executive Committee to develop a campaign plan to enable UJC and the federations to raise the funds.
- Declares it critical that federations raise these funds without reducing their current overseas "ONAD" commitments and requests that all federations and UJC take necessary steps consistent with that declaration.

Both initiatives will be carried out with the help of UJC's overseas partner agencies, the American Jewish Joint

A Great Risk in the Name of Peace JCRC SUPPORTIVE OF ISRAEL'S DISENGAGEMENT FROM GAZA

Des Moines, IA. (July 1, 2005) The Jewish Community Relations Commission (JCRC) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines is supportive of Israel's disengagement from Gaza and several Jewish communities in the West Bank, scheduled for August 15, 2005. Knowing full well that the voluntary withdrawal by Israel of its troops and thousands of its citizens will entail the anguished uprooting of homes, businesses, schools and the lives of individuals who have lived there for up to three generations, JCRC concurs with the majority of Israelis who consider this a risk that must be taken in the name of peace.

JCRC commends the Sharon government for this action and considers those Israelis who will be uprooted from

Gaza and the communities on the West Bank to be heroes. By disengaging from these territories, Israel will make, and even now has begun to make, a significant concession at considerable pain. Because it takes both parties to make peace, the Palestinian Authority must now enable the peace process to go forward by permanently disbanding the Palestinian militias of terror.

JCRC calls upon all Iowans of good will to stand with Israel as it struggles to implement its planned, unilateral withdrawal within a climate of probable hostility from various sides. [The stated position is in accord with AIPAC, ADL, American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, the Presidents Conference, B'nai Brith, World Zionist Organization, World

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Local runner triumphs at the Maccabiah Games

Rosenblatt Brings Home the Gold!

By Mark Finkelstein

"It was not like anything I have ever experienced" was the way that Betsy Rosenblatt, 17, a recent grad from Roosevelt HS characterized competing in the 17th Maccabiah Games this summer in Israel. And compete well, she did. Betsy earned a gold medal for her performance in the USA team's victory in the 4 x 4 relay.

Betsy is the daughter of Susy Robinette and Ron Rosenblatt, and sister of Katie.

"I've been running track since I was in middle school at Indian Hills and I ran track and cross country at Roosevelt. But this was different," she says. "This was international competition and the competitors all were very good, especially the Israeli runners." But then she described the broader aspects of the games. "It was funny," she mused, "One night I was rac-



Betsy Rosenblatt, pictured second from right.

ing against all these Russians and Canadians and the next night we were all going out and having fun, going out to the beach together as friends."

And apparently Betsy had fun watching some of the other events. "I went and watched rugby, basketball and soccer. I had no clue what was going on in rugby," she admits, "but I got it explained to me by my South African friend."

The experience of being in Israel for the first time, itself, made an impact on her. "I was so impressed. I wasn't quite sure what to expect. It was amazing. It blew me away. I didn't want to come home," was her reaction. "The coolest part," she added, "was meeting all types of Jews, people who don't necessarily look like most Jews in Iowa. ... It was great meeting the Ethiopian team and Indian team, and the Israelis were so welcoming, happy that we were there."

The geographic diversity in Israel surprised her as well. "There are so many different landscapes and climates. Mountains, beaches, deserts – all in such a small area, coming from Iowa, which is huge, relatively."

We're glad that Betsy did so well at



Hazzan Jeff Cohen New Cantor at Tifereth Israel



A new cantor has begun work at Tifereth Israel Synagogue as of August 1. A graduate of the H. L. Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish

Theological Seminary of America in New York City, Hazzan Cohen is a commissioned member of the Cantors Assembly and served as regional secretary and co-chair of the Cantors Assembly Western Region. In addition to other experience, he served a congregation in Thousand Oaks, California for eleven years. Originally from Los Angeles, Hazzan holds an undergraduate degree from California State University Northridge in Religious Studies and Speech Communication. In 1981 and 1982, he lived in Israel and was enrolled in a joint program of music at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Rubin

Academy of Music.

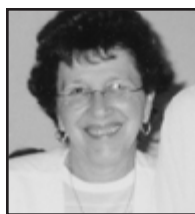
Hazzan Cohen notes that his love of Judaism and love of music drew him to the cantorate. He characterizes his musical taste as eclectic and plays the violin, guitar, mandolin, and viola.

"I look forward to doing all kinds of programs with the synagogue – dynamic musical programming and creative services, possibly forming a band, a choir and a childrens choir," he says. "I want to help make Tifereth Israel a place where people will feel a sense of ownership that this is their synagogue."

Hazzan enjoys teaching adult education. He has taught many adults to read Hebrew and has instructed nearly 100 adults studying for their bar or bat mitzvah and adult confirmation.

He is joined by his wife Denise, who, as Hazzanteh (the honorific in Yiddish, meaning the wife of a cantor) will serve as administrative assistant to her husband. A person of many talents, Denise is a graphic artist, she plays and teaches

In the Kitchen With Lois Brown



In a kitchen in Cleveland, Ohio in the 1950's a young woman named Lois Bishko Brown watched as her mother-in-law, Gertrude Brown, tossed ingredients into a bowl to make small cakes. Lois wrote down the ingredients as she saw them used and with some changes over the years these little RTBs (Russian Tea Biscuits) called by Lois' family, became popular.

Born in Cleveland to Reba and Maurice Bishko, who owned a dry goods store, Lois is two years older than her twin siblings, Irwin and Ileen. Lois attended college for only a brief time and met her husband, Dick Brown, who as a senior at Case Institute of Technology now known as Case Western, was drafted during the Korean War.

Dick Brown also grew up in Cleveland and after a short stint in New York, at the age of 21 and in the army, married Lois, who was only 19 at the time. They lived at Fort Breckenridge, Kentucky and then at Fort Knox also in Kentucky. In 1954 when Dick was discharged from the army they moved back to Cleveland where their daughter, Ruth, was born. Nineteen months later son, Geoffrey was born and then daughter, Judy.

In Cleveland, Dick returned to college

to get his degree in civil engineering and went to work with his brother for a short time and then for his dad who was a builder.

With his degree in hand Dick got an engineering job with Economy Forms in sales and after three years, in 1966, was moved to Des Moines.

Dick and Lois quickly made Des Moines their home with the assistance of Jeanne Levitt who had heard from a friend in Cleveland that they were moving there. They rented a large house on 63rd Street while the freeway was under construction and lived there for 1 1/2 years until they could build their house on Cummins Parkway. Son, Geoffrey and Mark Levitt became friends and with Dick's assistance they built a go-cart which they could ride on the freeway ramps under construction.

Lois and Dick took a five year hiatus from Des Moines and moved to Atlanta with Economy Forms. It was a wonderful job and they loved Atlanta, but eventually moved back to Des Moines in 1982 where Ruth and Judy were still living.

In Des Moines Dick

became self-employed and Lois became the Administrative Assistant at the Bureau for Jewish Education under the directorship of Bob Addison. Lois retained that job for 14 years through five different Bureau directors.

Lois' mother, Reba Bishko, moved to Des Moines and lived with them for ten years before her death in 1998.

The Brown children, with the exception of Ruth, have all left Des Moines. Ruth is married to Abe Wolf from Des Moines and they live part of the year in

Chicago but maintain a residence in West Des Moines. Abe is a partner with Ron Daniels in Buyers Realty. They have two sons, Danny who works for a real estate development company in New York and Joey who just graduated from college in Chicago and will be moving to New York to work on a documentary film.

Geoffrey married Elissa Weisner from Des Moines, coincidentally meeting her in the coop at the University of Georgia in Athens. They live in Newport News, Virginia. Both Geoffrey and Elissa work at

Russian Tea Biscuits

A Recipe from Lois Brown

Pareve

4 cups flour

1/4 cup orange juice

4 t. baking powder

1 t. vanilla

1/2 t. salt

3 eggs

3/4 c. sugar

3/4 cup veg. oil

Filling: orange marmalade, golden raisins, nuts, (cinnamon & sugar)

Sift first 3 ingredients into bowl - add sugar - make a well and add liquid, oil, orange juice, eggs & vanilla. Mix into soft ball and then knead on floured board.

Cut into 4 even pieces and roll out 1/4 inch thick - spread with filling and roll tightly, (jelly, raisins, and nuts)

Brush with egg for glaze. Sprinkle with cinnamon & sugar. Cut into 1 inch slices and place on cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 Degrees for 45 minutes.

You can make the roll and place it on a cookie sheet and after the egg brushed on top, slice the roll and then put it in the oven.



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THE GLORY OF THE MACCABIAH GAMES

By former Areiva to Des Moines, Ayelet Kleinman



Dear Friends, I hope you are all well.

This time I would like to tell you about a very special event in Israel: The Maccabiah Games. "The Jewish Olympics", as they are often called, are the Maccabi World Union's largest and most famous enterprise. These spectacular sports and cultural extravaganzas unite many thousands of Jews from all over the world every four years in Israel.

The event is steeped in Zionist history. Historically, they have an origin in the vivid imagination of a Jewish youngster in 1912. As they developed, it was decided that the "Maccabiada", as the Games were initially called, would be for members of the World Maccabi Federation at designated 4-yearly intervals patterned along the Olympic Games.

Their official purpose is to give the various participating national associations an opportunity to test their strength, and prepare their athletes for international and Olympic competitions. Their actual purpose is to display the physical and sporting prowess of Jews in the modern age – not only to a world which thought of the People of the Book as weak and timid, but also to show to the Jews themselves that they were, and are, descendants worthy of our great freedom-loving ancestors, the Maccabees. Working to attract youth and young people to its events and living heritage, the Maccabiah intensifies and strengthens the connection between Jews in the Diaspora and the State of Israel.

I have chosen to write about this subject not only because the Maccabiah is an amazing event, but because there are "Des Moines connections" to this particular Maccabiah. Elsewhere in this Jewish Press you will read about how Betsy Rosenblatt (the daughter of Suzy Robinette and Ron Rosenblatt) and Joy Argaman and Elyse Porter (daughters of Roselind and Sheldon Rabinowitz) each competed with great success, Betsy in track, and Joy and Alice in tennis. I offer them all my sincere congratulations.

Think how wonderful it is to have two sisters playing together, in Israel, against other Jews, hosted by the Israelis. It was a delight to see so many young people in Jerusalem, from different countries all over the world speaking different languages, knowing that the main thing was not necessarily to win, but to participate in the games and to be in Israel. That's the Jewish spirit!

And since this is the Rosh Hashanah edition, I would like to wish us all to continue with this Jewish Spirit wherever there are Jews.

Happy New Year!



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This group will work to encourage women to participate more personally in giving.

Toni is a past member of the Tifereth Israel Synagogue Board of Trustees, past President of ORT, past President of the Planned Parenthood of Iowa Foundation, committee member at the Des Moines Art Center, and past Board member of the Junior League of Greater Des Moines.

Toni, who owns the stationery store Letter Perfect, is married to land developer and entrepreneur Tim Urban. The Urbans have three children, Heather, Andy, and Jonathan, and three granddaughters!

Along with Toni, a slate of officers and board members were voted in at the annual meeting. Members of Toni's Board are:

- Executive Committee: Harry Simon, President-Elect; Neil Salowitz, Treasurer; William "Jake" Jacobs, Secretary; Don Blumenthal, Des Moines Jewish Foundation President
- Pillar Chairs: David Goldman Education Pillar; Sheldon Rabinowitz, Jewish Community Relations; Barb Hirsch-Giller, Jewish Community Services
- Polly Oxley, Chair, Caspe Terrace Facilities; Judy Blank and Vicki Givant, co-chairs, Caspe Terrace Programming; Louis Hockenberger, Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center President; Joyce Swartz, Iowa Jewish Historical Society President
- Board Members: Steve Altman, Sarah Christiansen, Alex Fritzler, Silvia Klein, Richard Levitt, Jim Marcovis, Miriam

Mintzer, Heidi Moskowitz, Stuart Oxer, Kent Rosenberg, Melanie Sandler, Elana Schneider, Justin Schoen, Cynthia Shulman and Sam Tobis

- Synagogue Presidents: Ronna Pochter, Beth El Jacob Synagogue; Stuart Feldstein, Temple B'nai Jeshurun; Don Schoen, Tifereth Israel Synagogue; John Pleasants, Ames Jewish Congregation; Jim Christiansen, Judaic Resource Center

- Rabbis: Aaron Schwarzbau, David Kaufman, Baruch HaLevi, Joseph Rosenbloom, Yossi Jacobson

Thanks were offered to members retiring from service to the Federation including Ann Abramson, Vera Aginsky, David Bear, Arnold Engman, and Stacie Franklin.

Thanks were also expressed to Jody Hramits who has relinquished her position as director of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society to teach at North High School. Jody will be succeeded as IJHS director by Krys Phillips, an M.A. English teacher and an instructor for the Jewish Federation Community School, and thanks offered to Alice Friedgood for coordinating the Melton School Program.

Musical entertainment at the annual meeting was provided by pianist and former University of Iowa professor of Medical Ethics Dr. Dick Caplan and his son, Cantor Joel Caplan. Their performance of Jewish and secular music was very well received and enjoyed.

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Our last day was a lovely bike tour in Potsdam. Those stalwart bikers who could make it through a four hour guided tour of

this lovely town, were able to see the "Spy Bridge" Glienicke Bruke, the New Garden, the Dutch Quarter, the Sanssouci Palace and park, the Russian colony Alexandrovka, the KGB city and the Cecilienhof Palace. Mostly, it was just nice to relax and enjoy the scenery and rest for the long trip home.

The students made many new friends and I believe we all learned a great deal about history as well as modern Germany. The main message was that The Third Reich was but a 13 years slice of German history. While we will never forget what happened in those 13 years—they want us to know that today's Germany welcomes us.

I want to thank the many people who gave so much of their time to arrange this trip. Susan Madorsky made many of the arrangements, along with David Goldman and JCRC's Mark Finkelstein, who were instrumental in preparing for the trip. David and Mark traveled to Germany ahead of our group to learn about the Bridge program first hand. Laura put in a great deal of effort to prepare material for the students on the trip and made sure everyone had a safe and educational travel experience. Mark Schlenker, Iowa's Honorary Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany was also of great assistance.

I especially want to thank the Jewish Federation for sponsoring the trip and making it possible for us to travel to Germany. I hope this will be the first of many trips for our community, thanks to the relationship between the Jewish Federation and the Bridge of

Understanding.

In the coming weeks, we look forward to discussing the trip with the community.

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A University of Pennsylvania student will be assisting us in Buenos Aires during the next six months and locally, Molly Douglas, an art therapist will lead the effort. On September 18, 2005, the children's photos, drawings and stories of Argentina will be presented in Kansas City at the Jewish Art Festival, thanks to Debby Feder, Event Chair. Ongoing communication between the children is planned. With additional funding, the program has incredible potential.

Project Elijah Foundation is also working with Kim Bloom, a Young Adult Leader from the Federation in St. Paul and we anticipate having a presence at several of their events this fall and the Maccabi Games.

We are actively pursuing grants through Private Foundations and US corporations with a presence in Argentina. We also are seeking donations from individuals. Ieladeinu provides Bat and Bar Mitzvah students with a wonderful Tzedakah project.

JP: As in most endeavors, there are likely to be misperceptions about the project's intent. What should people know about Project Elijah to clarify any misconceptions?

KC: People need to realize that this project is about children and the teens subjected to domestic abuse by Jewish parents. Our Jewish community needs to work together to break the cycle of abuse and ensure that violated Jewish children don't follow in their parents footsteps. We need to acknowledge

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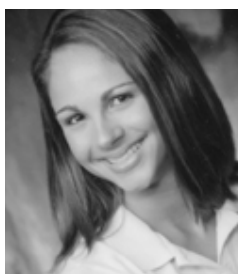
Daniel Khalastchi, son of Bobbi and Nashi Khalastchi and grandson of Shirlee and Jim Marcovis, graduated from the University of Iowa world renowned Writers Workshop with a masters degree in Fine Arts. He is living in Iowa City and pursuing his writing career.

Ksenya Malina is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of New York University with a double major in Fine Arts and History. She is a Presidential Honors Scholar, a member of Phi Beta, Kappa National Honors Society, a member of Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, and a recipient of the Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund. She is working at an educational tour operator business in New York City.



Michael Pearlman graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York majoring in Criminal Justice and Political Science. Michael has accepted a position with the Howery Simon, LLC law firm in Washington, DC. Michael is the son of Ann Abramson and Alan Pearlman.

Betsy Rosenblatt, daughter of Ron and Susy Rosenblatt, graduated Roosevelt High School in June. In addition to excelling in academics, Betsy has enjoyed a successful track and cross-country career. Her skills earned her a gold medal at the Maccabiah Games in Israel this past July! [see page 18] Betsy will be attending the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia studying science



DM Public Library/ Shoah Foundation Project Sept 15

The official launch of the Des Moines Visual History Collection and the Testimony to Tolerance Initiative, a joint project of the Des Moines Public Library and the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation, is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15, at 4 p.m. at the Central Library in downtown Des Moines.

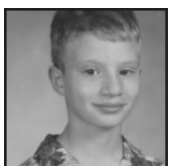
The local collection includes 17 personal testimonies by Iowans who survived the Holocaust; they are a subset of the 52,000 testimonies in Shoah Foundation archives.

The Initiative will support the community of Des Moines in efforts to nurture responsible and committed citizens dedicated to a society free of prejudice, intolerance, and bigotry. Des Moines is only the second city in the U. S. to participate in this initiative.

The Testimony to Tolerance Initiative and the Des Moines Visual History Collection were generously funded by James and Andrea Gordon in memory of their fathers Ben Schwartz and Bennett Gordon.

Bar Mitzvah

Adam Michael Margolin



Saturday, September 17
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We invite you to share the tradition when our son, Adam Michael, is called to the Torah as

Bar Mitzvah Saturday, September 17, 10:00 am, at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. The community is cordially invited to a Kiddush luncheon following services.



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July 5th, Israeli Consul General Moshe Ram threw the first pitch in the Chicago White Sox VS Tampa Devil Rays baseball game.

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow

Gordon Chapman
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[next generation]

Samantha Feldman

By Robin Bear



Samantha Feldman is no stranger to community service. After learning about Jewish children at the Ieledinu orphanage in Argentina, Samantha worked tirelessly this past summer organizing a book sale with other teenagers to raise money on behalf of the orphanage. Project Elijah, the Federation-endorsed foundation through which funds for the orphanage are raised, is fortunate to have Samantha aboard because she is such a hard worker.

Born in El Paso, Texas, Samantha moved to Des Moines at the age of two with her parents, Bernie and Ava Feldman and older brother, Aaron. Samantha has two younger sisters, Olivia and Sabrina. The Feldman's live in Urbandale and belong to B'nai Jeshurun Temple.

Samantha is active in Temple Youth Group and is currently serving on the board as one of the co-vice presidents.

Last June, Samantha joined a group of high school juniors and seniors from the Jewish Federation Community School and traveled to Germany through a program called "Bridge of Understanding." The ten day trip, described elsewhere in this edition, included time spent in Berlin and Cologne and the opportunity to visit Sachsenhausen concentration camp. Samantha described the day they spent at the concentration camp as "intense". The experience at the camp included participation in a service, candle lighting, and prayers. The trip also offered several opportunities to meet with German youth.

This wasn't the first time Samantha explored her Jewishness through travel. When Samantha was thirteen she flew with her family to Israel as part of a Mission and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at the Western Wall. Samantha has relatives living in Israel so one of the highlights during the trip was meeting her extended family for the first time and sharing the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah with them.

Samantha would like to travel to Argentina to meet the children of the orphanage she has worked to support. Another country to which she is attracted is Spain. "The Spanish culture really interests me and I love the Spanish language", explains Samantha. She says she'll consider a semester abroad in Spain while in college.

Samantha's summer was filled with friends, travel and a part time job at Heartland Dermatology. But as the season ends and a new school year begins, she looks forward to enjoying her final year as a senior at Valley High School. But the coming year will undoubtedly be a busy one. With her mind focused on college, Samantha says she will be looking for a school with strong business programs. We wish her all success.

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JP: I take it that you do most of your work by phone?

SR: Telephone and computer -- I was in Israel for two weeks in July and will go again at the end of October.

JP: How much time do you spend on Tennis Center business?

SR: Oh, about 20 hours a week here at home.

JP: And when you go over to Israel, what else do you do there aside from conducting ITC business?

SR: Some may know that I have family in Israel. Roselind and I have our daughter Joy there along with her husband, a granddaughter in college and a grandson in the army. So it's not all business. But when I'm doing my job for the ITC, I typically meet with key employees and put in full days.

JP: This is a great honor that you're serving in this position, and we're proud of you for doing so. You're certainly raising the profile of Des Moines.

SR: It is quite rare for someone from Des Moines to hold a national or international presidency or chairmanship of a Jewish organization. It's kind of funny. When you go to a Tennis Center function, they talk about their representation from Miami, Boca Raton, San Diego, Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland... and Des Moines. It's always "... and Des Moines," but we're on the list.

JP: For those who have the inclination to support the ITC, what is the best way?

SR: Just call me. We have about a dozen people in Des Moines who give the Tennis Centers anywhere between \$1000 and \$5000 a year each year, and have raised well over a million dollars in Des Moines

over the years. But we would, of course, welcome and need additional support. I'd say to prospective donors: If you like Israel and you like kids, this program is certainly one of the outstanding programs in Israel. The program itself won the prestigious Israel Prize in 1987. For general information, the ITC website is www.tennis.org.il.
JP: Sheldon, thank you for your leadership on this, which has many, many positive aspects. Continued success.

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Geoffrey also works for an environmental group. They have three children, Teva, a sophomore at William and Mary College, Kori in high school and Levi, 11 years old.

Daughter Judy married Joe Levenson from Miami. They lived in Des Moines for 10 years while Joe ran the kosher butcher shop, but have since moved to Cincinnati where Joe received his degree in nursing home administration and now runs a medical supply business. Their son, Avi, attends high school and is presently in a USY program in Israel.

Lois and Dick, have been married 52 years and have become an integral part of our community belonging to both Tifereth Israel Synagogue and Beth El Jacob. They are ardent supporters of all our Jewish community activities and frequently are seen at services. For 11 years, Lois sang in the Tifereth Israel choir often with Dick and for a short while with Geoffrey and Judy as well. Lois was part of our chevra chadisha committee for 14 yrs., is on the chesed committee at Tifereth Israel and has participated in all aspects of synagogue life.

Lois's little Russian Tea Biscuits or

Project Elijah Foundation: Kimberly Shadur Setting New Goals



Endorsed by the Jewish Federation, the Des Moines-based social service initiative known as Project Elijah is setting out in new directions. In the following interview we

learn more about the youth-oriented project and its Foundation president, Kimberly Shadur.

Jewish Press: Kimberly, for those who might not know you, please tell us a little about yourself?

Kimberly Shadur: I grew up in Mason City, Iowa. I attended Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA, graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in Nursing and from Yale University School of Public Health, with a master's degree in Epidemiology and Health Administration.

I started Shadur & Shadur Simple Solutions, LLC when I made the decision to consult to hospitals on my own. Most of my career has been focused on helping hospitals and medical centers improve their level of service and efficiency.

Since moving to Des Moines thirteen years ago, I served on the Orchard Place Board for ten years and the Des Moines Metro Opera Board for seven years. This year, I am the Chairman of the Social Justice Committee for Temple B'nai Jeshurun where my husband and I are members.

Everyone seems to know my husband, Craig Shadur, a nephrologist, educator, collector and stand-up comic.

JP: You are now president of the

Project Elijah Foundation. What does the Foundation do and how did it come into being?

KS: The Foundation was started by Alan Zuckert. He and his wife Janice, made a commitment of \$250,000 to help Jews in Argentina. Initially, he planned to bring Jewish immigrants from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Des Moines, IA. But while in Buenos Aires interviewing candidates, Alan was introduced to leledeinu, a refuge for abused and neglected Jewish children. Alan was overwhelmed and impressed by leledeinu. He was startled to see that so many Jewish children had been subjected to family violence, neglect, abuse and then abandoned. Yet at the same time he was in awe of the care the children were receiving.

Now that visas are unobtainable, Project Elijah Foundation is working to break the cycle of poverty and abuse for children and their families. We also hope to encourage American youth to become philanthropists.

leledeinu's mission parallels ours. leledeinu protects Jewish children that suffer alone and reunites and rehabilitates families. Their approach to care is successfully addressing domestic abuse in Jewish homes. They are healing children and families. UNICEF believes that most of the children and teens cared for by leledeinu will lead productive lives and not become juvenile delinquents or abusers.

JP: What has been your contact with the leledeinu refuge?

KS: I traveled to Buenos Aires in January

with Alan Zuckert and Mara White on a due diligence mission. And, my husband and I are vacationing in Argentina in January of 2006, so that he too can experience leledeinu.

JP: Who is Mara White?

KS: Mara is a Project Elijah Foundation volunteer, a Board member of Tifereth Synagogue and the individual who orchestrated development of the DVD about leledeinu and the journey Des Moines youth made to Buenos Aires last June. (DVD's are available. Contact me at 246-8001 or kimberlyshadur@projectelijah.org to view the DVD or for a copy.)

JP: There was a delegation of students, supervised by Laura Berkeson that visited leledeinu. What motivated that?

KS: Alan Zuckert financed the students' trip because a goal of Project Elijah is to encourage youth to be philanthropic. The "kids to kids" Book/DVD/Tape sale was motivated by their interest in providing financial support for basic needs and Hannukah gifts. In reflecting on their experience, our delegation said, "We want the children of leledeinu to know they are not all alone in this world – we care about them and won't forget our responsibility to them".

Currently, I am seeking funding for student missions to Argentina. Six students traveled to Argentina and now they and six of their friends are committed to helping the children of leledeinu.

JP: What is your own impression of what leledeinu is or feels like?

KS: To me, leledeinu is a maternal environment, a loving, therapeutic space. leledeinu

is ensuring that violated Jewish children get an education, are able to hold a job, have a family and a future. They are teaching the children about their rights and to make good choices. leledeinu is giving them opportunity. And, when feasible and allowed by the courts, they are reuniting the children with their families.

JP: What are your responsibilities as president of the foundation?

KS: [chuckling] At this point, on a part-time basis, I'm the secretary, I'm development, the grant writer, marketing and strategist. Soon I'll be organizing a board. And, I am always looking for volunteers.

JP: And your primary goal?

KS: My primary goal is to build a foundation to care for children and teens subjected to domestic abuse in the home. I've learned through Jewish Women International that domestic abuse among Jews equals the incidence among all segments of our society. I hope to encourage our Jewish community to acknowledge and address this well kept secret.

JP: What type of board members are you looking for?

KS: We would like to build a Board with national representation. We will need expertise in law, marketing, development, business and domestic abuse at a minimum.

JP: What are some of the immediate projects that you are working on?

KS: We are developing a cross-cultural art program between the children at leledeinu and children in Kansas City and Des Moines. This program is designed to provide the children an opportunity to commu-

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Their parents were in Israel at the same time and enjoyed seeing their daughters play.

The sisters' success in Tel Aviv this summer is but the latest in their lifetime involvement with the sport. According to their mom, Elyse began to play when she was 6 and Joy at age 7. They were both on the Roosevelt team for four years and were State champions. Both played in college, Elyse, for the University of Wisconsin and Joy, for the University of Iowa.

Elyse has an MBA from Iowa and currently works as director of a national Jewish Zionist leadership education program for Hadassah. Elyse and her husband Jim have two children, Hannah (15) and Samuel (14). She has been very involved in developing a tennis program at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, and taught tennis there two summers ago. This summer, through Elyse's endeavor, Ramah was able to bring a coach from the Israel Tennis Centers.

Joy earned a CPA certificate in accounting, worked for the Israeli division of Hewlett Packard and now is a private consultant. Joy and her husband Joshua, who is an attorney in Israel and a Lt. Colonel in the reserves, have two children, Michal (22) and Dan (20). Michal who is a university student in law and business, spent a semester recently at Drake University. Dan is in the Israeli army, serving in Military Intelligence. Joy serves on the Israel Tennis Centers (ITC) board on the Operating Committee. Her father

Letter from page 1 This process has led directly to the development of a new vision for the future of elder care - a vision which The Life Center is striving to make a reality. As members of the Des Moines Jewish community, and as current and past leaders of our communal organizations, we are keenly aware of the dynamics which now presage the future of not only The Life Center but of our religious institutions as well. While the futures of Tifereth Israel and Temple B'nai Jeshurun may yet prove to be inextricably intertwined, those futures remain, at this point in time, defined only by uncertainty.

This is not the case for The Senior Life Center's plans to meet the evolving care needs of our vulnerable elderly. We know what is being asked of us, and we have undergone an exacting, due-diligence process (which included the engagement of highly-experienced professionals to conduct market-demand, architectural, accounting, and fund development feasibility studies) to get us to where we are today - on the threshold of being able to provide for the dementia care needs of a growing segment of our population.

What is needed now? What is essential to the success of our efforts to continue to serve the changing needs of our community? The answer is simple yet profound. Your strong, financial support of the proposed Alzheimer's care unit at The Senior Life Center is the key to engaging in the fight against this ravager of memory and hope.

No matter what shape the future of our beloved religious organizations may

take, what must be remembered now is that the growing specter of Alzheimer's disease cannot be ignored, and our response to this tragedy, which affects so many, cannot be delayed. We need your help now to make the care of our elders a top priority for our community.

As members of the Board of Directors of The Senior Life Center and, for some, past presidents of Tifereth Israel and B'nai Jeshurun, we are in an excellent position to understand the broad and complex long-term implications of responding to the changing nature of community needs and wants. Our community has always responded to meeting the challenges brought to it - both by design and serendipity. Today can be no different.

We need each and every member of the Jewish community to respond now to the call for support of The Life Center's proposed Alzheimer's care unit. Tomorrow is uncertain. Tomorrow may be too late. Tomorrow may never come. Our families, our loved ones need your help today.

Join us in pledging your support of the real and growing needs of our elders and their families. Join us in ensuring a continuing commitment to honoring and caring for those whose needs can no longer be denied or deferred. Join us in making a reality of the commitment to excellence which has for 70 years exemplified the devotion of The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center to the unparalleled care of our elders.

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High Holiday Schedule

Selichot service will be on Saturday, September 24th with a social beginning at 8:00 p.m. and the service starting around 9:00 p.m. This service will be lay led.

All Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services will be led by Rabbi Rosenbloom.

Erev Rosh Hashanah is Monday, October 3rd. The service will be at 8:00 p.m.

1st day Morning service is Tuesday, October 4th at 9:30 am

Tashlich at 4:00 p.m.

1st evening service or Erev 2nd day will be at 8:00 p.m..

2nd day service is Wednesday, October 5th at 9:30 am.

For Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre will be Wednesday October 12th at 8:00 p.m.

The Yom Kippur morning service will start at 9:30

Afternoon service at 4:15

Yizkor at 5:30

and Neilah at 6:00

Havdalah will start about 6:40. A community break the fast will be held about 6:45 p.m.

Tentative Sukkot celebration:

Monday, October 17th 6:00 service followed by dinner

Tentative Simchat Torah Celebration:

Tuesday: October 25

7:00 Yizkor

7:30 Simchat Torah

Adult Education will begin in September when the Rabbi is in town:

September 10.November 12 at 2:00 Topics to be determined.

Weekly Shabbat services

Friday, September 9th with Rabbi Rosenbloom leading the service at 8:00 p.m on the 9th

Saturday, September 10th 10:00 am Shabbat morning service with Torah Study led by Rabbi Rosenbloom

Friday, September 16th our weekly services continue at 8:00 p.m. and will be lay led except when Rabbi Rosenbloom is in town.

Friday, September 23rd

Friday, September 30th

Friday, October 7

Friday, Ocotober 14

Friday, October 21

Friday, October 28

Friday, November 4

Friday, November 11 8:00 p.m. led by Rabbi Rosenbloom

Saturday, November 12 10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning service with Torah Study

Book group: We are going to try to start a book group September 11th. The organizational meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. at AJC. Contact Sally Lapan 232-0762 for more infor-

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After leaving Des Moines, Silverman went on to become an honors graduate of Princeton University and earn a law degree at the University of Michigan, then practiced law briefly before entering government service. He is now married and the father of three children.

Many Des Moines residents will remember the Silverman family – Robert's parents, Janet and Jack, were active members of the local community, Janet as Chairman of Jewish Family Services, and Jack as founder of several successful electronics businesses.

–Sally Gottstein

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HIGH HOLIDAY PRAYER SCHEDULE

Saturday night September 24 11:00pm Video/Refreshments/Selichot

Sunday September 25 9:00am Selichot begins @12:00am Shacharit

6:30pm Mincha

Monday September 26,Through Friday September 30 6:30pm Selichot 6:30am followed by Shacharit Mincha

6:30pm Friday Evening September 30 6:30pm Mincha

6:40pm Candlelighting

Saturday - Shabbos - October 1 9:00am Shacharit

6:15pm Mincha & Seudat Shleeshis

7:48pm Shabbos Ends

Eve of Rosh Hashana Monday October 3 6:15am Selichot & Shacharit

6:30pm Mincha

6:35pm Candlelighting

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1st Day of Rosh Hashana Tuesday October 4 8:30am Services

10:00am Shofar Blowing approx.

5:00pm Tashlich

6:00pm Mincha & Maariv

7:32pm Candlelighting

2nd Day of Rosh Hashana Wednesday October 5 8:30am Services

10:30am Shofar Blowing

6:00pm Mincha & Maariv

Fast of Gedaliah Thursday October 6 6:30am Shacharit

6:00pm Mincha

Shabbos Shuva Friday Evening October 7 6:15pm Mincha

6:28pm Candlelighting

Saturday October 8 9:00am Services

6:15pm Mincha & Seuda Shleeshis

Eve of Yom Kippur Wednesday October 12 7:00am Shacharit

3:00pm Early Mincha

6:15pm Kol Nidre

6:20pm Candlelighting

Thursday October 13 9:00am Morning Services

11:00am Yizkor

5:00pm Mincha

6:00pm Neilah Service

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Friday, Sept 2
6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service
7:00 pm potluck - rsvp to office 274-4679

Saturday, Sept 3
10:00 am Alex & Jacob Hjelmaas B'nai mitzvah; Kiddush Luncheon following

Tuesday, Sept 6
12:00 pm Worship Committee meeting

Saturday, Sept 10
10:00 am Kimberly Shadur Bat Mitzvah; Kiddush Luncheon following

Saturday, Sept 24
7:00 pm Slichot Program & Services

Monday, Oct 3
7:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Service
9:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Service

Tuesday, Oct 4
8:30 am Traditional Rosh Hashanah Service
10:45 am Children's Rosh Hashanah Service
11:30 am Informal Rosh Hashanah Service
1:00 pm Tashlich Service - Glendale Cemetery Pond

Tuesday, Oct 11
12:00 pm Lunch & Learn with the Rabbi
4:30 pm Executive Board Meeting
5:30 pm Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 12
7:00 pm Kol Nidre Service
9:00 pm Kol Nidre Service

Thursday, October 13
8:30 am Traditional Yom Kippur Service
10:45 am Children's Yom Kippur Service
11:30 am Informal Yom Kippur Service
2:00 pm Musical Interlude
3:15 pm Torah & Healing Service
4:30 pm Yizkor/Neilah
6:00 pm Break the Fast

Sunday, Oct 16
10:00 am Decorate Sukkah

Monday, Oct 17
6:00 pm Erev Sukkot Service & Yizkor

Friday, October 21
6:00 pm Family Shabbat Service & Concecration
7:00 pm Potluck - RSVP to Temple office 274-4679

Sunday, Oct 23
RUACH Sukkah Party

Monday, Oct 24
6:00 pm Simchat Torah Service

Tuesday, Nov 1
12:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Friday, Nov 4
6:00 pm Family Shabbat
7:00 pm Potluck Dinner - RSVP to Temple Office 274-4679

Saturday, Nov 5
10:00 am Keo Corack Bat Mitzvah; Kiddush Luncheon following

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- New Moon Circle (a women's service) with Ariela HaLevi
- Rosh Hashanah Cafe (free community lunch after Rosh Hashanah day one) RSVP encouraged
- Erev Rosh Hashanah for the Young Adult Division (YAD) including services and dinner RSVP encouraged
- Traditional services – First Night Rosh Hashanah (Oct. 3); Day One Rosh Hashanah (Oct. 4); Second Night Rosh Hashanah (Oct. 4); Day Two Rosh Hashanah (Oct. 5) Kol Nidrei-Yom Kippur (Oct. 12);
- Progressive services – First Day Rosh Hashanah (Oct. 3); Yom Kippur Day (Oct. 13)

Specific service times and details are available at www.tifereth.org or call 515-255-1137.

Calendar Items for Tifereth Israel Synagogue

September 3	10:30 am	Little Schmooze in the Youth Lounge
	11:30 am	Shabbat Café!
September 9	6:00 pm	"Resonance" – A Unique Shabbat Experience
September 10	10:30 am	Little Schmooze in the Youth Lounge
	11:30 am	Shabbat Café!
September 11		Autumn Clean-up Day at Tifereth
September 17	10:30 am	Little Schmooze in the Youth Lounge
	11:30 am	Shabbat Café!
September 24		Arts and Heirlooms Preview Dinner and Pre-sale Selichot Services and Dessert Buffet
September 25		Arts and Heirlooms Sale
September 26		Arts and Heirlooms Sale
September 26	12:00 pm	Book Club Meeting in the Caspe Library
September 27	7:00 pm	Board Meeting in the Caspe Library
October 1	10:30 am	Little Schmooze in the Youth Lounge
	11:30 am	Shabbat Café!
October 3	3:00 pm	Synagogue Office Closes
October 4		Rosh Hashanah Day 1 - Synagogue Office Closed
October 5		Rosh Hashanah Day 2 – Synagogue Office Closed
October 8	10:30 am	Little Schmooze in the Youth Lounge
	11:30 am	Shabbat Café!
October 12	3:00 pm	Erev Yom Kippur – Synagogue Office Closed
October 13		Yom Kippur – Synagogue Office Closed
October 15	10:30 am	Little Schmooze in the Youth Lounge
	11:30 am	Shabbat Café!
October 18		Sukkot – Day 1 – Synagogue Office Closed
		Sukkot - Day 2 – Synagogue Office Closed
October 22	10:30 am	Little Schmooze in the Youth Lounge
	11:30 am	Shabbat Café!
October 23	10:30 am	Board Meeting in the Caspe Library
October 25		Shemini Atzeret – Synagogue Office Closed
October 26		Simchat Torah – Synagogue Office Closed
October 29	10:30 am	Little Schmooze in the Youth Lounge
	11:30 am	Shabbat Café!

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How Wyatt Earp Got Buried in a Jewish Cemetery

In 1879, Josephine Sarah Marcus moved with her observant immigrant German-Jewish parents from Brooklyn, NY, to San Francisco. There, Josie was given the rudiments of a Jewish education, including saying her prayers at home, but she was also exposed to the romance of San Francisco's Gold Rush era. In 1879, when she was 18, Josie went to see the Pauline Markham Theater Company perform Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" and, with a friend, decided to run away with the company when it left town. When the troupe performed in Tombstone, Arizona Territory, she fell in love with Johnny Behan, Tombstone's corrupt sheriff. Johnny introduced Josephine to Wyatt Earp, at that time a deputy U. S. marshal. Earp won Josie's heart and married her, a relationship that lasted fifty years. Thus it is that Wyatt Earp, legendary figure of the Wild West, today lies buried in a Jewish cemetery.

While we know a great deal about Josie Earps and her Jewish upbringing, Wyatt Earp is a figure whose life story is mixed in with his myth. In 1881, Wyatt Earp (still a U. S. marshal) and his brothers Virgil and Morgan, along with their friend Doc Holliday, attained immortality in a shoot-out with their sworn enemies, the Clanton gang, at the O.K. Corral. During the confrontation, three members of the Clanton gang were killed and Virgil and

Morgan Earp were wounded. The surviving Clantons charged that the Earp brothers and Holliday stalked their victims, some of whom were unarmed, and shot first without provocation. The Earps and Holliday, in turn, claimed that the Clantons were waiting for them and cocked their pistols first.

When Josephine heard the sound of guns that October evening, she ran from her house and jumped on a passing wagon, which took her to the O.K. Corral. She knew that the Earps and the Clantons had a showdown but, in her first moments on the scene, she couldn't tell who was left standing. "I didn't know at the time who was wounded," she later wrote, "and was too frightened to get closer. I almost swooned when I saw Wyatt's tall figure very much alive. . . . He spotted me, and [with companions] came across the street. Like a feather-brained girl my only thought was, 'My God, I haven't got a bonnet on. What will they think?'"

While the facts of the shoot-out will remain forever in dispute, the courts

acquitted the Earps and Holliday on the ground of self-defense. The Clanton gang later took revenge by ambushing Wyatt and Morgan Earp in a saloon, killing Morgan. Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday then took justice into their own hands by raiding various outlaw hideouts and killing individuals who they suspected participated in Morgan's death.

Now on the run from the law in Arizona, Josie and Wyatt Earp moved to Gunnison, Colorado, where that state's governor refused to extradite Wyatt back to Arizona on the grounds that he could not get a fair trial. The restless Wyatt and Josie began a life that matched a Hollywood movie script, relocating whenever a new gold, silver or copper mining boomtown appeared. They invested in mines and real estate and operated saloons and gambling parlors in such far-flung places as Nome, Alaska and Eagle City, Idaho. For a while, they lived with Josephine's parents in San Francisco, giving Josie - if only briefly - a bit of the warmth of the Jewish home she grew up in. Finally, Wyatt and Josie settled in Southern California, where they owned racehorses and lived on their winnings from gambling and real estate speculation. In the 1920's, Josephine and Wyatt invested in oil wells, worked on Wyatt's autobiography and drafted a screenplay about his career as a lawman.

According to historian Harriet Rochlin, the Earps' original screenplay was never produced but journalist Stuart Lake took a great interest in it and began to write his

own biography of Wyatt Earp. When Wyatt died in 1929 at age 81, Josie Earp and Stuart Lake argued about Lake's forthcoming portrayal of Wyatt, which Josie found unflattering. In 1931, when Lake's biography, "Wyatt Earp - Frontier Marshal," finally appeared with the offending passages stricken, according to Rochlin, it "fueled fifty years of Wyatt Earp mania, pro and con, in print and in film." At least three movies have been made about the gunfight at the O. K. Corral. Josephine Marcus Earp had helped craft an authentic American legend.

The widowed Josie buried Wyatt's ashes in the Marcus family plot at the Little Hills of Eternity, a Jewish cemetery in Colma, California. When she died in 1944, Josie's remains were buried next to Wyatt's. Today, their graves are the most popular tourist destination in Colma.

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Friday, Sept. 2	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Temple Potluck Dinner
Saturday, Sept. 3	4:30pm - 6:30pm	Alex & Jacob Hjelmaas B'nai Mitzvah at the Temple
Monday, Sept. 5		LABOR DAY
Tuesday, Sept. 6	1:00pm	Temple Worship Committee Meeting
	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Melton Graduate Class at Tifereth
Saturday, Sept. 10	10:00am - 11:00am	Kimberly Shadur Bat Mitzvah at the Temple
Sunday, Sept. 11	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Caspe Heritage Museum Open
Monday, Sept. 12	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Temple Sisterhood Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 13	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Melton Graduate Class at Tifereth
Wednesday, Sept. 14	7:00pm - 8:00pm	AIPAC Annual Event
Thursday, Sept. 15	12:00pm - 1:30pm	Senior Luncheon at Tifereth
	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Shoah Foundation/ DM Public Library program kick off
Saturday, Sept. 17	10:00am - 11:00am	Adam Margolin Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
Sunday, Sept. 18	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Caspe Heritage Museum Open
	6:30pm - 8:30pm	BEJ: Concert
Monday, Sept. 19	7:00pm - 8:30pm	Federation Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 20	12:30pm	Beth El Sisterhood Pruce Lunch
	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Melton Graduate Class at Tifereth
Wednesday, Sept. 21	7:30pm	Dr. Deborah Lipstadt: 'Holocaust Denial & The New Anti-Semitism'
Thursday, Sept. 22	10:00am - 2:00pm	Senior Adult Trip to Brenton Arboretum
Saturday, Sept. 24	6:00pm - 10:00pm	Tifereth: Arts & Heirlooms Dinner
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Temple Slichot Program & Service
Sunday, Sept. 25	8:00am - 5:00pm	Tifereth: Arts & Heirlooms Sale
	9:00am - 10:00am	Temple Sisterhood Fall Program
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Caspe Heritage Museum Open
Monday, Sept. 26	8:00am - 4:00pm	Tifereth: Arts & Heirlooms
Tuesday, Sept. 27	7:00pm - 8:00pm	'Watermarks' at the Varsity (tentative)
	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Melton Graduate Class at Tifereth
Wednesday, Sept. 28	7:00pm - 8:00pm	'Watermarks' at the Varsity (tentative)
Thursday, Sept. 29	5:00pm - 9:00pm	Yitzhak Perlman performs with DSM Symphony
Sunday, Oct. 2	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Caspe Heritage Museum Open
Monday, Oct. 3	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Temple Erev Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, Oct. 4		ROSH HASHANAH
Tuesday, Oct. 4	8:30am - 9:30am	Temple - Traditional Rosh Hashanah
Service		
	10:30am - 11:30am	Temple - Children's Rosh Hashanah
Service		
	11:15am - 12:15pm	Temple - Rosh Hashanah Service
	1:00pm - 2:00pm	Temple - Tashlich Service
Wednesday, Oct. 5		ROSH HASHANAH
Saturday, Oct. 8	8:00pm - 11:00pm	Wedding of Samantha Wiggins
Sunday, Oct. 9	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Caspe Heritage Museum Open
Tuesday, Oct. 11	7:15am - 7:45am	Tifereth: "Beginning" A Moment of Prayer
	12:00pm - 1:00pm	Temple - Lunch & Learn with the Rabbi
	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Temple - Executive Committee Meeting
	5:30pm - 6:30pm	Temple - Board Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 12	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Temple - Kol Nidre
	9:00pm - 10:00pm	Temple - Kol Nidre
Thursday, Oct. 13		YOM KIPPUR
	8:30am - 9:30am	Temple - Traditional Yom Kippur Service
	10:30am - 11:30am	Temple - Children's Yom Kippur Service
	11:15am - 12:15pm	Temple - Yom Kippur Service
	2:00pm - 3:00pm	Temple - Musical Interlude
	3:15pm - 4:15pm	Temple - Torah/Healing Service
	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Temple - Yizkor / Neilah
	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Temple - Break the Fast
Sunday, Oct. 16	12:00pm - 2:00pm	TI Sisterhood (formerly Women's League) New Sights and New Sounds - special out-
ing		
	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Caspe Heritage Museum Open
Monday, Oct. 17	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Temple - Erev Sukkot Service & Yizkor
Tuesday, Oct. 18		SUKKOT
	7:15am - 7:45am	Tifereth: "Beginning" A Moment of Prayer
Wednesday, Oct. 19		SUKKOT
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	AIPAC Council Meeting
Friday, Oct. 21	6:00pm - 7:00pm	Temple - Consecration & Family Shabbat
	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Temple - Potluck Dinner
Sunday, Oct. 23	1:00pm - 3:00pm	Caspe Heritage Museum Open
	5:00pm - 9:00pm	IJHS Fall Event



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