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A Vision Achieved, A Gift Fulfilled

The late Morton Bookey, a Past President of the Federation and a major community philanthropist, shared the vision of Lew and Neecy Caspe for a new site for Camp Shalom and the allure of a western site for recreational and cultural events for the Jewish Community.

Mort was imbued with love of this community and set as his goal to create a building, in memory of his wife Lois P. Bookey, that would house both Camp Shalom and a recreation and social hall for the next generations. Mort committed cash



UJC Passes Sudan Resolution Local Involvement Grows

At the General Assembly of Jewish Federations conducted by UJC in November, a resolution was passed calling attention to the situation in Sudan (see page 3). On a local level, the Jewish Federation and synagogues are participating in the Des Moines Interfaith Coalition on the Crisis in Sudan. The coalition, whose objective it is to educate the public to advocate with elected officials, recently held a program at Temple B'nai Jeshurun at which Sudanese leaders spoke.

Action on this issue, within the Jewish communities nationally, is based in part on the findings of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM). The USHMM has issued its first-ever genocide alert with regard to the situation in Darfur, Sudan. For detailed information, go to www.ushmm.org and to the website of the Council for Jewish Public Affairs, www.jewishpublicaffairs.com. To become involved in the Des Moines Interfaith Coalition on the Crisis in

JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS, OTHERS CRITICAL OF PRESBYTERIAN MOVES TOWARD DIVESTMENT FROM ISRAEL

By Mark Finkelstein A resolution passed this summer by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) calling for select, corporate divestment from Israel to shape Israeli policy has been met by resolute criticism both from a broad spectrum of Jewish organizations and within the Protestant denomination itself.

Statements citing the one-sided nature of the proposed Presbyterian initiative and its shortcomings have been issued by many Jewish organizations. The United Jewish Communities, for example, passed a resolution on the sub-

ject. "The effort to divest from companies doing business in Israel is a one-sided economic attack against the Jewish state that not only flies in the face of the church's own position urging a two-state solution to the Mideast conflict, but aids and abets the forces of rejectionism and terrorism," said UJC Chair Robert Goldberg. "Furthermore, the divestment effort not only lends credence to those who vilify Israel with the morally reprehensible charge of being akin to apartheid-era South Africa, but threatens longtime ties between the Jewish and Protestant communities and could dam-

NORC Aging Services Project Wins Federal Funding

The Federation is pleased to announce the inclusion in the FY 2005 Federal budget of \$300,000 to provide services to the elderly on a non-sectarian basis. The project, in which the Federation is lead among a local coalition of service providers, is a demonstration project that helps keep the elderly in their home rather than move them to a nursing home. This program is generally referred to as a NORC or Naturally Occurring Retirement Community. To be administered with expertise drawn from Jewish Community Services, the Des Moines demonstration project is among the 11 new and 18 continuing projects included in the Federal budget. It is the first of its kind in Iowa.

Gratitude for its funding is extended to Senators Tom Harkin and Charles Grassley and to Congressman Leonard Boswell for their advocacy. At this stage, the Federation will be working along with its coalition partners in finalizing details. The project itself is tenta-

COMMUNITY MLK COMMEMORATION JANUARY 16

The Jewish community pays homage to the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr in a program to be held noon, Sunday, Jan. 16 at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. This second annual event will feature Rabbi Baruch HaLevi as guest speaker. The program will also include a film. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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Federation is there in the classrooms where we have provided 50% of the tuition for your child at the Jewish Federation Community School. We help you pay the salaries of your child's classroom teacher. We are there in the classroom with you, in the Melton School for Adult Jewish Education, with both the Federation and the Foundation financially supporting this program and its annual fees to Hebrew University. We are there running Camp Shalom, offering film festivals and maintaining Iowa Jewish history at The Caspe Terrace.

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

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

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

So while you may not feel you come into direct contact with the Jewish Federation or the Des Moines Jewish Foundation, hopefully you've felt our presence in your



The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines

UJC RESOLUTION: HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN SUDAN

Adopted 11/17/04 by the United Jewish Communities Delegate Assembly

Background: Representing Jews from across North America and the globe, we are deeply outraged by the atrocities being committed in the Darfur region of Sudan. The United Nations is calling the systematic murder, rape and expulsion of people of African origin from their ancestral homes the worst human rights violations in the world today. The situation is critical. Over one million people have been displaced from their homes and are savagely hunted throughout the arid desert of western Sudan. Many are farmers, without whose swift return food shortages will drastically increase. Without immediate intervention, unspeakable numbers of innocent men, women and children will die. Hundreds of thousands may already be condemned to death

by famine and disease. Mindful of the clarion call of our prophets to demand social justice and actively oppose injustice and cruelty, and with memories of the Holocaust in our hearts and minds, we look in horror upon the persecution of any group based on race

or ethnicity, or other distinctions that degrade the value of any human life. We stand united in our protest of these atrocities, and we appeal to both our community and the nations of the world to take a deeper interest and decisive action in preventing further devastation.

As Jews, we deplore the wanton destruction of human life and human dignity. Over 30,000 Dafurians of Fur, Masalit and Zaghawa ethnicities have been killed in the last year. More than one million have been driven from their homes. Civilians have been terrorized through rape, destruction of property and the use of human bodies to poison drinking water. Acts of terrorism encompass the destruction of sacred texts and houses of worship and the murder of religious leaders. Only sixty years after the Holocaust, it is imperative that we, as Jews, not stand idly by and allow such atrocities to happen to any people.

The international community must recognize its role and hold the Sudanese government accountable for this catastrophe. In 2003, rebels comprised of members of various African-origin ethnicities in the Darfur region took arms against the government. Instead of concentrating on fighting the rebels, the government encouraged

attacks on civilian populations of the same ethnicities as the rebels. The Sudanese government has supported and equipped the Janjaweed, local militias of Arab ethnicities, to carry out this systematic terrorism. The government's repeated promises to disarm the militia and defend its citizens have proven specious.

We applaud the U.S. Government for their response, however, only swift action from the international community can stem the tide of genocide in Sudan. Together, we call for immediate and expanded action on the part of the United States, Canada, other nations and the United Nations Security Council to stop the violence and deliver humanitarian aid. We are united in condemning genocide anywhere. We call upon the larger community to join us in expressing urgent concern, in seeking an end to the murderous violence and extending the hand of aid to our brothers and sisters in Darfur.

Action Recommendations:

Be it resolved that: Federation leadership should contact their elected officials and ask them, as a matter of necessity, to urge their government and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to:

1. Pressure the Sudanese government to accept the offer of the African Union (A.U.) and the recommendation of the United Nations Secretary-General that the mandate of the A.U. be expanded to include civilian protection, and the numbers of forces be increased to insure their protection.*
2. Pressure Sudan to allow international humanitarian and human rights organizations greater access to affected population in all areas, whether under government or rebel control.
3. Ask that experts on sexual violence in armed conflict be deployed in the monitoring teams of the A.U. and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and that all military and civilians units charged with protective and monitoring roles receive proper training in observation, investigation and recording of abuses.*
4. Support the establishment of the international commission of inquiry, authorized in September by the U.N. Security Council, to investigate the abuses in Darfur.
5. Support the Security Council's request for an increase in the number of human rights monitors deployed in Darfur by the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.

INTERFAITH ADULT ED PROGRAMS SET FOR JANUARY

January. The new, the annual interfaith adult education series sponsored by the Des Moines Area Religious Council, the Jewish Federation and St. Joseph Educational Center, has announced its classes to be held on Tuesdays (Jan. 18 and 25) and Thursdays (Jan. 20 and 27.) The course offerings, 25 in all, deal with scriptural study, examination of various faith traditions and cultures and health, healing and wholeness. Among the offerings, Rabbi David Kaufman will teach "Jesus and the Gospels from the Jewish Perspective" on Thursdays. Rabbi Baruch HaLevi will teach a course on Tuesdays called "The Exodus: A Journey of Many Dimensions," and a course on Thursdays, "Genesis: the Story Beneath The Story."

Classes meet 6:30 - 9:00 pm on the days advertised at Dowling Catholic High School. There is a \$20 per course fee. Pre-registration is advisable. For a full schedule, contact JCRC at 277-

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I appreciate any mention of the Mischkiet-Spiller Fund, which has long been ignored in the Jewish Press as requiring re-funding for Holocaust education.

However: Mentioning my name and the 1995, 50th Anniversary Booklet under the same auspices as Gerda Klein's works gives an erroneous impression to readers: Ms. Klein's works were paid for by the Fund. My work was requested by the Federation and handed over as a gift for which no money was asked for nor offered.

I will remind your readers who might be interested, that videotapes, which I completed for Yale U.'s Fortunoff Library in 1987, have been shared with the Iowa State Historical Museum since 1999, and may be seen through their Library. These were funded by N.B.C.-T.V.

Some of these Survivors are sadly, no longer with us.

FIRST U.S. ALL-JEWISH-MUSIC STATION LAUNCHED

Washington, D.C.- B'nai B'rith Radio, the first 24-hour Jewish music radio station in the United States began broadcasting on the Internet, Oct. 18. B'nai B'rith Radio, sponsored by B'nai B'rith International (BBI), plays Jewish music from all over the world at its website, www.bnaibrithradio.org. Unlike most Internet radio, it is free both of charge and commercials. The station is fully subsidized by BBI and its members and supporters.

"The goal is to unite the Jewish community throughout the world with music," said Joel S. Kaplan, president of BBI. B'nai B'rith Radio is a natural extension of BBI's history of reaching out and uniting Jewish communities. "Unfortunately, Jews are accustomed to coming together during tragedy, and to focus on the negative events in the world," states Kaplan. "Here is an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful richness of Jewish music. It is a common thread that Jews around the world can share."

Daniel S. Mariaschin narrates the program in English. Plans are in place to launch Spanish and French versions later in the year. BBI is currently in talks with several satellite radio providers regarding broadcasting the station to their subscribers.

Along with an eclectic Judaic play list -which includes traditional Yiddish, secular Israeli, Jewish American, Instrumental, and Chasidic music- there will be special programming like sing-alongs, and festive holiday shows.

KOBY MANDELL ACT BECOMES

Legislation named after a 13-year-old former Silver Spring, MD, resident became law this week, 3 1/2 years after his death at the hands of Palestinian terrorists. The Koby Mandell Act - which will transfer responsibility for tracking down terrorists who have murdered or injured Americans from the State Department to the Justice Department and offer rewards for their capture - passed Congress before Thanksgiving. (Washington Jewish

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THANK YOU

The family of Sheldon Schatz gratefully acknowledges all the kindness shown during our bereavement. Thank you, – Dorothy and Family

CORRECTION

In last edition's article about Mrs. Rose Epstein, we incorrectly identified some of her family members. Gary Epstein, Sheila Beavers and Barb Spears are her children. We are happy to correct our error.

fact: The Federation connects over 1800 households with the Jewish Press. Support the All-In-One

Calling All Business People

Consider Interns This Summer! Showcase Des Moines

Internships are a way where Jewish college students can better understand whether a job they are being educated for is truly the area they want to pursue. Developing a job for the summer will allow the intern to gain knowledge of a particular area or areas of your business enabling them to see first hand how they could work in their chosen field.

By using interns trained in the fields for which you need work done, you can accomplish many projects at low cost, and boost your company's sales at the same time.

Call Rabbi Simpser at the Kollel 865-7490
for more information and a list of potential matches.

United Way Donors

Did you know that you can designate part or all of your United Way contribution to Jewish Family Services?

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

- Jewish Family Services Counseling - Individuals, families, seniors and children
- Senior Adult Programs - Senior Adult luncheons and case management
- Resettlement Program - Case management and health services to new immigrants
- Jewish Family Life Education - Operation Good Mensch
- Outreach - Baby baskets, welcoming newcomers
- Volunteer Opportunities - Numerous volunteer projects

THANK YOU to all who have contributed through United Way. Please remember that your gift to Jewish Family Services through United Way has to be re-designated each year.



The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines is a beneficiary of United Way

Senior



Calendar of Events

Prairie Meadows

Friday, January 14th, we will leave Beth El at 10:00 am for Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino. We will return around mid-afternoon. Please have reservations made by January 12th. Transportation fee \$2.00.

January Senior Luncheon

Thursday, January 27th, noon at Beth El . We will be serving tuna-rice casserole, relish, roll and cake. Please make your reservations to Dorothea by Tuesday, January 25th .

Metro Market

Friday, February 11th, we will be going to the Metro Market and Lunch.

February Senior Luncheon – Thursday February 24th

Will be at noon at the Temple.



[fact] The Jewish Federation sponsors Senior Adult luncheons and social outings for over 50 individuals each month. Support the All-In-One Campaign.

JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER DES MOINES

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Community Hanukkah Party 5765



A delightful Hanukkah candle lighting and party was held at BEth El Jacob Synagogue, sponsored by Jewish Federation Community School, Beth El Jacob Synagogue, Des Moines Kollel, Java Jews Klezmer Band, Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Tifereth Israel Synagogue, and Jewish Federation.

Tu B'Shvat New Year for the Trees

**THE 15TH OF THE MONTH OF SHVAT: JAN
2 5 T H**

Tu B'Shvat, the New Year for the trees, was designated, following debate in the Talmud, as the time of renewal of budding in the t r e e s .

The early winter rains were mostly over, the sap in the trees had risen, and the period of budding was just beginning. The origin of Tu Bishvat in the Torah was a time for renewal of our commitment to God and to share the yield of the land with the poor. "Every year, you shall set aside a tenth part of the yield, so that you may learn to revere

After the exile of the Jews from Israel, Tu B'Shvat became a day on which to commemorate our connection to Eretz Israel. During much of Jewish history, the only observance of this day was the practice of eating fruit associated with the land of Israel. A tradition based on Deuteronomy 8:8 holds that there are five fruits and two grains associated with it as a "land of wheat and barley, of vines, figs and

pomegranates, a land of olive trees and [date] honey." Almonds were also given a prominent place in Tu B'Shvat meals since the almond trees were believed to be the first of all trees in Israel to blossom. Carob or St. John's bread was the most popular fruit to use, since it could survive the long trip from Israel to Jewish communities in Europe and North Africa.

The medieval mystical Kabbalists

carried Tu B'Shvat a step further. For them, trees were a symbol of humans, as it says: "For a human is like a tree of the field" (Deut. 20:19). In line with their general concern with Tikun Olam - spiritually repairing the world - the Kabbalists regarded eating a variety of fruits on Tu B'Shvat as a way of improving our spiritual selves. They believed that the ritual consumption of the fruits and the nuts, if done with the proper intention (kavanah), would cause the sparks of holy light hidden in the fruit to be liberated from their shells and rise up the heavenly ladder to return to their divine source, thereby contributing to the renewal of life for the coming year. The Torah is referred to as a "tree of life to them that hold fast to it." The Kabbalists pictured their philosophical construct of the Sephirot - the ten mystical emanations of the divinity - in the form of a heavenly tree, or ladder.

For the Kabbalists, trees were symbolic also of the tree - the Tree of Life, which carries divine goodness and blessing into the world. To encourage this flow and effect Tikun Olam, the Kabbalists of Ts'fat (16th century) created a Tu Bishvat seder loosely modeled after the Pesach seder.

In the twentieth century, with the growth of Zionism and the founding of the State of Israel, the association of Tu B'Shvat with the land of Israel has gained even more significance. In Israel, thousands of children plant trees. They play a vital role in the ecological healing of the land that was degraded after centuries of Ottoman rule. In the Diaspora, we give

money to the Jewish National Fund for tree planting in Israel. It is also customary to collect money for Ma'ot Peirot - tz'daka for those in need.

In recent decades, the stakes have become much higher. Tu Bishvat calls upon us to cry out against the enormity of destruction and degradation being inflicted upon God's world. This degradation includes depletion of our protective ozone layer, global warming, massive deforestation, the extinction of species, poisonous deposits of toxic chemicals and nuclear wastes, and exponential population growth. We are also deeply concerned that the poor suffer disproportionately from environmental degradation. Rabbi Abraham Heschel wrote: "Human beings have indeed become primarily tool-making animals, and the world is now a gigantic tool box for the satisfaction of their needs..."

Rabbi Heschel continues "It is when nature is sensed as mystery and grandeur that it calls upon us to look beyond it." On this night we express our joy and thankfulness for the mystery and grandeur of nature, and renew our commitment to be responsible custodians of God's world. Tonight we will crack open some shells of nuts, and like the Kabbalists of the 16th century, release some sparks of holy light. Source: Tu B'Shevat Seder ORGANIZED BY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE OF CONG. SHA'AR ZAHAV CO-SPONSORED BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF SAN FRANCISCO AND TEMPLE EMANU-EL



Stan Richards,
inside Owl Grocery
owned by his father,
Nathan Richards.
Council Bluffs,
circa 1949.

From Peddlers to Grocers and Financiers:

The IJHS will be assembling a Spring 2004 exhibit devoted to the history of Jewish businesses in Iowa. We need your artifacts and history. Pictures and documents can be scanned and the originals returned to you. Help us to make this exhibit happen. Celebrate your family history by displaying it in the Caspe Gallery.

Call 277-6321 to donate or loan items for the exhibit, or for any additional information. Contact Jody Hramits, IJHS Director, ijhs@dmjfed.org. Give us a call today!

I o w a J e w i s h H i s t o r i c a l S o c i e t y

PROJECT ELIJAH David Elmetts, A Budding Philanthropist

David Elmetts became a Bar Mitzvah at Temple Beth El in Birmingham, Alabama on December 11, during the middle of Hanukkah. In addition to reading the Torah and helping to conduct the service, bar and bat mitzvahs at Temple Beth El contribute a portion of their gifts to a worthy cause.

While in Des Moines recently for his grandfather's funeral, young David had occasion to visit with Alan Zuckert and learned about our Project Elijah and the abused Jewish children we are helping to support at the Yeladeinu orphanage in Buenos Aires, Argentina. As a child, one of the most enjoyable parts of Hanukkah for David was receiving presents. On his own, David decided to make a generous contribution to Yeladeinu before Hanukkah with the hope that it would go toward a Hanukkah party and gifts for the children.

David lives in Birmingham, Alabama with his parents Craig and Laurie Elmetts and is the grandson of the late Dr. Harry Elmetts and his wife Charlotte. His family can be proud



fact: The Federation provided \$60,000 of aid in 2004 to Yeladeinu, a center for abused children in Buenos Aires. Support the All-In-One Campaign.

JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY

Over the last several months we have been busy learning many interesting facts about our faith. In our lower elementary grades (preK-2nd) students learn about Hebrew, prayers, bible stories, and holidays. In our upper elementary grades (3rd-6th) students take their knowledge of the Hebrew alef-bet and turn it into reading prayers, learning prayer book sight words, special prayers that belong to life cycle events, our commandments, and portions of parsha of the week.

On November 14, parents from preK-2nd spent the morning meeting other parents, visiting with our Rabbis and then joining their children for services, snack and a little bit of class time. We had a great turnout and the children enjoyed showing their parents what they had learned. It was an important way for our parents to show their children that Jewish learning is important.

In our upper elementary grades, students have been learning to read, recite and chant prayers that are necessary for them to be prepared for their Bar/Bat Mitzvah's. Starting in third grade, students begin to work towards this special life cycle event. We are fortunate to have the wonderful staff that we do to help guide our students to be fully prepared for this family simcha. Along the way, our students learn and discuss the 10 commandments, the history and ceremony of life cycle events, and the importance of Israel and how we, as Jews, are tied to this Jewish state.

Rabbi HaLevi and Rabbi Kaufman have been joining us for many of our Sunday mornings. Our Rabbis visit the classrooms, answer students' questions, visit with parents and are always ready to help us in any way they can. We are very fortunate to have both of these Rabbis so involved in our school.

On December 12, we had our school Chanukah program. It was a wonderful family event where our students participated in a candle lighting ceremony, performed for their family and friends, and ate traditional Chanukah food (latkes, sugar cookies and



1. Our 10th, 11th, & 12th graders at the Goodwill in West Des Moines pitching in for first social action program this year.
2. Simone Jacoby (l) and Anna Feldstein (r) decorating their very own "Aron Kodesh" (holy ark) that will house their Torah.
3. Students in the 4th grade class made their own "Yad" to help them read Hebrew.



jellied donuts).

JFCS OHRINGER FAMILY EDUCATION DAY

On Sunday morning, October 17th, the Jewish Federation Community School held its second annual "Ohringer Family Education" day. This program centered around Shabbat and included learning about the spirituality, history, traditions and family cooking for this holiday. This special day was dedicated to the Ohringer Family. Their generosity made this program possible, and their love of family and food inspired the idea for a family cooking and learning program for all of us and our families to enjoy. We have already planned our next program to center on Chanukah in December 2005. Look for information later in the year for this event.

Sheldon Ohringer and his entire family flew into Des Moines from Colorado to attend this very special event. Sheldon shared with us that his late mother Ileen, father, Milton and brother, Samuel William "Bill" Ohringer, were totally dedicated to the Jewish religion and its traditions. Their love of Jewish cooking was paramount to their lives. They strove to make Jewish traditions, its food celebrations, and day-to-day lifestyle part of every day. They would each have loved this event, a tribute to their life and their tradition.

Everyone in attendance received a cookbook that included recipes from last year's program, this year's Shabbat recipes and songs. Adults learned about the spirituality of Shabbat with Rabbi HaLevi and Shabbat traditions with Rabbi Kaufman. Our younger students learned about the symbols of Shabbat and Havdalah and created their own Shabbat bag to take home. Our older students helped prepare a traditional Shabbat dinner and played a Shabbat bowl game. At the end of the program, all the food that was prepared during our program was shared during lunch.

The Jewish Family Cooking Committee would like to extend its thanks to the

THE ACADEMY

Judaic Education Continues at The Academy

"We're still standing!" We are very proud of our past and very excited about our future. You play a very important role in our success. The Des Moines Jewish Academy, with all of its wonderful students, parents, grandparents and friends, gave us a 27-year start that has made this institution an excellent place to learn – to develop – to thrive. You are the mothers and fathers of this academic institution. Thank you!

In order to continue providing Jewish and secular studies, we changed our structure so that we could continue the work we started – providing excellence in Jewish education and secular studies for all of our students.

In the fall of 2004 we doubled our enrollment, plus, added a preschool class – WOW! We now have 76 students in preschool - 8th grade. Over 50 percent of our student population is Jewish. Our Jewish students come from all four Des Moines synagogues, as well as unaffiliated Jewish children. We represent Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, Chabad and unaffiliated families. This change has enabled us to educate more Jewish students than ever!

We changed our name to The Academy and our structure so that we continue to offer our outstanding, state accredited, secular studies from 8:30 - 2:00, and offer a variety of extending learning opportunities from 2:00 - 3:30. Over 40 students have enrolled in our Hebrew language program. We also offer Judaic history, Judaic holidays, Judaic ethics, Torah study, extended math, extended science, extended art, physical education, extended music, storytelling, and Spanish language.

In order to provide for our students, we desperately need your support. We are dedicated to our students and want to continue providing quality studies. Everyone touts our average of maintaining a 99 percentile ranking in ITBS scores. Contributions are vital. Unfortunately, since we announced our plans to expand our school, contributions have pretty much stopped. We have no funding for our Judaic studies program and no funding for our extended learning program. We cannot survive without the continued support of our alumni, parents, grandparents and supporters.

I know you appreciate the value of a good education. I know you want our intensive Judaic studies to continue. Help us continue to provide "excellence" to our student population and make a donation that will ensure our children's future. Help us continue our tradition of excellence in education!

The Academy is a state-accredited preschool - 8th grade private school located at



2005 HIAS Scholarship Awards Competition

Who is Eligible for the Competition?

The HIAS scholarship competition is open to refugees and asylees who were assisted by HIAS to come to the U.S. You must have immigrated after January 1, 1992. Awards are intended for high school seniors (12th graders) planning to attend college or students already enrolled in college, university or graduate school programs who will continue school the following year. Engineering, nursing, computers and other trade programs are all acceptable. You must have completed one full year (2 semesters) of study at any combination of U.S. high school, undergraduate or graduate school at the time of application. The semester in which you are currently enrolled will not be considered by the Scholarship Committee.

What Criteria are Used to Judge the Applicants?

Applicants will be judged in three areas: academic scholarship, financial need and Jewish communal involvement. Please be aware that applying for a HIAS Scholarship does not guarantee that you will be awarded one.

What is the Award?

\$1,500 towards your educational expenses.

How do I Apply?

Applications will be accepted online after December 15th.

Important Note: Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at midnight EST is the on-line application deadline. Additionally, all mailed materials must be postmarked by March 15, 2005.

For more information, go to <http://www.hias.org/Scholarships/apply.htm>

If you have further questions, e-mail scholarship@hias.org or call 212 613-1358.

Good Luck in the Competition!

FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI

The High Holidays are over and fall is upon us. Rumor has it that winter is not far away. This can only mean one thing – Melton classes are again in full swing in Des Moines.

This year we have an exciting first year class of sixteen students including: Lou Barmish, Myron Bear, Wendy Beckerman, Amy Brody, Cynthia Colson, Steve Eckstat, Victoria Eckstat, Alex Fritzler, Evelyn Fritzler, Jan Rosner, Nancy Ludwig, Betty Mond, Peter Mond, Ben Swartz, Joyce Swartz, and Michael Tobis. They are studying with Rabbi Berel Simpser in the Rhythms of Jewish Living class and with Dr. David Friedgood in the Purposes of Jewish Living class.

The second year class consists of returning students: Robin Bear, Marcie Berkson, Andrea Duitch, Bob Duitch, Josh Kimelman, Susie Kimelman, Mary Noss Reavely, Cindy Rovner, Michael Rovner, Michael Stein, Simma Stein and Kathleen Trinder. They are learning with Rabbi David Kaufman and Rabbi Baruch HaLevi in the Ethics of Jewish Living class and with Rabbi Simpser in the Dramas of Jewish Living class.

We had a large turnout of seventeen previous students for our Graduate Program. These included: Mary Paul Even, Kathy Elsner, Steve Adelman, Sylvia Klein, Robbie Winick, Marvin Winick, Judy Flapan, Marshall Flapan, Trudi Rosenfeld, Marty Rosenfeld, Judy Deutch, Elisa Jones, Ann Balentine, Maddie Schoen, Jan Hockenberg, Louis Hockenberg and Roselind Rabinowitz. They studied a Magical Mystical Tour with Rabbi Simpser, exploring the mysteries of creation and spirituality in our lives. Dr. David Friedgood facilitated a course on the RAMBAM (Rabbi Moses Maimonides) where the details of his extraordinary life and teachings were reviewed.

As is typical of Melton programs, the learning is infectious. Each Thursday evening there is a special glow in the Temple's school building which is a reflection of Jewish students getting together to learn and teach their rich heritage. Please call me, or speak to any of our students and graduates, if you have further questions concerning our Melton offerings. We now have over 100 graduates of the Des Moines Florence Melton Adult Mini School and our numbers continue to grow.
– Alice Friedgood

AMES JEWISH COMMUNITY

“We made a Difference”, by Kelsey Dennis

My Mom and I, Mr. Rothschild, Conner and his Dad and sister went to deliver the clothes we collected at Sunday School to Bethesda's clothing center. We had to make many trips to get the clothes from the car to the clothing center and everyone worked together like a team. One trip, when I was bringing clothes downstairs, the lady in charge told me a story about a family in Ankeny and that their house burned down and they had nothing left. She told me that they had two little kids and that the children's clothes and shoes we donated would make them very happy. She said that when they came back she would be sure to tell them that AJC donated a bunch of clothes for them to have. This made me feel great that we had made a difference!

This story is only the beginning of many more to come this year. Our November Toiletry collection was a huge success. A representative from the Ames Women's Shelter came and spoke to our school about their facility. The kids learned that there are many people in Ames that are not as fortunate as they are and how important it is to help others in our community.

In December, we collected supplies for two Story County Animal Shelters. Many of the students have a love for animals. The shelters were in need of old towels, pet toys, blankets, pet food and much more. What a wonderful Mitzvah it is to help collect supplies to make the pets at the Animal Shelter more comfortable until they are adopted.

In February, we are looking forward to a combined Tu B'shevat seder with the Des Moines Jewish Federation School. We are planning to have the seder at the Reiman Gardens in Ames. The kids will enjoy celebrating with Jewish kids from other communities. When the seder is over, they will tour the Butterfly Gardens and the Botanical area.

It has been a busy fall/winter at our school with many more exciting activities to come. The Federation Community School and Ames JC. Support the All-In-One Shalom,

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An Oasis of Hope by Barbara Long

December 04, TennisLife Magazine With the most recent Palestinian uprising against Israel now in its fourth year and with the construction of Israel's West Bank separation barrier more than one-quarter completed, news from the Middle East is frequently dire. At press time, the Gaza Strip suffered its worst violence in two years, leaving 28 Arabs and 3 Israelis dead.

Yet there is an oasis of hope in this desert of despair—the Israel Tennis Center and its network of 14 facilities that offers a social program through which children learn important values that may not be as easily learned in their home or school environments. While practicing tennis techniques, the young people learn life skills—especially the importance of diversity.

Former Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek said, "The Israel Tennis Center is not merely a sports facility of the highest standard; it also serves as a splendid educational vehicle. To build a better society we have found a very nice medium: tennis."

The first center was founded in 1976 by a group of dedicated idealists from Israel, the United States and Great Britain. The tennis centers do not receive any government assistance; rather, they are built and maintained using fundraising efforts in Israel and abroad. During the initial three weeks of ITC's existence, 3,000 children came to the center. Since then the

nonprofit organization has expanded to more than 170 tennis courts, 135 coaches, and more than 300,000 graduates. The entire program in Israel services 7,000 children, ages 4 to 18, every week. ITC is the largest social service program for children in Israel and the largest tennis school in the world; and yet, it is so much more than a tennis school.

Like many community tennis programs, ITC partners tennis instruction with educational assistance. Each center has a library and many have computers available for the children's use. The ITC's involvement with youths begins when they are of kindergarten age and continues until they finish school or enter the Israeli army. Children pay fees based on their parents' financial situation; however, no child is ever turned away.

ITC offers 27 programs for special populations, including children who are autistic, developmentally challenged, hearing impaired, physically disabled and at risk. Eleven of the centers are located in disadvantaged neighborhoods or in Israel's outlying development towns. More recent programs address the needs of immigrant children from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia, and Bedouin children of the Negev Desert region.

Amid the current ethnic conflict and terrorism, perhaps the most notable ITC effort is the Arab-Jewish Coexistence Program, which was designed to bridge the deep rift between the two groups.

The program was developed on the belief that children who play sports together can transcend political problems and ethnic conflicts, and develop productive cross-cultural relationships. With the help of Arab and Hebrew language translators, the experience allows children the opportunity to build positive impressions that help to break down negative stereotypes.

Jeff Dannick is the Executive Director of the Israel Children's Centers, a separate nonprofit organization in the United States that, among other functions, raises funds to support ITC programs in Israel. He applauds the co-existence programs, noting, "Integration leads to tolerance."



And couldn't the world use a healthy dose of that virtue?

At first, the Jewish and Arab children tend to avoid eye contact with each

other. Then, as they hit tennis balls, a few words are exchanged. Soon they are smiling and shaking hands at the end of play.

This coming summer, about two dozen American children—ages 11 to 17—will travel to Israel for a two-week stay in the tennis academy at Ramat HaSharon. During their stay, the Americans will work with Israeli coaches and players, and experience Israel by traveling beyond the tennis center.

The ITC has been recognized nationally, and in 1989 was awarded the prestigious Israel Prize for its work with young people. And it takes pride in the Jewish-Muslim duo of doubles partners

Amir Hadad of Israel (and ITC grad) and Aisam-Ul-Haq Qureshi of Pakistan, who last year won the ATP's Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award for promoting tolerance through tennis.

Yet one of ITC's greatest achievement is offering an oasis of hope to a growing number of children who live the despair-

ing reality of ethnic and religious conflict.

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How The Sea Urchin Grows New Spines

Rehovot, Israel, November 17, 2004 –The sea urchin's tough, brittle spines are an engineering wonder. Composed of a single crystal from base to needle-sharp tip, they grow back within a few days after being broken off. Now, a team of scientists at the Weizmann Institute of Science has shown how they do it.

While many crystals grow from component atoms or molecules that are dissolved in liquid, sugar and salt being the most familiar examples, the team of Professors Lia Addadi and Steve Weiner, of the Institute's Structural Biology Department, found that the sea urchin uses another strategy. The material of the spines is first amassed in a non-crystalline form, termed "amorphous calcium carbonate" (ACC). Packets of ACC are shoveled out of the cells surrounding the base of the broken spine and up to the growing end. Within hours of arriving in place, the amorphous material, which is composed of densely packed, but disorganized molecules, turns to calcite crystal in which the molecules line up evenly in lattice formations.

Working with graduate students Yael Politi, Eugenia Klein and Talmon Arad of the Chemical Research Support Unit, Professors Addadi and Weiner used four different methods of investigation, including two kinds of electron microscopy, to look for the ACC as it was being deposited and turning to crystal. "The question," says Weiner "is why it should be so difficult to observe a process that seems to be so basic. Scientists have been studying it for over a hundred years. In fact, because the ACC is a transient phase, we had to develop new methods to catch it while it exists."

The captured images show microscopic needles that grow first straight out from the stump of the old spine, and then branch out to form a lacy structure that is hard but light. The crystalline structure of the old spine provides the template for the alignment of the molecules in the crystal and thus controls the intricate, yet precise, growth pattern.

Though previous studies by the Weizmann group have shown the same strategy is used by immature sea urchins and mollusks in the larval stage to build

internal skeletons, this is the first time that the process was observed in adult marine animals. It is far from obvious that larva and adult would use the same methods – their lifestyles are very different. For instance, the tiny sea urchin larva is transparent and swims around, while the round, spiky adult lives on the sea floor. This can translate into differences in biological processes, as well.

Because it works for both, Addadi and Weiner believe this method is probably a basic strategy used not only by close relatives of the sea urchin such as sea stars, but by a wide variety of spiny and shelled sea creatures like mollusks and corals. In addition, the idea of growing single crystals by first creating the material in an amorphous phase might prove useful to material scientists and engineers who want to produce and shape sophisticated synthetic materials that have the properties of single crystals.

Prof. Addadi's research is supported by the J&R Center for Scientific Research, the Ilse Katz Institute for Material Sciences and Magnetic Resonance Research, the Helen and Milton A. Kimmelman Center for Biomolecular Structure and Assembly, the Philip M. Klutznick Fund for Research, the Minerva Stiftung Gesellschaft fuer die Forschung m.b.H., the Women's Health Research Center and the Ziegler Family Trust, Encino, CA. She holds the Dorothy and Patrick Gorman Professional Chair.

Prof. Weiner's research is supported by the Helen and Martin Kimmel Center for Archaeological Science, the Philip M. Klutznick Fund for Research, the Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation, Women's Health Research Center, and George Schwartzman, Sarasota, FL. He is the incumbent of the Dr. Walter and Dr. Trude Borchardt Professional Chair in Structural Biology.

Images are available at <http://wis-wander.weizmann.ac.il>

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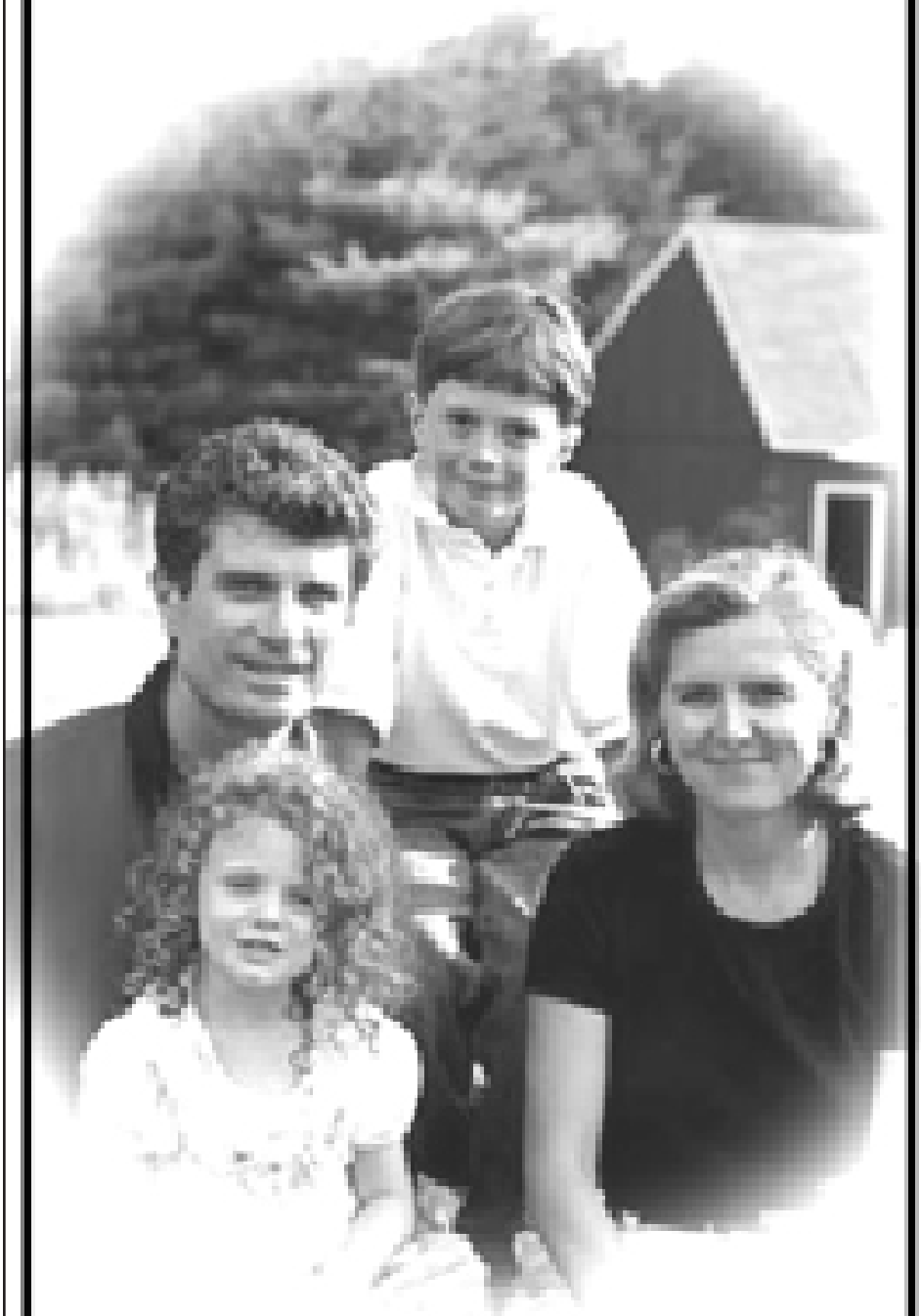
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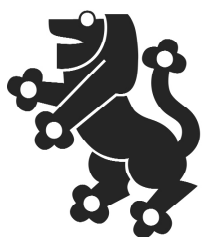
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AWARD EMBODIES THE VALUES OF THE LION OF JUDAH

Toni Urban Receives the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award

Toni Urban from Des Moines was honored at the 2004 International Lion of Judah Conference held in October in Washington, D.C. She was among the Jewish women from different communities who received the Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award for having made a positive, invaluable and lasting impact on their Jewish communities.

The 2004 International Lion of Judah Conference marks the inaugural year of the award, established in honor of Lion of Judah founders Norma Kipnis-Wilson and Toby Friedland. Award recipients, each chosen by their local Jewish federation, embody the values of the Lion of Judah, the name given to those women dedicated to Jewish philanthropy through the UJA Federation Campaign of UJC and the Jewish Federations of North America; the Spirit of Israel, a campaign established by The Jewish Agency; or Keren Heyesod, representing and supporting Jewish communities beyond North America and Israel.

"Using their well-honed leadership skills, the honorees have made a significant impact in their communities that will leave an enormous imprint for generations to come, and have motivated other women to take an active role in philanthropy and Jewish community involvement," said Sandra F. Cahn, president of the UJC National Women's Philanthropy. "We are so proud of each and every one of these women."

The biennial International Lion of Judah Conference was sponsored by UJC's National Women's Philanthropy, which provides women with opportunities to affirm their Jewish identity and spirituality, act on issues affecting the Jewish community, and inspire other women by example.

This year's conference was attended by more than 1,200 Lions of Judah, with participants from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, England, France, Israel and the former Soviet Union joining their American counterparts. Accompanying Toni to the conference from Des Moines were her sister Lions Gail Richards (who, along with Toni, has endowed her Lion of Judah), Shelley Brody, Debbie Gitchell, and Elaine Steinger.

Guest speakers at the conference included: First Lady Laura Bush; Teresa Heinz Kerry; Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY); Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; Representative Eric Cantor (R-VA); Senator Norm Coleman (R-MN); Richard Holbrooke, former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations; Dennis Ross, former U.S. ambassador and American negotiator in Middle East peace talks; Professor Avishay Braverman, president of Ben Gurion University of the Negev; Yuli Tamir, member of the Israeli Knesset; Ann F. Lewis, former White House communications director; Academy Award winner Gerda Klein, founder of the Gerda and Kurt Klein Foundation; and Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism.

Conference programming focused on key issues affecting the Jewish community, both nationally and internationally.

The Lions of Judah are women from throughout North America and around the world who have made a substantial contribution to the UJA Federation Campaign of UJC, the Spirit of Israel or Keren Heyesod. Today, over 14,000 women throughout North America, Israel and around the world proudly wear a Lion of Judah pin to declare their commitment to the preservation and growth of the worldwide Jewish community.



Toni Urban (r) and Gail Richards pictured, along with Suzanne Engman have endowed their Lion of Judah.



Other notable participants: Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, pictured left at podium; Cheryl Flapan-Lewis, formerly of Des Moines and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Flapan bottom

Akko Center Hopes to Build Musical Bridges

To build relationships between the Jewish American communities and the communities in the Western Galilee, our Partnership 2000 Consortium will initiate a music and curriculum project involving Jewish Kindergarten students and teachers. The project was announced by Efrat Srebo, the director of the Early Childhood Music Enrichment Center in Akko, in our P2K district. His school serves eight hundred children, ages 3-5,

who visit ten times annually. According to Srebo, his school has developed a curriculum which integrates music with science, math and issues of everyday life.

Srebo hopes to form relationships with American schools to share curriculum ideas, exchange and compose songs, and to build "musical playgrounds." The Center has in mind to construct musical structures out of recycled materials. He proposes that the design for the structures can be developed co-operatively

fact: The Federation sponsors Partnership 2000 connecting Des Moines with our sister cities in Israel. Support the All-In-One Campaign.

Ben Gurion Airport Revamped

With the opening of Terminal 3 on November 1, Israel enters a new stage of traveler accommodations at Ben Gurion Airport. At a cost of a billion dollars and four years late, the new, huge terminal replaces the old terminals and (hopefully) all the balagon that people associate with flying into the airport. As anyone who has done so can attest, passengers had to be ferried to and from the planes by busses, had often to stand on long passport control lines and had their baggage jumbled in with other



in-coming flights at the carousel. If the press releases are to be believed, all these inconveniences are a thing of the past. Aside from the architectural beauty, designed in part by renowned architect Moshe Safdie, the new terminal will feature conveniences such as moving walkways, 17 baggage carousels, expanded shopping, connecting service by light rail to Tel Aviv, and a garden displaying the seven species of Biblical herbs.

It is unlikely that many people will

Resigning In Protest

PHOENIX YWCA DIRECTOR OBJECTS TO GROUP'S AGENDA IN MIDDLE EAST

DEBORAH SUSSMAN SUSSER, Staff Writer for the Jewish News of Greater Phoenix

(Jewish News of Greater Phoenix, 11/26/04) Barbara Lewkowicz's resignation as executive director of the YWCA of Maricopa County made news last week.

A Nov. 18 story in the Arizona Republic disclosed that Lewkowicz quit the job she'd held for more than five years over a World YWCA 2003 resolution entitled "For Freedom and Dignity in the Middle East."

Reached at home the day the story broke, Lewkowicz confirmed that she had resigned as executive director of the local Y on Oct. 29, but that the circumstances of her resignation were somewhat different from what the Republic reported. Not that she didn't object to the resolution in question - "I thought it was untenable" - but, she said, "I was even more offended by the report."

"The report" is the YWCA Witness Visit Report about a visit that 14 members of the World YWCA made to Israel, Palestine and Jordan last summer. Authored by Doris Pagelkopf, vice president of the World YWCA and the only American on the World YWCA board, the report reads in part: "I strongly felt the correlation to World War II. During that war Hitler tried to exterminate the Jews and now a group of Israelis ... is trying to choke off and rid the land of Palestinians."

The report was posted on the World YWCA Web site, which is where Lewkowicz came across it.

"I mailed (the report) to the executive committee (of the Maricopa County YWCA)," Lewkowicz said, "and I did not get any response from any member of the committee." She then requested that the issue be put on the agenda for the Aug. 23 board meeting. It was not.

At that meeting, Abbie Beller, a member of the YWCA board, resigned in protest. At least one other local board member has since resigned, citing the World YWCA's position on Palestine, Israel and Iraq as the cause in her letter of resignation.

In early September, at a meeting of the Southwest Delta Region YWCA in Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, Lewkowicz and

two other YWCA directors from the region - Trudy Fuselier of the Baton Rouge YWCA and Lisa Carreno of the Sonoma County YWCA - drafted a statement calling for a "balanced study" of global conflict.

The agenda of the Dallas meeting was amended to include discussion of the issue. That afternoon, a vote was held on the statement. According to Lewkowicz, Connie Robinson, president of the Maricopa County YWCA, did not return to the afternoon session to vote, nor did she leave a proxy for the vote. The statement could not be voted on, Lewkowicz said, because "we did not have a quorum."

The statement was later voted on by mail and passed last month. The Southwest Delta Region was scheduled to present it to the national coordinating board of the YWCA "now," Lewkowicz said.

In the Nov. 18 Arizona Republic article, Robinson was quoted as being "surprised" at the resignation and disputed Lewkowicz's stated reason for stepping down.

However, minutes for the Sept. 27 board meeting at which Lewkowicz announced her resignation, with Robinson present, state: "On a personal level, one of the major precipitating factors (for Lewkowicz's resignation) is the position of the national and world YWCA on the Israel/Palestine issue."

Robinson could not be reached by phone. In response to an e-mail, Robinson wrote that there was no mention "of any issue outside of (Lewkowicz's) desire to 'move to other challenges' as her reason for resigning. For the period up to and including the announcement of her resignation, this has always been the ONLY reason she has given for her resignation."

In an e-mail dated Nov. 19, Natalie Fisher-Spalton, deputy general secretary of the World YWCA, wrote "...the World YWCA has not been officially informed of the resignation of Barbara Lewkowicz. However if true, we are sorry to hear it. Barbara Lewkowicz is an excellent YWCA leader and highly respected in the movement."

According to Lewkowicz, Musimbi Kanyoro, the executive director of the World YWCA, received the same letter that was sent out to the community at large in October announcing Lewkowicz's resignation. Kanyoro responded to Lewkowicz's letter by e-mail and said that she was sorry Lewkowicz was leaving the YWCA.

Lewkowicz helmed the local YWCA for five-and-a-half years. During that time, she received several community awards for her work. Among her achievements, she helped start a teen program in Glendale, tripled the income from the annual Tribute to Women dinner, and more than tripled the number of elderly receiving meal services.

Bill Straus, director of the Arizona Anti-Defamation League, expressed support for Lewkowicz. "It doesn't surprise me at all that Barbara would act on principle. I admired her before. This just hikes it up a little."

Herb Paine of Paine Consulting, who has been retained by the board as interim executive director of the Maricopa County YWCA, said that Lewkowicz did good work and left behind a "legacy on which to build." Asked about Lewkowicz's reason for resigning, Paine said, "The question is, do local affiliates each need to be taking a position on this? ...The YWCA USA has spoken on this, and we're part of that process."

Lewkowicz disputes Paine's contention that the national and World YWCA's position on Israel is not a local issue. "We have a Jewish mayor," she pointed out, "and we accept money from the City of Phoenix, and we're trying to have a sister city in Ramat-Gan."

Lewkowicz sees her position as a matter of principle.

"If you say in your mission statement that you believe in peace, justice, freedom, dignity and inclusiveness for all people," Lewkowicz said, "then you do that. You live the mission."

Like Lewkowicz, former board member Abbie Beller said that being Jewish and working for the YWCA never posed a

problem, until recently. "I knew they were a Christian organization, but as a Jew it never bothered me, because their views were very inclusive and they focused on the empowerment of women."

But at the 2003 World YWCA Conference in Brisbane, Australia, Beller observed "tremendous anti-American and anti-Israel sentiment." She expressed her concerns to Musimbi Kanyoro, the executive director of the World YWCA: "I said this is not reflective of the largest YWCA in the world, which is the YWCA USA" - and when she returned to Arizona, she and Lewkowicz, who also attended the Brisbane conference, conveyed their experience to the local board.

The posting online of the Witness Trip report was the last straw for Beller. "The report - which since has been withdrawn, I understand - was appalling in its lack of balance."

"It's not that I am concerned about support for Palestinians," she said. "My deepest concern was the lack of balance. ... They did not even meet with any Israeli women's organizations. The YWCA is supporting one side."

Beller said she felt "devastated" when she resigned. Her involvement in the YWCA began almost 40 years ago, when she was a college student. "This is an organization I've been a part of my whole adult life."

She felt especially disappointed that the YWCA of Maricopa County didn't "take the situation more seriously."

"I felt very alone in not being able to fight, and it was really Barbara and I, even though there were some people very active in the region who really want to change this. (But) it's only a region."

After her resignation, she said, "I had someone in the community say, 'Maybe the YWCA has become too Christian.' And I said, 'If they were more Christian, they'd be more inclusive.' The tenets of Christ would embrace all people."

Beller has dropped the YWCA, but not her commitment to helping others - she is now a life member of Hadassah. "If nothing else," she said, "the

Jewish Orgs Ask Presbyterian Church (USA): Focus on Middle East Peace, Reject Divestment from Israel

[excerpts] The complete document may be found on www.jewishpublicaffairs.org. November, 2004

We appreciate the opportunity you extended to further our conversation and to speak specifically to why we feel divestment and economic actions focused on Israel are wrong. We do so in the spirit of candid, respectful and direct dialogue, which we agree must be a hallmark of our conversations - on even the most contentious issues...

While we do not accept the moral equivalence between those who initiate terrorism and those who take defensive actions to stop it, between those who intentionally attack innocent civilians and those who in attacking terrorists hiding in civilian areas harm innocents, we recognize that there have been disagreements and there has been intransigence on both the Israeli and Palestinian sides. There have been many proposals and, we imagine, you share our disappointment over the failure to end this conflict. While the past is not the blueprint for the future, we want you to understand that history and the events of the past are a critical part of our memory and influence the ways we imagine strategy and outcomes for the future. The past, as we understand it, is worth reiterating here. In 1948, the nascent Israeli state accepted a two state solution, which was rejected by Arab leadership. For nineteen years, Israel was isolated and boycotted; there were constant attacks against Israel. All this preceded the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza in 1967.

Even after 1967, when Israel offered to return land, the Arab League unanimously passed the three "No's," denying Israel's right to exist and opposing any negotiations. The Palestinian National Council endorsed the policy calling for Israel's destruction. This memory is compounded by countless statements by Arab leaders, before 1967 and since, calling for the total annihilation of the Jewish State. Meanwhile, successive governments of the State of Israel have accepted in principle a two-state solution. The continued objective of some of those responsible for the current violence is the eradication of Israel. It is not unreasonable to presume that, after a resolution of the conflict, those opposed to Israel's existence will continue in their beliefs. They pose an ongoing threat to Israel unless they are effectively policed by the Palestinians. You can understand why we feel that such self-enforcement against anti-Israel violence is a condition precedent for peace. By extension, violence stands as the primary obstacle to peace. These concerns are exacerbated by the continuing anti-Semitic and anti-Israel rhetoric we hear and see, including textbooks that exclude the State of Israel, and schools and camps that inculcate negative views of Jews and too often legitimize violence...

For Jews, any policy that seems to

discriminate against Jews is fraught with inescapable associations. A policy of divestment or corporate action resonates in the Jewish consciousness with historic boycotts against Jewish companies and later Arab boycotts against the State of Israel; they are experienced by Jews as part of a pattern of singling out Jews for attack. To determine and continue policies that knowingly tap into the deepest fears and pain of another individual or people is, in our tradition, a serious failure of relationship. Our first critique of divestment is that it polarizes people and communities so that the policy of divestment, and not peace, becomes the central issue. It provokes such a strong response in Israel and within the Jewish community that constructive Christian involvement becomes less possible. Simply put, the bitter debate over divestment drowns out the real conversation about how to end the conflict.

Divestment as a policy focused solely on Israel places you in concert with those who, looking at all the state violence in the world, shamefully, paint only Israel as a pariah nation. We understand and respect your calling to invest in a morally responsible manner. But you also stand powerfully against prejudice and discrimination against individuals and nations. Even if it is not your intent, divestment efforts that are not universally applied but rather focused uniquely on Israel, no matter how nuanced and explained, smack of discrimination. While some formulations have been fairer in addressing both sides of this conflict in their call for the use of economic levers, these are still seriously flawed and problematic. Singling out the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to the exclusion of other regions and nations, which raise far more egregious human rights abuses, still treats Israel with a double standard that is dismaying and bewildering to the Jewish community. Further, to many, the inclusion of Palestinian violence feels far more like form than substance since Israel will be disproportionately affected, leaving the impression it remains the primary target of such economic levers.

Such a policy ends up being linked with the anti-Apartheid activities that once united us. In fact, the mantra of many of Israel's detractors has been to draw repeated parallels, including terminology (Apartheid fence) and strategy (sanctions and divestment). The purpose of the anti-apartheid divestment strategy was to delegitimize and end the apartheid regime. It will be impossible to disabuse most Jews, here and in Israel, and the American public that no such comparison is meant.

Divestment may well undermine willingness by Israel to imagine peace. While we recognize that Israel is a nation with a powerful military, it is important to remember that decades of terrorism and international isolation since 1967 have left Israelis feeling threatened and isolated. Divestment, with all of its historical connotations, seriously threatens to deepen that isolation. Together and inde-

Presbyterian (USA) Mega-Church to Invest in Israel

By Manya A. Brachear, Chicago Tribune staff reporter November 22, 2004

In a fence-mending gesture to the Jewish community, elders of Fourth Presbyterian Church launched a plan Sunday to channel church funds to companies that strengthen the infrastructure of Israel.

The governing body of the affluent 5,300-member congregation unanimously agreed to adjust its financial portfolio following a national church decision to divest from companies that enable Israel's occupation of the Gaza Strip and West Bank.

"It's Fourth acting faithfully and forcefully as a peacemaker," said Rev. Bob Reynolds, head of the Chicago Presbytery. "They're doing that by investing in the products of peace at the same time the church is also divesting from the weapons of war."

A Presbyterian Church (USA) committee this month began determining which companies in the denomination's \$8 billion portfolio qualify for divestment. If the companies do not conform to the church's policy, the denomination could withdraw funds by 2006.

Tension between Jewish groups and Presbyterians and among churches in the denomination has escalated since the divestment resolution was adopted by the national church's General Assembly in July. Some Jewish leaders called the policy an attack on Israel's economy and right to exist. Some Presbyterian congregations denounced the policy.

Anger intensified last month when shortly after a visit to Chicago, a Presbyterian theologian accompanied a

church delegation to Lebanon to meet with leaders of the militant group Hezbollah. Local Jews were offended by his comments that Islamic leaders were easier to talk to than Jews.

Rev. John Buchanan, Fourth Presbyterian's senior pastor and a former moderator of the General Assembly, said the Chicago church's investment strategy is not a protest against divestment.

"Everybody thought we wanted to say something along the lines that divestment is not aimed at Israel's existence or Israel's economy but Israel's policies regarding the conduct of actions with Palestinian people," Buchanan said.

Funds would be used to support companies that build infrastructure, such as schools, homes and roads.

Rev. Paul Rutgers, executive director of the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago and a Presbyterian who opposes the divestment decision, praised investment as a positive alternative.

"It's a good way to begin to heal some of the damage that's been done," he said. "It's become clear that saying 'I'm sorry' is not sufficient."

So far, Fourth Presbyterian is one of the first congregations in the nation to consider investment.

Rabbi Ira Youdovin, executive vice president of the Chicago Board of Rabbis, said he was grateful to Fourth Presbyterian for pioneering the approach. He said there is more work to be done. "It's a step in the right direction, but it's not enough," he said.

As part of the plan approved Sunday, Fourth Presbyterian also will ask the national church to delay the divestment

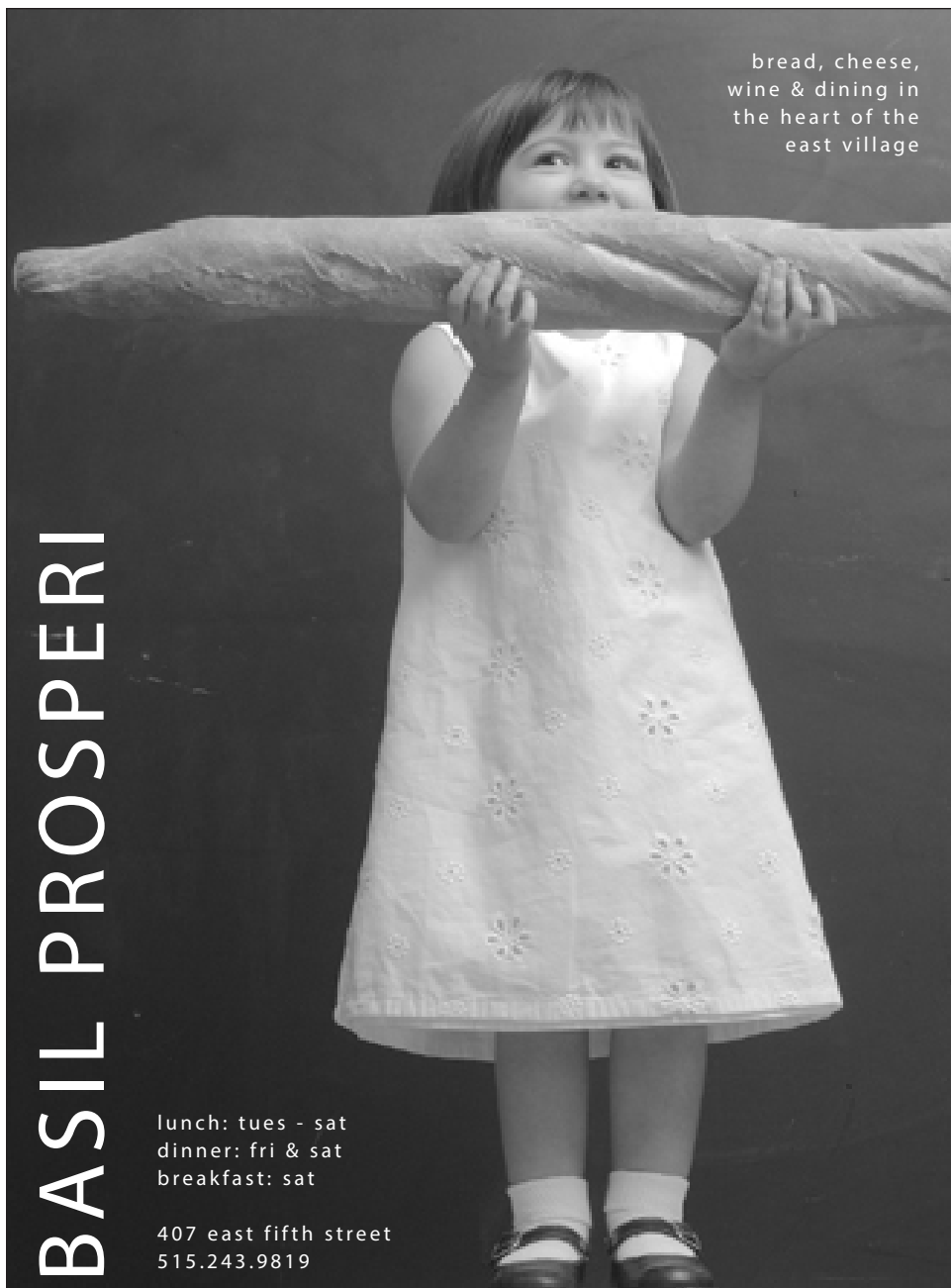
Presbyterian continued from page 1 Specifically, the resolution recommends that Jewish federations, community relations councils and other Jewish organizations "take actions at the national and local levels aimed at convincing the leadership of the Presbyterian Church to rescind its divestment decision," and demonstrate to other church groups "the seriousness with which the American Jewish community views divestment and that divestment from Israel is counterproductive in helping to build an enduring peace between Israel and her neighbors." "We welcome the opportunity to work more closely with those members of all Protestant denominations who approach the issue of peace between Palestinians and Israel in a fair-minded manner and who demonstrate an understanding of Israel's need to protect her people from terrorism and all other forms of violence," the resolution states.

More recently, a letter prepared by five leading American Jewish organizations states the Jewish commitment to peace and justice for all, and voices concern for Palestinian suffering, but lays out in detail [as excerpted below] the American Jewish community's staunch opposition to divestment. The authors

stated that the divestment "policy undermines peace, promotes extremism, exacerbates conflict, damages the relationship between Jews and Christians that have been nurtured for decades and is dangerously ill-matched to our passionately shared vision of a peaceful resolution to the conflict. Instead, divestment is a bludgeon that provokes extreme responses from all sides." The letter was signed by representatives of American Jewish Committee, Jewish Council for Public Affairs, Anti-Defamation League, Union for Reform Judaism and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Criticism of the PCUSA position was voiced in September by Rev. Dr. Peter Nord, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Baltimore and 21 other area Presbyterian clergy. In a published article, Rev. Nord is quoted as saying, "We were hearing what the Jewish community was saying and we needed to provide some nuances, as well as express our basic concern and support of the Jewish community and the State of Israel," he said. Additional criticism comes from members of a long-standing group called Presbyterians Concerned with Jewish Christian Relations, online at www.pcjcr.org. And

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My Home Away From Home

By former Areiva to Des Moines, Ayelet Kleinman



Shalom all my friends,

I know that the name of this column is about my views from Israel, but actually I am writing to you this time from...Des Moines, Iowa. I am at the Federation right now, using my old computer, sitting in my old place and I really feel at home.

I arrived here two days ago for a very short visit – six days. You probably ask yourself what made me come? Well, to be honest, I came because of you, all of you, because in a way, I miss my (second) home. I had seven days off from work that I had to use-or-lose, and I thought that there isn't any place that I would rather be, other than in Des Moines. Of course, my co-workers, family and friends thought I am crazy: you have a few days off from work - travel somewhere else, someplace exotic. But what do they know...so I decided to come to Des Moines.

I arrived Friday early morning, knowing that I want to see as many people as I can in this very short time I have. I am very much aware of the fact that I will not be able to see most of you, and I guess that's why I decided to address everyone at once in this column.

People have asked me so many questions since I returned, some of a personal nature, like: what am I doing these days? How is work? How is school? Well, I am doing fine, keeping myself busy. I am enjoying my work at The Jewish Agency very much and I like my classes that I am taking, though I wish I had more time to take more classes.

Many of the questions were about politics: what do I think is going to happen now, after Arafat? Who do I think will win the Palestinian election? What's going to happen to Sharon's governing coalition? Do I think Sharon has been a good Prime-Minister for Israel? And so many more.... Well, I do not know what's going to happen, and I don't think anyone in Israel actually knows, but that doesn't stop people from speculating. I know that the State of Israel has many problems to face: from economic ones, to social ones to security ones. And I do believe that whoever is going to be the next Prime Minister of Israel will have to make tough decisions and they may not always be "the right" decisions.

When I came to Des Moines to serve your community, several years ago, it was to take a "time out" from my life in Israel. But I soon learned that when you are outside of Israel, in a way, you even feel more Israeli, and that the problems that you do not necessarily think about daily, suddenly you do think about and have to formulate answers, however tentative. I do appreciate the fact that you have asked me all these questions and that you really care. I hope you find some meaning in my responses to the political questions, understanding them as my personal views.

And now it is time for me to depart, again. I had the greatest time here, and I thank you for that! I have told many of you to keep in touch via e-mail because for me it is so important to know what's going on in your life. My e-mail is: klayelet@hotmail.com.

And you know what, even though I hadn't been back in Des Moines for more than a year, it really feels like I have never left, and for that I thank you from the bottom of my

Iowa AIPAC

Date of the next AIPAC Meeting: March 14th. Location: TBD. Council Meeting: Planning for the AIPAC Annual Community Event. There will also be an educational component to the meeting, which will provide an up-to-the-minute analysis of current events in the Middle East, political dynamics on Capitol Hill, and new legislative initiatives designed to strengthen the U.S. - Israel relationship.

The IOWA AIPAC Council presented a post-election program in November. Guest speaker Jeffrey Shulman, AIPAC Deputy National Political Director, provided an interesting and informative summary of what changes may be anticipated in the new administration and in congress, identifying new members of congress, and profiling the individuals who hold major leadership positions.

Our next IOWA AIPAC program will be March 14. For more information about IOWA AIPAC contact Paulee Lipsman and Steve Schoenebaum.

AIPAC Policy Conference

AIPAC's 46th Annual Policy

Conference will take place in Washington, D.C. from May 22-24, 2005. Join Members of Congress, officials from the U.S. and Israeli Governments, and thousands of pro-Israel students and community activists from all 50 states for the largest pro-Israel policy gathering in the United States. Availability will be limited for this premier event, and priority will be given to those students actively involved in implementing AIPAC's agenda on campus. For more information, visit AIPAC's website at www.aipac.org.

Congress Approves \$2.58 Billion in Aid to Israel

Congress in November approved \$2.22 billion in military aid and \$360 million in economic assistance to Israel as part of the fiscal year 2005 foreign aid bill. The foreign aid bill contains provisions that help Israel maximize the aid, extends the availability of loan guarantees to Israel from three to five years, conditions U.S. aid to the Palestinians and includes new language requiring the Secretary of State to report on Relief and Works Agency (UNWRA) employees

Meet Cyril Mandelbaum



Cyril's roots are truly in the Old West! Her grandparents were one of seven Jewish families homesteading in Torrington, Wyoming. Cyril's mother, Bess, was born in Torrington and at the age of 15 moved to Cheyenne where she met Cyril's dad, Jack Pasternack. Originally from Denver, he moved to Cheyenne where his sister lived and opened up a Pawn Shop! So, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Bess and Jack met and married.

Cyril was born and raised in Cheyenne where there were 90 Jewish families and one conservative synagogue. Cyril has one brother, Irwin Pasternack, who now lives in Scottsdale, but during the time that they were growing up in Cheyenne almost all of the Cheyenne families were interrelated!

At the age of 19 Cyril, still not venturing from the west, attended the University of Colorado, where she met fellow student John Mandelbaum from Des Moines. After graduation Cyril and John married and returned to Des Moines where John had been born and raised – son of Doris and Morris Mandelbaum. Cyril had received her degree from the University of Colorado in accounting and became a CPA after graduation. For three years she worked for

Peat Marwick and Mitchell and Co. before opening her own CPA firm in her home, where she conducted her business for almost 10 years.

Being home allowed Cyril to cook for her family and enjoy sons Chad, Sean and Justin while they were young. In 1984 Cyril moved her business office to downtown Des Moines. Cyril Ann Mandelbaum, CPA, is located in the Financial Center where Cyril specializes in litigation support, financial analysis of law suits for attorneys and is often a witness at trial.

Cyril and John's three sons have all followed in their parents' footsteps in business accounting and then real estate! All three of the Mandelbaum sons graduated from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania but settled in different parts of the country. Chad graduated in accounting and finance and is a CPA. After five years on Wall Street he moved to Scottsdale, where he now owns his own real estate company called M a n d e l b a u m Commercial Real Estate, a name his father also

uses in Des Moines for his business. Chad is married to Dina from Marlborough, New Jersey who is a social worker, and they have a 4-month-old son, Jacob.

Sean, who is 2 1/2 years younger than Chad, received his MBA from Kellogg at Northwestern University. After four years on Wall Street, he moved to Chicago and established a real estate company named Mandelbaum Commercial Real Estate. Sean is married to Yuki who has a master's degree in public service and has

a translation business. They have a new daughter named Hana.

After graduation from Wharton, Justin moved to Stamford, Connecticut and works in New York. He is a partner in Vestera Investments, which is a real estate development firm. (They haven't been convinced to change their name to Mandelbaum Commercial Real Estate, yet).

Although Cyril works full-time, her community involvement is very impressive. She will be the next development

Mandelbaum Chocolate Roll

A recipe from Cyril Mandelbaum

Milk

Beat yolks of 6 eggs 10 minutes and add 1 cup powdered sugar. Sift and add:

- 3 T. cocoa
- 1 T. (rounded) flour
- 1 t. vanilla

In another bowl beat 6 egg whites until stiff. Combine. Bake @ 350 degrees for 20 minutes on a flat jelly roll sheet lined with baking parchment. Cover with 1 1/2 cartons of whipped cream per roll. Roll in a powdered sugar sheet of wax paper.

For an added touch ice with "Norman's" frosting:

- 1-1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 4 T. Cream
- Vanilla

[short takes]

B'nai B'rith

Each year the Des Moines Chapter of B'nai B'rith holds an annual Sports Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony. Pictured (l-r): Laura Leonard, Don Carlson, Drake University football coach Rob Ash (guest speaker), John John (son of the late Maury John, former Drake baseball coach), Joe Patrick, Sports Night chairman Irv Kawarsky and Dr. Steven Eckstat, president of B'nai B'rith in Des Moines. The 36th annual B'nai B'rith



Sports Hall of Fame dinner will be held May 9 at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

Statewide Community Representatives Meet

Representatives from six of Iowa's Jewish communities convened at the Iowa City Hillel in October to discuss



ways of helping each other. Federation president Polly Oxley is shown at left.

UJC General Assembly in Cleveland

As Small Cities representative to the UJC Board of Governors, Polly Oxley attended the General Assembly of Jewish Federations held in November, along with Executive director of the Federation, Elaine Steinger, who presented material at the conference, and JCRC Director Mark Finkelstein. The group is pictured along with Marilyn Cohen (center), Executive Director



of the Sioux City Federation, and renewed their friendship with Irshad Manji, who had recently spoken for the All-In-One Campaign in Des Moines.

Holocaust Education in the Schools

Thanks are offered to Linda Fishman, pictured left, who recently spoke about the Holocaust to a large group of students at Westridge Elementary

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| January 14 | 4:51 P.M. |
| January 21 | 4:59 P.M. |
| January 28 | 4:43 P.M. |
| January 7 | 5:08 P.M. |

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| Weekdays | 7:00 A.M. |
| Saturday and Sunday | 9:00 A.M. |

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| Mincha/Maariv | 4:45 A.M. |
| Mincha & Seudat Shleesheet | |
| Saturday | 4:30 A.M. |

Ongoing Classes offered at Beth El Jacob

ALTERNATE Tuesdays – QUERY – Join Rabbi Aaron at 10:30 AM Tuesdays.

The “Query” will be a discussion on any and all topics. See you in the Library at 10:30 AM. Alternating with Query will be a Pirkay Avos (Ethics of the Fathers) class. Tuesday evenings, 7 – 7:45 PM, Jewish Messianic Times 8- 8:45 PM, Do's & Don'ts of Judaism!

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Children's SHABBAT – EVERY SHABBAT from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. Join the children for fun, games, Parsha and a Shabbat Kiddie Kiddush!

SUNDAY School –every Sunday 10:00- 12:00; 10:00 Judiac arts and crafts Parshat hashavua; 11:00 Conversational Hebrew.

SUNDAY EVENINGS - from 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. - New Class in Self Defense taught by Michael Pisman, an expert in the Chinese- Japanese styles. Open to everyone ages 10 – 100. Cost: \$5.00 Donation to Beth El Jacob per class.

Next Shabbat Dinner, Friday January 21, Prepaid reservations required. Call Synagogue office for more information.

GYM READY FOR WINTER SPORTS USE

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Family Shabbat – January 14, 2005 “Groove the Night Away” with music of the 70's and 80's – Saturday, January 29, 2005 7:00 pm – 11:30 pm at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Beverages and Desserts will be provided. Cost is \$10.00 per adult.

Rabbi Moshe Edelman, Scholar-in-Residence – February 11, 12 and 13, 2005

2005 Jewish Community Kosher Wine Tasting – Saturday, February 26, 2005 7:30 pm at Tifereth Israel Synagogue – An evening of fine wine tasting.

“The Book Club” – January 17, February 21, March 22, April 18 and May 16

AMES JEWISH CONGREGATION

Services for January and February

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| Jan 7 | 8:00 p.m. lay led |
| 14 | 8:00 p.m. lay led |
| 21 | 8:00 p.m. led by Rabbi Rosenbloom |
| 22 | 10:00 a.m Shabbat morning with Torah study led by Rabbi Rosenbloom |
| 28 | 8:00 p.m. lay led |
| Feb 4 | 8:00 p.m led by the Level 5 (8th-9th grade religious school class) |
| 11 | 8:00 p.m. led by Rabbi Rosenbloom |
| 12 | 10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning with Torah study led by Rabbi Rosenbloom |
| 18 | 8:00 p.m. lay led |
| 25 | 8:00 p.m. lay led |
| 26 | 10:00 a.m. led by the Level 4 (grades 6-7 of religious school class) |

January 22nd a welcome to new member party will be held in the evening.

Adult Education:

Saturday, January 22, 2:00-3:30 led by Rabbi Rosenbloom

Saturday, February 12, 2:00-3:30 led by Rabbi Rosenbloom



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January 23 - 2pm

• LEGACY OF OUR ANCESTORS

This documentary explores the foundations of Jewish America and brings to light the story of the first wave of Jewish immigration that occurred more than 200 years before Ellis Island opened its doors to the world, a fertile time in Jewish history.

January 30 - 2pm

• THEY CAME FOR GOOD: A HISTORY OF JEWS IN THE U S

Part One: "Present At the Creation 1654 - 1820" (60 minutes); Part Two: "Taking Root 1820 -1880" (60 minutes). From the first Brazilian Jews who landed on Manhattan Island in 1654 through the end of the 19th century, follow the little-known story of Jewish immigration to America. You'll experience the struggle of Jews to maintain their identity while assimilating into society.

February 6 - 2pm

• MR. FLANAGAN, THE CHAPLAIN AND MR. LINCOLN

Dramatizes a Civil War incident, which led to the repeal of discriminatory legislation limiting chaplaincy appointments in the armed services to "ordained ministers of the Christian faith." The ultimate result was the commissioning of the first Jewish chaplain in the Union Army. (30 Minutes)

• THE SEARCH

The story of Lillian Wald and the inner drive and human compassion which led her to establish the world's first visiting nurse service. This service also led to the establishment of the Henry Street Settlement, an important social force in New York. (30 Minutes)

• NO WREATH AND NO TRUMPET

Emma Lazarus, author of "The New Colossus" – "Give me your tired, your poor,

your huddled masses yearning to breathe free..." One of six daughters of a wealthy Sephardic New York merchant, she would become a protégé of Ralph Waldo Emerson. Lazarus ranks, along with Emily Dickinson, as two of the most talented women poets of the nineteenth century. (30 minutes)

February 13 - 2pm

• THE FORWARD: FROM IMMIGRANTS TO AMERICANS

(Directed and Produced by Marlene Booth 1988; 58 minutes) The story of America's most successful and most well-known Yiddish daily newspaper, The Forward. Founded in 1897, it helped to turn immigrants into Americans through its advocacy of union causes and election campaigns, publishing of famed Yiddish authors..

• FREE VOICE OF LABOR-THE JEWISH ANARCHISTS

Portrays immigrant life in the United States as seen through the eyes of the sweatshop workers who made up the Jewish anarchist movement. Through interviews with actual participants in the Jewish anarchist movement, the film documents their contributions to the fledgling US labor movement and developing Yiddish culture. (60 minutes)

February 20 - 2pm

• HESTER STREET

Based on a story by Abraham Cahan, Hester Street portrays the life of a Jewish community in transition, where immigrants must reexamine their identities as Jews in light of American opportunities and values. Since Arriving from Russia, Jake has shaved off his beard, found a job in a sweatshop and learned English. A letter from home prompts him to send for his wife

(Carol Kane) and son. Their arrival reminds Jake of everything he has discarded and triggers a confrontation between Old and New World values.

February 27 - 2pm

• HOLLYWOODISM: JEWS, MOVIES AND THE AMERICAN DREAM

Based on Neal Gabler's best-selling book An Empire of Their Own, this documentary tells the story of the men who founded Hollywood. Adolph Zukor, Carl Laemmle, the Warner brothers; Louis B. Mayer, William Fox and Harry Cohn—all were immigrants, or children of immigrants, who wanted to reinvent themselves as Americans. In the process, they reinvented America.

March 6 - 2pm

• MAMADRAMA

"The Jewish mothers that I know and love are sexy, smart, and strong, but I have never seen this mother in Hollywood movies, and I set out to find out why," Filmmaker Monique Schwarz Mamadrama combines film clips, cultural commentary, interviews with Hollywood and Israeli filmmakers and footage from Schwarz's earlier films in an exploration of the image of the Jewish mother in film beginning with early silent and Yiddish films up through contemporary movies.

March 13 - (Special Time 4pm)

• GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT

Director: Elia Kazan
Winner of three Academy Awards. This classic film adapts Laura Z. Hobson's novel about a writer (Gregory Peck) who is assigned to write an article on anti-Semitism in America and decides to pretend he is a Jew. He discovers, to his surprise and confusion, that anti-Semitism

is rampant in postwar America.

March 20 - 2pm

• THE CHOSEN

Starring Maximillian Schell and Rod Steiger. This film examines the differences among Orthodox Jews and conflicts between fathers and sons. Set in Brooklyn in the 1940's, the story focuses on two sons and two fathers: Danny, the brilliant scion of a Hasidic dynasty in training to succeed his formidable father as Grand Rabbi; Reuven, the son of a worldly progressive scholar. The boys develop a strong friendship. When the fathers enter into a bitter, passionate conflict over the issue of Zionism, their sons must part ways-until one makes the painful choice to oppose his father and claim his own destiny.

March 27 - 2pm

• CALL IT SLEEP

Based on the novel of the same name by Henry Rogh, this film dramatizes the story of a Russian-Jewish child who arrives in New York City at the turn of the century. Portrays the disillusionment of many such Eastern European Jewish immigrants who came hopefully to "The Golden Land," only to find it confusing and difficult to adjust to. Script by Shimon Wincelberg. (30 Minutes)

• WHERE WE CAME FROM

A conversation documentary featuring prominent Americans who reminisce about their European Jewish heritage and its influence on their lives and work. The film illuminates the connections between immigrant traditions and contemporary American values. Persons interviewed are Dr. Chaim Potok, scholar and author; Dr. Roman Vishniac, photographer and microbiologist; Leo Rosten, educator and author; Morris B. Abram, attorney and former President of

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| Friday | January 7 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Saturday | January 8 | 10:00am - 1:00pm |
| Sunday | January 9 | 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| Tuesday | January 11 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm |
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| Friday | January 14 | 10:00am - 1:00pm |
| | | 5:30pm - 8:30pm |
| Saturday | January 15 | 6:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Sunday | January 16 | 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| | | 12:00pm - 1:30pm |
| Monday | January 17 | 12:00pm - 1:30pm |
| | | 6:00pm - 8:00pm |
| | | 7:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Thursday | January 20 | 7:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Friday | January 21 | 5:30pm - 8:30pm |
| Saturday | January 22 | 9:15am - 12:15pm |
| Sunday | January 23 | 9:00am - 10:00am |
| | | 9:30am - 12:30pm |
| | | 2:00pm - 3:00pm |
| | | 7:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Thursday | January 27 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm |
| | | 7:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Saturday | January 29 | 8:00pm - 12:00am |
| Sunday | January 30 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm |
| Thursday | February 3 | 7:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Friday | February 4 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Sunday | February 6 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm |
| Tuesday | February 8 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm |
| | | 12:30pm - 2:30pm |
| | | 4:30pm - 5:30pm |
| | | 5:30pm - 6:30pm |
| | | 7:00pm - 8:30pm |
| Wednesday | February 9 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm |
| Thursday | February 10 | 7:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Friday | February 11 | 10:00am - 1:00pm |
| Saturday | February 12 | 6:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Sunday | February 13 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm |
| Tuesday | February 15 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm |
| Wednesday | February 16 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm |
| Thursday | February 17 | 7:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Saturday | February 19 | 6:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Sunday | February 20 | 2:00pm - 3:45pm |
| Monday | February 21 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm |
| Tuesday | February 22 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm |
| | | 7:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Wednesday | February 23 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm |
| Thursday | February 24 | 12:00pm - 2:00pm |
| | | 7:00pm - 9:00pm |
| Saturday | February 26 | 10:00am - 12:00pm |
| | | 7:30pm - 10:30pm |

Temple Family Potluck
Temple: Shabat - Pre B'nai Mitzvah Meeting
Tifereth Women's League Meeting
Temple: Lunch with the Rabbi
Temple Exec. Bd Mtg
Temple Bd of Trustees Mtg
Melton Classes
Senior Trip to Prairie Meadows
Temple: Intro to Judaism
Tifereth Movies and Midrash
Tifereth Investment Club Meeting
Community MLK Program
Tifereth Book Club Meeting
Federation Exec. Comm. Meeting
Fed. Bd of Directors Mtg
Melton Classes
Temple Intro to Judaism
Tifereth Women's League Shabbat
JFCS - No School
Tifereth Bagels and Beliefs
IJHS Film Series
Tifereth Board Meeting
Senior Luncheon - Beth El
Melton Classes
Tifereth 70's Dance
IJHS Film
Melton Classes
Temple Family Potluck
IJHS Film Series
Temple: Lunch with the Rabbi
BEJ Sisterhood Lunch
Temple Exec. Bd Mtg
Temple Bd of Trustees Mtg
Temple Intro to Judaism
Temple Sisterhood: Class w/ R. HaLevi
Melton Classes (repeats)
Senior Adults - Metro Market/Lunch
Academy Auction
IJHS: Film Series
Temple Intro to Judaism
Temple Sisterhood: Class w/R. Kaufman
Melton Classes
Tifereth Women's League Evening
IJHS : Film Series
Federation Exec. Comm. Meeting
Temple Intro to Judaism
Tifereth Board Meeting
Temple Sisterhood: Class w/ R. Simpser
Senior Luncheon - Temple
Melton Classes
Temple Intro to Judaism
Tifereth: Wine Tasting

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His vision for the building was so powerful that both Mary Bucksbaum Scanlan and Naum Staroselsky joined him with two wings on the center hall.
He, as have all other contributors to The Caspe Terrace, committed to endow their projects so that maintenance will be guaranteed into the future, and not a drain from money needed for vital programs and services. Mort and Lois had both agreed, even before the creation of The Terrace, to leave the original Bookey family farm to the Federation. The farm where Mort, his brother Lester, sister Harriet and their family began their life, would become life for the future of the entire community. With the sale of the farm, the provision in Mort's estate has been completed and almost one million dollars has been added to the Des Moines Jewish Foundation to the Morton and Lois Bookey Endowment. Fifty percent will endow the Bookey Lodge, and 50% will be in the PACE (Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment) Fund to continue Mort and Lois's generous annual gifts to the
All-In-One Federation Campaign. Their total gift to the community through the Federation amounts to 1.5 million dollars.
In addition to the Federation and Foundation gift, Mort gave \$1,000,000 to Tifereth Israel Synagogue, and \$500,000 to the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center, along with numerous gifts to the general community. We take this opportunity to thank his daughter, Carolyn Bookey Lettween, and son, Fred Bookey, as well as their spouses Max



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