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Andy Statman: Soul Mensch!



Andy Statman in concert
8:00 p.m. at Caspe Terrace
Tickets \$25 for adults
\$20 for students
Call 515-279-6452

Abe Goldstien, co-leader of the Java Jews, loves to share his joy of music with others. On April 2, the Jewish community will benefit from Abe's passion, as he and his family proudly present clarinetist and mandolinist Andy Statman in a concert of Jewish mystical and American roots music at The Caspe Terrace.

"This type of music has rarely been heard in Iowa," notes Abe, who first heard Statman's clarinet playing on some of the early klezmer revival recordings in the late 1970s. "He blows pure yiddishkeit in every note!" According to Abe, you have to experience it in person for the full effect, and that is exactly what he invites the community to do on Wednesday, April 2 at 8 p.m. when the Andy Statman Trio takes the stage at The Caspe Terrace, 33158 Ute Ave. in Waukee. Tickets for the concert are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and can be ordered by contacting Abe at 515-279-6452 or sending a check for your tickets to the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. Please make your check payable to Abe Goldstien.

The concert, which is being funded by Abe and his wife, Jackie, is being co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, who is providing the beautiful and inspiring auditorium at The Caspe Terrace.

Statman is a multi-faceted instrumentalist of genius and vision, whose performances on the mandolin and clarinet defy attempts at categorization. The culmination of decades of creative development, Statman's music expands the boundaries of traditional and improvisational forms.

With the release of his first mandolin recording *Flatbush Waltz* more than twenty-five years ago, Statman immediately established himself as an innovative composer and improviser. From the outset, his musical vocabulary encompassed numerous American jazz, blues, bluegrass, and ethnic folk styles. All are in evidence today, as this relentlessly searching creative musician reaches new vistas of expression.

As a clarinetist, Statman zeroes in on emotional territory that is often overlooked: the sublimely ecstatic centuries-old melodies that lie at the heart of Jewish music. Statman galvanizes the klezmer music that he mastered under the tutelage of legendary clarinetist Dave Tarras with the spiritually-oriented, avant-garde jazz of John Coltrane and Albert Ayler, and other ethnic folk styles. In so doing, he has created a language that promises to be a touchstone for the Jewish instrumental music of the future.

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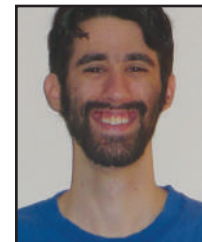
Holocaust Remembrance Day Program April 30

Akiva Mitzmacher and his nephew Jack Fried (relatives of Ames residents Marc and Cynthia Shulman) traveled a long distance last October, to see an elderly man honored by the government of Poland. The elderly gentleman was Wladyslaw Misiuna and the fact is that Mr. Misiuna, a Gentile, helped Akiva's mother survive her ordeal in a labor camp during the Holocaust.

Come hear Akiva and Jack relate the story of Rachel Mitzmacher and their visit to the family home in Klimontow. Video of their visit to Auschwitz, from which Rachel Mitzmacher was liberated, and Birkenau will be shown.

The program will include the community's remembrance service as conducted by our rabbis and cantors, Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 pm at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. All are welcome.

NEW ENGMAN CAMP SHALOM STAFF



Jeremy Schwartz

Engman Camp Shalom is pleased to present three additions to our family. Kathryn Ellerhoff will serve as our Camp Director this summer. You may remember Kathryn as the camp secretary/assistant. In the past, she has helped plan, organize and implement many of our camp programs. While in Des Moines, Kathryn taught high school social studies. Currently, she is pursuing her Ph.D. in Social Studies Education in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Jeremy Schwartz is coming to us from North Carolina and will be an assistant to Kathryn.

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Update on Darfur planned for March 26

The Des Moines Interfaith Coalition on the Crisis in Sudan will hold a public program 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 26 at Tifereth Israel Synagogue to discuss the latest information available about the continuing humanitarian crisis in Darfur.

The crisis in Darfur began in 2003. In seeking to defeat rebel movements within Darfur, the government of Sudan increased arms and support to local tribal militias, which have come to be known as the Janjaweed. The Janjaweed have wiped out entire villages, destroyed food and water supplies, and systematically murdered, tortured, and raped hundreds of thousands of Darfuris.

The campaign by the Sudanese government against Darfuri civilians has, through violence, disease, and starvation, claimed as many as 400,000 lives. Approximately 1 million more Darfuris still live in their villages, under the constant threat of bombings, raids, murder, rape and torture.

To learn more, consult the website of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum at www.ushmm.org and www.savedarfur.org.

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Celebrate Israel at 60

A Century in the Making: The Israeli State - March 6

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Educating adults on topics that relate to Jewish values, culture, and identity. As we celebrate Israel at 60, join us for a fascinating two-part course taught by Mark Finkelstein discussing Israel past and present. To begin, the class will look at the history of the region from 1850 to the re-establishment of Israel in 1948, as well as its constant struggle for continued existence. The class session will be devoted to an exploration of difficult issues, with special focus on contending with different types of propaganda. Class will be held at the Senior Life Center March 6 and 13 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. An \$18.00 course fee should be made payable to the Jewish Federation. To register contact Julie at 277-6321 x217.

Jazz Concert with Andy Statman - April 2



A master of klezmer clarinet and bluegrass mandolin, Statman performs at The Caspe Terrace, 8:00 pm on Wednesday, April 2. Tickets are \$25 adults and \$20 students. For tickets, call 279-6452 or e-mail abe@trilixgroup.com. Program co-sponsored by The Caspe Terrace Programming Committee of the Jewish Federation.

Israel Film Festival at The Caspe Terrace - April 13



"LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER"

On the second Sunday of every month, come watch fun and exciting Israeli movies at 2 pm at The Caspe Terrace. "Like a Fish Out of Water" is a charming, romantic comedy about a new immigrant from Argentina trying to balance love, work and family. Winner of the Audience Award, Hong Kong Jewish Film Festival, 2006 Winner of the Jury Citation, Girona International Film Festival Besalu Competition, 2006.

Yom HaShoah Program - April 30

Wednesday, April 30 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Akiva Mitzmacher and Jack Fried will speak about their recent experiences in Europe and the anti-Semitic views that they experienced. Akiva and Jack are relatives of Marc and Cynthia Shulman.

Yom Ha'atzmaut/ Ohringer Family Day - May 4

Come out for fun, tree planting, learning, and enjoy an Israeli lunch (falafel/Israeli salad and more) for a nominal fee. More details will be sent out to the community in April.

PLANT A TREE IN HONOR OF ISRAEL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

We will plant six trees at The Caspe Terrace in honor of Israel's six decades of independence. We need to raise \$1,500 to purchase these trees. A tree certificate will be housed at The Caspe Terrace with the names of those who contributed. Send donations to JFCS, 924 Polk Boulevard, Des Moines, IA 50312 - Attn: Israel @ 60 Trees. In addition, through the "Tu B'shevat in the Schools" program with the Jewish National Fund, we have pledged 60 trees for 60 years. Help us meet this goal. Participants will receive a tree certificate for the person they are honoring or remembering, and JNF will also plant a tree in their honor or memory. These trees may be purchased for \$18 per tree.

Israel Film Festival at The Caspe Terrace - May 11



"USHPIZIN"

A heartwarming and soul-stirring film. Moshe Bellanga is down on his luck, so he and his wife Malli pray passionately for a miracle. Their prayers are answered...in the form of a large sum of money that mysteriously lands on their doorstep. But the great "gift" leads to two uninvited ushpizin, and Moshe and Malli are left wondering...have they found God's favor or is this just a test of their devotion?

Walk the Land for Israel @ 60 - May 18

Sunday, May 18 1:00 pm. This is a first-time ever event designed to foster a sense of worldwide unity in support of the cherished homeland of the Jewish People. Our one mile walk will begin at TBJ and continue east on Grand. All registrants across the country will be entered into a post-walk drawing for one of ten tickets to Israel. Be the first to purchase for \$5 "Walk the Land" T-shirt, water bottle and sling back sack to have during our walk.

Israel Film Festival at The Caspe Terrace - June 8



KOMEDIANT

The glory days of the Yiddish stage are brought to life in this funny saga of a legendary theatrical family, the Bursteins. Smoothly incorporating rare archival footage and interviews with Yiddish stage veterans (including Fyvush Finkel), this tightly edited, briskly paced documentary is as richly bittersweet - filled with laughter and tears, schmaltz and grit - as the Yiddish theater itself.

Iowa Jewish Historical Society and Waukee Area Arts Council Events Examine Holocaust Themes in March

The Caspe Terrace and the Waukee Public Library will be venues for Holocaust-themed programming in March, continuing the series begun in February by the Iowa Jewish Historical Society and the Waukee Area Arts Council. The varied series of events are free and open to the public.

Included in the series are programs centered around renowned author Cynthia Ozick's book, *The Shawl*, a webcast with the author, a panel discussion, two theatrical presentations, a documentary, and some klezmer music.

Tuesday, March 4 6:30 pm at The Caspe Terrace. The documentary *Image Before My Eyes* will be shown. The film depicts the vibrancy of the pre-war Jewish community in Europe. A dessert reception prepared by the Culinary Arts students from Waukee High School will follow. (The desserts will not be prepared under rabbinical supervision.)

Thursday, March 6 7:00 pm at The Caspe Terrace. Life in a Jar Troupe performs. An exceptionally moving presentation about the life and legacy of the righteous gentile Irena Szendler. A dessert reception prepared by the Culinary Arts students from Waukee High School will follow. (The desserts will not be prepared under rabbinical supervision.)

Saturday, March 8 10:15 am at the Waukee Public Library. Abe Goldstein will perform *Mendel's Accordion*.

Tuesday, March 11 6:30 pm at the Waukee Public Library. A moderated panel discussion about Cynthia Ozick's book, *The Shawl*.

Tuesday, March 25 6:30 pm at the Waukee Public Library. A web broadcast and discussion with the author, Cynthia Ozick.

Thursday, March 27 6:30 at the Waukee Public Library. A concluding program in the series featuring remarks from the National Endowment of the Arts, a dramatic reading from the Attic Door Theater Company, the recitation of the winning essay in the Waukee Area Arts Council's Essay Contest, and music by the Java Jews Klezmer Band.

All programs are co-sponsored by the National Endowment of the Arts, The Caspe Terrace Programming Committee and Iowa Jewish Historical Society of the Jewish Federation, Waukee Public Library and the Waukee Area Arts Council.

For further information, contact Julie Kaufman at the Jewish Federation 277-6321 x217

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Message from the President



Neil Salowitz
President

If you need proof that G-d exists, proof that miracles happen, look no further than the persistence of the Jews throughout history. We have survived millennia of persecution, prejudice, enslavement, slaughter, dislocation and Diaspora. But will we survive our sojourn in “die goldene medina,” this “golden land”? Will we persist as Jews; will we continue to live as Jews and at the same time continue to savor the blessings and freedoms we enjoy in this wonderful country?

A recent PBS television series entitled, “The Jewish Americans,” told the story of a people struggling to be accepted in the United States despite, or perhaps because of, their achievements in arts, literature, business, philanthropy and even sports. At the beginning of the 21st century, however, that struggle has pretty much been won.

Professional and social barriers against Jews, commonplace a few generations ago, have melted away. Anti-Semitism now chiefly resides on the crackpot fringes of American life. We have paid a price for this great blessing, however. With the passing of the siege has gone the siege mentality, with its solidarity and social cohesion. We Jews no longer have serious enemies and detractors to confirm our Jewishness; we have only ourselves and our freedom to forge a positive Jewish identity. The only ones who can cause us to embrace our religion and culture—our Jewishness—are us.

What will Jewish Des Moines look like five, 10, 20 years from now? Will there be a thriving Jewish community here or will there remain only memories of a once-vibrant and proud community?

I recently convened a meeting of several Federation members to discuss our future. This informal, wide-ranging discussion centered on what our Federation and our community must do to insure that our children and grandchildren will be able to worship and live as Jews in this place. The meeting was the beginning of what I hope will be an ongoing dialogue involving the entire community about the future of the Jewish presence in the greater Des Moines area.

One of the ideas that emerged from this meeting was a consensus that, while our synagogues must tend to the religious and spiritual needs of our community, we also need a central place where Jews can encounter each other outside of religious practice – in short, a Jewish Community Center. I’m not talking about the typical JCC with a pool, basketball and racquetball courts and spa, but a place where Jews of every “denomination,” or no religious practice at all, whether or not affiliated with a Jewish house of worship, can come together to share in our rich cultural heritage of music, literature, art and, of course, food – all of the varied “extracurricular” things that enrich our lives as Jews.

We do have such a place in our community – The Caspe Terrace. It’s a beautiful facility located minutes from Des Moines on several acres of rolling hills. Throughout the year, the Federation presents film series, concerts, lectures and “how-to” seminars such as the one that demonstrated how to create a meaningful Passover Seder.

It is clear that at this time The Caspe Terrace is woefully underutilized. We could do so much more to transform it into a gathering place for both adults and children. My dream for The Caspe Terrace is to see it become a vibrant, dynamic center of Jewish cultural life for this community. That won’t happen, though, without your support and your participation. What can the Federation do to create such a gathering place? What would it take to get YOU to come?

I welcome your thoughts. My email address is neil@dmjfed.org. Please use it to let me know your views about the future of the Jewish community in the greater Des Moines area.

B’shalom,
Neil



Have you been to Israel? Be a Part of the Celebration!

Share your reminiscences or photos with the Jewish Press for the Israel @60 edition

We’re calling for articles and photos from anyone who has been to Israel on a mission, teen trip or on their own, anyone who has spent a semester abroad there or a post-high school year on a program, anyone who has studied there, or lives there now! Share your thoughts, photos, and experiences for possible publication in the May edition of the Jewish Press.

Articles can be 500-2000 words in length. Material may be forwarded by e-mail to jcrc@dmjfed.org <<mailto:jcrc@dmjfed.org>> or by mail to: Jewish Press, 910 Polk Blvd, Des Moines, IA 50312. Photos submitted by e-mail need to be of high resolution, 300 dps or higher. Deadline is March 26, 2008

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FedFacts

Through the United Jewish Communities, Federation funds 201 Chesed welfare centers, which provide essential services for elderly, impoverished and ailing Jews in the former Soviet Union. In the past year, 75,257 people received winter necessities such as warm clothing, blankets, overcoats, boots, and heating fuel. Chesed pharmacies distributed eyeglasses, hearing aids, dentures and gave out free or inexpensive medications to 99,869 patients. Wheelchairs and other types of medical equipment were loaned to 38,836 people. Volunteer physicians offered 31,995 free medical consultations, and trained caregivers offered over five million hours of home care to 22,823 bedridden and/or homebound Jews.

JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Plant A Tree In Honor Of Israel's 60th Anniversary

The Jewish Federation Community School (JFCS) has two opportunities for you to celebrate Israel's 60th Birthday by planting trees. The opportunities are: contribute to a fund locally for trees to be planted at The Caspe Terrace and/or purchase trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund (JNF) school program.

On Sunday, May 4, our community Yom Ha'atzmaut Ohringer Family Education Day Program will dedicate six trees planted in honor of Israel's six decades of independence. Help purchase these trees! Send donations to JFCS, 924 Polk Boulevard, Des Moines, IA 50312 - Attn: Israel @ 60. A total of \$1,500 needs to be raised to purchase and plant these trees.

A tree certificate will be printed and housed at The Caspe Terrace with the names of those who contributed. Along with your check in the amount of your choosing, please indicate how you would like your name listed on the certificate (i.e. Mr. & Mrs. Cohen; Cohen Family; Shaynna, Jacob and Ben Cohen).

In partnership with JNF and their "Tu B'Shevat in the Schools" program, we are promoting the purchase of 60 trees in honor of Israel's 60th Anniversary. The cost to plant a tree in Israel is \$18.

All participants through this program will receive a tree certificate for the person they are honoring/remembering and JNF will also plant one in their honor/memory.

Please send an email or call the JFCS office if you would like to receive the form to purchase trees in Israel. (jcskkg@aol.com or 277-5566).

All tree sales will run through April 15, 2008. Please note that to plant a tree in Israel the cost per tree is significantly lower because of size.

"One person cannot plant a forest, but a community can plant a forest one tree at a time."

Walk for Israel May 18 - Be a part of History - Be a part of the Walk!

The Afikim Foundation, in solidarity with Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, has implemented a global project in celebration of Israel's 60th Anniversary - a first-time ever event designed to foster a sense of worldwide unity in support of the cherished homeland of the Jewish people.

A Des Moines community-wide "Walk the Land" event will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2008, at 1:00 pm. Our one-mile walk will begin at Temple B'nai Jeshurun and continue east on Grand. During our walk, participants will be carrying murals showing the beauty of Israel. All registrants 18 years of age or older across the country will automatically be entered into a post-walk drawing for one of ten tickets to Israel. Each registered participant has the opportunity to purchase an official T-shirt, water bottle and sling backpack all for \$5.

Contact Lyanna Grund at 277-5566 or email jcskkg@aol.com to register and to purchase the official T-shirt, water bottle and sling backpack. Pre-register by April 1, 2008 to guarantee availability of these items to be handed out on the day of the event.

ENGMAN CAMP SHALOM

Grab your passports and get ready to take a trip around the world this summer with Engman Camp Shalom! Together we will explore the people and traditions from "Around the World" that bind us together as citizens of the world. Based on the geographical designations of the World Jewish Congress, each week we will "travel" to a different part of the world and experience the food, music, stories, games and culture of the people from that area.

Highlights of the summer include making and stamping our own Engman Camp Shalom passports, making and eating traditional foods of the different countries, and cultural crafts. All of this will be in addition to the swimming, sports, Friday field trips and our special afternoon Shabbats that are Engman Camp Shalom traditions.

This summer's theme "Around the World," will consist of the following places: Africa, Asia, Australia & New Zealand, Eurasia, Europe, Latin America, Middle East and North America. Come join us this summer and meet the new staff, see the old staff, see old friends and make new ones. Come on and join us this summer between June 16 through August 8.

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Questions? Call Lyanna Grund at 277-5566 or email jcskkg@aol.com

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**A Letter from Janice Rosenberg,
Project Elijah Foundation**

Welcome Julie Kaufman

The Project Elijah Foundation continues to grow. I am pleased to announce the addition of Julie Kaufman as our Program Director. She will be in charge of our Kosher Manna food packaging and helping our organization continue to expand across the country.

Julie is from Boone, North Carolina. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She has a degree in exercise physiology...and she has brought a lot of energy to our program!

She worked at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem, has taught Sunday school at Valley Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, is currently the program director for The Caspe Terrace and is the Des Moines Jewish Community Adult Education Coordinator. She is a Pomegranate of the Jewish Federation.



Julie Kaufman

Julie is married to Rabbi David Kaufman of Temple B'nai Jeshurun. They have 3 children—Hanna (7 years), Eliana (6 years) and Avi (4 years). You can see that Julie is one busy woman. Welcome Julie!

The Project Elijah Foundation is successfully adjusting to our new dual programming.

In addition to helping the very needy Jewish children of Ieladeinu in Argentina, we are packaging Project Elijah Kosher Manna meals to feed hungry Jews. The Kosher Manna will be packaged by volunteer groups all over the country, and will be sent to Jews in need all over the world.

Last October we packaged 27,000 Kosher Manna meals at Temple Israel in Minneapolis Minnesota. The Des Moines Jewish Community has packaged 26,700 meals sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. We are currently organizing packaging in other communities. If you have contacts you think we should pursue, please let us know.

We have an initial order for 15,000 Kosher Manna meals to be sent to the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty in New York City. The Metropolitan Council currently distributes food packages to over 14,000 Jewish families each month.

We also are getting requests for Kosher Manna from the former Soviet Union and from Latvia as well as Argentina... and we have not yet really begun to promote our program! We will be in talks with major Jewish organizations to help us with distribution in the next few months.

We continue to send funds to Ieladeinu, a Jewish orphanage and care center in Buenos Aires, Argentina to help neglected, homeless, and abused Jewish children. The situation there remains difficult. The staff there does an amazing job with the resources they have. I understand there is a book being written by UNICEF commending Ieladeinu on their model of care for children in these situations.

I would like to thank the community again for embracing Ieladeinu and the Kosher Manna program. We continue to receive generous donations, and we are putting those dollars to good use. If you would like your donation to go for one of the specific programs; Kosher Manna or Ieladeinu, please specify, and we will be glad to follow your wishes.

We plan to continue to have Kosher Manna packaging throughout the year. We again thank the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines for sponsoring the packaging of a total of 50,000 Kosher Manna meals.

If you want to get involved...We need you! Please call me at 246-8001.

Thanks again for your support!

Janice Rosenberg

Project Elijah Foundation, Executive Director

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senior news



**Federation President
Neil Salowitz shares one
of his many talents as
storyteller for our seniors
at a recent luncheon.**

Upcoming Luncheons:

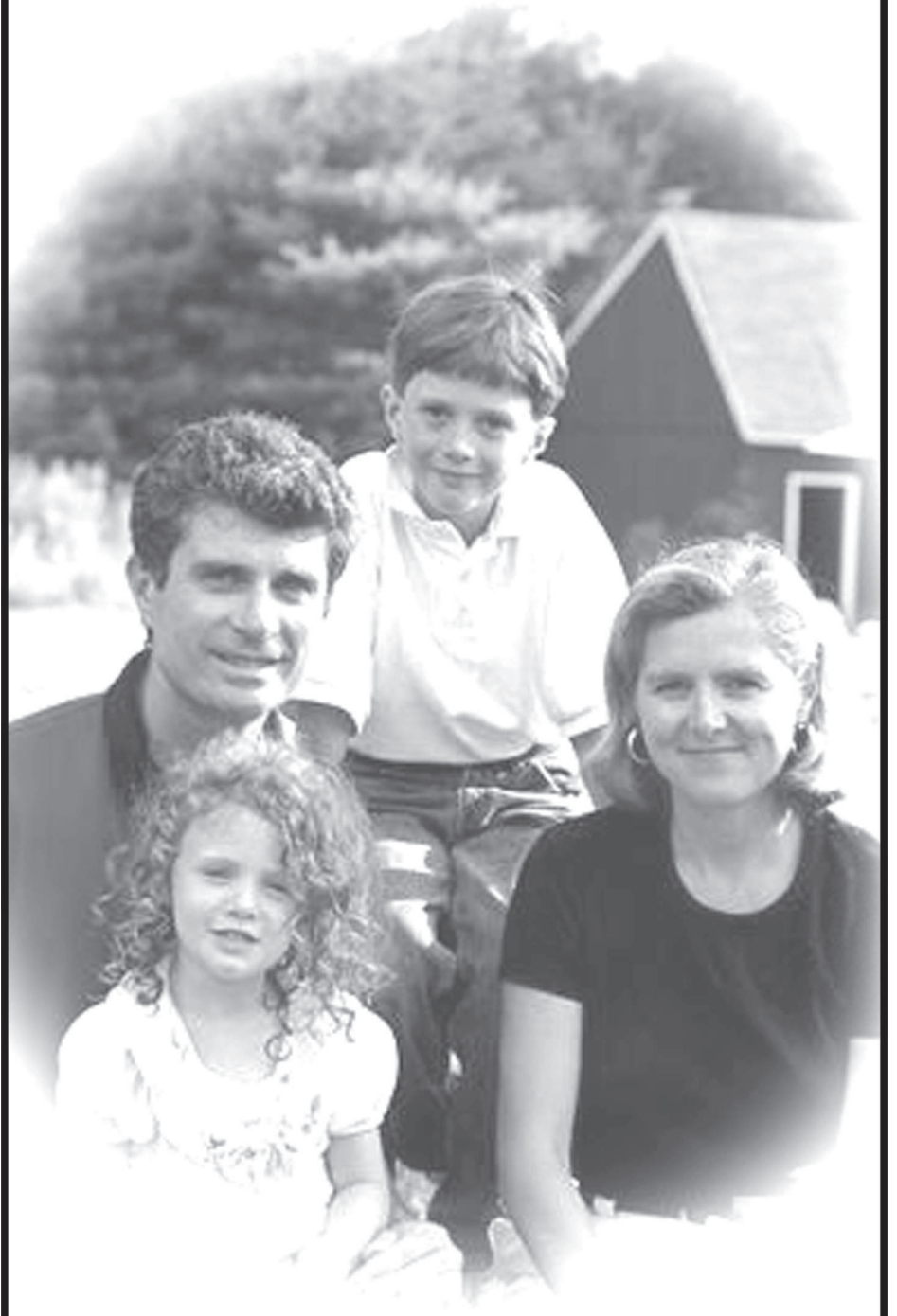
Thursday, March 6th, 12:00 Noon at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Stanley Miller from the Des Moines Art Center will enlighten us with a presentation on Mary Cassatt and the Impressionists. Stanley, a docent at the Des Moines Art Center for 10 years, teaches Adult Charcoal Drawing and Painting. Stanley is a recipient of the 2007 Starlight Award honoring senior citizen volunteers for Humana.

Thursday, April 17th, 12:00 noon, at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, - We will have Jim Wangemann provide us with a delightful selection of songs. We have all become very fond and appreciative of his wonderful entertainment.

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Human beings are naturally social and by their nature congregate with others of like interest, background, race and nationality.

By virtue of our nature we form communities, seeking to live, work and socialize with others. Also, nature has made each of us different and the human race is infinitely variable. Not one of us is completely like another. Even genetically identical twins differ from one another by their experience, exposure to separate environments, diseases and toxins. Their personalities and lives are never quite identical despite starting life as similar as two people can be. Diversity is a tremendous advantage for our people. Each of us has something unique to contribute to the larger society by virtue of our varied nature. Unfortunately diversity can also lead to social strife, hatred, bigotry and many of the horrific calamities that invariably affect each generation. The well-being of society requires that each of us act for the common good. The 17th century philosopher Baruch Spinoza has argued that educated men, acting in their own self-interest, will naturally behave in a manner supportive of the common good. It is foolish to behave differently because acts that hurt our neigh-

bors damage society as a whole and will ultimately prove harmful to each of us individually. Unfortunately most of us are not that enlightened and too often our petty differences and narrow-minded concerns have us do things we think will benefit us particularly and give us an advantage over another. These behaviors typically are met with a similar reaction from those affected, and rapidly our self-interests lead to self-defeating behavior, which unravels the delicate fabric of human society.

At the present stage of human evolution Spinoza's utopian ideas do not work. Religion then, was developed, I believe, as a means of socializing us. Each religion goes about the task differently. Our Bible teaches that all human beings (not just Jews) are descendant from one set of parents - Adam and Eve. We are all the same even as we are very different from each other. One God, one universal truth, ultimately guides us all. In our soul each of us knows this is true, but still the urge for possessions, for self-aggrandizement (typically at the expense of others) is overwhelming. The well-being of society then, demands a set of laws and rules - it demands leadership. We need good leaders to regulate the action of man. A good leader has to understand our shortcomings and temper our excesses. He must prescribe and legislate for the welfare of all if an orderly society is to be established.

Rabbenu Moshe (our teacher Moses) warns us that leaders are also human beings, with human frailties and imperfections. "If, after you have entered the land that the LORD your God has assigned to you... you decide, I will set a king over me..." you shall be free to set a king over yourself, one chosen by the LORD your God... And he shall not have many wives, lest his heart go astray; nor shall he amass silver and gold to excess. When he is seated on his royal throne, he shall have a copy of this Teaching written for him on a scroll by the... priests... Thus he will not act haughtily toward his fellows or deviate from the Instruction to the right or to the left..."(Deuteronomy 17:14-20) The Jewish King is a constitutional monarch, beholden to the law and to his people. (This concept was revolutionary in Biblical times and today often ignored by many world leaders.) Our leader then, is not to act in self-interest at the expense of others. He or she is not to accumulate excessive wealth or subjugate his constituents. Because of their position, kings have a greater obligation to serve our common God and are especially responsible for the common good. The purpose of leadership is to secure the good order of the state and its affairs. To free men from their mischief and wrongdoing so that society can thrive for the material benefit and spiritual benefit of all mankind.

Writing in the 12th century the great

scholar Maimonides addresses the nature of law and leadership in a secular society: "I therefore maintain that the Law, though not a product of Nature, is nevertheless not entirely foreign to Nature. It being the will of God that our race should exist and be permanently established, He in His wisdom gave it such properties that men can acquire the capacity of ruling others. Some persons are therefore inspired with theories of legislation, such as prophets and lawgivers; others possess the power of enforcing the dictates of the former, and of compelling people to obey them, and to act accordingly." (Guide of the Perplexed II: 40) This is the season when leadership candidates come to us for our blessing, our fortune, and our vote. When choosing whom to support we need to weed out the false prophets and misguided amongst the many who ask for our support. If we are to survive and thrive in these difficult times we need capable leaders guided by the basic principles of our tradition first articulated in our Holy Bible and very much true today.

"In that day - declares the LORD of Hosts - I will break the yoke from off your neck and I will rip off your bonds. Strangers shall no longer make slaves of them; instead, they shall serve the LORD their God and David, the king whom I will raise up for them." (Jeremiah 30:8-9)

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Hope for the Future



Rabbi Beryl Padorr

Dear Chevre, Dear Friends,

Although the most traditional and well-known Jewish New Year, Rosh HaShanah, occurs in late summer or early fall, as Jewish Americans, or American Jews, depending on how you see yourself, and as a part of global humanity, we also celebrate the secular New Year. It is a time of reflection, looking at the year that has passed, and looking with hope and New Year's resolutions for the upcoming year.

In fact, we are so full of hope, that we celebrate 4 Jewish New Years throughout the Hebrew calendar year. The first of Nisan is the New Year for calculating how long a king has ruled, Nisan being the first month of the calculations. This Hebrew month, the month of Shevat, includes the New Year of the trees, Tu B'Shevat, the 15th day of the month of Shevat, when in Israel, you walk out your door, and miraculously, there are white blossoms on all of the almond trees. Especially here in the Midwest, watching the flowers bloom in spring brings us out of the bleakness of winter (although I admit all this snow is beautiful) and reminds us all that even though there may be moments of darkness in our lives or in our communities, that light and harmony can be just around the corner. And we are about to celebrate Passover, Pesach, which we celebrate in aviv, in the spring, and commemorates the anniversary, the birth, the New Year of our freedom. And Purim this year falls coincidentally on the first day of spring on the solar or secular calendar, our Hebrew calendar is lunar. All of these are times of hope for the future. A time to take account of where we are, where we want to go, and how to get there.

Looking over the past year, I feel hopeful for our future as a vibrant and thriving Jewish community. Our children already attend a community-wide Religious School which the Jewish Federation of Des Moines oversees. Together, all of us, the Orthodox, Chabad, Conservative, Reform and unaffiliated, commemorate those whose lives have come before us to ensure our futures with two memorial services a year in our cemeteries. We celebrated Shabbat Under the Stars (inside due to weather) together, we had a community-wide Channukah celebration, Temple B'nai Jeshurun and Tifereth Israel Synagogue are planning our Purimspiel together this year, and we

will have opportunities to celebrate Israel's 60th birthday together as a community.

We have been struggling with how best to ensure the survival and vitality of the future of this Jewish Community. We have an opportunity to be unique in our time, lights unto the nations of America, and perhaps the world. There is an old joke about a Jewish man on an island who built two synagogues, one he goes to, the other he wouldn't step foot in.

We in Des Moines are trying to rise above that stereotype. We are not trying to blot out our differences as Jews, as we try to blot out the enemy Amalek and Haman during Purim. As Jews, all one people, we need to understand and respect our differences, maintain our individuality, rejoice in our commonalities, bringing our Jewish community and our children together. We intend to teach our children to be part of a whole, here in Des Moines, in America and in the World. Let's start here to make a difference, to help create peace and harmony without asking others to give up who they are, but to respect who they are.

We have been reading in the Torah for the past weeks about Joseph, considered the reconciler, the harmonizer of the family, and the one who brings the Jewish people together, who feeds them and nourishes them in a time when famine could have wiped them out. We also read about Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, by whom we bless our children on Friday nights. They are considered to be the first siblings in the Torah who get along with each other. And Egypt, Mizriam, this place of narrowness, is followed by the birth of a nation, strong and mighty. And now we celebrate Tu'B'Shevat, the blossoming of hope each spring.

Let us hope that this New Year brings the spirit of Joseph, Manasseh, and Ephraim into our community, that we can all learn to live together to protect and ensure the vitality and continuity of our Jewish community here in Des Moines, for B'nai Israel, the future Jewish lives of our children, to be a strong and mighty people.

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Philosophy Professor Berel Dov Lerner of Western Galilee College



Having emigrated from the States to Israel in 1982, Berel Dov Lerner, Ph.D., teaches philosophy at Western Galilee College in our Israel Partnership region, the Western Galilee. In the following interview, Professor Lerner speaks about his college ~ which serves a great diversity of students, the courses he teaches, and how he weaves together his life as an academic philosopher, kibbutznik and religious Orthodox Jew.

Jewish Press: It's a pleasure to chat with you, Dr. Lerner. Tell us a little about yourself?

Berel Dov Lerner: I was born in Washington, D.C. in 1958 and grew up there (and in neighboring Takoma Park). After high school I went to college at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore (spending two years in Israel after my freshman year), then I moved to Chicago where I married my wife, Batsheva, while doing an MA in philosophy at the University of Chicago. Soon our first child, Tzvi, was born and we moved to Israel in late 1982.

JP: Why did you make aliyah to Israel?

BDL: Donning my philosopher's hat, I would have to say that there are at least two ways to answer your question, "Why did you make aliyah?" Psychologically speaking, the move was actually pretty natural for us. We both came from strongly Zionist families (eventually all of our parents and siblings made aliyah) and were seriously involved

in Bnei Akiva, the Religious Zionist youth movement. It is hard for me to recount my precise *ideological* motivations for aliyah at that time, since my ideas are always developing and changing. I think that I viewed living in the Land of Israel as being of great religious importance and saw the State of Israel as being the most crucial political project of the Jewish people since the Maccabian Revolt more than 2,000 years ago. I also thought that Israel offers the conditions where traditional Judaism can grow in the directions necessary for it to prosper in the modern age. On second thought, my views could not have changed too drastically, since I continue to believe in those ideas today.

JP: And your path led you where?

BDL: We came on aliyah as part of a garin (aliyah group) of Bnei Akiva to Kibbutz Sheluhot, which is located in the Beit Shean Valley. My wife and I had studied in Jewish day schools and in Israel after high school. So Hebrew was not much of a problem for us. This allowed us to make aliyah directly to Kibbutz Sheluhot (where we still live) and immediately begin working at typical kibbutz jobs. Batsheva eventually took charge of our ulpan giyur (Jewish studies program for people who want to convert to Judaism) and when that eventually closed she became involved in sales and marketing at the kibbutz's factory, where she continues to work today. I worked in the dairy. Today I devote most of my time to teaching, translating, and writing, but I still milk the occasional cow and

I remain in charge of organizing people to milk the cows on Shabbat. (Don't worry, we have all kinds of technological arrangements to deal with the halakhic problems of milking cows on Shabbat!)

JP: OK, how did you get into academia?

BDL: After about ten years on the kibbutz, I realized that I should do something more in keeping with my strong academic orientation, and the kibbutz gave me a day or two a week to start working on a PhD in philosophy at Tel Aviv University. I began teaching at Western Galilee College a little before I was actually granted the PhD.

JP: How long does it take to travel between your home and the college?

BDL: It takes me about an hour and a quarter to get from home to the college; I basically cross the width of the country and a bit northwards.

JP: Berel, you're the first individual we've interviewed for our newspaper from the College, which is located in our partnership region close to the Lebanese border and bounded on the west by the Mediterranean Sea. Can you tell us a bit about the Western Galilee College?

BDL: Yes, of course. It's a small college with about 2,000 students, located on the outskirts of Akko. It is pretty much of a separate geographical entity. The campus does not have large grassy quads, but it is well landscaped. Except for a few left-over relics, the buildings are quite modern; the classrooms are out-fitted with a computer, internet connection, and a built-in digital projector

for use during lectures. At present we do not offer any graduate degrees and almost all of the BA programs are in the social sciences, broadly understood: sociology, political science, economics, criminology and education. I understand that psychology and economics are considered to be the most academically challenging departments.

The student body is remarkably diverse: we have religious and secular Israeli Jews, as well as Druze, Muslim and Christian Arabs (of various levels of religiosity), and new immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia. The college makes admirable efforts to welcome physically disabled students, including blind and partially paralyzed students.

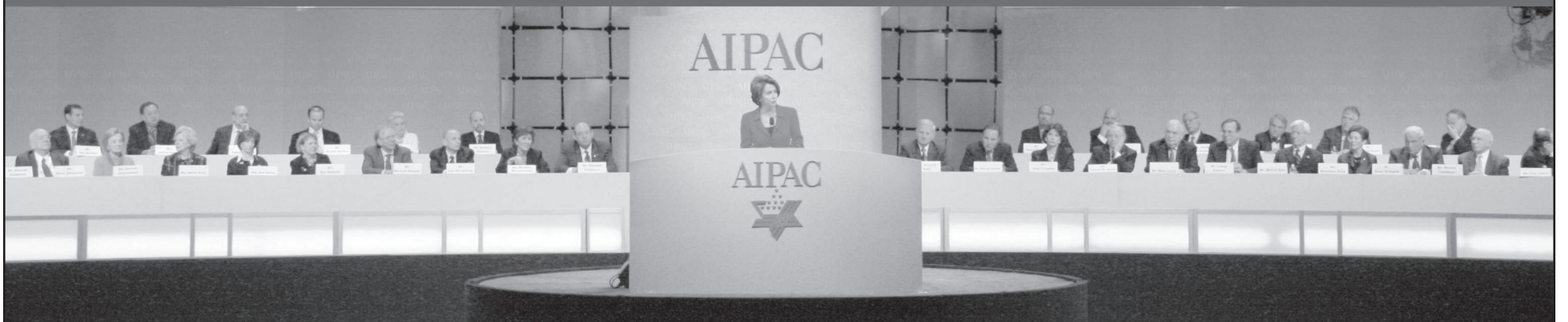
There is a fairly wide age-range among the students. The Arab students, who do not serve in the army, can begin immediately after high school, while others begin several years later. There are also a number of older students, such as government employees who want to complete a BA to advance in their careers. Most of the students are "full time" but that does not mean that they do not spend quite a few hours a week working to cover their expenses. Although some efforts have been made to improve social life on campus, it largely remains a place that people come only to attend classes, or to use the library or other academic resources.

JP: What courses are you currently teaching, and how do you find working with the tremendous diversity of students at WGC?

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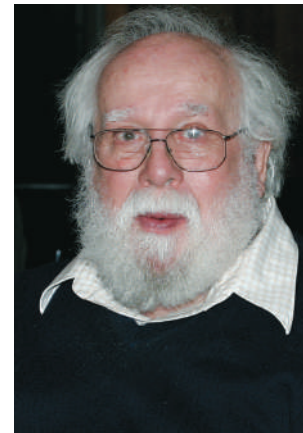
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Leg Number One: Paris

by David Moskowitz



In 2007, my wife Heidi and I took what many would consider to be the trip of a lifetime: three and one-half weeks in four European countries! Our plan was to mix the normal tourist activities (getting lost, learning how to say “Neosporin” in French, marveling at hundreds of famous paintings of Jesus – “he looks so thin, maybe he should eat a little”) with visits to significant Jewish historical landmarks. Mostly, we learned about what it means to be a Jewish American in various strange lands, laughing all the way. This article is the first of five articles describing our adventures, and misadventures in Europe. In it, we cover our arrival and time in Paris; future articles will cover our trek across France to Bordeaux, La Rochelle, and Tours, visits to Switzerland, Prague, Venice, and New York. I know what you’re thinking: *This guy doesn’t even know that New York isn’t in Europe.* That shows what you know.

Arrival in Paris: Maybe it was my cultural paranoia showing, but when the customs agent at Paris’ Charles De Gaulle airport asked to see our passports, I swear he glimpsed at our obviously Jewish last name and called for backup security on his radio. Images danced through my head of being wrestled to the ground and verbally assaulted by helmeted Gestapo guards, supported by snarling German shepherds.

“They are on to us, Heidi, they know we’re Jews, our disguises didn’t work, let’s MAKE A RUN FOR IT!” I could see an airport exit in the distance; I performed a couple of quick calculations on the fly and was fairly certain that if we ran for the doors, vaulting several piles of luggage along the way, we would breathe the sweet air of freedom once again ... once outside, all we had to do was get the shortwave radio to work, contact the underground resistance – I thought “LeBeau” was his name - and eventually work our way to the border *[Editor’s note: The author spent an inordinat amount of time during his childhood watching Hogan’s Heroes on television and the movie Stalag 17].* In reality, nothing happened. Other than the fact that Lufthansa had lost our luggage (“I knew it! Lufthansa saw our names and now they’re going to take our stuff and give it to German military officers!”). We filled out our lost luggage paperwork and took the somber drive down to our Left Bank hotel.

At 52 years old, I had waited a long time to make my first trip to Paris. So many amazing sights to see and lifelong questions to answer! What did the actual door to the Eiffel Tower look like? Did the Da Vinci Code accurately depict the Church of St. Sulpice? And how much fun was it going to be to explore the famous artists’ flea market at Les Puces de Saint-Ouen? And the Louvre – could the Mona Lisa really be that little?

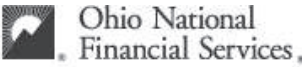
Of these questions, the only one that was answered was the one about the Eiffel

Tower (it has a regular door which is not tilted like the Tower legs, and the elevators are on an angle and you bend as you go up! Who knew?) *(Bonus Fun Fact: Did you know that there are four enormous bolts that fasten the entire Eiffel Tower to its base?).* But we never made it to the Louvre. Instead, I learned a number of mundane facts about Paris: Just because Lufthansa loses all your luggage, do not go shopping on the first day of the gigantic once-a-year sales event! It’s like walking into the bedlam of the battle scene in Les Miserables! More importantly, make sure you bring a carry-on bag with extra clothes in it! A French nail clipper costs \$60! And Tin-Tin makes no sense at all in the original French! And what’s with these French phone numbers? If you want to spend the day calling Lufthansa customer service (which is in Croatia), you have to dial 01-232-45tgf-#\$45 and then pay \$450! Also, “Orange” is the cell phone company, not the fruit! And those shoes? The ones you like? They are \$2600!

The Jewish Museum of Paris: Eventually, we tired of thinking about the conspiracy to deprive us of our luggage and sat down over another perfunctory croque monsieur lunch to discuss our plan to visit Jewish Paris. Stop one was the “Musée d’Art et d’Histoire du Judaïsme,” self-described as a museum in honor of Judaism’s “perpetual unity, which has transcended exile, persecution, and the diversity of the national groups, and to reflect on the bond between tradition and history.” Cool. We trudged

across the Seine, through the grimy Les Halles neighborhood, in search of the museum. From the outside, its location on rue de Temple was unremarkable, with a barely noticeable sign and almost nothing on the exterior to draw attention to its identity as a Jewish museum. The same museum in New York would have klieg lights and neon signs to draw attention from miles away. Not in Paris. There seems to be a quiet ambivalence about Jews, mixed with an underlying strain of intolerance that unquestionably stems from A Bad History Together. The Jews and the French are like a divorced couple that barely tolerates one another ... for the kids’ sake. So if you are the Paris Jewish museum, you understandably keep your head down and maintain a low profile.

Things were different inside. After passing through a series of security barriers that could double as a border crossing in North Korea, we entered the beautiful hidden courtyard of an amazing Beaux Arts mansion. The Jewish museum filled the entire building, and shimmered with the golden glow of our people’s breathtakingly sad and regal artifacts. We picked up a pair of (expensive) audio guidebooks, walked up a couple of marble staircases, and entered the exhibit space. Inside, we saw an exhibit describing the Jewish history of Amsterdam, and how the people of Holland welcomed and integrated the Jews into life in the Netherlands. Lots of menorahs and Seder plates. The paintings were the most remarkable items to me. *continued on page 17*



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Pendas is Associate Professor of History at Boston College. He received a Ph.D. and M.A. in history from the University of Chicago, and a B.A. in history from Carleton College. He is the author of *The Frankfurt Auschwitz Trial, 1963-1965: Genocide, History and the Limits of the Law* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006) and numerous articles such as *Eichmann in Jerusalem*, *Arendt in Frankfurt: The Eichmann Trial*, *the Auschwitz Trial and the Banality of Justice in New German Critique* (2007); *The Magical Scent of the Savage: Colonial Violence the Crisis of Civilization and the Origins of the Legalist Paradigm of War in The Boston College International and Comparative Law Review* (2007); and *Explaining Nazism: Ethics, Beliefs, and Interests in Modern Intellectual History* (forthcoming). Professor Pendas is the recipient of several awards including the 2000 Ignacio Martin-Baro Human Rights Essay Prize for *Law, not Vengeance: Human Rights, the Rule of Law and the Claims of Memory in German Holocaust Trials* and the MacArthur Dissertation Fellowship from the Center for Advanced Studies in

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Professor Pendas is currently a Judith B. and Burton P. Resnick Postdoctoral Fellow at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C., where he is working on a study of Nazi trials conducted in German courts in the 1940s. Covering the literally thousands of such trials conducted in all four occupation zones, this work will examine the first and most thorough case of what is now called 'transitional justice.' In particular, his research focuses on the interaction of law and politics in these trials and the role they played in the emergence of democracy in West Germany and a Stalinist dictatorship in East Germany.

Pendas' talk is sponsored by Marvin and Rose Lee Pomerantz through a generous grant to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Marvin Pomerantz is chairman and CEO of Mid-America Group of West Des Moines and a former member of the Drake University Board of Trustees. He and his wife, Rose Lee, are frequent and generous contributors to Drake projects.

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by Stephen P. Blend, M.H.A.,
IJSCLC Executive Director

As I sit down to write this, I have just finished giving a tour of The Life Center to members of the professional staff of one of our long term care confreres. I have always taken great pleasure in showing-off The Life Center to any and everyone I can coax through the front doors. But, at the end of today's tour, I felt even prouder than ever of what we have achieved in partnership with our community of support.

The Life Center turned 20 last May, and, as with all of us, has begun showing its age - just a little. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of community members such as those of you reading this, we are nearing the half-way point of our Renewal Project. This project is a facility-wide "facelift" of The Life Center, including not just the aesthetic but the practical as well. Not just the replacement of carpeting throughout the building but a dramatic improvement in the lighting in each Resident room.

None of this would have been possible without those donors who made our recent Capital Campaign the success that it was.

Looking back at that campaign, my only regret is that more members of our community did not respond to the call to support the needs of our elders and their families. If those who chose to "sit on the sidelines" could only see what has been achieved. If they could only know what

their financial support would mean. If they did, I can't help but believe that many more individuals and families would come forward to be part of the continuing evolution of The Life Center.

The Board of Directors of The Life Center has remained steadfast in its commitment to the Passionate Pursuit of Excellence in every aspect of facility operations, which in turn has led to The Life Center's unparalleled reputation for exceptional Resident care. The entire community can be justly proud of this distinction. The question remains however whether or not the entire community is willing to join The Life Center Board of Directors to continue to strengthen The Life Center's position of preeminence in the healthcare marketplace?

It is never too late to join with others whose names are enshrined on our Donor Boards in support of the Mission of The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center. It is never too late to say "Yes." Think of the good you can do. Think of the lives you can ease with your gift. "United Way" giving in Des Moines is up significantly. Can the same be said of giving to Jewish causes?

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pledged their contributions and to those who solicited pledges during the telethon or in follow up sessions.

Participants at the SuperSunday telethon included Peggy Altman, Ed Bell, Linda Bremen, Judy Deutch, Larry Deutch, Karen Engman, Jeff Farber, Tracy Finkelshteyn, Mark Finkelstein, Barb Hirsch-Giller, Jake Jacobs, Cathie Jensen, Jim Kagin, Judy Kagin, Gail Klearman, Paulee Lipsman, Heidi Moskowitz, Stuart Oxer, Peter Pintus, Neil Salowitz, Justin Schoen, Mike Siegel, Elaine Steinger, and Milla Verkhov-Karno.



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In the Kitchen For
Passover
by Karen Engman

Passover will be here before you know it.... so it's time to start looking for new and different recipes for that seder meal. I hope two of my favorites will appeal to you.

My friend Lainie Collinger Neiman in St Louis gave me this recipe for Carrot Souffle and I liked it so much I decided to try substituting matzoh cake flour for the small amount of flour it required. No problem, it worked like a charm and the whole Engman clan loved it!

In fact, I would suggest you take a second look at many of your favorite recipes and feel confident that matzoh cake flour or meal can replace small amounts of flour in most dishes. Souffles, mousses, and hot molten chocolate cakes all turn out terrific.

The second recipe I want to share is a sweet Caramel Chocolate Crunch Matzoh. It's easy to make, kids can help and you can even freeze it. Both Barb Sherman and our daughter Katie sent me similar versions of this sweet treat.

Have a wonderful holiday and try something new!

As always, I would appreciate hearing from our readers. Call (274-3300), email (aengmandsm@yahoo.com) or mail me your questions or suggestions anonymously to:
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Carrot Souffle

A Recipe from Lainie Collinger Neiman

Dairy

- 1 lb carrots
- ½ cup melted butter (or margarine)
- 3 eggs
- 1/3 cup sugar

- 3 Tbsp flour (or matzo cake flour for Passover)
- ½ tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla

Cook carrots until tender, drain then combine w/butter in food processor and puree. Add remaining ingredients and blend well. Put in greased (PAM) 1 quart soufflé dish or casserole.

Bake at 350 for 45-50 minutes or until lightly brown and set in the center. May prepare a day ahead, but don't bake and then bring to room temperature before baking.

Serves 6-8 (but I could eat the whole thing!)

This recipe doubles easily but you will need to process in 2 batches in food processor.

Chocolate Caramel Matzoh

A Recipe from Barb Sherman

Dairy

- 4-6 unsalted sheets of matzoh
- 1 cup of butter
- 1 cup of brown sugar, packed
- ¾ cup or more semi sweet chocolate chips
- chopped walnuts (optional)

Preheat oven to 375.

Line a cookie sheet completely with foil. Cover that with parchment paper. Lay whole pieces of matzoh out on sheet and then break others to fit on.

Combine sugar & butter over medium heat until boiling. Boil for 3 minutes while stirring. Pour over matzohs.

Reduce oven to 350 and bake for 15 minutes.

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Break into pieces and serve.

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2nd Seder 9:00pm

April 21st - Monday

Shacharis 10:00am

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April 25th - Friday Night

Mincha and Maariv 7:45pm

April 26th - Shabbos

Shacharis 10:00am

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April 27th - Sunday

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There's a new twist to the musical Purimspiel this year. Congregational members from both Temple B'nai Jeshurun and Tifereth Israel Synagogue, along with Cantor Deborah Bletstein and Cantorial Soloist Laura Berkson are working together on the Purimspiel. Two shows at the Temple: Saturday, March 8 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, March 9 at 1:00pm. Don't miss this super production guaranteed to have you rolling in the aisles!

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Changing of the Guard

Excerpts from Jim Heskett "How Will Millennials Manage?" commentary, featured on Harvard Business School's Working Knowledge web forum. Silently, under our noses, a changing of the guard is going undetected. As the Baby Boomer generation retires from positions of leadership, another generation is just beginning to cut its teeth in management. This new generation, The Millennials, those born from the late 70s until the year 2000, brings with them a different set of attitudes and expectations than their predecessors.

Like any generation, the persona of Millennials has been shaped by the societal forces of their formative years, namely the Internet and a robust economy. As the first generation to spend a significant part of childhood with cell phones and email, Millennials are a connected crew. Most of them would prefer to part with their television before their computer. They are used to having access to friends and information in a flash. As the wealthiest generation of all time, they have an entitlement attitude unlike any prior generation. Most did not grow up doing hours of chores on the family farm or being forced to work after school to make ends meet. Rather, affluent Millennials were handed an allowance for nothing more than staying out of trouble.

How will the upbringing of Millennials impact their leadership? For starters, Millennials will tend to have a collaborative management style. Fond of connecting with others, Millennial managers will greatly enjoy leading teams and encouraging participation from their employees. They will have an innate distaste for leadership based upon hierarchy, and, consequently, they will go to great lengths to earn the right to lead.

Millennials have come of age in the most diverse generation in American history, and their minds have been saturated with ideals of tolerance and inclusion. As such, they will be more sensitive to cultural nuances than their predecessors, seeing shades of grey where Boomers saw only black-and-white. Shaped by the Information Age, globalization, and experiences traveling abroad, Millennials will also have an increasingly international perspective.

Impatience may be a potential weakness for Millennials based upon two of their traits: a sense of entitlement and a need for immediacy. As mentioned earlier, Millennials are the most affluent generation in American history. In addition, they grew up at a time when family values were at the forefront of the American psyche. They are used to being catered to and coddled. They expect to get what they want, when they want it, without waiting. They have grown up in a fast-paced, fast food world, and they may struggle when their leadership doesn't yield instant results.

Shuttled around to soccer practice, karate, and ballet, Millennials grew up leading active lifestyles, and they are likely to be adept multi-taskers. Video games, computers, and iPods have been central to their lives, and, as a result, they will have technological competence far exceeding their limited work experience.

We could put forth many more conjectures about them, but ultimately, Millennials will define themselves. In the decades to come, they will assume the mantle of leadership and will carve their generation's reputation into history.

For more thoughts from Jim Heskett about the Millennial generation, visit <http://hbswk.hbs.edu/item/5736.html#original>.

Leadership Forum

Kirk Patten drew the distinction between managers and leaders for the Jewish Federation Leadership Forum on Sunday, January 27. His talk kicked off a four-session module aimed to enhance the leadership skills of the Leadership Forum, young members of the Des Moines Jewish community whom the



Federation has assembled to pursue an 18-month program. Earlier sessions last summer and fall included an Introduction to The Israel Project (a pro-Israel public relations lobby), a Jewish historical tour of Des Moines and a discussion on the ongoing conversation between Tifereth Israel Synagogue and Temple B'nai Jeshurun about the possibility for a shared facility.

The Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation has created the Leadership Forum and organized and funded its ambitious program in an effort to nurture future community leaders.

—Frank Levy

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Statman from page 1

Abe Goldstien has a long history of bringing performers he enjoys to Des Moines to share with the community. Usually it's jazz, Abe's true musical passion, but he could not resist the opportunity to present Statman when he learned that the band had an open Midwest date on April 2. This is truly a labor of love for Abe. So much so, he will "schlep" to Minneapolis and back to bring the musicians to Des Moines and return them to the Twin Cities for a performance the following night.

Don't miss this rare Iowa appearance by Andy Statman. "I guarantee, people will be talking about Andy Statman's Des Moines performance for years to come," says Abe. He should know. People are still talking about musicians he presented in Des Moines in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Because Statman's music appeals to a broad range of people — Jews, jazz fans, folk music fans, clarinetists and bluegrass fans — you are encouraged to purchase tickets early. The Caspe Terrace can only accommodate 150 people. "One hundred fifty very lucky people," adds Abe.

Camp from page 1 He is currently finishing his senior year at Brandeis University and plans to attend a graduate program in mathematics next fall. He has worked at the Raleigh-Cary JCC camp as a lifeguard and at Camp Judaea as a ropes course specialist. Jeremy will be implementing our daily programs and expanding our Judaics, Hebrew, and camp songs. "I'm proud to be adding Engman Camp Shalom to that list and can't wait for the summer!"

David Copeland, whom most of you know, will be a welcome sight at our camp. He will be assisting Kathryn and

Jeremy. David grew up in Des Moines and Israel. Currently, he teaches kindergarten and ninth grade at the Jewish Federation Community School, is the Youth Program Director at Temple B'nai Jeshurun and the Youth Advisor for 9-12th grade. David's son, Jacob, who is 8, will be attending camp too.

In a note from Kathryn, "The theme for ECS this summer is 'Around the World.' Each week we will focus on a different area of the world and what traditions, foods, music and stories are unique to that area. An additional benefit this year marks Israel's 60th birthday. Through this lens, we will look at the many different people and cultures that meld together to create the modern Israel that we know today. Through better understanding of world cultures, we can better understand our interconnectivity and our place as citizens of the world. Without doubt, spending this summer 'Around the World' will be fun filled for all!"

We are still accepting applications for Jr. Counselors/Counselors this summer. If you are interested, please contact Lyanna at 277-5566 or email her at jcskkg@aol.com if you would like to apply.

Paris from page 12 In the European countries where Jews were fairly successful, Jews were the subject of just as many paintings and portraits as any of the gentrified society.



Rembrandt's paintings of his Jewish neighbors and acquaintances filled the museum.

One painting (see inset) was especially memorable to me, since it resembled a photograph of my family taken at a circa-1964 family Passover Seder at my Aunt Harriet's house in Queens. Everyone in the painting looks eerily familiar, even though this painting was created almost 300 years ago. I swear my relatives are all there, everyone from my cousin Terry to my Uncle Raymond (I think he actually owned that same scepter; he probably brought it with him on the subway and used it to shoo away wretched refuse). And maybe your relatives too. Heidi and I were struck with the strange familiarity of the faces in all of the paintings. Even though our people have endured so much during the last few centuries of history, at the end of the day all you have to add to the paintings is a few cell phones and some clothes from Von Maur, and nothing has changed at all. Well maybe a little.

In the next installment of this series: our adventures in Bordeaux, La Rochelle, Tours, the French countryside, and Switzerland. Readers are invited to address the author at iowadave@mchsi.com

Lerner from page 9

BDL: This year I am teaching electives: Philosophy of Religion, Practical Ethics, and an Introduction to Philosophy course which is mostly metaphysics and epistemology. The diversity of the student body affects my teaching in various ways. First of all, since Hebrew is a second language for many of the students, I have to make sure that they understand all of the more "high-fallutin" words and expressions that I sometimes use (although it is not at all uncommon for Arab

students to correct my Hebrew - especially my spelling!). At a deeper level, it is a challenge to teach a subject like philosophy to people who do not share very much of a common culture. Many philosophical arguments draw upon people's intuitive take on things, and the students at the college do not always share the same intuitions with places like New York University and Harvard leading in the field. Even after twenty-five years, I still remain something of an American, adding another bit of diversity to the mix.

I try to make everyone feel at home in the classroom, so that, for instance, if in my Philosophy of Religion course I discuss the notion of revelation or prophecy, I will mention Muhammad and the Koran about as often as Moses and the Torah.

JP: What are the most pertinent aspects of what you teach, with regard to folks living in the Western Galilee?

BDL: Many of the subjects I teach, such as medical ethics and philosophy of religion, have a direct bearing on the personal lives and beliefs of the students. Since the Western Galilee is such a culturally diverse environment, the idea of people coming together to critically contemplate their beliefs and values takes on a special significance here.

JP: Thank you so much, Dr. Lerner, for sharing your thoughts with our readers. We wish you continued success. Come visit the next time you're in Iowa.

Berel Dov Lerner maintains three blogs on the web: <http://philosophylerner.blogspot.com/>, <http://jewishbible.blogspot.com/>, and <http://lerner-reviews.blogspot.com/>. He may be contacted by e-mail at bdlerner@gmail.com. The complete interview is online at jewishdesmoines.org.



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Some of you will not remember that we (Tammy and I) moved to Des Moines 18½ years ago, and that Tammy actually grew up here and left for 25 years.

My background training is that of an agronomist, but my professional work has always been in the food industry as either a researcher or providing technical support to sales and customers. I came to Des Moines to work at Tone Brothers, and at age 61 I found myself downsized along with forty other people.

Thus I now find myself working two part-time positions; one at Beth El Jacob Synagogue as office administrator, and now also with the Iowa Jewish Historical Society. The best part is that I am working with people to find answers to questions regarding our past, and attempting to help people on a day-to-day basis.

Being new to the Historical Society I have been looking at problems and opportunities, almost from an outsider's point of view. Perhaps it is because I ask questions about things I should have known, or things I did not understand. I suspect there will be a considerably long learning curve before I can put most of the pieces together. To begin with, I have found there are three things I should address and communicate to the community at large. At a future writing we will have to thoroughly investigate and discuss these issues.

Distance and time to The Caspe Terrace is far shorter than most of the discussions about "where in the world is it?" I decided to drive out Route 80 and to do some time and distance research. As I passed under the Jordan Creek exit road (that's the road that leads to "THE MALL" we all visit) I noted the time and mileage. When I arrived at The Caspe Terrace, I again noted the mileage and time. It was about 5 miles and 6 minutes. If you can get to the mall, you can get to any event at The Caspe Terrace.

A second issue is fundraising for the Iowa Jewish Historical Society. As a museum we need to maintain the exhibits and work to preserve them indefinitely. Preservation methods change with time and we will need to make those changes. New material acquisition is always accepted as part of the mission of a museum, but it also takes donations with material in order to preserve and make it presentable to a viewing audience. And this brings me to a final point.

We need more visitors to the museum. We need more people to know of our existence; both those in our community, those driving Interstates 80 and 35, and out of state people. How many people in our community have visited the museum? How many who have seen it for the first time have not said that it was more than they could ever have expected? And have they come back for a second visit?

Lastly, I get calls at least once or twice a week asking about cemetery records, not to mention the occasional question regarding marriages or births. Today I received a question about a marriage in 1792 (yes that is the date), but it took place in Illinois. What about the burial site?

I am fortunate in having the Cemetery records for Beth El Jacob's Glendale Cemetery. But where are the historical records for our other cemeteries? I would like to make it a personal project to acquire copies of these records for the Iowa Jewish Historical Society. Back in the late 1800's and even as late as the mid-1900's, many of these records were stored in our elders' heads. Now that it is more than 125 years later we need to preserve the knowledge of our great grandparents. We need the records of their lives and achievements, not just their births and deaths.

We have many opportunities at the Iowa Jewish Historical Society.
-Jonathan

The First Synagogue in Canada: Montreal's Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue

Located in Montreal, The Corporation of Spanish and Portuguese Jews is the oldest Jewish institution in Canada, having been established 240 years ago. Until the early 1960's it was the only Sephardi congregation in Canada, following the Spanish-Portuguese rites and customs of those Jews expelled from Spain and Portugal beginning in 1492 who sought refuge in European lands.

The Congregation traces its history back to the first Jewish settlers who began to arrive in 1760. The few families met for prayer in private homes until the Congregation was formally established in 1768. In 1993 there were an ongoing series of celebrations to mark the 225th anniversary. The Congregation is as old as Quebec itself.

The Congregation is one of the oldest in North America and is a sister congregation to the other Spanish-Portuguese Congregations which comprise all the early Jewish settlements in North America such as in Curacao, New York, Philadelphia and Newport, Rhode Island. All these were established by adventurous traders who originated in the established communities of Amsterdam and London.

The historical significance of the Congregation was recognized by the Government of Canada when in the 1970's the National Archives of Canada requested all early documents and minute books. The Congregation also presented its first Torah Scroll to the Archives as well. It was the first Scroll in Canada and is on display at the National Archives in Ottawa. It is currently traveling throughout the world with an exposition on the history of Jewish life in Canada entitled "A Coat of Many Colors."

The Congregation today serves over 700 families who come from almost every country in the world in which Jews have ever lived. It is a multicultural community reflecting Montreal life and Canadian pluralism. Although established mainly by English speaking Jews it has now become a bilingual community due to the arrival of numerous French-speaking families from North Africa and the Middle East. Four parallel services must be held in order to accommodate the two thousand people who wish to pray on the High Holydays. The beautiful and enthusiastic services make a lasting impression on all those who participate.

The first Synagogue building was located in Old Montreal and was the first non-Catholic house of worship built in the city. Having relocated in 1838 and 1890 the Congregation is now housed, since 1947, in its fourth premises in the Snowdon-Cotes des Neiges area of Montreal.

The Synagogue is visited annually by many thousands of tourists, including school children. Proximity to a Metro station and to major bus routes provides easy access.

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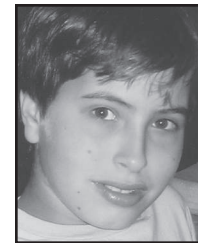
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	2:00-5:00 pm	Leadership Forum
Thursday, March 6	12:00-1:30 pm	Senior Luncheon at the Temple
	7:00-8:30 pm	JELI class at the Life Center
Saturday, March 8	9:00 am	Daniel Malina Bar Mitzvah at Tifereth
	7:00 pm	Purimspiel at the Temple
Sunday, March 9	1:00-4:00 pm	Israeli Film Series at The Caspe Terrace
	1:00 pm	Purimspiel at the Temple
Thursday, March 13	6:30-9:00 pm	Beginning Watercolor class at The Caspe Terrace
Saturday, March 15	9:15 am	Rebecca Finkelshteyn Bat Mitzvah at Tifereth
Monday, March 17	7:00 pm	Temple Congregational Meeting
Thursday, March 20	6:30-9:00 pm	Beginning Watercolor class at The Caspe Terrace
Monday, March 24	7:30 pm	Federation BOD at The Cape Terrace
Tuesday, March 25	5:00 pm	IJSLC Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 26	5:30 pm	Darfur Program at Tifereth
Thursday, March 27	6:30-9:00 pm	Beginning Watercolor class at The Caspe Terrace
Sunday, March 30	7:00 pm	Yom Hashoah Evening Program
Monday, March 31	6:00 pm	Teachers' Institute Dialogue
	7:30 pm	Leadership Forum Dessert & Coffee
Wednesday, April 2	8:00 pm	Andy Statman Concert at The Caspe Terrace
Thursday, April 3	6:30-9:00 pm	Beginning Watercolor class at The Caspe Terrace
Saturday, April 5	10:00 am	Richard Kitsis Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
Thursday, April 10	6:30-9:00 pm	Beginning Watercolor class at The Caspe Terrace
Sunday, April 13	1:00-4:00 pm	Israeli Film Series at The Caspe Terrace
Thursday, April 17	6:30-9:00 pm	Beginning Watercolor class at The Caspe Terrace
Sunday, April 20	6:00 pm	Temple Seder
Wednesday, April 23	12:00 Noon	Tifereth Lunch and Fashion Show
Thursday, April 24	6:30-9:00 pm	Beginning Watercolor class at The Caspe Terrace
Wednesday, April 30		Yom Hashoah
Thursday, May 1	12:00 Noon	Tifereth Sisterhood Lunch/Meeting
Saturday, May 3	10:00 am	Benjamin Weinberg Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
Sunday, May 4	9:00-12:00 am	Yom Ha'Atzmaut Program at The Caspe Terrace
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son Daniel will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Please join us for the ceremony and for a Kiddush luncheon after the morning service.

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Lisa and Rocky Sobotka on the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Naomi, born Friday, January 18, stats are: 6 lbs, 2oz. 18 1/2 inches long. Jerry and Gloria Leventhal are the happy grandparents.

Recent Graduates

Send a photo and announcement by March 26, for publication in the May/June '08 edition. Jewish Press, 910 Polk Blvd, Des Moines, IA 50312 or by e-mail to jrc@dmjfed.org

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Caryl Dorfman

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