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We're Turning 100!

Join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Jewish Federation. To celebrate we're planning activities and events throughout the entire year. Save the date for all of the festivities!



September 7

Torch Relay

We will be starting at 9:30 am at Tifereth in Des Moines and walking or biking past all of our area synagogues, stopping along the way for refreshments. We'll then have a bike relay to The Caspe Terrace for a celebration of our community at 11:30 at The Caspe Terrace, complete with lots of food and fun!

Interested in participating? We need runners/bikers to help make our way through the city to The Caspe Terrace, and we are also in need of people to serve refreshments to our relay participants as they pass the synagogues in town. Contact Dorf at dorf@dmjfed.org.

Please let us know if you need transportation for yourself and your bike.



October 22-23

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin

To speak in Ames and Des Moines. Telushkin's book, "Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History," is one of the best-selling books on Judaism of the past two decades.

Oct 22: 5:00 pm at Ames Jewish Congregation

Oct 23: 6:00 pm at Tifereth Israel Synagogue



November 2014

Maccabi Games-Style Basketball Tournament at Beth El Jacob

Team up with your friends to vie for the title of team of the year!



December 2014

Celebration of Israeli Innovation details to come.

For ticket information or to make reservations for any of our 100th Anniversary upcoming events, please contact Gayle at gayle@dmjfed.org or 515.987.0899 ext. 213 or go to JewishDesMoines.org.

Moments



Jule Goldstein, President

As we celebrate 100 years, it is hard not to be caught up in the significance of this milestone. I begin to reflect on the moments that make up a century, 52,596,000 minute-long moments to be exact. An unknown poet once said, “Great moments are challenged by adversity that builds character and forms a respect to the true value of life.” We, as Jews, are all that this embodies. We, as a faith, a community, and a culture have endured moments of unimaginable pain, moments of fear and frustration, moments of strength, pride, and perseverance. However, the most enduring are the moments celebrating joy and life.

We continue to deal with very difficult and trying times, the seemingly unending rockets into Israel, the constant struggle with public opinion, and growing anti-Semitism. We have the opportunity to make the conscious decision not to allow others to dictate what our moments become. We are given a gift in that we can shape and influence our moments and the moments of those around us to ensure they are filled with respect, hope and joy. How each of us chooses to do this is up to you but please be proud and kind.

We are ALL responsible for our next 100 years. We need to make our voices heard in our commitment to our faith, community, and continued enduring support of Israel. It is so important to remember that we are given a finite number of moments. Make yours count.

Jule

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

to all our community members from the Board and Staff of the Jewish Federation

CHECK US OUT

As many of you may have noticed, we have a new weekly e-newsletter that keeps the community informed of what’s going on at Caspe as well as our upcoming events. If you would like to receive our emails, please contact Gayle at gayle@dmjfed.org to subscribe.

THANKS FROM ORT

Dear Jewish Federation,

World ORT has received the check in the amount of \$1,000 from the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines for our respite program during Operation Protective Edge.

This grant helped make this important program possible. In several trips, World ORT provided respite in the north for almost 600 people, mostly children. The feedback was really very touching. For example, one mother told us that her son refused to leave the shelter for a week until the day they went to the respite, and there he kept asking where the shelter is and where should he go if there will be a siren on. Another mother - a policewoman - actually changed her schedule so she could accompany her young children on respite.

During the conflict, World ORT also provided educational activities in many shelters in Kiryat Yam and Dimona, reaching almost 1,300 children. In that way, we were able to bring something good into a bad situation. Also, as part of our educational program for hospitalized children, we provided special activities for children at Barzilai and Holon Hospitals.

My colleagues have shared with me the enormity of stress that they and their families have been enduring. The allocation not only helped provide services in this very difficult context; it was also a tangible expression of care.

For both reasons, many thanks to the community.

Sincerely,
Jim Lodge, World ORT New York, NY

SUPPORT MAGEN DAVID ADOM

Magen David Adom (MDA) is Israel’s ambulance, blood-services, and disaster-relief organization, serving as emergency medical first responders for the state’s 8 million people. MDA is the only organization mandated by the Israeli government to serve in this role, but it’s not a government agency, so it relies on people like you for funding. Through your gift, you’re saving thousands of Israeli lives, including:

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- A baby born en route to the hospital with the umbilical cord around his neck who was quickly resuscitated because an EMT knew just what to do.
- A woman hit by a car who lived because there was sufficient blood for the transfusions she required during surgery.

MDA’s work is mandated by the Israeli government, but MDA isn’t a government agency. MDA relies on donors to ensure dispatch centers are equipped with the latest communications technology, ambulances are stocked with cutting-edge lifesaving equipment, and paramedics have the most up-to-date training.

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Our vision: Beit Sefer Shalom is our community's home for high-quality Jewish education that meets the diverse academic, social and emotional needs of our students. It is a safe and nurturing environment where students develop a strong Jewish identity and families engage in their own Jewish educational experience.



Philosophy: Supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, our school provides a unified educational approach. Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Lubavitch, and Reconstructionist Jews, whether affiliated or unaffiliated, are welcome and find common ground in our religious program. Our school respects the differences between Jewish people, emphasizes the importance of being part of a larger Jewish community, and focuses on the values that serve as a foundation of all things Jewish. Everything grows better in Iowa: At Beit Sefer Shalom, our children develop a solid foundation for learning. They expand their knowledge of Judaism and strengthen their Jewish identity and sense of community. Values, customs, holidays, Hebrew, and lessons from Torah are integral components of our program.

Professional Team: Our staff consists of teachers and resource specialists who are passionate about children and Judaism. They hold credentials in early childhood development, K-12 education, educational assessment, and technical areas of study. Many have been a part of our school faculty for multiple years. Area clergy and Israeli shlichot are an integral part of our team, providing guidance on curriculum and actively teaching in our school.

Nurturing the body nurtures the mind. The Caspe Terrace campus provides ample opportunity for your children to stretch all their muscles. Indoors, the lodge and auditorium provide space for prayer practice and large group activities. A craft room is used for creative art, an activity room provides safe gross motor play, and the children's lending library media center offers a growing collection of books, movies, and music. Outdoors, children enjoy climbing on the playground, playing Israeli dodge ball in our GaGa pit, and picnicking or studying outdoors under the Pavilion. Snacks are fresh, nutritious, and Kosher.

Judaism is a way of life. Learning to live a Jewish life isn't only about culture and customs. It's about developing passion and a strong commitment to deepening our understanding of what it truly means to be Jewish. Our program enables students to develop their academic, social, and emotional potential. By providing a child-centered environment that encourages self-discipline, academic success, and acts of loving kindness, our students are prepared to successfully navigate life's milestones and transitions. And because learning is not just for children, we also offer parent and family educational opportunities that encourage questioning and exploration.

What's new for 2014-15?

EXPANDED HEBREW PROGRAM

- OLC (Online Learning Center), which provides individual skill-based learning for all ages
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UPDATED WEBSITE

- Integrated online registration with Engman Camp Shalom, Gan Shalom
- Bunk1: photos, videos, and blogs
- Judaic and Hebrew links to at home learning

ENRICHED SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Skype with Ames, Iowa City, and others
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- Paid Madrichim Program for our oldest students to learn how to be Jewish leaders in an academic setting
- Expanded Israel Program
- More robust Arts & Culture Program

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Highlight: Gan Shalom Teachers



Anissa Deay, Preschool Director
Anissa has over 25 years of early childhood education experience. She worked with Department of the Defense Child Care Services in Germany and in the United States. She has been at Mercy Child Development Center as a pre-kindergarten teacher and education coordinator. Anissa earned her Associates Degree in early childhood education with DMACC. She is also an International Childbirth Education Association doula and childbirth educator.



Juli Margolin, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher
Juli has over 28 years of teaching experience. She taught junior high in Illinois and K-6 grade at Fairmeadows Elementary in WDM. She was a pre-kindergarten teacher at the Science Center and St. Timothy's in West Des Moines. Juli has taught first grade at Bet Sefer Shalom Sunday school for 12 years. She earned her Masters in SPED through Iowa State and early childhood endorsement through Drake. Juli will be opening our new pre-kindergarten program at Gan Shalom this fall. Her class will have a strong focus on Hebrew, literacy, math, and hands-on science activities.



Orli Gubani, Preschool Teacher
Orli has over 16 years of teaching experience in schools in Israel and in the United States. Since 2001, she's been teaching Hebrew and Judaic Studies for various age levels in Jewish day schools and Hebrew school programs. She earned her master's degree in teaching a second language from the School of Education in Tel Aviv University and is licensed by Iowa Board of Education Examiners to teach Hebrew, English, and language arts.



Nicole Hayes, Preschool Teacher
Nicole has 13 years of early childhood education experience. She worked with the Air Force Child Development Services in Okinawa, Japan. Nicole has worked for the YMCA, Apple Tree and owned her own in-home childcare business. She attended North Central Technical College certifying as a nursing assistant. Nicole has two children, Makenzie and Coletton, and her husband is on active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps.



Raizel Small, Support Teacher
For 5 years Raizel has been a volunteer staff member at Camp Rainbow, a camp for kids with cancer. She has also served as an AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate for the "I Have a Dream" Foundation. This fall marks her fourth year teaching at Beit Sefer Shalom. Raizel earned her bachelor of arts in psychology, minor in sociology, and concentrations in behavior analysis of developmental disabilities and leadership education and development from Drake University.



Janice Zuckert Scholarship Fund



The Zuckert Family

We're constantly amazed by the generosity of our community. Alan Zuckert has been one of our donors for a very long time, supporting the Jewish Community School and the entirety of the Federation in various ways. In memory of his wife, Janice, Alan has again shown his support for our youngest community members with the expansion of his endowment to one million dollars. Renamed the Janice Zuckert Scholarship Fund, Alan's gift helps to ensure that education for Jewish children can go on for generations and generations. Thank you to Alan and the entire Zuckert family for your generous donation to the children of Des Moines.

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The Abayudaya
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4TH ANNUAL

David Bear

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7:00 PM

NOVEMBER 11, 2014

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Rabbi Gershom Sizomu is the chief rabbi of Uganda, and the first native-born black rabbi in Sub-Saharan Africa. He serves the Abayudaya, a Jewish community. This lecture is open to the public and there is no cost to attend.

This lecture is made possible by a legacy left by David Bear, a prominent Des Moines engineer and businessman for more than 50 years. A member and leader at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, he was a pioneer in breaking down barriers among people of all faiths. In addition to his many other professional and community affiliations, he served as president of the Des Moines Area Religious Council in 1992, and was president of the DMARC Foundation in 1989 and 1990. He continued to serve as a board member of the Foundation until his death in the spring of 2010. In his honor, the Bear family has established the David Bear Memorial Interfaith Lecture Series.



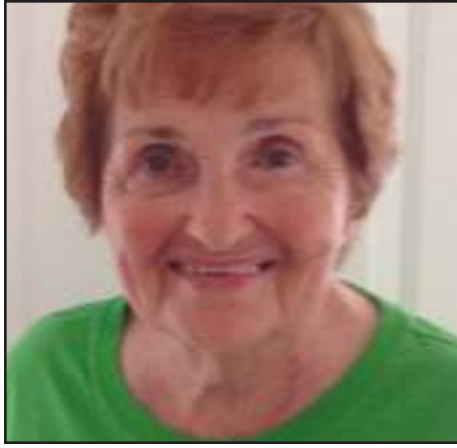
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Meet our Seniors!



Jeanette Wayne is a new face you may have seen around town, having recently moved to Des Moines. Jeanette was born in Maywood, Ill. and lived in the Chicago area until retiring to Boca Raton, Fla. Jeanette spent 34 years in Florida before moving to Des Moines to be near her son, Dr. Kenneth Wayne and his family, in February 2014.

Jeanette was raised in a family of four children; her mother was from the Ukraine and her father was from Roumania. She attended Hebrew school at B'nai Israel and Northern Illinois Teachers College. During

World War II, Jeanette worked as a typist in a defense plant in Melrose Park, Ill. that made engines for B52 bombers.

Jeanette had an illustrious softball career, beginning as a young girl. By age 13 Jeanette was earning three dollars per game to play. Jeanette continued playing softball throughout her teens and was a pitcher for the Chicago Down Drafts, a professional women's softball team sponsored by a local furnace company. This team played throughout the United States, including games in St. Louis, Birmingham, Alabama, and New Orleans. The team advanced to the 1937 World's Amateur Softball Championships at Soldier Field in Chicago, placing second. Jeanette recently visited Maywood and was surprised to learn that a sign has been put up honoring her as well as other baseball players from the area. In August, Jeanette will be throwing out the first pitch at the Chicago Bandits game. Jeanette has also been interviewed for a documentary about early women's softball.

Jeanette has two sons, five grandchildren, and one great-grandson. She enjoys playing the violin, reading, and attending the symphony.

Jeanette is a very engaging person and is looking forward to becoming more involved in the Jewish community; please welcome her to Des Moines when you meet her!



JOIN THE FEDERATION AND UNITED WAY FOR A DAY OF ACTION, SEPT. 9!

On Tuesday, Sept. 9 the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines will be participating in the United Way Day of Action. This annual event coincides with the traditional beginning of the United Way campaign. Last year, over 2,000 volunteers from more than 40 companies participated in Day of Action, working hand-in-hand to improve the community in which they live and work – and lending volunteer support along with their United Way campaign contributions.

For the first time, the Jewish Federation will be involved in this day. Volunteers will assist our community seniors with indoor and outdoor tasks (raking, general yard clean up, replacing light bulbs, testing smoke detectors, etc.).

If you are interested in helping with this or if you are a senior who could use a few hours of assistance around your home, please contact Jody at 987.0899 ext. 210 or jody@dmjfed.org.

If you are interested in volunteering for another type of project, please go to <http://www.unitedwaydm.org/> to learn about other volunteer opportunities for the Day of Action.

PJ Library Goes To Reiman Gardens!



Juli Margolin teaches about mitzvot



Sophie Homonoff reads a story at our PJ Library event



Families enjoying our story time and Reiman Gardens

On Sunday, July 20 we had a fabulous time reading stories and looking around Reiman Gardens in Ames at our third PJ Library event! We had a lot of familiar faces join us but most enjoyed getting to know some of our new friends from Ames. Juli Margolin and Sophie Homonoff read stories, and the biggest hit was probably the butterfly garden.

Be sure to join us on Sunday, November 16 for our next PJ Library event, Global Day of Jewish Learning, at The Caspe Terrace!

PJ Library Incentive Program

If you know of anyone who is not already signed up for PJ Library, we have a new incentive program. For every new person you recommend to PJ Library, you will receive a \$15 gift card to Barnes and Noble! They must list you as their reference when they enroll. For any questions about PJ Library, please contact Mollie at mollie@dmjfed.org.

Second Annual Celebration of Global Day of Jewish Learning

How do we use - and misuse - our talents? What makes a leader? How do we build a just society? Join us for our second annual Global Day of Jewish Learning! Sunday, Nov. 16 we'll be celebrating and learning at The Caspe Terrace. Our topic for this year is Heroes, Villains, Saints and Fools: The People in the Book. Fun for all ages, we'll have lessons and activities for our youngest community members all the way up to our most learned scholars.

More information about the day will be arriving in your mailboxes and inboxes.

Contact Mollie at mollie@dmjfed.org or 515.987.0899 ext. 230 with any questions.

Upcoming JFS Events:

- **Sunday, September 7th: 100th Anniversary Torch Relay**
- **Tuesday, September 9th: United Way Day of Action**
- **Thursday, September 11th: Senior Luncheon at Beth El Jacob Synagogue at noon**
- **Sunday, September 14th: Kibitz and Kids at The Caspe Terrace from 11:00-12:00**
- **Sunday, September 21st: Drake Hillel Fundraiser**
- **Wednesday, October 15th: Senior Luncheon at Prairie Meadows**
- **Wednesday and Thursday, October 22-23: Rabbi Telushkin**
- **Sunday, October 26th: Kibitz and Kids at The Caspe Terrace from 11:00-12:00**

What Are We To Do With Pinchas?

by David Friedgood



"While Israel was staying at Shittim, the people profaned themselves by whoring with the Moabite woman." (Numbers 25:1)

Having failed in their attempt to weaken Israel by having the false prophet Balaam curse them, the Moabite tribe resorted to moral turpitude. Young Moabite woman seduced Hebrew men into joining orgies in honor of the local deity – Baal-peor. God was angered and a plague engulfed the population. Moses decreed the death penalty for any Israelite cavorting with a Moabite woman. (As an aside – Zipporah, Moses' wife, was born a Midianite, a clan related to Moab and also involved with the seduction.) The priest Pinchas, Aaron's grandson, witnessed this affront to Jewish morality while he was guarding the Tent of Meeting. In front of the crowd gathered at the tent Zimri, son of a chieftain from the Tribe of Simeon, came out with Cozbi, daughter of a Midianite tribal leader. Their presence enraged Pinchas. He took his spear and impaled each of the couple as they prepared to engage in relations. The plague was then checked after 24,000 Israelites had died. In the next chapter of the Bible (titled Pinchas), we learn that Pinchas is rewarded for his actions. God grants him

a "Pact of Friendship" and the Priestly line will flow from Aaron through Pinchas to his descendants. Later Moses leads the people in a war against the Moabite/Midianite clans.

Although Pinchas is rewarded as a "hero" in the Biblical text, generations of Rabbinical Bible commentators are not in agreement with his actions. Most Rabbis abhor his vigilantism, although they generally understand the sentiment that led him to murder. As early as the 4th century, the Talmud states that had Pinchas approached a Rabbinical court for permission to kill Zimri and Cozbi he would have been told: "The Law may permit it, but we do not follow that law." (Sanhedrin 82a) In recent times, Jewish radicals have evoked Pinchas to justify horrific acts of violence against unarmed people. In 1994 Baruch Goldstein, an Israeli physician born in Brooklyn NY, entered the Cave of the Patriarchs (Ma'arat Ha'machpela) in Hebron. He was wearing his army uniform and carried a machine gun. Goldstein opened fire, murdering 29 Arabs praying in the shrine, which is a holy place for both Jews and Muslims. He was then beaten to death by surviving congregants. Dr. Goldstein was condemned by Israeli authority, including Prime Minister Yitzchak Rabin who called his actions, "a loathsome criminal act of murder." Nevertheless Goldstein was enshrined as a martyr, a Pinchas, a Jewish

hero to be emulated by Israeli youth. More recently Mohammad Abu Khedair, age 17, was kidnapped off a Jerusalem street and burned to death in an act of revenge for the senseless murder of three West Bank Israeli teens - Naftali Fraenkel, Gilad Shaer, and Eyal Yifrah. Although condemned by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a "horrendous crime worthy of condemnation and denunciation," this murder is also being justified by some extremist Jewish elements. As I write this piece tension between Israel and Palestinians in Gaza has increased, partly inflamed by these violent crimes. Currently Israeli settlements and cities are under a ceaseless rocket barrage, and the Israeli Army is bombing and invading Gaza. I do not know how this war will end, but it is hard for me to see the good that will result from the current atrocities.

So, what message are we to take away from the Pinchas story? Our tradition has evolved over the millennia, and what our ancestors felt to be correct is not always so in our modern world. For example, we no longer connect with God by offering sacrifices. We teach our children that prayer and, more importantly, good deeds and actions are the correct path to the Holy One. Modern Rabbis are more likely to advocate Moses' directives that promote inclusive justice for all. "You shall appoint magistrates and officials for your tribes., and they shall govern the people with due

justice... Justice, justice shall you pursue." (Deuteronomy 16:18-20) "There shall be one law for you and for the resident stranger; it shall be a law for all time... You and the stranger shall be alike before the LORD." (Numbers 15:15) Base hatred and killing only lead to greater violence and atrocity. Our tradition recognizes that there has to be a better way for people and nations to interact if we are all to survive and prosper in this world.

With the coming High Holidays, we approach that time in our Jewish calendar when our tradition calls for introspection. Each of us is charged with examining our soul and considering the life we have led and the life we will have in the coming year. As we consider our successes and failures, we pray to our LORD for guidance as to how we may improve. We ask this for our sake, the benefit of our families, our community, and for the betterment of all mankind. After all, each of us carries within a spark of the divine. We are all children of one Father, and are all struggling with Tikun Olam – the repair of our fractured world.

Let me wish all of you L'shanah Tova U'mtukah. May we all be blessed with a good and sweet New Year. A year of peace and prosperity, for us and for those we now consider mortal enemies. May we all be blessed to see the fulfillment of the prophetic vision of Isaiah son of Amoz:

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Sundays from 11:00am-12:00pm

September 14th	January 11th
October 26th	February 8th
November 23rd	March 1st
December 7th	April 12th

Caspe Terrace in Bookey Lodge

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This is a free program for parents with children of any age. The hour will allow for the planned discussion, snacks, and socializing. During the program childcare services for kids ages 3 and under will be provided.

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My Family's Trip to Israel

by P2G Chair, Jacob Lederman

This past June/July the Ledermans visited Israel. My wife, Christina, was on her first trip. For Meyer it was his third. They both went on the Federation family trip. I brought our daughter, Abby (5); it was her first trip. Abby and I arrived a few days before the Federation trip ended. Christina and Meyer joined us in Lod after the trip ended. We had another few days together before she went home (to be with Jack, our 3 yr old). Meyer, Abby and I would spend the next two weeks together in Israel. This trip, this year, was more to just visit family. I did a little P2G-ing, but mainly spent time with family (on the beach!).

My family there lives in the center of country, with 80 percent of the population. When I visit my family we always plan a few days away and invariably we end up in the north. I've been to Eilat, but its the north where we mainly "vacation." So before I got involved with Partnership I was already aware of the beauty of the north and some of what it has to offer. Maybe I accepted the offer to chair P2G because I had this knowledge. We are lucky to have the relationship we have with the Western Galilee. We are so welcome there and people are so interested in where we are from, why we are there. Its an amazing place. The next time you go to Israel let me know and I'll help create an experience for you in the north. Through P2G we have "assets on the ground," ready to help make your time there more interesting and more enjoyable.

I've attached several photos from my trip along with a brief explanation. I hope you enjoy them. If you have any questions about P2G, Israel or just want to comment, I can be reached at Lederman71@msn.com or call/text 515-20-2597.

During the P2G Steering Committee meeting our group had an opportunity to create a small piece of glass artwork at the (soon to be named) Damon Rose Center. The center is a combination glass workshop and P2G in Western Galilee headquarters. The picture is NOT my artwork, but a nice piece that shows Akko's various attributes. It hangs prominently in the glass workshop.



On the coast next to Palmachim Airbase is Palmachim Beach. On the road between the base and the beach you'll see Patriot missile batteries deployed and ready to defend this section of the center of the country. It's a great beach! On July 1, the beginning of the jellyfish season, I caught a small jellyfish with my hands-the blue thing in my hand. It created quite a stir on the beach with the kids. I also pulled from the water a bottle of Turkish fermented carrot juice (still sealed) and it had barnacles growing on it! We visited this beach a few times while in Israel.



On our first beach outing we joined the Federation trip at Tel Baruch beach in northern Tel Aviv. While only a few of the trip participants were there it was good to see some Des Moines people. On our trip we spent a lot of time at the beach. Most of the time we'd arrive at 4, swim til sunset, then grab a bite at a restaurant on the beach. In this picture (l to r) is Agam, 5, her mother Atteret, Shaked, 8, and my Abby, 5. Here are just two of the girl cousins close to Abby's age who she was able to meet for the first time on this trip. Abby had a great three weeks getting to know all her cousins.



After extending their trip after the Federation group went home, David Copeland, his son Jacob, Jacob Goldstein and AJ Pearl joined us at Palmachim beach one afternoon then for dinner at Grill443 in Rehovot. Grill443 has been a favorite of mine for years, but this was a new location. The food was just as I remembered and the service, awesome. Abby and Meyer are in the picture also.



The view south from Rosh Hanikra. Just below center of the picture are red roofs, those are the roofs of the resort we were staying at, Rosh Hanikra Holiday Resort and I'd recommend it. It is two minutes from the cable car/ base atop Rosh Hanikra. The resort had great rooms, a nice pool, and dining room. After Shabbat dinner there, we were entertained with a magic show. I got the magic, but none of the comedy (all in Hebrew). The large tan areas are banana fields with covers over them. You can see at least four of these fields in the picture.



Meyer, Abby and Israel (my cousin/IDF major). Bar Mitzvah in background. Kotel beyond that. Abby is a girl on the men's side of the separation barrier.



This is the wire/water fountain in Dizzengoff square. The piece was designed by Yakov Agam. It's very cool. Five points to the person that can name for me the large, prominent piece of art in downtown Des Moines also designed by Y. Agam. Hint; it's NOT in the sculpture park.



Here is the Vitelshtein Family. My father's first cousin, Avram, made it to Israel in 1947. He had a child born in Israel in 1948, Sheike, who I am in contact with today and these are his kids who are my age and the ones we visit when in Israel. The Lederman family has branches in Israel, the U.S. and Mexico (due to quotas a long time ago) and remain in close contact.



100th Anniversary Gala

of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines



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Rabbi Steven Edelman-Blank, Rabbi Leib Bolel, Rabbi Marshall Berg and Rabbi David Kaufman

The 100th Anniversary Gala on Sunday, August 24th was an evening of incredible celebration of our community, both past and present. The gala highlighted the work that the Jewish Federation, through the decades, has done to better our community, both within the Jewish and non-Jewish Des Moines communities. More than 600 people attended the festive event, including Governor Branstad, Senator Grassley, Congressmen Loebsack and Braley, senate, gubernatorial, and congressional candidates, and many local political and religious leaders.

Richard Dreyfuss gave the keynote speech, and Federation leadership emphasized the historical importance of the evening. At the cocktail party, guests were able to peruse pictures of importance from our 100 year history, mingle, and a slideshow with familiar faces of past and present played throughout the dinner hour. The message of the evening was clear, we were there to celebrate our achievements, but also to remember the past. Established during the midst of World War I, the Federation of 1914 was a very different one than our Federation today, but we are so proud of what we have accomplished!

At the end of the evening a keepsake 100th Anniversary book was distributed. Please contact Gayle@dmjfed.org or call (515) 987-0899 x 213 if you would like a copy.

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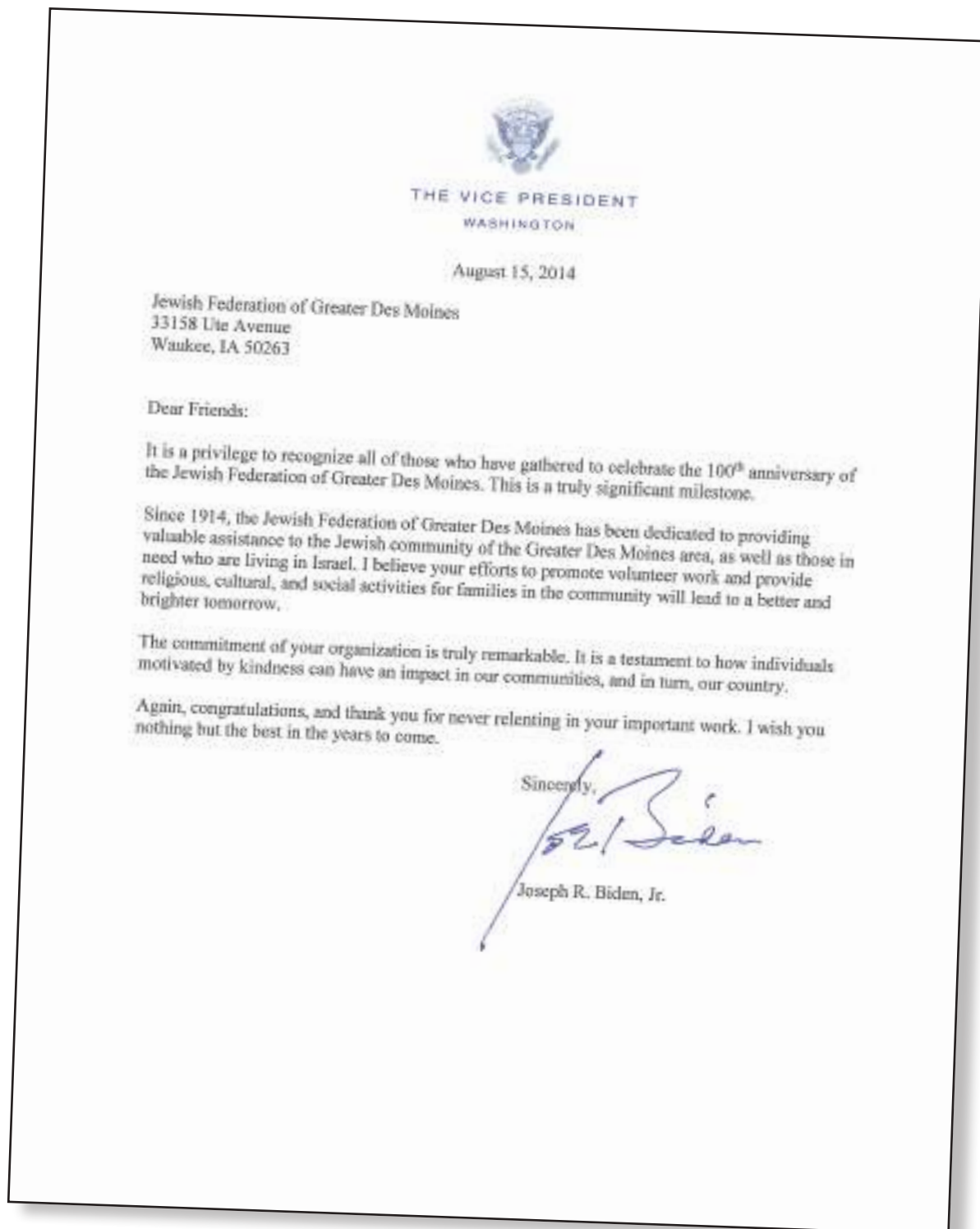
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THANKS

Thank you so much for a Stellar 100th Anniversary Gala of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. Thanks to you, the celebration was very special. From start to finish, the evening was a grand salute to the accomplishments of the Jewish Community over the past 100 years! From the valet service to our voices singing "Hatikvah" and "America the Beautiful," the night was magical. It has been a long time since so many in the Jewish community along with our friends, were together. There was a celebratory spirit as we joined together to recognize 100 years of caring, giving, educating, preserving our past, and volunteering in support of our local Jewish community, global Jewish community and Israel. We appreciated the festive decorations, the delicious food, the competent food servers, the special program, as well as the opportunity to celebrate with so many friends. Most of all we appreciate the Jewish Federation for all it has done for our family, since our dear Grandparents were newly arrived and very grateful American citizens. Our family has benefited from the community of Jewish leaders, who have given us spiritual sustenance, educated our children and ourselves, taken care of our families and seniors, connected with the greater Des Moines community, provided youth camping experience and preserved our past. The Jewish Federation has been a very important part of our lives. Thank you for being there for our family for 100 years!

– Loretta and Gary Fingert



Back row: John Zuckert, Alison Zuckert, Michael Zuckert, Ellen Hennes

Front row: Margaret Hough, Susan Zuckert, Alan Zuckert, Governor Terry Branstad and Chris Branstad

Federation Trip To Israel

IN HONOR OF THE FEDERATION'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY



Jerusalem



Tzefat



Akko coffee house for teens at risk



Bedouin tent in the Negev



Manara Cliff



Coastline of Western Galilee



Bat Ya'ar Ranch



In the Negev



On Masada



Israeli Palestinian Journalist
Khaled Abu Toameh



Dead Sea



360° view from the top of Ariel Sharon Park



In Tzefat



Off the coast of Western Galilee



Tefillin at the Kotel



Crusader Akko



At the Kotel



Ghetto Fighters House Museum



Salad in Beit Yitzchak

Good company, good weather, good food, interesting places to visit, things to do, and people to meet! That sort of sums up the Jewish Federation's Mission to Israel in commemoration of our 100th anniversary. The Mission, on which 48 of our community members participated, including three of our rabbis, was conducted June 12-21, 2014. We had a teen track of programming, with active and colorful activities especially for youth. In addition to visiting Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Masada and the Dead Sea, Sefat and the Golan, we spent significant time in our Partnership2Gether region, the Western Galilee. In the Western Galilee, we toured areas of Match Asher including the wonderful grottoes of Rosh Hanikra, got a taste of the 5,000 year old Crusader city of Akko, were hosted for Shabbat dinner by Israeli families, and gained insight into the Warsaw Ghetto Fighters Museum, a high school specializing in ecology, and a social service agency serving Arab youth at risk. It was a marvelous trip! Can't wait to go again! We are grateful to the Jewish Foundation for its very generous subsidization of the trip participants.

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In Defense of Zionism

The often reviled ideology that gave rise to Israel has been an astonishing historical success.

By Michael B. Oren

They come from every corner of the country—investment bankers, farmers, computer geeks, jazz drummers, botany professors, car mechanics—leaving their jobs and their families. They put on uniforms that are invariably too tight or too baggy, sign out their gear and guns. Then, scrambling onto military vehicles, 70,000 reservists—women and men—join the young conscripts of what is proportionally the world’s largest citizen army. They all know that some of them will return maimed or not at all. And yet, without hesitation or (for the most part) complaint, proudly responding to the call-up, Israelis stand ready to defend their nation. They risk their lives for an idea.

The idea is Zionism. It is the belief that the Jewish people should have their own sovereign state in the Land of Israel. Though founded less than 150 years ago, the Zionist movement sprung from a 4,000-year-long bond between the Jewish people and its historic homeland, an attachment sustained throughout 20 centuries of exile. This is why Zionism achieved its goals and remains relevant and rigorous today. It is why citizens of Israel—the state that Zionism created—willingly take up arms. They believe their idea is worth fighting for.

Yet Zionism, arguably more than any other contemporary ideology, is demonized. “All Zionists are legitimate targets everywhere in the world!” declared a banner recently paraded by anti-Israel protesters in Denmark. “Dogs are allowed in this establishment but Zionists are not under any circumstances,” warned a sign in the window of a Belgian cafe. A Jewish demonstrator in Iceland was accosted and told, “You Zionist pig, I’m going to behead you.”

In certain academic and media circles, Zionism is synonymous with colonialism and imperialism. Critics on the radical right and left have likened it to racism or, worse, Nazism. And that is in the West. In the Middle East, Zionism is the ultimate abomination—the product of a Holocaust that many in the region deny ever happened while maintaining nevertheless that the Zionists deserved it.

What is it about Zionism that elicits such loathing? After all, the longing of a dispersed people for a state of their own cannot possibly be so repugnant, especially after that people endured centuries of massacres and expulsions, culminating in history’s largest mass murder. Perhaps revulsion toward Zionism stems from its unusual blend of national identity, religion and loyalty to a land. Japan offers the closest parallel, but despite its rapacious past, Japanese nationalism doesn’t evoke the abhorrence aroused by Zionism.

Clearly anti-Semitism, of both the European and Muslim varieties, plays a role. Cabals, money grubbing, plots to take over the world and murder babies—all the libels historically leveled at Jews are regularly hurled at Zionists. And like the anti-Semitic capitalists who saw all Jews as communists and the communists who painted capitalism as inherently Jewish, the opponents of Zionism portray it as the

abominable Other.

But not all of Zionism’s critics are bigoted, and not a few of them are Jewish. For a growing number of progressive Jews, Zionism is too militantly nationalist, while for many ultra-Orthodox Jews, the movement is insufficiently pious—even heretical. How can an idea so universally reviled retain its legitimacy, much less lay claim to success?

The answer is simple: Zionism worked. The chances were infinitesimal that a scattered national group could be assembled from some 70 countries into a sliver-sized territory shorn of resources and rich in adversaries and somehow survive, much less prosper. The odds that those immigrants would forge a national identity capable of producing a vibrant literature, pace-setting arts and six of the world’s leading universities approximated zero.

Elsewhere in the world, indigenous languages are dying out, forests are being decimated, and the populations of industrialized nations are plummeting. Yet Zionism revived the Hebrew language, which is now more widely spoken than Danish and Finnish and will soon surpass Swedish. Zionist organizations planted hundreds of forests, enabling the land of Israel to enter the 21st century with more trees than it had at the end of the 19th. And the family values that Zionism fostered have produced the fastest natural growth rate in the modernized world and history’s largest Jewish community. The average secular couple in Israel has at least three children, each a reaffirmation of confidence in Zionism’s future.

Indeed, by just about any international criteria, Israel is not only successful but flourishing. The population is annually rated among the happiest, healthiest and most educated in the world. Life expectancy in Israel, reflecting its superb universal health-care system, significantly exceeds America’s and that of most European countries. Unemployment is low, the economy robust. A global leader in innovation, Israel is home to R&D centers of some 300 high-tech companies, including Apple, Intel and Motorola. The beaches are teeming, the rock music is awesome, and the food is off the Zagat charts.

The democratic ideals integral to Zionist thought have withstood pressures that have precipitated coups and revolutions in numerous other nations. Today, Israel is one of the few states—along with Great Britain, Canada, New Zealand and the U.S.—that has never known a second of nondemocratic governance.

These accomplishments would be sufficiently astonishing if attained in North America or Northern Europe. But Zionism has prospered in the supremely inhospitable—indeed, lethal—environment of the Middle East. Two hours’ drive east of the bustling nightclubs of Tel Aviv—less than the distance between New York and Philadelphia—is Jordan, home to more than a half million refugees from Syria’s civil war. Traveling north from Tel Aviv for four hours would bring that driver to war-ravaged Damascus or, heading east, to the

carnage in western Iraq. Turning south, in the time it takes to reach San Francisco from Los Angeles, the traveler would find himself in Cairo’s Tahrir Square.

In a region reeling with ethnic strife and religious bloodshed, Zionism has engendered a multiethnic, multiracial and religiously diverse society. Arabs serve in the Israel Defense Forces, in the Knesset and on the Supreme Court. While Christian communities of the Middle East are steadily eradicated, Israel’s continues to grow. Israeli Arab Christians are, in fact, on average better educated and more affluent than Israeli Jews.

In view of these monumental achievements, one might think that Zionism would be admired rather than deplored. But Zionism stands accused of thwarting the national aspirations of Palestine’s indigenous inhabitants, of oppressing and dispossessing them.

Never mind that the Jews were natives of the land—its Arabic place names reveal Hebrew palimpsests—millennia before the Palestinians or the rise of Palestinian nationalism. Never mind that in 1937, 1947, 2000 and 2008, the Palestinians received offers to divide the land and rejected them, usually with violence. And never mind that the majority of Zionism’s adherents today still stand ready to share their patrimony in return for recognition of Jewish statehood and peace.

The response to date has been, at best, a refusal to remain at the negotiating table or, at worst, war. But Israelis refuse to relinquish the hope of resuming negotiations with President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority. To live in peace and security with our Palestinian neighbors remains the Zionist dream.

Still, for all of its triumphs, its resilience and openness to peace, Zionism fell short of some of its original goals. The agrarian, egalitarian society created by Zionist pioneers has been replaced by a dynamic, largely capitalist economy with yawning gaps between rich and poor. Mostly secular at its inception, Zionism has also spawned a rapidly expanding religious sector, some elements of which eschew the Jewish state.

About a fifth of Israel’s population is non-Jewish, and though some communities (such as the Druse) are intensely patriotic and often serve in the army, others are much less so, and some even call for Israel’s dissolution. And there is the issue of Judea and Samaria—what most of the world calls the West Bank—an area twice used to launch wars of national destruction against Israel but which, since its capture in 1967, has proved painfully divisive.

Many Zionists insist that these territories represent the cradle of Jewish civilization and must, by right, be settled. But others warn that continued rule over the West Bank’s Palestinian population erodes Israel’s moral foundation and will eventually force it to choose between being Jewish and remaining democratic.

Yet the most searing of Zionism’s unfulfilled visions was that of a state in which Jews could be free from the fear of annihilation. The army imagined by

Theodor Herzl, Zionism’s founding father, marched in parades and saluted flag-waving crowds. The Israel Defense Forces, by contrast, with no time for marching, much less saluting, has remained in active combat mode since its founding in 1948. With the exception of Vladimir Jabotinsky, the ideological forbear of today’s Likud Party, none of Zionism’s early thinkers anticipated circumstances in which Jews would be permanently at arms. Few envisaged a state that would face multiple existential threats on a daily basis just because it is Jewish.

Confronted with such monumental threats, Israelis might be expected to flee abroad and prospective immigrants discouraged. But Israel has one of the lower emigration rates among developed countries while Jews continue to make aliyah—literally, in Hebrew, “to ascend”—to Israel. Surveys show that Israelis remain stubbornly optimistic about their country’s future. And Jews keep on arriving, especially from Europe, where their security is swiftly eroding. Recently, thousands of Parisians went on an anti-Semitic rant, looting Jewish shops and attempting to ransack synagogues.

American Jews face no comparable threat, and yet numbers of them continue to make aliyah. They come not in search of refuge but to take up the Zionist challenge—to be, as the Israeli national anthem pledges, “a free people in our land, the Land of Zion and Jerusalem.” American Jews have held every high office, from prime minister to Supreme Court chief justice to head of Israel’s equivalent of the Fed, and are disproportionately prominent in Israel’s civil society.

Hundreds of young Americans serve as “Lone Soldiers,” without families in the country, and volunteer for front-line combat units. One of them, Max Steinberg from Los Angeles, fell in the first days of the current Gaza fighting. His funeral, on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, was attended by 30,000 people, most of them strangers, who came out of respect for this intrepid and selfless Zionist.

I also paid my respects to Max, whose Zionist journey was much like mine. After working on a kibbutz—a communal farm—I made aliyah and trained as a paratrooper. I participated in several wars, and my children have served as well, sometimes in battle. Our family has taken shelter from Iraqi Scuds and Hamas M-75s, and a suicide bomber killed one of our closest relatives.

Despite these trials, my Zionist life has been immensely fulfilling. And the reason wasn’t Zionism’s successes—not the Nobel Prizes gleaned by Israeli scholars, not the Israeli cures for chronic diseases or the breakthroughs in alternative energy. The reason—paradoxically, perhaps—was Zionism’s failures.

Failure is the price of sovereignty. Statehood means making hard and often agonizing choices—whether to attack Hamas in Palestinian neighborhoods, for example, or to suffer rocket strikes on our own territory. It requires reconciling our desire to be enlightened with our longing to remain alive.

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Losing The Battle, Winning The War

By Emmanuel Navon [Excerpt]

"Palestine makes you dumb" wrote Bret Stephens, the *Wall Street Journal's* foreign affairs columnist. This is because of the "Palestine Effect" which Stephens defines as "the abrupt and total collapse of logical reasoning, skeptical intelligence and ordinary moral judgment." *The Economist's* latest cover story on Israel ("Winning the Battle, Losing the War") confirms Stephens' diagnosis. When it comes to Israel, this otherwise insightful British magazine makes a selective use of reason (not least because its articles are levelheaded while its caricatures are bigoted: this week's "KAL's cartoon" depicts Benjamin Netanyahu furiously smashing miniaturized Gazans with an oversized and blood-soaked hammer).

The Economist's editorial on the Gaza war recognizes that Hamas is anti-Semitic and barbaric, and that Israel is both a true democracy and a successful economy. It admits that Israel's critics apply double standards to Israel and to other democracies at war; that the BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) campaign is not only about occupation but also about undoing Israel as a Jewish nation state; and that anti-war demonstrations in France degenerated into anti-Semitic vandalism. By British standards, this reads like a Zionist manifesto.

Then the "Palestine Effect" begins. "The destruction is driving support towards Hamas and away from the moderate Palestinians who are Israel's best chance for peace" goes the editorial. How

does *The Economist* know that the war boosted Hamas' popularity rather than the opposite? In fact, Hamas won the 2006 Palestinian elections after Israel pulled out of the Gaza Strip and after Israel's acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert publicly stated that Israel was ready to pull out of the West Bank as well were the Palestinians to choose "moderate leaders." At the time, the only destruction was that of Jewish villages (by Israel) and of the greenhouses left in Gaza by the Jews (which the Arabs could have preserved to their own benefit, but which they chose to destroy instead).

As for the "moderate Palestinians," who and where are they? Is that the PLO, which never repealed its charter, and which recently formed a unity government with Hamas before the war in Gaza erupted? The PLO, which posted on its Facebook page on 21 January 2014 (half-a-year before the current destruction that supposedly threw "moderate Palestinians" to the harms of Hamas) that "we shall turn Tel Aviv into a ball of fire?" The PLO, which posted on its Facebook page two weeks ago (on July 22) that "Mahmoud Abbas concluded his brief speech with the first verse of the Quran that permits Muslims to wage war for Allah" and on July 23 that "the land is forbidden for the enemy, and all Shabiba (Fatah's student movement) members are potential Martyrs (Shahids) for our beloved Palestine?"

The Economist is correct when it argues that Israel should not ignore criticism simply because many critics of Israel are unfair and ignorant.

It is not, however, that Israel won the current battle but is losing the war. Actually, the very opposite is true. Israel lost the Gaza battle because a small democracy closely scrutinized by the world media cannot crush its enemies as America did in Afghanistan and as France did in Mali. But Israel is winning the war because its population is more resolute than ever, because our enemies are busy killing each other, and because more and more people in the West (though

admittedly not *The Economist*) realize that Israel is the first, but not the last, target of Jihad.

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Zionism from page 20 Most onerously, sovereignty involves assuming responsibility. Zionism, in my definition, means Jewish responsibility. It means taking responsibility for our infrastructure, our defense, our society and the soul of our state. It is easy to claim responsibility for victories; setbacks are far harder to embrace.

But that is precisely the lure of Zionism. Growing up in America, I felt grateful to be born in a time when Jews could assume sovereign responsibilities. Statehood is messy, but I regarded that mess as a blessing denied to my forefathers for 2,000 years. I still feel privileged today, even as Israel grapples with circumstances that are at once perilous, painful and unjust. Fighting terrorists who shoot at us from behind their own children, our children in uniform continue to be killed and wounded while much of the world brands them as war criminals.

Zionism, nevertheless, will prevail.

Deriving its energy from a people that refuses to disappear and its ethos from historically tested ideas, the Zionist project will thrive. We will be vilified, we will find ourselves increasingly alone, but we will defend the homes that Zionism inspired us to build.

The Israeli media have just reported the call-up of an additional 16,000 reservists. Even as I write, they too are mobilizing for active duty—aware of the dangers, grateful for the honor and ready to bear responsibility.

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Stand With Israel Rally



The recent situation in which the terrorist group Hamas persisted in assaulting Israeli cities with its rockets (see the commentary below by Emmanuel Navon) brought many Jewish communities across America to hold rallies in support of Israel's right to defend itself and its quest for peace. Among the activities in Des Moines to show support for Israel, a rally was hosted at Beth El Jacob Synagogue.





It has been wonderful making friends and having fun. We enjoyed the outside with water play in the sprinkler, chasing bubbles and catching butterflies. We learned about BUGS. We caught a bug and discussed the parts of a bug (head, abdomen, thorax, and six legs).

We had a special visitor, Ms. Melanie, the Nature Lady. She brought two hungry frog friends. We were able to watch them eat some yummy bugs. It was great hearing the children cheering for the frogs as they ate. We were able to listen to the many frog sounds, and learn that not all frogs say "Ribbit."

This summer we worked with Mueng from the Des Moines Menace soccer team. The children practiced moving the ball down the field and knocking over cones with the soccer ball. We were surprised to see the children's coordination. We might have future World Cup players in the making at Gan Shalom.

For more information about Gan Shalom, contact Anissa at 515.987.0899 ext. 233 or anissa@dmjfed.org.



Gan Shalom Camp



Engman Camp Shalom

We have been very busy this summer at Engman Camp Shalom! Our days consisted of swimming lessons, Menace soccer camp, a variety of field trips, and a countless number of other camp activities and games. The swimming lessons took place at the Urbandale Swimming Pool and the Menace soccer camp took place right here at The Caspe Terrace on the soccer fields. These two activities were the start to each of our days on alternating weeks. The majority of our field trips took place on Wednesdays, and on occasion we had an additional field trip. This summer we went to Sleepy Hollow Sports Park, Kil'n Time Ceramics (came to us!), Skate West, Blank Park Zoo, Sky Zone, Valley View Aquatic Center, an Iowa Cubs game, Adventureland, and The Science Center of Iowa. We have had a blast at each of these field trips. They certainly added to the excitement and good times that we had at camp already!

There have also been many highlights at camp this year that happened on-site. One of the highlights for many of the kids occurred Week 5 of camp (July 14th -18th). This week was Color Wars or Maccabia and was filled with many fun-filled friendly competition events. The week's theme was Disney Sidekick characters and each team took on the color of their assigned character. The teams were inspired by Flounder from *The Little Mermaid* (yellow), Mike from *Monsters Inc.* (green), and Genie from *Aladdin* (blue). A few examples of our events throughout the week were: human bowling, sack races, an outdoor obstacle course, a Gaga tournament, ceiling tile painting for the Activity Room, Jewish Trivia, and a cheer/interpretive Dance competition.

During "normal" days or between other activities there were many things still occurring at camp! The kids loved playing soccer and basketball, playing on the playground, playing board games, doing art projects, writing and performing camp plays and talent shows, and participating in countless other camp activities. Every minute was filled with something to engage the kids and to allow them to have a fun camp experience. On the occasional day where we had inclement weather, we turned the auditorium into a movie theater. We showed *Toy Story 2*, and also had a Hollywood premier of *The Lego Movie*. The summer has gone extremely fast for both campers and staff alike. We are very grateful to all of the campers for having been so much fun to work with!



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Amadeo Modigliani, Painter 1884-1920

"I want to be a tuneswept fiddle string that feels the master melody, and snaps..."

Amedeo Modigliani was a Jewish Italian painter and sculptor.

He was born July 2, 1884, in Livorno, Italy. Modigliani came from a wealthy background. His family were Sephardic Jews, and when his father's career was ruined as a banker, he was forced to work as a wood and coal merchant. Sadly, Amedeo lost his father while still a young boy.

Modigliani's health was very delicate, as he had very weak lungs, which he had inherited from his family. He had many close calls with pneumonia while he was growing up and spent many years being cared for by his worried mother and sisters. He developed tuberculosis and battled with it for the rest of his life. His mother had been the first one to notice and encourage his incredible talent, and she sent him to study at art academies in Florence and Venice. Finally, in 1902, when he was 17 years old, he left for Venice, excited about beginning his art studies.

Five years later in 1907, he arrived in Paris, ready for fame and fortune, but within weeks he found himself penniless, and had to move from one seedy hotel to another. He was getting out 'n' about however, and meeting all the famous writers and artists of the day from Picasso to Utrillo. According to a good friend of his, he looked very dashing in his brown corduroy coat that he wore everywhere, the bright scarf around his neck, and his broad felt hat. He was very handsome, brooding and thought of as eccentric by his close friends. Modigliani did crazy things in Paris, like dancing in the moonlight with a famous prostitute and getting jailed for drunkenness constantly. He was very successful at attracting women, who found him quite irresistible, and he could always find willing models to paint. Modigliani was involved in one love affair after another, and was completely swallowed up by the dark side of the Parisian nightlife. Women quite fascinated him, and he once said, "Women of beauty worth painting or sculpting, often seem encumbered by their clothes."

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JAZZ AT THE CASPE TERRACE PRESENTS JAZZ WITH AN INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

What attracts musicians from Azerbaijan, The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany to Waukee, Iowa? Jazz at The Caspe Terrace, of course! Word has spread among the international jazz community about the unique Jazz at The Caspe Terrace series hosted by local jazz fans Abe Goldstien and Jackie Garnett. As a result, the fall series of Jazz at The Caspe Terrace brings you jazz with an international flavor.



September 18: Amina Figarova Trio The heartbeat of her highly successful sextet, the Amina Figarova trio will have a unique opportunity to be in the spotlight for an evening of Amina's favorite jazz standards as well as her original compositions, which are destined to become classics. Born in Azerbaijan, where she was trained as a classical pianist, Amina pursued her jazz interests at the Rotterdam Conservatory and Berklee School Music. Since that time she has released 12 CDs and has appeared at venues and festivals around the world. She will be accompanied by Dutch bassist Jeroen Vierdag and American drummer Jason Brown. Learn more about Amina and listen to her music at www.aminafigarova.com.



October 23: Eric Vloeimans & Oliver's Cinema The combination of trumpet, accordion, and cello is unique and so is the music they perform. This acoustic trio, lead by Dutch trumpet Eric Vloeimans, plays film music as well as music with a cinematic quality. The repertoire ranges from Ennio Morricone and Nino Rota soundtracks to new compositions for films you will imagine in your mind. This is Eric's third visit to Caspe Terrace, and regardless of the group he has brought with him, he has charmed the audience with his talent, music and personality. The trio also features Belgium accordionist Tuur Florizoone and German cellist Jorg Brinkmann. Learn more about Eric and listen to his music at www.ericvloeimans.nl.

All Jazz at The Caspe Terrace concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and are followed with a meet-the-artist dessert reception hosted by the Waukee Area Arts Council. Tickets for the series are \$50 when purchased in advance. Individual tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 the day of the show. Tickets can be ordered by contacting Abe Goldstien at 515-279-6452 or abe@trilixgroup.com.

In The Kitchen For Rosh Hashanah by Karen Engman



them, hot out of the oven. It was just such fun to pull the rolls apart. One recipe makes enough dough to fill a large jelly roll pan (cookie sheet with sides) and has extra for a loaf pan too. It's easy to make, especially if you have experience baking yeast breads. It could really be a fun holiday baking activity for the entire family, since little hands are capable of rolling the dough in balls and lining them up on the pan. I suggest reserving an entire afternoon for this baking project, though.

I plan to try some different versions of this recipe in the future. I think it would be great if half the flour was whole wheat, and onion or cheese rolls would be delicious too. Please let me know if you try this recipe and have success.

The Jewish Press is always looking for new recipes to share with our readers so please call (515-274-3300) or email (karen.engman@gmail.com)

Holiday meals celebrating the Jewish New Year would not be complete without a fresh loaf of challah. Round braided loaves, plain or filled with sweet fruits or nuts are standard fare for any of the Rosh Hashanah meals, complimenting the brisket or roasted chicken entrees. Challah even makes the best sandwiches for leftovers, and luckily parve recipes are available.

Recently I discovered a dairy recipe for pan rolls that tastes similar to challah but has a lighter texture. I made this recipe for the first time this summer and the whole family could not stop eating

Pan Rolls for Break the Fast

A recipe from Karen Engman

Dairy

1 cup sugar
1 TBSP salt
3 envelopes Rapid Rise Yeast
3 cups hot water

2 large eggs, room temperature*
1 cup vegetable oil
1 cup nonfat dry milk
4 ½ + cups unbleached flour
4 cups bread flour
1 egg beaten with 2 TBSP water

Combine sugar, salt and yeast in bowl of mixer then add hot water (105-115F), combine and let sit 5-10 minutes to "proof" the yeast. Mixture should be very foamy on top. If not, start over.

Whisk the 2 eggs and add to yeast mixture; combine and then add oil. In a separate bowl, combine the dry milk and both flours with a whisk until evenly combined. Add flour mixture to mixer one cup at a time, changing to bread hook when needed. Turn dough out on floured board or counter and knead until dough is smooth and not sticky on surface. More flour may be added while kneading.

Place dough in oiled large bowl turning to coat all sides. Cover with plastic wrap and let rise until doubled in size (about 1 hour) in a draft free place (inside oven works well).

Punch down and then remove from bowl and knead gently to "relax" gluten, cover with plastic wrap and let rest for 5-10 minutes.

Pinch off pieces of dough and roll in hand to form balls. Place balls in close rows but not touching on greased jellyroll pan (mine is 13" x 17 ½"). Leftover dough can be rolled into more balls on a smaller cookie sheet or braided into a loaf of bread. Let rise until doubled in size (about 20-30 minutes). Brush with beaten egg mixture (or melted butter) and sprinkle with poppy or sesame seeds (optional). Bake at 350 for 20-25 minutes. Cover with foil if they brown too quickly. Test for doneness. A standard loaf of bread might take 30-40 minutes.

These rolls would be great split in half and spread with tuna or salmon salad for any dairy Break the Fast meal.

*Soak eggs in hot water until they are room temperature



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Israel Partnership News

In June, members of the Partnership2Gether from the U.S., organized an extensive visit to the Western Galilee and held a series of intensive meetings with parties from the region. One of the highlights of the visit to Israel was held in Nes Amim (June 22). The Partnership volunteers, led by Zoe Riekes, Partnership Co-Chair, and Judy Yuda, the region's JAFI Director met with Regional Council Director, Yoram Israeli, and other officials at the council and the community center and learned about Matte Asher's programs and vision.

By Shlomo Abramovitch

At a session defined as "fruitful and moving," Yoram Israeli presented Matte Asher's programs and the common points between the council's vision and strategy and the activity targets of Partnership2Gether. At the end of the session, the council Mayor said that Matte Asher aims to develop its young people's center with the help of the Partnership and to continue to develop the Ye'elim Project.

Partnership Co-Chair Zoe Riekes said at the end of the session: "I think that I speak on behalf of all of the group members. Today, we have become better acquainted with Matte Asher. I believe that a path has been paved to strengthen cooperation between the Partnership and the Council."

JAFI's Partnership2Gether (formerly, Partnership 2000) is a unique initiative that connects 550 communities worldwide through 45 partnerships operating in Israel. JAFI describes the idea of the partnerships as: "conceptual involvement,

shared advantages, challenges and models of success that empower the partnership communities and bring about change." The implications of such a program go above and beyond the borders of each individual community. Consequently, each and every one of the partnership volunteers is given the opportunity to become involved and make a direct personal impact.

Zeh Asher reports: JAFI's partnerships platform was established in 1994 and serves as an example of the ongoing cooperation between JAFI, the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) and Keren Hayesod (UIA). Each partnership offers opportunities for connecting the communities in Israel and overseas.

The numbers indicate the scope of the partnerships and their importance: More than 10,000 volunteers who work together each year, examining essential topics, bringing responses from the field for discussion, setting milestones and targets and defining the budgets necessary to achieve them.

At the beginning of the session with the volunteers from overseas, Yoram Israeli said: "I salute each and every one of the Partnership volunteers for their willingness to invest their time and talents for the benefit of the State of Israel and the region."

Taking part in the group session were 20 members of Partnership2Gether, the Partnership Director, Judy Yuda; the Council Director, Moshe Davidovich;

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Greater Des Moines Partnership

CULTIVATION CORRIDOR SIGNS MOU WITH FEDERATION OF ISRAELI CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE



Uriel Lynn, President of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce (FICC), and Dan Carmely, CEO of the FICC, were in Des Moines in August for a series of functions with Central Iowa business leaders, including the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the FICC and the Cultivation Corridor. A signing ceremony took place Aug. 20 at the Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization office.

The Memorandum highlights a growing momentum for local companies to export goods to Israel, as well as for Israel-based companies to invest in and partner with Corridor companies. Lynn also led a presentation and strategy session arranged by the Partnership and the Corridor to talk further about exporting opportunities to Israel and how the FICC can assist companies looking to start or build a business presence in Israel.

"Today's MOU is an important step in furthering trade relations for Central Iowa agriculture and bioscience companies

and entrepreneurs," said Brent Willett, Executive Director of the Cultivation Corridor. "Israel is a world leader in agricultural and bioscience innovation and a strong export market for U.S. ag and bioscience goods and services. By creating more opportunity for trade linkages like this, Corridor companies are better positioned to capitalize on more global markets."

Wednesday's event continued to strengthen the relationship between Israel and the Greater Des Moines Partnership. In March, Daniel Blumenthal, Deputy Consul for Economic Affairs with the Government of Israel Economic Mission to the Midwest, spoke at a luncheon in Des Moines hosted by the Partnership and Iowa Economic Development Authority. Earlier this summer, Partnership CEO Jay Byers participated in a trade mission to Israel.

The FICC is one of Israel's largest business organizations. It is a nonprofit and nonpolitical organization dedicated to a market economy and free enterprise.

The Cultivation Corridor is a public/private partnership focused on furthering the Central Iowa agriculture and biosciences economic cluster for investment, talent and research.

— Ryan Carroll, GDMP

The Liberators

"To liberate means to free. Liberators of concentration camps include not only the troops who broke down the gates to the camps, but also support troops who followed immediately afterward to provide medical care, food, clothing and loving-kindness. They too were rescuers.

These liberators share the bond of an uncanny experience, one that befell some of them briefly, some for a few hours, others for several days, and still others for weeks and months. They bear witness for those who were treated to tortures humankind has yet imagined. They offer that witness to us so that their memories will live and have enduring meaning long after they are gone, and ensure that an evil of this magnitude will never again be permitted."

This is the opening text to the <http://qcliberators.com> site where the testimonies of several Iowa servicemen can be found. Their quotes are now engraved on the ribbons of steel of the Iowa Holocaust

Memorial. My daughter, Caitlin Toppler, and I created the website in 2006 in dedication to our local area WWII liberators who were honored by the Quad City Yom HaShoah Committee using interviews conducted and text written by Dr. Marrietta Castle, Emerita, Western Illinois University. I also wanted to make this information about QC area WWII liberators available for student research.

A visit to the Iowa Holocaust Memorial in Des Moines affords our students an opportunity to learn more about the role of our Iowa servicemen in liberating concentration camps and pays tribute to their acts of compassion. Such a visit honors the victims of the Holocaust and recognizes the survivors who settled in our state. It inspires us to learn from history and to be vigilant in our democracy.

Terri Toppler

2005 USHMM Teacher Fellow

PRO-ISRAEL MUSLIMS SEEK ALTERNATIVE TO RADICAL ISLAM AS A MEANS FOR PEACE

By Maayan Jaffe/JNS.org

Jews around the world were inspired last month when Arab-Israeli teenager Mohammad Zoabi cloaked himself in an Israeli flag and spoke into a bedroom video camera, "I am an Israeli and will remain an Israeli. Israel will remain a Jewish and a democratic country."

What few realized is that within days after the video went viral, Israeli police arrested three men in his own family for plotting to cause him harm in retaliation for the piece. His cousin, Arab Knesset member Hanin Zoabi, called her young cousin "a sleazy, mixed-up kid who has identity issues."

Still, more voices like the young Zoabi's have emerged in the month since the kidnapping of three Israeli teens and the weeks since the launch of Operation Protective Edge. Young Bissan Salman, an Israeli Arab from Ramla, blogged on July 23 that she refuses to choose between her Arab and Israeli friends.

"My tears choose the side of peace," she wrote. "We are tired to hear about more killings. We are tired to run every time we the sirens. ... Don't judge, pray. Pray for this to be over."

But as the operation wages on and the rockets continue to plummet on the state of Israel, these young voices are lost. But there is another voice, a growing one, that is bubbling above the surface. That voice has little to do with Israel and everything to do with fighting Hamas. It is the voice of Arabs - Muslims, really - calling on their peers to fight the inexorable advance of political Islamism over Islam.

Dr. Qanta Ahmed, author of "Land of Invisible Women: A Female Doctor's Journey in the Saudi Kingdom," told JNS.org while the media focuses on the war in Israel, similar wars are being waged across the world. Islamism, she said, is the driving force between Islamic State of Iraq and Greater Syria (ISIS) and Iraqi government forces, between the Pakistani Taliban and the Pa-kistani Army, the Afghan Taliban and would-be Afghan

democratic leaders, Nigeria's Boko Ha-ram Islamists and the Nigerian government, and between Jama'at Al-Nursa rebels and the Syrian regime.

"Muslim militaries are not held to global condemnation in the way the Israel Defense Forces must face—despite their targeted attacks, pre-strike warning and efforts to contain civilian deaths," said Ahmed.

Dr. Zuhdi Jasser, founder and president of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AIFD), which works to provide a platform for Muslim Americans who advocate for liberty, freedom, and the separation of mosque and state—expressed similar sentiments. AIFD has brought together a group of dozens of U.S. Islamic groups to the form the American Islamic Leadership Coalition. To be a member, agencies have to sign on to a list of 17 principles. The last of the principles is recognition of the state of Israel.

"I don't believe Israel is a religious issue for Muslims," Jasser told JNS.org. "Hamas and other radical Islamic groups have propagandized the issues for decades and the latest conflict demonstrates that. It is constant warmongering. Hamas creates, starts these wars, commits acts of terror, and then uses the war as a platform to say all its grievances are Israel's fault."

Jasser said that while he hopes Israel deals a heavy blow to Hamas, he does not believe the war will have any long-term impact because the war is not about Israel, but rather "about Hamas and their corrupt ideology."

"You can compare it to drug addiction, which leads to violence," he said. "Well, if you say the problem is the violence and you stop the violence, it won't work. It is the drug addiction that leads to the violence. We believe the gateway drug here is political Islam."

Jasser's group tries to stay quiet on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict because he does not want to feed the international belief system that if that crisis was solved, it would be the solution to global terrorism.

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Pinchas from page 7

"In the days to come, The mount of the LORD's House

Shall stand firm above the mountain

And all the nations, Shall gaze on it with joy...

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

And their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation shall not take up sword against nation;

They shall never again know war."

(Isaiah 2:2-4) ■

Modigliani from page 24

In 1909, he found himself in a sticky patch. He really needed money, and he had to keep moving from one tiny studio to another, to escape angry landlords. He was even reduced at one time, to pushing his belongings in a wheelbarrow through the streets. He wasn't taking care of himself and was always coming down with infections. Finally, he had to return to his home in Italy that summer, to recover and regain his strength. He returned to Paris and then in 1913, his health worsened. His lungs were giving him a lot of trouble, and each time he got sick, he would go home to recover. He was constantly drinking and using drugs and was thoroughly miserable. He was wasting his talents as much as he wasted his money. He could never make enough money to live and was used to selling his drawings for only a few sous. He drifted from cafe to cafe and attic to attic.

At Zborowski's home, a Polish friend and poet, Modigliani met his beloved, Jeanne Hebuterne, who was also a very talented young artist. Amedeo was over the moon with Jeanne and they fell deeply in love, married and soon had a son.

With Zborowski's encouragement, Modigliani agreed to opening an art show on Oct 3, 1917. This was to be his first show and he didn't know what to expect. He had gathered together a total of 32 paintings and drawings. Almost nothing sold. His show was actually closed for "indecentcy" the same day it opened. In desperate financial trouble and very ill, his good friend, Zborowski, paid for the couple to go to Nice for the winter.

In 1918, Jeanne gave birth to a daughter. Amedeo was overjoyed, but he soon had to begin moving his little family around from hotel to hotel. Amedeo was terribly ashamed at not having enough money to support his family. Jeanne even left their little daughter with her wet nurse, and began to paint once more, using her husband as her model.

Modigliani became weaker and weaker, yet still he continued to paint the people around them. He was a remarkable painter, and it shows through his compelling portraits. He often deliberately chose sickly children to paint, feeling a connection with them and their sickness. He had a love of the humble people, which he expressed in his drawings, his paintings and his choice of models. He would often be seen on the terraces, drawing portraits and then offering them to his subjects, in the hope of getting a drink in return.

In the middle of January, his friends found him as he lay dying in his studio, next to his distraught wife. They took him to a hospital, where he later died of tubercular meningitis, combined with the affects of too much alcohol and drugs. Amedeo Modigliani died while just 36 years old, January 25th, 1920. The next day, his hysterical wife threw herself from

a window of her parent's home. Jeanne was 9 months pregnant and carrying their third child at the time. Sadly, both Jeanne and her unborn child died instantly.

Modigliani was an artist whose paintings are dominated by his sense of linear design. He used line exclusively to suggest body and form, with skill and sensitivity. He used distortion as a way of highlighting characteristics of his subjects, and perhaps, maybe even their personalities? Modigliani developed his own unique style, surrounded by artists experimenting with impressionism, surrealism, and cubism. Many of his subject's heads are elegantly bowed with swan-like necks, and sloping shoulders. The effect is delicate and gentle, yet you feel the people in these paintings are almost aloof, in a dreamy kind of way. His faces are very distinctive with the long thin noses, the empty almond-shaped eyes, and the tiny-pursed lips. The eyes are so haunting and it seems odd that they look quite normal in his paintings, as if everyone has empty eyes. Some people feel he played on the sickness in humanity, while others recognize it as a new definition in breathtaking beauty.

Source: www.JewishVirtualLibrary.org ■

Partnership from page 26 Director of the Community Center Network Avi Hatchuel, officials from the council's education department and others.

Yoram Israeli said to the U.S. guests, "I assumed the position of council director at the beginning of this year, following the tragic death of the former council director, Yehuda Shavit, of blessed memory. Yehuda led the council to impressive results and we are all committed to continuing his momentum and achievements."

"In my earlier positions, I heard of Partnership2Gether's activity, but I admit I still am only familiar with just a small part of the potential for cooperation between us. As a former officer in the IDF, and as someone who is familiar with the relationships between Israel and Diaspora Jews, I am excited to see you here today and to witness your sincerity and investment of time, money and talent on behalf of the State of Israel and the region."

In conclusion, Israeli said: "I salute each and every one of you for your generosity, concern and love for the State of Israel and I promise I will work toward strengthening the relationship between Mateh Asher and Partnership2Gether."

Council Director, Moshe Davidovich presented the ambitious Ye'elim Project to those in attendance and presented the "Young People's Center" as a flagship project, to be promoted by Matte Asher with the assistance of the Partnership.

Towards evening, there was another session for Partnership volunteers, Israeli volunteers and council officials. This was a more relaxed session held at the Brioché Restaurant in Nahariya, which included an artistic segment. The Americans and Israelis got to know each other better.

Partnership Director Judy Yuda said: "The sessions with the Matte Asher officials were positive and there was a spirit of change. I believe that there are issues that need to be addressed through successful cooperative efforts."

PARTNERSHIP Task Forces

The Partnership operates in Israel through task forces that are responsible for different subjects. These task forces

feature cooperation between American and Israeli volunteers. The different task forces are: art, education, medical, delegations and marketing.

The Art Task Force focuses on developing relationships between people through cooperation and creative experience. Our program incorporates many creative tools, including theater and performing arts, fine arts, music, dance, art therapy, photography, design, architecture, film and puppetry.

Exchange programs for artists are held throughout the year. From the U.S. artists are brought to the Western Galilee and Israeli artists travel to the U.S. Central Area Consortium communities. The exchange program is an opportunity to form interpersonal relationships through the arts: photographers, conductors, musicians, and so on.

The Education Task Force deals with a list of programs that connect residents from the Western Galilee with the Consortium communities, in formal and informal education settings. From preschools to high schools, teachers, children and teens can all make connections, both virtual and in person through the many opportunities provided by the Partnership.

The Medical Task Force creates opportunities for medical professionals from the Consortium Communities and the Western Galilee to connect on a professional level. It gives the Western Galilee Hospital international exposure and opportunities for doctors on each side to study and share information. The task force runs an Emergency Response Group (ERG) course; a course for emergency preparedness and management at the Western Galilee Hospital; a practical medical internship at the Western Galilee Hospital; medical students can make rounds at the hospital's different departments; an exchange program is offered as part of MEDPEP; and medical professionals from the Western Galilee Hospital travel to the communities for a brief period for educational opportunities. ■

Muslims from page 26

"As a Syrian, I can tell you, nothing is further from the truth. [Syrian President] Bashar al-Assad displaced and killed hundreds of thousands of people and Israel had nothing to do with it," he said.

Tawfik Hamid is a former member of the Jamal Islamiyah terrorist organization. Thirty years ago, he broke from its grip to move to the U.S. and begin a fight against radical Islam. Recently, he founded the International Center for Countering Radicalism (IC4CR.org). He told JNS.org he believes radicalism needs to be fought on multiple fronts.

First, he said, more accessible modern and peaceful interpretations of the Quran are needed. Next, accurate information is required; hate, said Hamid, is often based on misinformation that is being taught Islamic schools and mosques.

Additionally, Hamid said, the world should use behavior modification techniques, like having "more negative reinforcements to stop them from doing terror acts."

Terrorist organizations deprive their followers of anything beautiful, such as color, art, music, fashion, etc. Over time, Hamid explained, the followers become unable to appreciate beauty, and this makes them more receptive to "extremely ugly things."

"It is like if someone destroys the receptors on their tongue, they cannot distinguish between good and bad tasting things," said Hamid. "This is what happens. We need to reintroduce the beauty."

Ahmed, Hamid, and Jasser said they are frustrated by the international media, which offers sensational sound bites and ignores the full picture.

"Many people look at what is happening in Gaza as if Israel is the aggressor. But when you think deeply, Egypt offered a cease-fire and Israel immediately accepted it. It was supposed to start on July 5 at 9 a.m. Hamas refused the cease-fire. The full responsibility for any killings after July 5 lies with Hamas," Hamid said.

He added that Hamas accuses Israel of ethnic cleansing of Muslims, and the U.S. of being anti-Islam. But he said what is not reported is the number of mosques that exist in both Israel and America.

"If this was the case, if they were anti-Islam, why would they allow these mosques and Islamic schools to be built? Compare the numbers to the synagogues and churches in the Muslim world—there, these places are being destroyed," said Hamid, who noted that anti-Semitism in the Arab world has been on the rise over the past decade. Jasser suggested that anti-Semitism might be as high as 90 percent among Arab nations.

A recent Pew Research Center study of Muslim world perceptions of Hamas found that support for the terrorist organization in general was on the decline. But Jasser said the study should be taken with a grain of salt.

"This is no silver lining unless we find an alternative to Hamas—not just we [as] Muslims, but the West. President [Barack] Obama has been missing in action, and if a vacuum is created it will be filled with Arabism or Islamism," said Jasser.

"This is the beginning of change, but Arabs that think like I do, they are very few," Hamid said. "That does not mean these views could not one day dominate, but they need to be empowered."

Hamid's www.facebook.com/ModernQuranInterpretation webpage has 2 million "likes." He surmises that 10 years ago, that number would have been only 200.

"If we can support this momentum, it can change," he said.

For now, though, Operation Protective Edge continues, and in the end, Israelis and Palestinians, are likely both to lose, said Ahmed.

"Israel is fighting an impossible battle, on one front with nihilist political Islamists who willingly lead their populations to slaughter in the interest of religionized war for fictionalized spiritual gain rather than true political solution," she said. "An on another front, waging other battles with an international media reflecting an increasingly ignored and biased public opinion."

Ahmed added, "The sooner media commentary can be broadened to explain political Islamism, diplomatic and political powers globally can begin to plan the true long-term freedom of the Palestinians... a lasting liberation from the stranglehold of Hamas's political Islamism."

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Temple B’nai Jeshurun’s campers at Goldman Union Camp Institute with Rabbi David Kaufman (in the hat).



Representatives from seven of Iowa’s Jewish communities participated in the annual meeting of Jewish leaders at the Hillel in Iowa City.



Former Des Moines resident Sandee (Rovner) Illuz converses with Sharon Goldford at a reception in the Western Galilee.



At the P2G Steering Committee meeting in the Western Galilee: Sharon Goldford and the new mayor of Mateh Asher, Yoram Israeli.



Mallory Goldstein with her good friends from KISS!

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Craft Show October 19 from 11:00 am-4:00 pm

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

1st Night Selichot – Sept 20

Selichot 9:00 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sept 24

Extended Selichos followed by Shachris

6:30am

Mincha

7:00 pm

Candle lighting

6:50 pm

(Candles available in Shul)

1st day Rosh Hashanah – Sept 25

Shachris

9:00 am

Torah Reading

10:15 am

Rabbi’s Sermon

10:45 am

Shofar Blowing

11:00 am

Tashlich, followed by Micha/Maariv

6:00 pm

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah- Sept 26

Shachris

9:00 am

Torah Reading

10:15 am

Rabbi’s Sermon

10:45 am

Shofar Blowing

11:00am

Mincha

7:00 pm

Candle lighting

6:46 pm

Shabbos Shuva – Sept 27

Shachris

9:30 am

End of Shabbos

7:45 pm

Fast of Gedalia Sept 28

Fast starts

5:56 am

Shachris

9:00 am

Fast ends

7:36 pm

Kol Nidre – Oct 3

Selichos & Shachris

6:45 am

Fast begins & Candle Lighting

6:35 pm

Kol Nidre

6:30 pm

Yom Kippur on Shabbos – Oct 4

Shachris

9:00 am

Torah Reading

10:30 am

YIZKOR

11:00 pm

Mincha

5:15 pm

Neilah

6:15 pm

BREAKING OF THE FAST

7:33 pm

Erev Succos- Oct 8

Candle lighting

6:26 pm

Mincha Maariv

6:45 pm

1st day Sukkos- Oct 9

Shachris

9:00 am

Shake the Lulav

9:45 am

Candle lighting

7:24 pm

2nd Day Sukkos- Oct 10

Shachris

9:00 am

Shake the Lulav

9:45 am

Candle lighting

6:23 pm

Shabbos – Oct 11

Shachris

9:00 am

End of Shabbos

7:22 pm

Hoshana Rabba - Oct 15

Shachris

6:45 am

Candle lighting

6:15 pm

Shemini Atzeret- Oct 16

Shachris

9:00 am

YIZKOR

Mincha

6:30 pm

and Candle lighting

7:13 pm

Maariv followed by : SING & DANCE

CELEBRATION

7:30 pm

Simchat Torah – Oct 17

Shachris

9:00 am

Candle lighting

6:12 pm

KOMEN TO OFFER ALTERNATIVE TO YOM KIPPUR RACE DATE

Due to an error, several affiliates of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, including its Iowa affiliate, have inadvertently scheduled their Race for the Cure on October 4th, which is Yom Kippur. The Susan G. Komen Iowa Affiliate regrets the mistake and has offered to enable runners to participate in the race to be held in Omaha on Sunday, October 5th.

Those who wish to participate in the October 5th race in Omaha and who would need transportation to and from Omaha that day from Komen should inform the Jewish Federation via jcrc@dmjfed.org. Others wishing to participate in the Omaha race but who will not require transportation assistance can sign up directly through komeniowa.org. “Registration fees and any supplementary fund raising that is done for Komen will benefit the Iowa Affiliate and our grant projects,” stated Roger E. Dahl, Executive Director of the Susan G. Komen Iowa Affiliate. For additional information, contact rdahl@komeniowa.org.

The goal of Susan G. Komen for the Cure is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

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Holiday Schedule

S’Lichot

Saturday, September 20, 2014
7:00 p.m. S’Lichot Prayer Service and Movie

Kever Avot

Sunday, September 28, 2014
12:30 p.m. Woodland Cemetery
1:00 p.m. Glendale Cemetery

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 24, 2014
7:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
9:00 p.m. Instrumental Voices Service

Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 25, 2014
10:00 a.m. Morning Service
12:00 p.m. Temple Lunch
2:00 p.m. Afternoon Family Service
3:30 p.m. Tashlikh Service at Greenwood Park

Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre

Friday, October 3, 2014
7:00 p.m. Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service
9:00 p.m. Instrumental Voices Service

Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 4, 2014
10:00 a.m. Morning Service / Youth Group Aliyah
12:00 p.m. Interlude I
2:00 p.m. Family Service
3:00 p.m. Musical Interlude
4:00 p.m. Healing Service
5:00 p.m. Yizkor – Memorial Service
6:00 p.m. Neilah Service
7:00 p.m. Break the Fast Meal

Pre-Sukkot

Sunday October 5, 2014
10:00 a.m. Put up Sukkah

Erev Sukkot

Wednesday, October 8, 2014
4:30 p.m. Sukkah Decorating and Dinner

6:00 p.m. Sukkot Service

Siddur and Machzor, Examining the Prayerbook

Rabbi Kaufman will teach a four-session program looking at Jewish prayer books and their development through history. The class will examine both the Siddur, the Shabbat and Weekday prayerbook, with a focus on the new Reform movement prayerbook, Mishkan Tefilah, as well as the Machzor, Gates of Repentance, the prayerbook that we use for the High Holidays.

Each session will be a stand alone class, so you need not have attended prior classes to attend any particular one.

Classes will take place Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Temple and will meet on August 28, September 4, 11, and 18.

There is no charge for the class which is open to the public.

TEMPLE YOUTH GROUP

Hello All,

Although I’m sure we have all enjoyed a wonderful summer, let’s not forget about the upcoming events we have for the Youth Group. Before we get to that, though, here’s a segment I like to call “Corny Joke:”

Q: How do you kill a vegetarian vampire?

A: With a steak through its heart!

That’s a good one. Anyway, here is the list of upcoming Youth Group events. Be sure to mark them all down on your calendar!

Sept 14 Kickoff event and election of Senior Youth Group officers
October 4 Yom Kippur Youth Group Aliyah
October 5 Sukkah Raising (Youth Group to help)
October 8 Sukkah Decorating (Youth Group to help with decorations)
October 12 Hunger Hike (Youth Group to Fundraise and walk)
October 17 Simchat Torah (Youth Group to help at services)

Thank you,

Julia Anderson,
TBJ Youth Group President

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Recurring Events:

Minyan: Sundays 9:00 am
Thursdays 7:00 am

Services: Fridays– 6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Services
Saturdays- 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

Special Events for September and October 2014

September 2014

Saturday, Sept 6 9:30 am Volunteer Appreciation Service
Friday, Sept 12 6:00 pm Mishpacha Shabbat/Potluck
Sunday, Sept 21 YAD trip to Apple Orchard

October 2014

Sunday, Oct 12 1:00 pm Hunger Hike
Sunday, Oct 12 4:30 pm Tikkum Olam Harvest Dinner in Sukkah
4:30 pm YAD Dinner in the Sukkah
Saturday, Oct 25 10:30 am Junior Congregation & Tot Shabbat
Sunday, Oct 26 2:00 pm Tikkum Olam Shelter Dinner prep.

Tifereth’s High Holy Day Services

Saturday, Sept 20 8:00 pm Selichot Service & Program
Wednesday, Sept 24 7:00 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Followed by Oneg
Thursday, Sept 25 9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Services
10:00 am Alternative and Youth Services
4:00 pm Tashlikh Service at Greenwood Park Pond

Friday, Sept 26 9:00 am Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Services
6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Services
Saturday, Sept 27 9:30 am Shabbat Shuvah Services
Sunday, Sept 28 1:00 pm Kever Avot Service, Jewish Glendale
Friday, Oct 3 5:30 pm DMARC Food Drive
6:30 pm Kol Nidre Services

Saturday, Oct 4 9:00 am Yom Kippur Services
10:00 am Alternative and Youth Services
Wednesday, Oct 8 7:00 pm Erev Sukkot
Thursday, Oct 9 9:30 am Sukkot Services
Friday, Oct 10 9:30 am Sukkot Services
Thursday, Oct 16 9:30 am Shemini Atzeret Services / Yizkor
6:00 pm Simchat Torah Family Service

Friday, Oct 17 9:30 am Simchat Torah Service

Adult Education:

Rabbi Edelman-Blank:

Conversion Class – Contact the Tifereth office for more information 515-255-1137

Patrick Courtney:

Lev Shalev Study Session

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm
Bible Study, Saturdays after Shabbat Café

Michael Kuperman:

S.T.E.P. (Sunday Torah Education Program)
Sundays at 10:00 am

DRAKE HILLEL



Drake Hillel Fundraiser and Bagel Brunch, Sept 21

Join us for our first ever Fundraiser, Bagel Brunch, and silent auction. We have so much to celebrate this year and can’t wait to open our new house to the community!

When: Sunday, Sept 21, 12:00-2:00 pm

Where: Drake Hillel House, 1120 31st Street, Des Moines

Tickets for the event will be \$18, and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Hillel students free. Included in the cost is

a brunch spread and beverage bar. We will also be doing tours of our new home and a mezuzah dedication.

All are welcome. Help us kick off the year and support our growing Jewish community on the Drake campus!

For tickets in advance, or for any other questions please contact Mollie Giller at mollie@dmjfed.org or 515.987.0899 ext. 230



IJHS: Why It Was Founded And Why It's Important

The idea to form an organization focusing on Iowa's Jewish history began in 1989, during the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines's 75th anniversary celebration. Seven years later, in 1996, the Iowa Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) was formally organized. Now, 18 years after its founding, the IJHS is well established with a great record of accomplishments of which we are justifiably proud.

The long list includes the establishment of a temporary gallery at Drake University; the construction of a beautiful new "home" at The Caspe Terrace; numerous exciting and successful exhibits in our own Caspe Heritage Gallery as well as in conjunction with the State Historical Society of Iowa; entertaining and educational special events; and collecting and preserving thousands of artifacts important to understanding the lives and contributions of the Jewish people in Iowa.

The Historical Society's artifact collection is the heart of the organization. Our collection contains approximately 7,500 to 10,000 donated items, which date from the 1850s to present. The collection includes photographs, newspapers, scrapbooks, paintings, furniture, clothing, textiles, medical instruments, religious artifacts, organizational papers from religious and community groups, personal and family artifacts, business records, and Holocaust-related material. Artifacts of national and international importance abound, including a ceramic cup made in Oskar Schindler's factory during World War II and brought to Iowa by a family who survived the Holocaust when their names were included on "Schindler's

List." The collection also includes a concentration camp jacket worn by another survivor who immigrated to Des Moines; items from David Belin's family, who served on the Warren Commission; a note from Eleanor Roosevelt; and so much more.

Our collection is an important key in understanding the history and contributions Jewish Iowans have made to the history of our state, our nation, and the world.

These treasures are your history, whether you just arrived in Iowa or your family has lived here for several generations. You have built a gem on the prairie, a gallery that showcases the important contributions the Jewish people have made to Iowa and preserves this history for future generations.

We must continue to build on this success and make the museum, our programs, and our collection even better. You can help. Become a member of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society today.

Your IJHS membership supports the Historical Society's preservation and education programs, as well as the staff needed to carry out these efforts—inventorying/cataloguing the artifact collection, acquiring new donations of historical materials, creating new outreach efforts to other Jewish communities across the state, and producing programs and special events that serve Des Moines and all of Iowa.

Clip out and send in the membership application today! Our membership year is from July 1 through June 30.

We truly need your commitment and support. Your generosity will ensure that our legacy will endure.

FALL/WINTER MUSEUM OPENINGS

Did you know that the Iowa Jewish Historical Society is open to the public one Sunday each month, from Noon to 3:00 pm? Upcoming open days are September 21, October 26, November 23, December 28. In addition, The Caspe Heritage Gallery is open by appointment during business hours. Monday through Friday and Sundays. Contact us today to schedule an appointment. Admission is always free and the museum is handicap accessible. Contact us at (515) 087-0899 ext 216 or email ijhs@dmjfed.org.

RECENT DONATION

Last month, Marvin Arkovich of Valrico, Florida, and David Arkovich of Ames donated a cash register that was used by their parents Meyer and Mary Arkovich in their Meat Market in Sioux City. Meyer and Mary Arkovich purchased the store and its fixtures from Ben and Cyril Cohen. Although they changed the name to Meyer's Kosher Meat Market, they never changed the Cohen's Meat Market name on the window.

Meyer was a mashgiach, packing house worker, and grocery man. Mary worked in the Handkerchief and Neckwear Department in Younkers after they closed the Sioux City store. When the shop was closed, Meyer and Mary kept the cash register. When Mary moved to Florida, the cash register went with her. When Mary passed away, Marv and David inherited the cash register, which they just donated to the Historical Society. Some of the sawdust from the floor of the meat market is still in the cash drawer.



Left to right: Elisa Buck, Ellen and Dave Arkovich (IJHS board members), and Marv Arkovich, Sandi Yoder, Lindsey Smith, Melanie Sandler (Presidential Consortium) Robbie Winick (Presidential Consortium), Sarah Carlson and, front row, Alanna and Madisyn Buck.

We need your support!

Become a Member of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society

Membership in the IJHS will help to preserve the history and irreplaceable treasures of the Jews in Iowa.

Your application form is below or you may join online at www.jewishdesmoines.org.

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Membership Levels

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Benefactor	\$1,000	_____
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In addition, I want to make a donation to the Iowa Jewish Historical Society \$ _____. Please make your check payable to the IJHS and send it to 33158 Ute Ave., Waukee, IA 50263.

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Monday, Sept 1
Sunday, Sept 7

9:00 am
9:30 am

Tuesday, Sept 9
Thursday, Sept 11
Sunday, Sept 14
Thursday, Sept 18
Sunday, Sept 21

Noon
11:00 am
7:30 pm
Noon
Noon
1:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept 24
Thursday, Sept 25
Friday, Sept 26
Sunday Sept 28
Friday Oct 3
Wednesday, Oct 8
Thursday, Oct 9
Friday, Oct 10
Wednesday, Oct 15

12:30 pm

Noon

Thursday, Oct 16
Friday, Oct 17
Wednesday, Oct 22
Thursday, Oct 23

5:00 pm
6:00 pm

Friday, Oct 24
Sunday, Oct 26

7:00 pm
11:00 am
Noon

Labor Day – Federation Offices Closed
First Day of Beit Sefer Shalom
100th Anniversary Torch Relay at Tifereth
United Way Day of Action
Senior Luncheon at Beth El Jacob Synagogue
Kibitz and Kids at The Caspe Terrace
Amina Figarova Trio Jazz Concert at The Caspe Terrace
Drake Hillel Fundraiser - Drake Hillel House, 1120 31st Street
IJHS Gallery open
YAD Trip to Apple Orchard
Erev Rosh Hashanah - Federation offices close at 3:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah day 1 - Federation offices closed
Rosh Hashanah day 2 - Federation offices closed
Kever Avot - Woodland and 1:00 pm - Glendale Cemeteries
Erev Yom Kippur - Federation offices close at 3:00 pm
Erev Sukkot - Federation offices close at 3:00 pm
Sukkot Day 1 - Federation offices closed
Sukkot Day 12 - Federation offices closed
Senior Luncheon at Prairie Meadows
Erev Shemini Atzeret - Federation offices close at 3:00 pm
Shemini Atzeret - Federation offices closed
Simchat Torah - Federation offices closed
Rabbi Telushkin at Ames Jewish Congregation
Rabbi Telushkin at Tifereth Israel Synagogue
Eric Vloeimans Jazz Concert at The Caspe Terrace
Volunteer Recognition Dinner at the Temple B'nai Jeshurun
Kibitz and Kids at The Caspe Terrace
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Li Zhao Mandelbaum Honored Sept. 27

Li Zhao Mandelbaum was selected by The Iowa International

Center to be accorded one of the four prestigious Passport to Prosperity Awards for 2014. These four individuals will be recognized at the Iowa International Center's Passport to Prosperity Gala and Awards celebration held Sept. 27, 2014 at Drake University in Des Moines. Passport to Prosperity recognizes immigrants and refugees in Iowa who have made and continue to make Iowa a better place to live through their contributions to the economic, social, and cultural fabric of our community.

Li Zhao Mandelbaum is originally from China, and is President of China Operations with China Iowa Group in West Des Moines. Her vision for an effective business relationship between Iowa and China has built cultural bridges with Chinese suppliers/buyers to further the understanding of US business and culture. She actively advocates for greater cultural understanding through her volunteer work with the World Food Prize, Chinese Association, Broadlawns Medical Center, and numerous other community organizations.

To reserve tickets for the event, visit the Iowa International Center's website at www.iowainternationalcenter.org, or email Executive Director Dr. Judith Conlin at jconlin@iowainternationalcenter.org.

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We note with sorrow the recent passing of

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Ruthanne Silverstein and Harlan Lekowsky

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Ray and Myron Blank



David Adelman, Gov. Branstad, Israeli Consul Gen. Roey Gilad, Mark Finkelstein

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