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Purim and Passover are almost here!



The Megillah is read on Purim, the evening of **Wednesday, March 4th**, and the first Passover seder is the evening of **Friday, April 3rd**.



Community seders will be held the first night of Passover **Friday, April 3rd** by Temple B'nai Jeshurun and The Judaic Resource Center. A second night seder will be held **Saturday, April 4** at Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

Contact the congregations for details.

April 16 Dinner Honoring David Wolnerman

The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines and our local congregations honor

Mr. David Wolnerman
Holocaust Survivor

Thursday, April 16, 2015
Yom HaShoah

**Dinner and Program 6:30 p.m. at
The Caspe Terrace**

on the occasion of the publication of "**The Lucky Lie**," a book about Mr. Wolnerman written by students for young readers.

The dinner is provided free of charge by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, under rabbinical supervision.

For **reservations** contact: Gayle Brimeyer at (515) 987-0899 x 222 or gayle@dmjfed.org.



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Beit Sefer Shalom

- Special Israel Program about Israeli elections
- David Adelman and Danny Klass were guest speakers in our Upper School "Judaism and Politics" class
- Celebrated Tu B'Shevat by planting seeds and tasting various fruits
- BSS students led Friday night services at Temple B'nai Jeshurun on February 6

Engman Camp Shalom

- American Camping Association (ACA) application submitted
- Camp Registration is OPEN for 2015
- Camp Internships posted at local Universities
- Spring Break Camp planning started
- Beginning to Hire for summer camp

Gan Shalom

- New lead teacher hired in 3 year old (Eilat) classroom. New classroom opened January 12
- Mom's Night Out was held at Smokey Row in January.
- Child File Audit completed with Nurse Consultant as part of our Iowa Quality Rating System process.
- One Hour Optical and Ben Giller offered vision screenings as part of our Iowa Quality Rating System process.
- Dallas County Public Health immunization audit completed January 30

Senior Care & Family Outreach

Jewish Family Services and Outreach

- To date we have enrolled 138 children in PJ Library! This puts us well ahead of our enrollment goals, even though we are only a couple months into our second year. We are planning our next PJ Library event at the Science Center of Iowa, where we will be able to explore the planetarium and the "Why the Sky?" Exhibit together.
- Co-hosted monthly "Kibitz and Kids." In January we held a special session on raising Jewish children in an interfaith marriage, and in February invited Omaha schaliach Eliad Eliyahu, who talked about discussing Israel and bringing it into the home. While this group is designed for parents of young children, all who wish to attend are welcome.
- Held monthly senior luncheons, which included speakers on a range of healthy living topics, a chair yoga session, and a presentation on the Ray Society.
- Visited the Botanical Gardens with seniors and was able to enjoy the beautiful flowers during these cold winter months.

Community

Jewish Community Relations Commission

- A JCRC representative participated in the interfaith service that was part of the Governor's inauguration.
- JCRC helped organize and the Federation co-sponsored the commemorative program at the Iowa Hillel marking the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz
- JCRC held an informative Current Events lunch discussion at Beth El Jacob Synagogue
- JCRC assisted in programming a Skype interview with Islamic reformer Dr. Zudhi Jasser co-sponsored with Temple B'nai Jeshurun.
- JCRC and Federation were represented at the important annual MLK breakfast

History

Iowa Jewish Historical Society

- Mark June 16, 2015 in red on your calendar and join the Historical Society for "Beyond Matzo: A Taste of Jewish Cooking" event from 5-7 p.m. at the Windsor Heights Community Center. The event will showcase recipes from the Society's new cookbook and will precede a 7 p.m. performance by the Java Jews as part of the Windsor Heights Community Concert series. Details are being finalized by the event committee.
- The search for the names and information on Iowa's Jewish veterans continues. The database was started in 2011 with a list of 25-30 names. With the help of veterans, their families, cemetery records from Des Moines and across the state, 1,333 veterans are now listed in the database. If a veteran, family member, or friend served in the military or the Iowa National Guard and has not sent the Historical Society their information, please contact us as ijhs@dmjfed.org

Message from the President

A Celebration of our Historical Society,
The Iowa Jewish Historical Society



Jule Goldstein, President

The Iowa Jewish Historical Society (IJHS) is a product of love, tenacity, and deep commitment to preserving even the smallest treasures from daily life. You can feel it the minute you walk down the corridor into the museum. Guests are always greeted with a warm welcome from one of our many unbelievably dedicated volunteers, community members who have been vigilant in almost every aspect of building and sustaining a collection that tells the history of Jewish settlement and daily life in Iowa. They will be the first to tell you that this is a labor of love. Hours spent pouring over picture after picture, cataloguing and storing images and items in order to provide the story of Jews in Iowa, our story, to the world.

Each artifact, each picture tells a story. People walk into our museum and see more than a collection of items...they see their childhood pediatrician, the stores they shopped at as children, moments in time that, without the IJHS, would be lost. The bond that visitors feel is immediate and goes beyond the walls of the museum. That bond links us to each other, to our community. It shows us that we are more than just buildings, and books, and history. We are a collection of stories: progressive and daring individuals who fought for justice, entrepreneurs who helped turn our cities and our state into hubs of culture, with movie theatres and department stores, and physicians, teachers, lawyers, and politicians who continue to bring us together and make us proud.

What started very humbly in the 1990s as the Caspe Jewish Heritage Gallery is something that continues to collect artifacts from all over the state. The potential to continue to draw and engage children, adults, Jews, and non-Jews has never been greater than at this moment, and we have so many stories left to tell!

Our traditions are ancient. Our packaging is 21st century.



Today we're imparting Judaism to a new generation and using the freshest means to engage them. A child may be inspired to explore Jewish history at school on an iPad. A teen may be excited to post B'nai Mitzvah photos on her Facebook page.

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Education

Beit Sefer Shalom Mid-Year Update

Beit Sefer Shalom is having a great school year! All of our students have been engaged in learning Hebrew, enjoying holiday celebrations, participating in special Israel programming, singing and dancing with Stacie Franklin, and even going on a Jewish Heritage Trip to New York for our oldest students. Our community school currently serves 125 students ages 3 to 16 years. Our youngest children attend Sunday mornings, while the 3rd - 6th graders study on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons, and our oldest friends participate in the Upper School program on Wednesday evenings. Thanks to the tremendous generosity of the Janice Zuckert Scholarship Fund, 11 of our students are currently receiving scholarships to attend Beit Sefer Shalom.

We are excited to report that the Upper School curriculum was revamped for this school year. It now consists of two choices each Wednesday evening including guest speakers from the community and beyond, Rabbi Rotation and conversational Hebrew. As an adjunct to the upper school, 17 teenagers, ages 14 years and older, applied and were accepted into our new Madrichim Program for young Jewish leaders. These “teenage aides” support all classrooms, Hebrew learning, our library, as well as the computer lab on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. These outstanding young leaders are also attending their own classes with their peers. As part of the program they receive professional training, on-going guidance and performance reviews. They have been a tremendous asset to our school.

Another fabulous addition this year is the Online Learning Center. Hebrew is being taught based on ability, and students can move at their own pace through this online program. In addition to the computer-based Hebrew component, students continue to practice their letters,

prayers, and Hebrew words in traditional Hebrew text books that correspond with the online program.

Several special events deserve to be highlighted. The Global Day of Jewish Learning on November 16th was a fabulous morning of learning for all ages. Beit Sefer Shalom joined with over 400 other Jewish communities from 40 different countries on 6 continents to learn about “Heroes from the Torah”. There were activities for children and adults of all ages. Roughly 175 people attended this event including community members, students and their families, educators and members of the Ames Jewish Congregation. Also worth singling out is a new tradition to have Beit Sefer Shalom Shabbat services in all of our area congregations during each school year. Students led Friday night services at Tifereth Israel Synagogue on December 12th and again at Temple B’nai Jeshurun on February 12th. Attendance and enthusiasm was incredible at both synagogues, while the children enjoyed spending Shabbat with their friends from throughout the community. Keep a lookout for upcoming dates at Beth El Jacob and Chabad.

Thanks to our hard working Beit Sefer Shalom Board of Directors, our parent handbook has been updated to include more detailed explanations of our code of conduct and expectations for students, teachers and parents. New handbooks will be distributed at the beginning of next school year.

The Board, along with Ellen Nelson of Funding Solutions, Inc., worked hard in the fall to create a three year Strategic Plan which was implemented in December. It will serve as our “road map” for the upcoming three years and will guide our efforts to grow and succeed. We look forward to continuing the excellence that our community school provides for the education and well-being of our Jewish children for many years to come.



BEIT SEFER SHALOM
END OF YEAR
Celebration

Come celebrate the conclusion of a wonderful year at Beit Sefer Shalom and sign up for Ehaman Camp Shalom, Gan Shalom Camp and Beit Sefer Shalom for next fall!

SUNDAY, MAY 3RD
NOON - 2PM

Caspe Terrace
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Raffle prizes are \$100, \$150, and \$250 off BSS tuition for 2015-16

This will be the last day of early bird registration discounts for BSS, ECS, and Gan Shalom Camp

Beit Sefer Shalom Online Learning Center

The Behrman House Online Learning Center (OLC) has added tremendous support to our students and teachers this year at Beit Sefer Shalom. This unique online space is crafted specifically for the Jewish family and you do not need to be a technology wizard to use it. With the OLC, Beit Sefer Shalom has created easily accessible online resource materials, a homework and Hebrew practice space, assessment tool, and so much more. Thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous donor, our Kindergarten class of 20 students will now each be able to have their own tablet to maneuver the Hebrew programs during their computer lab time.

Please check it out at: behrmanhouse.com or stop by Caspe Terrace on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening to see our computer lab in action.



Engman Camp Shalom

2015

CAMP WEEK DATES

WEEK 1: LECH LECHA - GO FOR IT! JUNE 8 - JUNE 12
Skate West, Valley View Aquatic Center, Swim Lessons

WEEK 2: CHAYOT - ANIMALS! JUNE 15 - JUNE 19
Blank Park Zoo, Valley View Aquatic Center, Swim Lessons

WEEK 3: DOR L'DOR - GENERATION TO GENERATION! JUNE 22 - JUNE 26
ICUBS game, Valley View Aquatic Center, Menace Soccer Camp

WEEK 4: CHOFESH - FREEDOM! JUNE 29 - JULY 3
Adventureland, Valley View Aquatic Center

WEEK 5: MACCABEA - COLOR WAR! JULY 6 - JULY 10
Sleepy Hollow Sports Park, Valley View Aquatic Center, Swim Lessons

WEEK 6: MAYIM - WATER! JULY 13 - JULY 17
Science Center, Valley View Aquatic Center, Swim Lessons

WEEK 7: SIPURIM - STORIES! JULY 20 - JULY 24
Movie Theater, Valley View Aquatic Center, Menace Soccer Camp

WEEK 8: SHAMAYIM - THE SKIES! JULY 27 - JULY 31
Skyzone, Valley View Aquatic Center

➔ Bonus Week ➔
Al Galgalim - ECS on Wheels! August 3 - August 7
Glow Golf, Skyzone, Valley View Aquatic Center, Greys Lake, Bowling
Kil'N Time Ceramics Studio

COST PER WEEK: \$190

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: \$20.00 off per week when paid in full by May 3rd

MULTI CHILD DISCOUNT
\$10.00 off per week and per camper for any weeks that a family is sending more than one child

MULTI WEEK DISCOUNT
\$10.00 off per week and per camper for all campers that will be attending camp for 4 or more weeks

TRANSPORTATION: \$15 one way or \$20 round trip per week
Pick up/Drop off: Tifereth Israel Synagogue - 8:30am/4:30pm - Pick up/Drop off: Valley West Mall - 8:40am/4:15pm

MORNING AND AFTER CARE: One \$20/week, both \$30/week
Morning care starts at 7:30am - After care ends at 5:30pm

REGISTRATION: jewishdesmoines.org/ecs/registration

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Engman Camp Shalom

IS HIRING COUNSELORS FOR THE SUMMER OF 2015

JUNE 1ST - AUGUST 14TH

TO APPLY OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT DORF
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Gan Shalom

SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 8 - AUGUST 7, 2015

AGES 2-5 3 DAY AND 5 DAY PROGRAMS

Welcome to Gan Shalom Camp. This summer we will take full advantage of our beautiful playground as well as daily outdoor water play activities. Each week we will incorporate a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activity for children to explore and investigate.

WEEK 1: JUNE 8-12
How does your Garden Grow?

WEEK 2: JUNE 15-19
Fun and Fitness

WEEK 3: JUNE 22-26
Creative Arts

WEEK 4: JUNE 29-JULY 3
Stars and Stripes (Independence Day)

WEEK 5: JULY 5-10
Outer Space Exploration

WEEK 6: JULY 13-17
Colors of the Rainbow

WEEK 7: JULY 20-24
Paleontologist Dinosaur Dig

WEEK 8: JULY 27-31
Mad Science Laboratory

WEEK 9: AUGUST 3-7
The Great Outdoors and Camping (National Watermelon Day)

2 YEAR OLD PROGRAM
5 full-days (9-3:30) \$210 per week
3 full-days (9-3:30) \$160 per week

3-5 YEAR OLD PROGRAMS
5 full-days (9-3:30) \$200 per week
3 full-days (9-3:30) \$150 per week

MORNING AND AFTER CARE - ONE \$20/WEEK BOTH \$30/WEEK
Morning care, (7:30-8:55) Stay-n-Play (3:40-5:30)

TRANSPORTATION - ONE WAY \$15/WEEK, BOTH WAYS \$20/WEEK
Pick-up (8:30am) and Drop-off (4:00pm) location - Tifereth Israel Synagogue

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Meet Our Senior:
Frances Rosen



Frances Rosen is an active participant in Jewish Family Services senior programs. She states that she really likes the luncheons because she gets to visit with people she knows, but would not otherwise have the opportunity to see. She also enjoys the food and the variety of speakers, and really liked the recent yoga presentation.

Frances was born and raised in Rock Island, Illinois with two brothers. She and her husband moved to Des Moines when he was offered a job as an electrician at Firestone. They raised their five children – one girl and four boys – in Des Moines. Currently, three of her children live in Des Moines and the other two reside in North Carolina. Frances also has 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Frances remains close to her brothers – who are located in Florida and California.

Whenever there is a “landmark” birthday, her entire family gets together, frequently in Florida or California.

Frances was employed as a bookkeeper in a variety of settings, including attorney and medical offices, as well as the Red Cross and March of Dimes. While working, Frances especially enjoyed meetings of the Medical Assistants Association.

Frances is very active and certainly a life-long learner. She attends classes at the Senior College regularly, and particularly enjoyed a class where films about other countries were presented and then there was a group discussion. She also enjoys reading, especially non-fiction and biographies. Frances has an e-reader and said she is learning how to use it. She is also a member of the Sewing Guild and enjoys cooking – making her own personal TV dinners is a specialty!

Please be sure to greet Frances when you meet her – she is a great conversationalist with many varied interests.

Upcoming Events:

- **Sunday, March 1:** Kibitz and Kids at Caspe Terrace from 11:00-12:00
- **Monday, March 2:** Lecture Series at Tifereth Israel Synagogue at 7:00, featuring John Zeller
- **Tuesday, March 10:** Senior Luncheon at Prairie Meadows from 11:00-2:30
- **Sunday, April 12:** Kibitz and Kids at Caspe Terrace from 11:00-12:00
- **Monday, April 13:** Federation Annual Volunteer Dinner at Caspe Terrace
- **Thursday, April 23:** Senior Luncheon at Tifereth Israel from 12:00-1:30

March 2 Lecture on the Old Jewish Neighborhoods

Join us for a presentation on the history of Jewish Des Moines. Led by John Zeller, local Des Moines historian, we will be looking at the developments of Jewish neighborhoods around the city including the historical factors that drove the evolution of many of these Jewish enclaves. We will also be reviewing the Iowa State Census of 1925, which was the last to examine and map residents of the state based on religion. Mr. Zeller has a great familiarity with the history of Jewish Des Moines and was the lead in creating the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines’s 100th Anniversary Book.

RSVP to mollie@dmjfed.org or 515.987.0899 ext. 230

KIBITZ & KIDS

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST from 11:00am - 12:00pm
Facilitated by Devorah Bolel, our discussion this month will be on Raising Jewish Children in Des Moines

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH from 11:00am - 12:00pm
This discussion will focus on specific aspects of raising Jewish children in an interfaith marriage

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This is a free program for any parent with children of any age. During the program childcare services for kids ages 3 and under will be provided.
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On a sunny winter day, a visitor to the Capitol takes time to view the Iowa Holocaust Memorial. The Memorial is located on the West Terrace of the Iowa Capitol, near the corner of East 7th Street and Grand Avenue in Des Moines. Across the street, to the west, is the Iowa Historical Building. For more information about the Iowa Holocaust Memorial, go to www.IowaHolocaustMemorial.com.



Darkness (Hosech) by David Friedgood

“When God began to create heaven and earth – the earth being unformed and void, with darkness (Hosech) over the surface of the deep... God said, “Let there be light (Or)”; and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.” (Genesis 1:1-4)

For generations, readers of the Bible have pondered on the question: What is Hosech? Is it simply the absence of light, or is it more? English dictionaries define darkness as a state of diminished light, but also a state of gloom, of confusion, and of evil. (The Prince of Darkness is Satan, a Hebrew word that has become synonymous with the Devil.) Hosech is derived from the Hebrew verb ‘to be’, or ‘to grow dark’. Hosech is not a void or a state of nothingness. Rather, Hosech is a condition of extreme darkness; a substance to be respected and feared. As in Hannah’s moving prayer to the LORD after the birth of her son Samuel: “... the wicked perish in darkness – For not by strength shall man prevail.” (I Samuel 2:9) Before creation, the universe was not empty; it was *tohu va-vohu* (unformed and void). Unformed, but it had substance, and from this primordial soup God brought Or (light) which was good. This was not a light generated by the sun, as the sun was not created until day 4. Or was a heavenly glow. A light that separated from the evil – Hosech.

Thousands of years later, our ancestor Moses drove his Father in law’s flock into the Wilderness of Sinai – a dark and frightening place. There he encountered his God, appearing to him in a small burning thorn bush. A bush that, although it was ablaze, was not consumed by the flames. Through the light of this fire, Moses conversed

with his God. He was enlightened and set out on the work of his lifetime. Moses became God’s instrument in liberating the Israelite people from a life of darkness; an existence of slavery in the narrows of Egypt. He brought his people to a land of light. A place of ‘milk and honey’. Along the way Moses received God’s law and wrote it down for the generations. This book, described by the Ramban (in the 13th century), as “The book which enlightened the darkness of the world”, is our Bible. The words written by Moses over 3000 years ago became the blueprint for our civilization, and continues to influence our lives today.

Before the Israelites were allowed to leave Egypt, God inflicted a series of plagues on the Egyptian people. The 9th plague was Hosech (darkness). God brought Hosech on the land of Egypt, “A darkness that could be touched... People could not see one another, and for three days no one could get up from where he was; but all the Israelites enjoyed light in their dwellings”. (Exodus 10:21-23) What kind of Hosech was this, one that could be touched? The Rabbis referred to this plague as a spiritual darkness; a darkness from Hell. The Egyptian people were afflicted with such a severe state of depression that they could not move. This was not a darkness that could be lifted by lighting a candle. It was a re-visit of the primordial Hosech present before creation. An evil darkness that weighed so heavy on the people, it could be felt. As the Egyptians could not appreciate those about them, they became paralyzed with fear; trapped in an evil Hosech with no way out.

Finally, the Israelites are allowed to leave Egypt and they march towards the sea. Pharaoh has a change of heart



and the Egyptian army in chariots chases after the Hebrews. They catch them on the seashore, but as the chariots approach “... the pillar of cloud (which had been leading the Israelites) shifted from in front of them and took up a place behind them. It came between the army of the Egyptians and the army of Israel. Thus there was the cloud with the darkness, and it cast a spell upon the night, so that the one could not come near the other all through the night.” (Ex 14:19-20) This is the power of divine darkness. It brings great powers to their knees.

Unfortunately, thousands of years after the events of the Exodus, our world remains a broken place where Hosech can still be felt. Our human souls, though infused with a holy light, can still be overcome with darkness. As mortals, we work towards the perfection of our world, and ourselves. Each of us in a constant struggle with those forces that tempt us, and pull

us back. We search for enlightenment – towards Or and away from Hosech. The paths to our goal are varied, but I believe one cure for the malady of Hosech lies in our tradition. Through education, dialogue, and understanding we can finally build a world of peace and personal security, where ‘people will not know war anymore’. (Micah 4:3) In this world we will all live in the light of God’s providence, and darkness will no longer threaten our lives, or those of our loved ones. May we all live to see the world envisioned by our prophet Isaiah:

“The people that walked in darkness

Have seen a brilliant light;

On those who dwelt in a land of gloom

Light has dawned.” (Isaiah 9:1)

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In The Kitchen for Passover by Karen Engman

The Passover Seder is steeped in tradition. We all look forward to hearing the story of our exodus from Egypt, the prayers, the wine, the songs and of course the special foods. We all have our favorite dishes and are generally quite full by the time we reach the end of the meal. Even after all the matzo, charoset, soup, gefilte fish, brisket or roast chicken, and a wide variety of side dishes, there’s always room for dessert.

Passover sweets are special because we usually only serve them during the week of Passover. We look forward to both preparing and consuming them! Here are two recipes that will be included in the Iowa Jewish Historical Society’s Cook book. They are both parve recipes.

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

Chocolate Macaroons

Hanna Gradwohl

- 1 pound pecans, ground (more as needed)
- 1 ¼ cups sugar
- 1 bar plus 3 squares of German’s Sweet Chocolate bar, finely grated
- 4 egg whites, beaten very stiff
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Blanched almond halves

In a very large bowl, put the beaten egg whites. Add the remaining ingredients, except almonds, and very gently fold into the egg whites. If handled roughly, the whites will liquefy and ruin the dough. Gradually add more ground pecans until the dough is soft but not too sticky. Roll into small balls. Put on greased cookie sheet then place a blanched almond half on top of each ball flattening it slightly. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Touch the top of the macaroon...it should have a bit of a crust but still be soft. Cool briefly and remove macaroons from cookie sheet while still warm. Store in air tight container lined with wax paper. Place a fresh slice of bread inside because its moisture will keep the cookies soft and chewy.

Passover Carrot Cake

Shirley Hiersteiner

- 1 cup matzo cake meal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup shortening
- 3 eggs, separated
- 3 cups grated carrots

Sift dry ingredients. Cream sugar and shortening. Beat egg yolks until light. Alternate adding egg yolks and dry ingredients to creamed mixture. Beat well and then stir in carrots. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in well-greased aluminum mold or small tube pan (9”x 3½”) at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

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Drake Hillel Presents its New Board

Drake University Hillel celebrated the new year by having seven new students on their executive board. At the beginning of the spring semester, Ian Miller began his presidency of Hillel. The main responsibilities as President include coordinating, planning, and running meetings and events. “It’s very delegation based, so I don’t want to take responsibility for everything,” Miller said, “I mainly coordinate things with other board members and our staff advisors.” The rest of the board includes: Tali Eisenstadt as Vice President of Jewish Traditions/Holidays, Michelle Kofman as Vice President of Membership/Recruitment, Kyle Grossman as Vice President of Finance and Fundraising, Jackie Heymann as Vice President of Tikkun Olam, Lisa Gerlach as Vice President of Israel Education and Programing, and Loren Rosenberg as Vice President of Communications.



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President of Israel addresses UN General Assembly on International Holocaust Remembrance Day

On this day we must ask ourselves honestly, is our struggle, the struggle of this Assembly, against genocide, effective enough? Was it effective enough then in Bosnia? Was it effective in preventing the killing in Khojaly? Of Afghans by the Taliban? Is it effective enough today in Syria? Or in the face of the atrocities of Boko Haram in Nigeria? Are we shedding too many tears, and taking too little action?

Your Excellency, Secretary General of the United Nations, Honorable members of the General Assembly, Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen.

I stand before you, at a time of great tension in our region. My heart and my thoughts, are with my people in Israel. Terrorism does not distinguish between blood. In this war, all of us, all the nations united, countries of the free world, must form a united front. Today we are marking the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust. It is seventy years since the Red Army threw open the gates of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp. Now in its tenth year, this day was established in the calendar of the United Nations, at the initiative of the former Israeli Foreign Minister, Silvan Shalom, and each year since then, this Assembly has marked this day, with the commitment to preserve the memory of the Holocaust.

Paul Celan, the great Jewish poet of the 20th century, himself a prisoner in a Nazi work camp, once said, “Only in one’s mother tongue can one speak one’s own truth. In a foreign tongue, the poet lies.” My friends, I am no poet, but I must agree, that there are truths, there are prayers, and there is pain, deep pain, that one can only express in one’s mother tongue. Therefore, on this important day, I have chosen to stand before you, and speak in the language of my mother, my father, in the ancient language of my forefathers, the same language that my grandchildren speak today.

This is the same language in which my fellow Jews cried “Shema Yisrael” Hear O’ Israel, as they were marched to the gas chambers. The language of my brothers and sisters, whose memory we honor today.

“Oh that my head was water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! . . . For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation.” [Jeremiah, chapters 8,9]

Ladies and Gentlemen. In 1915, when the members of the Armenian nation were being massacred, Avshalom Feinberg, a leading member of Nili, the Jewish underground which cooperated with the Allies during the First World War, wrote the following and I quote, “My teeth have been ground down with worry, whose turn

is next? When I walked on the blessed and holy ground on my way up to Jerusalem, I asked myself if we are living in our modern era, in 1915, or in the days of Titus or Nebuchadnezzar? Did I, a Jew, forget that I am a Jew? I also asked myself if I have the right to weep ‘over the tragedy of my people’ only, and whether the Prophet Jeremiah did not shed tears of blood for the Armenians as well? “

Avshalom Feinberg wrote that exactly one hundred years ago, one hundred years of hesitation and denial. But in the Land of Israel of that time, in the Jerusalem in which I was born, no one denied the massacre that had taken place. The residents of Jerusalem, my parents and the members of my family, saw the Armenian refugees arriving by the thousands - starving, piteous survivors of calamity. In Jerusalem they found shelter and their descendents continue to live there to this day.

There were two questions reverberating then, whose turn is it next? And will we Jews weep tears of blood for the tragedy of others too?

The first question was answered by history, some two decades later. The Jews were next. We, the members of my people, were next. In the valley of death of Europe it was the Jewish people who were the victims of a methodical, brutal, perverted and murderous extermination. Six million people, one third of my nation, about a million and a half of them children, were killed, slaughtered, suffocated, gassed to death, buried alive, burnt, massacred, died from hunger, from thirst, from disease, and other gruesome kinds of death, in the most horrifying crime ever committed in the history of the human race.

The answer to the second question asked by Feinberg. Truly, shall we weep, each one of us, only for our own nation’s tragedy, or shall we be able to cry also for the tragedies of others; for the tragedy of wounded children from Syria; for the tragedy of the young men and women from Europe, from the Middle East, from Africa and from Asia. This question still awaits an answer.

Ladies and Gentlemen. There has been no atrocity in the history of the human race to compare in its viciousness, its scope and its magnitude, with the Holocaust of the Jewish People. However, the slaughter of nations and of communities was not born in Nazi Germany and did not cease with the opening of the gates of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Majdanek and Buchenwald.

Now, in our own time, when the fundamentalist viper is raising its ugly head, we must remember that evil is not the property of any specific religion; just as it is not the attribute of any specific country or ethnic group.

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Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center Director To Retire in 2016

After 24 years of dedication and service to the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center, Mr. Steven Blend has informed the Board of Directors of his plans to retire as CEO in the summer of 2016. For many years, Mr. Blend has successfully led the Life Center through the challenges of the constantly changing health care landscape. The Board of Directors is very appreciative of Mr. Blend’s leadership the past 24 years. We wish Steve success in his future endeavors.

--Dr. Jon L. Fleming, Chair of the Life Center Board of Directors

10 Books about... Being Jewish

As listed by the The Herald, a newspaper in Scotland, here are ten of the best novels about the Jewish community. Perhaps you may be interested in reading some of those mentioned?

Suite Francaise

By Irene Nemirovsky

Two remarkable novellas, left unfinished at the time of the French author’s death, they portray the year between 1940 and 1941, when Paris was occupied by the Nazis. Although a convert to Catholicism, Nemirovsky was sent to Auschwitz, where she died in 1944. This work was only discovered by her daughter half a century after her death.

The Ghost Writer

By Philip Roth

The first appearance of Roth’s rambunctious character Nathan Zuckerman. Here the young writer meets the revered novelist E I Lonoff, and begins to think his idol’s mysterious house guest might be Anne Frank.

In Paradise

By Peter Matthiessen

His thoughtful but witty last novel is set during a spiritual retreat to Auschwitz, in which a group of Holocaust tourists come face to face with reality, and - worse - themselves.

The Radetsky March

By Joseph Roth

The most famous novel by the Austrian Jewish writer, known as Red Roth for his leftist tendencies. Charting the decline of the Austro-Hungarian empire, it is a melancholy work, reflecting Roth’s sense of rootlessness after the empire’s collapse in 1918.

A Friend of Kafka

By Isaac Bashevis Singer

A collection of typically hard-hitting short stories. In the title story, Singer’s narrator has befriended a man called Kohn, who recounts anecdotes from the time when he knew Kafka who, he claims, was impotent.

The Elected Member

By Bernice Rubens

Author of the phrase, “the best revenge is to live well”, Cardiff-born Rubens was the first woman to win the Booker Prize, in 1969, with this strange novel - as many of hers were - about a man who sees silverfish wherever he goes. The source of his problem, of course, is his family.

Falling Out of Time

By David Grossman

This Hebrew novelist’s most recent work, it is a heart-rending tale, based on the death of Grossman’s son in the Israeli army. It deals with the grief of a husband and wife in a similar situation, but is about profound loss of any kind, especially to a political cause.

A Tale of Love and Darkness

By Amos Oz

An autobiographical novel by this outspoken proponent of a two-state solution, showing Oz’s childhood, during which his mother committed suicide, and reeling back to his family’s Eastern European origins.

The Mandelbaum Gate

By Muriel Spark

Spark attended the Eichmann trial in 1961, a sensational event that inspired this, one of her least-read novels. Her heroine, a half-Jewish Catholic convert, must pass through the Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem if she is to meet up with her fiancée, but it is a dangerous act for someone like her.

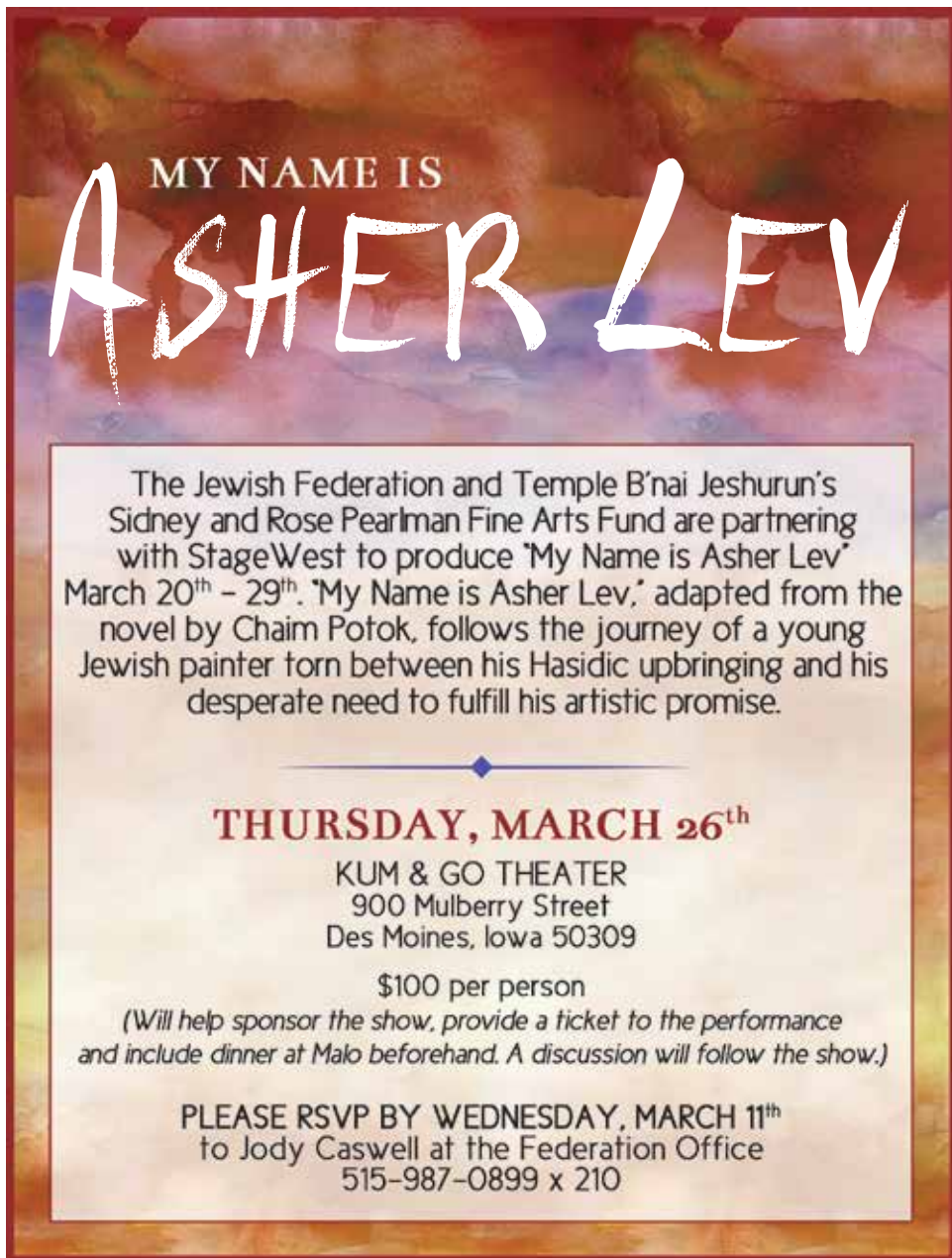
Berl Make Tea

By Chaim Bermant

A central figure in the British Jewish scene, born in Eastern Europe and later brought up in Glasgow, his comic novel is about a gardener whose wife leaves him, and soon fears she will return. The Daily Telegraph called it “hapless, luckless, feckless, lovable, indestructible and stupendously funny”.

Local Theater

March 26 StageWest presents My Name is Asher Lev



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The Jewish Federation and Temple B'nai Jeshurun's Sidney and Rose Pearlman Fine Arts Fund are partnering with StageWest to produce 'My Name is Asher Lev' March 20th - 29th. 'My Name is Asher Lev,' adapted from the novel by Chaim Potok, follows the journey of a young Jewish painter torn between his Hasidic upbringing and his desperate need to fulfill his artistic promise.

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The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines and Temple B'nai Jeshurun's Rose and Sidney Pearlman Fine Arts Fund are co-sponsoring StageWest's production of My Name is Asher Lev. All performances will be at the Kum & Go Theatre at the Des Moines Social Club, 900 Mulberry Street.

My Name is Asher Lev follows the journey of a young Jewish painter torn between his Hasidic upbringing and his desperate need to fulfill his artistic promise. When his artistic genius threatens to destroy his relationship with his parents and community, young Asher realizes he must make a difficult choice between art and faith.

Laura Sparks, a member of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, will play all the women parts.

A special event celebrating the play will be held on Thursday, March 26th. For \$100 per person individuals will enjoy dinner at Malo, adjacent to the Kum and Go Theatre, and learn more about the production from the director, then walk one block to the Kum & Go Theatre for the performance. For reservations or more information please contact Jody Caswell at the Federation Office - 515-987-0899 x 210. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, March 11th.

Tifereth Israel will be discussing the book "The Chosen" from which "My Name is Asher Lev" was adapted, at 10:00 a.m. during their Torah study on Sundays March 1 and March 8. The show's director will attend on March 8. Contact Mike Kuperman mikupe@aol.com or Judy Deutch jmdeu@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending.

There will be 8 performances: March 20 - 22 and March 25 - 29. Seating starts at 7:00 with curtain at 7:30 for all performances except for the Sunday matinees with seating at 1:30 and curtain at 2:00. Adult tickets are \$30; Seniors and students are \$15.00. On Wednesday and Thursday adult tickets are \$25 and students are \$15. Tickets are available by calling 515.309.0251.

Parking: FREE parking is available east of the Des Moines Social Club in the ramp between 8th & 9th St. and Mulberry & Cherry St. after 5:00 pm and on weekends. Enter the ramp via Mulberry St. only. Please do not park in the West End Architectural Salvage lot.

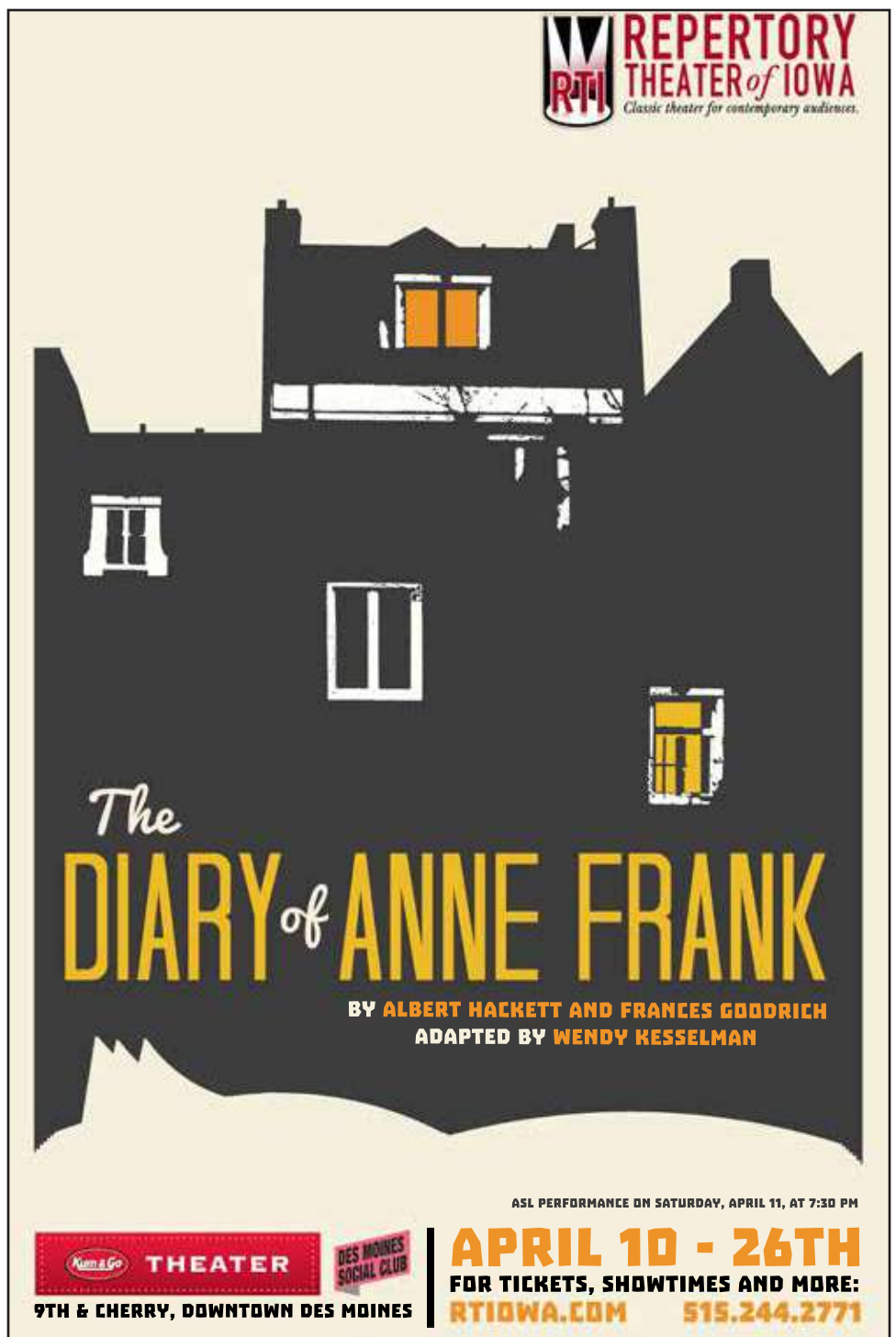
Entrance: Theatre events are in the south building of the old Des Moines firehouse in the Kum & Go Theatre, entrance at 901 Cherry Street. Handicap drop-off and pick up is available under the 9th St. viaduct.

April 10 - 26 Repository Theater of Iowa Presents The Diary of Anne Frank

In honor of Days of Remembrance, The Repertory Theater of Iowa will present "The Diary of Anne Frank" from April 10 - 26 at the Des Moines Social Club's Kum & Go Theater in downtown Des Moines. "We chose this year to present this classic play, because it is also the 70th anniversary of the tragic death of Anne Frank and the end of WWII in Europe," said Richard Maynard, Managing Director of the theater. "Usually, Anne Frank is performed in high schools and colleges. This will be the first production by a professional cast in the area, at least for a long time." RTI has its own company of actors who live in the metro area, but who have had professional experience in other venues.

RTI is also bringing in the Anne Frank Traveling Exhibit from the Anne Frank Center in New York City, which will be open free to the public in The Gallery of the Des Moines Social Club from March 30 - April 26. The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, along with the Iowa Foundation for the Environment, Education, and the Arts, are co-sponsors of this educational exhibit.

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Marc Shulman, ISU's Team Physician by Scott Reister



Scott Reister

He didn't catch the touchdown. He definitely didn't throw down the alley-oop. However, each time the Cyclones do battle, they have a Tifereth Israel member to thank.

Most ISU fans may not know him, but Dr. Marc Shulman is the man behind the medical curtain that keeps Cyclone athletes in the game, and gets them back when injuries inevitably occur.

Shulman is the Head Team Physician for ISU Athletics and a doctor at the ISU Student Health Center.

"I've always been a big sports fan growing up in Detroit," he said.

Sports medicine, however, is not where his career started.

After graduating Michigan State in 1981, he went to medical school at Wayne State University in Detroit. He started in trauma surgery and soon realized it wasn't for him. Typically, his patients were not ones to follow

doctor's orders.

"It was frustrating seeing the same people doing the same kind of things--drug addicts, violence," he said. "It was known as the gun and knife club."

He knew sports medicine was his future.

"I wanted to take care of a highly motivated population," he said. "I thought I'd rather take care of people that really wanted to be at their best."

In 1987, he left for UMass Medical Center, where he did his residency in Family Practice and sports medicine. When he had time, he would serve as team doctor for the Holy Cross University hockey team and a local high school football team. "I made an extra 75 bucks a game to show up and cover them," he remembers.

He also got to work with the Boston Red Sox, USA Gymnastics and the NCAA Crew Championships. In 1994, he accepted his current role at Iowa State. He's busier than ever.

"I go to all contact football practices, all football games home and away, all home basketball games, wrestling meets, gymnastics meets, and I travel with men's and women's basketball for tournaments."

He travels. A lot. The High Holy Days always come during football season. Wherever he happens to be, the Iowa State coaches always make sure he is able to attend services.

"I have been to more Hillel Houses and synagogues around the country than I can count: Oklahoma City, Kent (OH), Toledo, Austin, Kansas City, Waco," he said. "Everybody is very nice and they love it if I tell them how the football game is gonna go. They are all big fans too."

Marc Shulman has found a role in

a field he loves, and a pool of patients that make it all worthwhile.

"It's very rewarding to hear someone say they ran their best 400, or their knees don't hurt anymore, or they are running faster or skating faster. It is a way to quantify it with them. You can see them making progress. They are great to be around."

So the next time a finely-tuned ISU athlete makes a play, there's a well-traveled doctor --and TI member-- who should get credit for the assist.



ISU Team Physician, Dr. Marc Shulman and Scott Reister, KCCI Sports Anchor
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JCRC News

Iowa Council for Holocaust Education News

A program marking the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau was held the evening of January 27, 2015 at the University of Iowa Hillel in Iowa City. The film, “The Last Days” (produced by Steven Spielberg and the Shoah Foundation) was screened and a panel discussion was held. The panelists included Dr. Elke Heckner, Visiting Assistant Professor of the University of Iowa’s Department of German, Dr. Daniel Reynolds, Chair of Grinnell College’s Department of German, and Ms. Terri Toppler, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Teacher Fellow and teacher within the Davenport Community School District. The program was introduced by Dr. Stephen Gaies, Director of the University of Northern Iowa’s Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education.

The event was initiated by the Iowa Council for Holocaust Education and sponsored by Iowa Hillel, UNI’s Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education, Agudas Achim Congregation, the Iowa City Jewish Federation, and the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines.

“We are allowed to disagree, but we cannot be disrespectful. Not on the right, nor on the left. Arab and Jewish citizens of Israel, alike, deserve respect.”
-- *President Reuben Rivlin of Israel. 2/3/2015*

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continued from pg 9 It is evil, that by its very nature, seeks to differentiate and discriminate between one life and another, between one human being and another, while the only real difference is between good and bad; between humanity and darkness.

The president of Israel, the Honorable Reuben Rivlin, presented the following remarks on January 28 for International Holocaust Remembrance Day. His remarks, however, are just as meaningful on the day that the Jewish communities recall the victims of the Holocaust, Yom HaShoah, commemorated this year on April 16, 2015.

For exactly that reason, those who regard Islam, Judaism, or Christianity, as enemies of the world are wrong and they mislead others. My father, Yosef Yoel Rivlin, of blessed memory, devoted his life to translating the Quran into Hebrew, believing in the importance of dialogue and the cultural significance of the Quran for all the children of Abraham. As my father's son, I too believe implicitly that neither the West, nor the Christians nor the Jews are at war with Islam.

Right now, Islam encompasses, under its enormous wings, victims of persecution and of terrorism, while at the same time it also serves as the banner of the attackers. The victims consist of hundreds of thousands of Muslim men and women, together with Christians, Yazidis, Kurds and Druze, each one of them a helpless victim of vicious barbarity, of wicked terrorism that has nothing at all to do with the religion or with the words of the Prophet. It is our duty and our responsibility to fight without mercy against the attackers; just as it is our duty and our responsibility to protect all the victims.

Ladies and Gentlemen. The United Nations Organization arose on the basis of the great visions of peace of the prophets of Israel, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares"; it was established on the foundations of human solidarity and the values of humanism. But above all, this Assembly arose on the ruins left by that war of devastation, the Second World War.

This day, the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, is not just a gesture of memorial for the members of the Jewish people, the victims, or even the survivors. This day, this International Day of Commemoration, is not merely another memorial day on the UN's annual calendar. This day - so I believe - is the most important day on that calendar. "Never again", is not just a pledge by the survivors, and also not a pledge by the world only to the members of the Jewish People. "Never again" is, first and foremost, the very essence of this United Nations Organization, it is its mission, it is the primary and principal rationale for its existence.

Since the establishment of this organization following that world war that claimed so very many casualties, the UN has expanded and

branched out. Today, its enterprises include economic and environmental development, preservation of heritage and the maintenance of peace. But despite all this, on this day, we once again remember the essence of the mission of this institution: all-out war against genocide.

To our great regret, since the UN was established - this rationale for its existence, its very *raison d'être*, has become ever more acute. Bosnia; Rwanda; Sudan; Cambodia; Syria; Nigeria. These are just a few of the places where nations and communities have been slaughtered in a way that reminded the world that the Holocaust of the Jews was not the final chapter in the brutal scheme of man against his fellow man. Each and every one of them were victims of genocide, even without wearing a yellow star.

As a Jew, as a Zionist, as an Israeli, as a human being, even though my hands are tied - my heart weeps together with those anonymous people marching to a mass grave. When we stand here today and declare, "Never again", we call out, never again racism and incitement; never again anti-Semitism; never again systematic rape and humiliation; never again concentration camps and torture; never again killing pits and mass graves, gas chambers and crematoria; never again - this is the task set before the gates of this Assembly. This is the mission laid before us.

Ladies and Gentlemen. On this day we must ask ourselves honestly, is our struggle, the struggle of this Assembly, against genocide, effective enough? Was it effective enough then in Bosnia? Was it effective in preventing the killing in Khojaly? Of Afghans by the Taliban? Is it effective enough today in Syria? Or in the face of the atrocities of Boko Haram in Nigeria? Are we shedding too many tears, and taking too little action?

I am afraid that the United Nations "Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide" that came into force as long as

sixty-four years ago, has remained a merely symbolic document. It did not succeed in realizing its commitment and fulfilling the objective that underpins the establishment of the United Nations Organization. Therefore, this institution, where we are standing today, has a duty of unparalleled challenge not to make do with statements but rather to push ahead with decisive action.

The international community that is joined together in this organization bears the duty to lay down the red lines that define genocide - and to agree that the crossing of those red lines makes it compulsory to intervene. On the other hand, and in the same breath, we must remember that definition of the red lines requires putting an end to the devaluation and the cynical, supposedly objective usage in rhetoric on human rights of concepts such as "genocide", for political purposes.

Thus, for years, this Assembly (whose resolution validated the establishment of the State of Israel) identified Zionism - the Jewish revival movement - with its greatest enemy, racism. That shameful UN resolution, number 3379 - has since been annulled. However, unfounded comparisons of that type, to which we, as Israelis, are constantly exposed (among them the attempt to make a link between Israel and genocide, and only recently, once again, with war crimes), not only do they confuse between partner and enemy; they also sabotage the ability of this Assembly to effectively fight the phenomenon of genocide.

My friends, at the end of the day, this Assembly too, like any political institution, is motivated by many different considerations and interests. Even if we agree on clear red lines - that is not enough. We must agree that in the fight against genocide - the humanitarian and moral consideration must take precedence over economic, political and other interests. As a member of the Jewish People, I stand here before you and say, nations cannot be saved and must not be saved 'as an

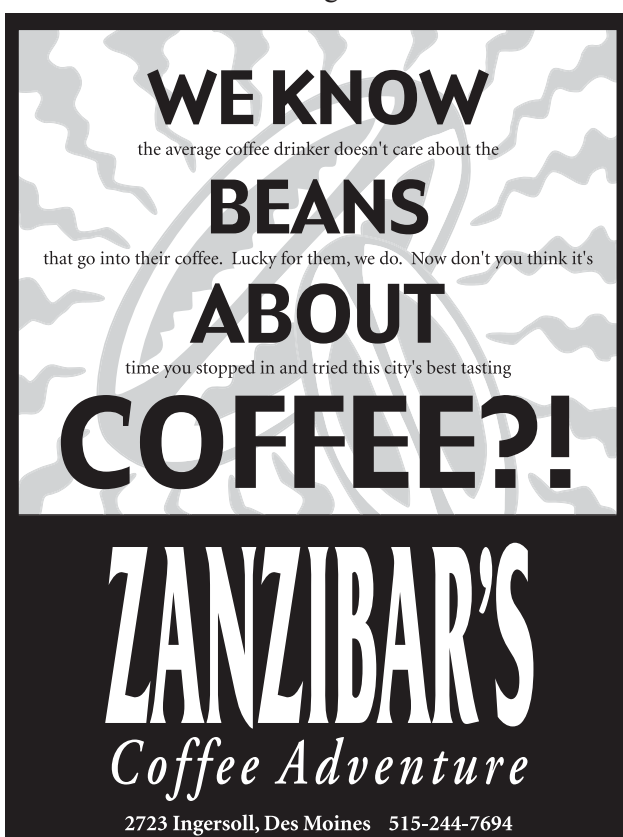
afterthought', or from considerations of cost benefit.

Unless the moral fire burns within us, the lesson of the Holocaust will never be learned. Communities and nations will continue to be murdered, children, women, men and the elderly will continue to march to their death to the enlightened music of the 'orchestra of death', against the background of a cynical and apathetic world, and through no fault of their own. The oath of "never again" will remain hollow and defiled, and we, all of us, will remain forever - prisoners of the camps.

Ladies and Gentlemen, to the extent that we believe that the voice of justice has not been silenced; to the extent that we believe in the dream of a different, more compassionate human race; we have the duty, here, in this Assembly, to act together as a determined and unified international community, which does not yield to narrow and inappropriate interests. In the name of the members of my People, victims of the Holocaust; in the name of the hopeless, persecuted people; in the name of our children; we must remain silent no longer we must rise up and take action.

As I conclude, I would like to return to the words of the ancient and sorrowful Jewish Yizkor memorial prayer for victims of the Holocaust: 'Judge of the earth, please remember the rivers of blood shed like water, the blood of fathers and sons, the blood of mothers and their babies . . . The cry of "Shema Yisrael" called out by those taken to their death are not silenced; and may the moans of the tortured rise up to thy heavenly throne.'

May the memory of the victims of the Holocaust, and the memory of the persecuted and the tortured be engraved upon our hearts forever. May their souls be bound up in the bond of life. Amen. ■



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Commentary

After Copenhagen, what next for Europe? By David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee

Once again, the jihadists have attacked, this time in Copenhagen.

Once again, they have murdered innocent people.

Once again, they have targeted both democratic values – freedom of speech and the press – and a minority community – the Jews.

And once again, Europe has been reminded that it is at the center, not the periphery, of this global challenge.

As a result, we will have all the right symbolic gestures, which I don't wish to minimize.

There will be visits to the synagogue, solidarity events, statements of anguish, and affirmations of collective will and determination.

But will they really change anything on the ground? That remains to be seen.

With each such bloody outrage, we earnestly hope that something might be learned because we don't want to believe that history must continue to repeat itself in this all-too-familiar cycle of killings, vigils, and mourning.

And yet, after 15 years of engaging with European leaders to get their attention, help them understand what stares them in the face, and press for sustained action, I'm not quite ready to bet the family farm that the day after tomorrow will be all that different than the day before yesterday.

Even so, I desperately want to believe that Europe, with all its dazzling achievements since the end of World War II, can still strengthen its resolve, stiffen its spine, and fully understand the stakes involved, however late in the day it is.

Here is what I wish would happen now.

First, the European Union should quickly organize a high-level conference to discuss the rise in anti-Semitism, as evidenced by repeated terror attacks, EU polls showing rising fear among Jews, and statistics in countries like France and the United Kingdom revealing a major spike in anti-Semitic incidents. It ought to discuss and adopt a comprehensive plan of action, and then implement and monitor it.

Second, European leaders must understand, as French Prime Minister Manuel Valls has, that anti-Semitism is not only an attack on Jews, but also an assault on Europe and its values. The two cannot be separated. That was amply illustrated in the attacks in Paris last month and in Copenhagen this month. In the end, if there is no other choice, Jews will leave Europe, but where will Europe go, unless, that is, it is prepared to succumb to the jihadist threat?

Third, call a spade a spade. For many Europeans, there is no hesitation in identifying the source of anti-Semitism when it emanates from right-wing extremists. But when anti-Semitism, including deadly violence, springs from within a segment of the

Muslim population, verbal acrobatics all too often come into play. If you can't name the adversary, how can you effectively fight it?

Of course, this problem is not unique to Europe. In the United States, we saw the massacre at Fort Hood ludicrously labeled "workplace violence" rather than the jihadist violence it so obviously was, and our government's refusal to refer to "Islamist" or "jihadist" terrorism, even when the perpetrators themselves do.

Fourth, stop tying anti-Semitism to Islamophobia, as if the two are Siamese twins. AJC's Brussels office has been trying for months to encourage a European Parliament hearing on anti-Semitism, only to be met with insistence that any such meeting include Islamophobia. Why this demand to join the two together, when the majority of incidents occurs against Jews, when Europe has a particularly ugly history of anti-Semitism, and when the principal attackers of Jews invoke their Islamic faith?

Fifth, recognize that we confront both a short- and long-term menace that won't be overcome by even the most eloquent of speeches and the most symbolic of acts. Rather, it requires a full-court, sustained effort by individual governments (and, of course, by the EU) using the resources they have the capacity to mobilize, joined by the determined efforts of civil society.

Sixth, connect the lessons of the Holocaust to the present-day threat to the Jews. I've witnessed too many Holocaust-related events where murdered Jews are mourned – Jews who, tragically, cannot be brought back to life – but that totally ignore the current dangers to living Jews. A refusal to connect the two quite frankly empties these commemorations of much of their meaning and sincerity.

Seventh, don't apologize for European values of democracy, human dignity, openness, and pluralism. Europe has built something to be proud of and that is well worth defending. It is, after all, to Europe that refugees and immigrants are seeking to go by any means possible to escape failed or failing societies, and not the other way around. It's high time to stand up in defense of these noble values and do everything possible to ensure that newcomers embrace them as well.

And last, but by no means least, it is important to understand that the jihadist barbarism which Europe is experiencing first-hand is not much different from what Israel has been facing for decades. Why, then, does Europe continue to try drawing a distinction, when, in reality, none exists? The same jihadists who hate Europe detest Israel, and the same jihadists who wish for Israel's annihilation aspire to no less for Europe as we know it.

Since hope springs eternal, here's hoping for the dawning of a new day, starting right now.

Sen. Schumer: A nuclear Iran is an existential threat to Israel and must be stopped

Schumer Supports Toughest Sanctions Possible

New York, NY- On February 12, U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer released the following statement regarding the ongoing negotiations involving Iran sanctions:

"A nuclear Iran is a huge threat to the United States and an existential threat to Israel. I agree with Prime Minister Netanyahu that a nuclear Iran is an existential threat to Israel. One nuclear weapon, hurled from Iran to Israel could end the Jewish state and could kill almost as many Jews as did Hitler. A successful deal will not be a middle-of-the-road compromise, but a deal that removes any possibility of Iran being able to use nuclear weapons.

"A nuclear Iran is not only an existential threat to Israel, it is also a huge threat to the U.S. and the rest of the world. A nuclear Iran could send weapons to Saudi oil fields, destroying them and sending the world economy into chaos, and could poison our atmosphere. A nuclear Iran would

further destabilize an already-volatile region, and fuel more aggressive support of Iranian-backed terror organizations. To those who say Iran is not going to use a weapon, I say: if there is only a 10% chance Iran uses a nuclear weapon it is vital we prevent it.

"A nuclear Iran is an unacceptable scenario. I believe the only way Iran will voluntarily stop their march for nuclear weapons is if they know that tougher and tougher sanctions will be enacted if they fail to come to a strong agreement that prohibits them from obtaining nuclear weapons. The only thing that brought Iran to the table were strong sanctions, not the goodness of their hearts. That it is why I am a co-sponsor of the Nuclear Weapon Free Iran Act of 2015 (Kirk/Menendez) in the Senate and why I voted the bill out of Committee. I have been one of the leaders in pushing the toughest possible sanctions against Iran. If Iran does not come to an agreement by March 24th I stand ready to vote for additional sanctions."

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F. Brody and Sons by John Zeller, Special Reporter to The Jewish Press

Falk Brody was the patriarch and founder of F. Brody and Sons, a clothing manufacturer that thrived in Des Moines for more than a century. He was born in 1842 to a middle-class family in Kalvarija (Calvary), a shtetl in the province of Suwalki, Lithuania on the Polish border. He escaped just prior to the pogroms initiated by the tyrannical Russian Czar Alexander III in 1882. Falk brought his wife Peshie and his family of six boys to New York where he learned the window glazer's trade.

He disliked the hard and dangerous task of clambering up scaffolds on five-story New York brownstones carrying large, heavy sheets of plate glass. Sometime around 1884 he was attracted to Iowa, where his nephews the Blotkys were already successful in the wholesale dry goods business, equipping the Russian peddlers that were operating out of east Des Moines.

He tried the hard life of peddling the Iowa countryside for a while but disliked the long absences from his home and family and from Sabbath day Orthodox rabbinical services. He first appears in the 1888-89 Des Moines city directory, living over a small rented store at 308 East Walnut Street. By this time he had entered the jobbing trade, equipping Jewish peddlers who fanned out across the state.

In the 1890s the business moved to bigger buildings on the west side at 303 and then, 205 Court Avenue. The family lived at 513 East Maple Street. In 1896 Falk made his oldest of six sons, Harry, a partner, and changed the firm's name to F. Brody and Son. About 1900 he bought his last home, a house at 924 Pennsylvania Avenue (now non-extant). Two years later he asked two younger sons, Abraham and Meyer, to join up, and changed the "Son" in the title to "Sons." In 1903 they made the historic decision to name another son, Jacob I. Brody, as head of their new clothing manufacturing division.

In 1907, the old Purity Candy business at 312-14 Court Ave. was demolished by the Ragsdale Bros. to make way for a new \$50,000 six-story warehouse and factory built for F. Brody and Sons. The building was finished in time to star in the May 15, 1908 "Factory Day." That morning thousands of citizens paraded through the streets and at 9:00 a.m., as every factory whistle in town shrieked, signaling the opening of sixty local factories to visitors.

The throng stepped into the first floor to examine the Brody's offices and shipping rooms, and found the sales rooms equipped with roll top wooden sample cases. The building's four middle floors divided the stock by category: on the second were shirts, the third: underwear, the fourth: overalls, and the fifth: piece goods. On the top floor the visitors encountered a hub-bub of industry. There, seventy-five of the one hundred employees were busy, some at the cutting tables using electric-powered scissors capable of cutting through up to 108 layers of fabric and some operating the fifty-five sewing machines, as porters moved garments downstairs to storage or directly to railcars that waited at the back-door rail spur.

Falk Brody treated his workers well. The newspaper "The Union Leader" declared that he was a "friend of labor" who always treated his workers "in a considerable and fair manner." He was also held in high esteem as the only Jewish store in Iowa doing over \$250,000 in annual business that closed on Saturdays, the Jewish Sabbath.

Falk's son Jacob brought the sale of the firm's work clothes out to the countryside when he moved to Elliott Iowa and erected a large store. Later, he bought 500 acres of land nearby, becoming the rarest of Iowans: a Jewish farmer. Yet another son, Samuel, was also a success in western Iowa at nearby Red Oak in the iron trade.

The business passed on to the next generation in 1912. Falk had died suddenly on January 17 at the Mayo Brothers Hospital at Rochester Minnesota. The brothers closed the factory so

that the workers could attend the funeral at The Children of Israel Synagogue. The congregation's famous former rabbi, author and Zionist Leader, Simon Glazer, hurried in from Montreal to assist Rabbi Ellison in the service for his old friend.

That year the Brody brothers incorporated the company, with a capitalization of \$126,000. After living together in Lithuania, then on the east side, Falk's sons Abraham and Meyer moved to the west side and shared a house at 662 14th Street. Later they married sisters "Gertie" and Lena Friedman from Portland, Oregon. As the year ended the sisters were helping an architect in planning a new home they would share with their families in Nate Frankel's Addition at 412 42nd Street. Only after Meyer's wife Gertrude died in 1929 did the two sons, after fifty years together, live separately.

Son Samuel, died in 1919 at Red Oak. After the Elliott store burned and Falk's 1912 death, the other western Iowa son, Jacob, moved his family back to Des Moines to take care of his mother at the old home on the east side. After her death in 1923 they moved into a new "airplane" bungalow at 5237 Shriver Avenue. Jacob's daughter, Miss Jennie Brody, would become Des Moines' most beloved (and, sometimes, feared) high school English teacher, first at East High School, then at Roosevelt.

Family lore held that the birthdate of the company was in 1880, so on October 14, 1930 the firm celebrated its golden anniversary with a banquet for sixty local merchants at the Hotel Savary. Then for two days it sponsored meetings by national retail leaders on strategies to survive the hard financial times. The company had already added two stories to their building around the year 1920 to increase



House at 412 42nd St.

factory capacity and was now poised to expand its product line just as many blue collar workers needed affordable work clothes to find jobs. At the bottom of the depression in 1934 F. Brody and Sons was running at full capacity with weekly production of 9,600 garments.

The Brodys did their part in the war effort, dressing the thousands of farm boys (and girls) who turned out planes and bombs in wartime factories across the Midwest in well-fitting and comfortable Brody "Big B's" overalls. In 1946, a year

after the war ended, they turned off the sewing machines on Court Avenue for good.

That year Abraham's son Julian (Steve) Brody returned from Iowa City, where he had operated Steve's Men's Apparel, and took the family business in a successful new direction as a Midwestern distributor of a nationally-recognized line of menswear. His father, Abraham, the last of Falk's six boys, died at 89 years of age in 1964 at the Commodore Hotel on Grand Avenue. One of his pallbearers was the company's vice-president, Fred Lorber, who had joined the firm in 1950. Steve credited Fred with rejuvenating the firm by introducing new fabric lines, along with style shows and sewing classes. In 1971 Lorber brought in \$6 million to the company in fabric sales. He left the Brodys to buy the old Capital City (Sheuerman) Woolen Mills and established his own successful textile milling business.

The Brody firm celebrated its centennial year in 1980. That year Julian's son, also named Steve, the forty-six-year-old fourth-generation company president, joined with other firms to buy an interest in Springfoot Inc., adding another clothing line and an office in Minneapolis.

After the Central Life Assurance Company bought the old Brody building in 1986 the company moved to an east-side distribution center. The Court Avenue structure passed into the hands of developer William C. Knapp and was being demolished when on the afternoon of June 23, 1987 it erupted with "volcanic explosiveness" into a four-alarm fire that nearly consumed the entire block.

After the loss of the venerable building and the sale of the company in 1989 to the Onthank Company the last link to founder Falk Brody vanished with his grandson Steve's death in October of that year at his home at 3660 Grand Avenue. He was just as extraordinary as his grandfather, Falk, the company patriarch. After Steve graduated from Exeter Academy and Harvard University, he mastered Spanish and French, traveled to 89 countries and came to possess one of the country's finest African art collections. He was President of Temple B'nai Jeshurun and an early Jewish member of Wakonda Golf and Country Club.

This writer was lucky to have met him in 1986 while there still was a discussion of saving the Brody building. I stuck my nose inside for a peek, fully expecting to be "shown the door" and instead discovered Steve, a lively octogenarian, who invited me in, gave me the run of the place, and regaled me with the company history.

Julian "Steve" Brody was remembered by straight-talking clothier Bill Reichart as, "a very tough businessman, and yet he had a wonderful charitable heart. He cared for a lot of people. He was a heck of a guy."

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Jewish Crossword, courtesy of the Jerusalem Post

“Inner Sanctum” By Harvey Estes

Across

- 1 King of Israel whose name means “brother-father”
- 5 Tear, as a mourner might do with a garment
- 9 Word after shalach or mishloach
- 14 City in Italia that had a large Jewish ghetto
- 15 Job owned 500 pair of these
- 16 What an Irving Berlin tune can do to memories
- 17 Whoopi Goldberg on whether she’s Jewish: “Would you ask me that if I was white? ___ not”
- 18 Muslim-Jewish (!) filmmaker Tariq
- 19 Part of an Jerusalem suburb’s name
- 20 Long-time Dolphins coach
- 22 Government agent
- 23 Like flights from the US to Israel
- 24 Non-kosher fish
- 25 A calendar from 5770, for example
- 28 Members of Maccabi Haifa wear them
- 32 Big bunnies
- 35 Affirmative Knesset vote
- 36 Reverberate in Israel’s Red Canyon
- 37 Burning bush term for YHWH
- 38 Discrimination case: Jewish community of Oslo ___ v. Norway
- 39 “Put a sock in it!”
- 40 Frozen coffee treat
- 44 Adam Levine sports many
- 46 The Negev enjoys few of these
- 47 “The New Yorker” cartoonist Chast
- 48 Hits the Mt. Hermon slopes
- 50 “Everybody Loves Raymond” family name
- 53 Hold one’s own in spite of
- 58 Golan Heights refugee, perhaps
- 59 Palatnik of The Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project
- 60 Movement afoot at a wedding
- 61 After it failed in New Orleans, many Torahs needed rescuing
- 62 Clive, who played a Dachau inmate in “Bent”
- 63 Alef through tav equivalent
- 64 Stabilizers at Israel Shipyards

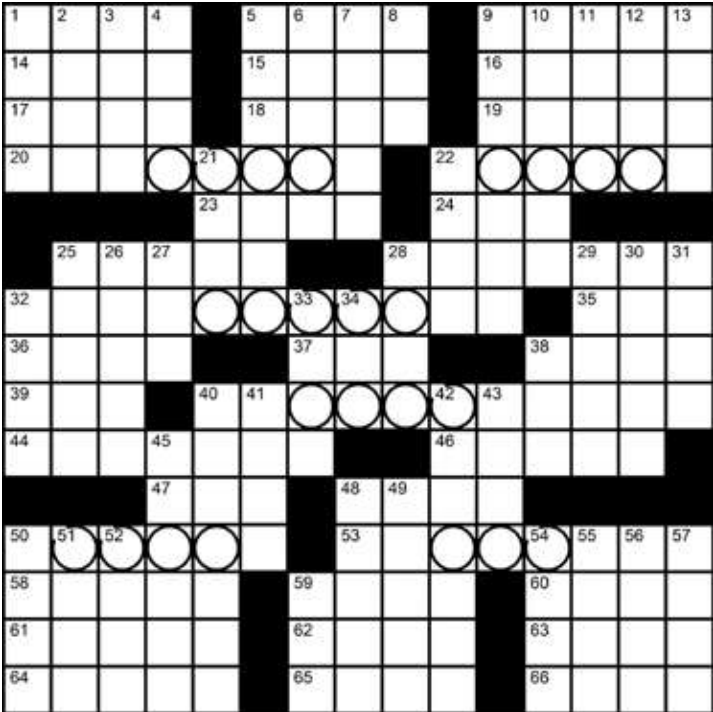
- 65 “Ghetto” comes from the Italian word for this byproduct of metal-lurgy
- 66 Jerry Stiller to Anne Meara

Down

- 1 Like the Desert of Zin
- 2 Drifter found in Rehoboth?
- 3 Word between prayer and meal
- 4 Sticks for Hank Greenberg
- 5 Dome near Dianne Feinstein’s workplace
- 6 “___ the Lord our God” (Psalm 99:9)

- 7 Country of the Chabad House of Kathmandu
- 8 Matter for a Jewish ancestry test
- 9 Synagogue regulars
- 10 Helps, like a prayer
- 11 “Fateful Triangle” author Chomsky
- 12 St. of Tulsa’s Beth Torah Synagogue
- 13 United Synagogue Youth member, typically
- 21 Simon Wiesenthal Center founder Marvin
- 22 Biblical hosts washed their guests’
- 25 Cottage for Sergey Brin’s birthland
- 26 One of the Hebrews
- 27 Win for Max Baer, briefly
- 28 Iwo ___ (site of a Joe Rosenthal photo)
- 29 “The Bubble” director Fox
- 30 “What rough beast...slouches towards Bethlehem” writer
- 31 Michael Cammalleri’s first NHL goal was against Tommy ___
- 32 Tell a tale about the Wise Men of Chelm
- 33 Menorah lighters, sometimes
- 34 Scrooge would probably say it about Chanukah, too
- 38 Cohen of espionage
- 40 Sun worshippers, in a way
- 41 Flow like milk and honey
- 42 Kvetching
- 43 “Better is a handful of ___ than two handfuls of toil and frustration” (Ecclesiastes 4:6)
- 45 Tool used to rebuild the Temple walls
- 48 Look from Fagin
- 49 Setting for Larry Gelbart’s “M*A*S*H”
- 50 False move, to Sandy Koufax
- 51 Away from the wind that divided the waters
- 52 Typical review of “Annie Hall”
- 54 “Kapow!” in a Dave Berg cartoon
- 55 The letter I in the Septuagint
- 56 Gait for one of Michael Tabor’s horses
- 57 What AEPi would, um, never do to a pledge
- 59 Article written by Diego Rivera

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Israeli Anthropology

Ancient skull from Galilee cave offers clues to the first modern Europeans

The discovery of a 55,000-year-old partial skull in Northern Israel provides new insights into the migration of modern humans out of Africa. The rare find is reported in the journal *Nature* this week by an international team of Israeli, North American and European researchers.

A key event in human evolution was the expansion of modern humans of African origin across Eurasia, replacing all other forms of hominin (humans and their predecessors), around 40,000-60,000 years ago. However, due to the scarcity of human fossils from this period, these ancestors of all present-day non-African modern populations have largely remained a mystery.

Now, researchers describe a partial skull that dates to around 55,000, which was found at Manot Cave in Israel's Western Galilee. The Manot Cave was discovered in 2008 during construction activities that damaged its roof. Rock falls and active stalagmites had apparently blocked the initial entrance to the cave for at least 15,000 years. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem's Cave Research Center conducted an initial survey of the cave and reported the findings of archaeological remains.

Prof. Israel Hershkovitz of Tel Aviv University led the anthropological study of the skull, and led the excavation together with archaeologists Dr. Ofer Marder of Ben-Gurion University, and Dr. Omry Barzilai of the Israel Antiquities Authority.

The skull has a distinctive "bun"-shaped occipital region at the back. In this way its shape resembles modern African and European skulls, but differs from other anatomically modern humans from the Levant. This suggests that the Manot people could be closely related to the first modern humans that later colonized Europe.

The specimen also provides evidence that both modern humans and Neanderthals inhabited the southern Levant during the late Pleistocene, close in time to the likely interbreeding event between modern humans and Neanderthals.

Researchers from the Hebrew University played important roles in this discovery. Dating the skull at around 55,000 years is the graduate thesis work of Gal Yasur, a student at the Hebrew University's Earth Sciences

Institute in the Faculty of Sciences. The dating work was done at the Geological Survey of Israel under the supervision of GSI Senior Scientists Dr. Miryam Bar-Matthews and Dr. Avner Ayalon, together with Prof. Alan Matthews, the Raymond F. Kravis Professor of Geology at the Hebrew University's Earth Sciences Institute. Prof. Amos Frumkin, Director of the Cave Research Center at the Hebrew University's Geography Department, researched the geological context of the skull in the Manot Cave. Ms. Mae Goder-Goldberger, a doctoral candidate at Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology, is part of the archaeological team working in the cave.

This finding represents the first fossil evidence from the critical period when genetic and archaeological models predict that African modern humans successfully migrated out of Africa and colonized Eurasia. It also represents the first fossil evidence that during the late Middle Paleolithic, the Levant was occupied not only by Neanderthals but also by modern humans.

The researchers suggest that the population from which this skull is derived had recently migrated out of Africa and established itself in the Levantine corridor during a time span that was favorable for human migration, due to warmer and wetter climatic events over the Northern Sahara and the Mediterranean.

The research appears in the journal *Nature* under the title "Levantine cranium from Manot Cave (Israel) foreshadows the first European modern humans" (DOI 10.1038/nature14134).

The excavation at Manot Cave was initiated and supported throughout the years by the late Mr. Dan David, founder of the "Dan David Prize", and his son Mr. Ariel David. The ongoing research is financially supported by the Dan David Foundation, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA), Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), the Leakey Foundation, the Irene Levi Sala CARE Archaeological Foundation, the Keren Kayemet L'Israel (JNF) and the Israel Science Foundation (ISF). Radiocarbon dating research has been supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the Exilarch's Foundation and the MPS-WI Center for Integrative Archaeology and Anthropology.



Inside the Manot Cave in Israel's Galilee, where a 55,000-year-old skull sheds new light on human migration patterns. (Photo: Amos Frumkin / Hebrew University Cave Research Center)

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Meet Mor Borodovski

by Larry Deutch

If you have seen Mor Borodovski in the Community School building recently and if you are sports-minded you might have thought, I wonder if she plays basketball. The answer is “yes” and at a high level. Mor, a native of Moshav Bet Ezra, Israel, is a member of the Grand View University women’s basketball team. In addition to being a full-time student, she volunteers to in Beit Sefer Shalom and Gan Shalom teaching Hebrew. Mor was a starting forward on the Israel Under-21 National Team and considered one of the top prospects in Israel by coaches across the United States. She was recruited by several schools and wound up selecting Moberly (Mo.) Area Community College, one of the nation’s most prominent junior college basketball programs. “On the national team, we traveled all over Europe. Many of my teammates had come to the United States to play and I wanted to try it,” she says. After two years at Moberly, she was recruited by a number of schools, and selected Grand View University.

“I wanted to move to a bigger city,” she notes. “I came here in the spring and liked it. It’s been really fun and I have met a lot of people.” Due to National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) transfer rules, Mor is not allowed to play this year. However she does practice with the team and will have two years of eligibility remaining.



Vikings coach Garey Smith is excited about Mor’s potential. “She’s a great shooter with size and really understands the game. Sitting out this year is really helping her learn our system.”

As with most Israeli teenagers, she served two years in the Israeli Army. Her assignment was to teach physical activities to soldiers. She would like to continue in that field after graduation, majoring in kinesiology and health promotion.

Mor’s family includes her father, a policeman, her mother, a teacher, a 7-year old brother, 12 and 16 year old sisters and “many cats, dogs and chickens.” She admits missing them but adds, “the Jewish Federation really helped me connect with this community.”

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Israeli Innovation: Keeping Food Fresher

Wal-Mart, SunPacific, Pepsico, FritoLay and BASF are testing Pimi Agro CleanTech’s technology to keep food from rotting before reaching the market.

Nimrod Ben-Yehuda is on a mission: to feed millions of starving children worldwide. Not, the lifelong farmer explains, by producing more food, but by dramatically cutting wastage on route to the consumer.

The company he founded 15 years ago, Pimi Agro CleanTech, has a unique, environmentally friendly line of products to keep fruits and vegetables fresh for as long as 10 weeks, drastically reducing deterioration during transport.

About one-third of food never makes it to the marketplace; in developing countries the figure is usually higher. Spoilage, disease and transportation issues whittle away producers’ and marketers’ profits – and raise consumer prices.

“Before being sold, all produce is sorted. Thirty percent gets thrown away, and what’s left hardly lasts a day before being replaced,” says Ben-Yehuda, who dates his concern back to his days as a teenaged kibbutznik working in the fields.

“I was amazed at the amount of fruit and vegetables thrown away in the packing stations. I saw piles of rotting peppers and tomatoes — meanwhile children are going hungry. It’s crazy!”

Already his young mind was working on a solution.

“The critical period is from the time the fruit is picked to when it begins to rot,” Ben-Yehuda tells ISRAEL21c. “Take a single eggplant, for example. We cut it from its life-line when we pick it. It’s all alone, and has to survive. Inside, its body systems weaken; it uses up all its sugars and goes into stress, with telltale signs. The fruit rots because it’s weak inside.”

Overcoming skepticism

Pimi’s zero-chemical method of preserving produce is not the result of some momentary flash of brilliance.

“I first had the idea 25 years ago,” says Ben-Yehuda. “It evolved from ecology, and it was difficult to overcome skepticism and get investors interested at first. Honing it into a working project took a long time.”

Eventually, research done at Haifa’s Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the government’s Volcani Agricultural Research Organization proved how well the technology works.

The next stage was checking with farmers over at least two seasons for each crop – which was not as simple as it sounds. “No two seasons are the same and variable climate conditions have to be taken into account,” Ben-Yehuda points out.

“Most farmers are conservative by nature – they stick to what they

know works. Coming to them with something new is not easy, but we are lucky in that farmers in Israel are relatively open to adopting new technologies.”

Pimi Agro’s worldwide-patented products are 99.4 percent stabilized hydrogen peroxide (STHP), which returns to nature as oxygen and water, while the other 0.6% is formulated according to the particular fruit or vegetable it is used on.

“Fifteen years of research produced separate formulations for citrus, stone fruits [such as peaches and plums], potatoes, onions and sweet potatoes that can greatly extend produce shelf life,” he notes.

The company is now developing formulations for asparagus, mushrooms, peppers, meat, poultry and fish.

Tests demonstrate that Pimi’s solutions can be as much as 15 times more effective than other preservation and disease-prevention systems. “We found that for citrus fruit in Israel we need only a third of the fungicide usually used,” he says. “Strictly speaking, it’s not organic, but the produce is significantly healthier and has a far longer shelf life.”

Breakthrough stage

“Right now we’re at the breakthrough stage,” says Ben-Yehuda. “We have US Environmental Protection Agency approval and American marketing networks are interested.”

The Western world’s largest retailer, Wal-Mart, and America’s largest shipper of citrus fruit, SunPacific, are conducting large-scale field tests. Major food producers such as Pepsico, FritoLay and BASF are also trying out Pimi’s technology. Other customers from Israel, Germany, the UK, Canada, Japan and Russia also are interested in the simple, affordable solution.

“The material itself will be locally produced,” says Ben-Yehuda. “We’re developing partnerships in the Philippines, in developing countries in Africa, in India, China and South America. It’s all in the development stage with local investors.”

Ben-Yehuda is busy country-hopping, introducing this innovation to international institutions. “We are in contact with the United Nations and World Bank – but are not yet working with them,” he tells ISRAEL21c.

“Developing nations have the most to gain — I visited India and saw mango plantations where the depreciation due to loss can reach 70%. This issue has global implications. If only 30% of produce reaches the marketplace, this affects both prices and availability, and poor people simply cannot buy them.

“It also alleviates the need to plant on greater expanses of land, using more fertilizer and irrigation, to the detriment of groundwater. We live with this reality as if it’s okay – but it isn’t, and it’s in our power to change this.” *continued on pg 21*

Iowa Jewish Historical Society

Item Identification Update January/February

A special thank you goes to Karen Mendelsohn who identified the pictures of the two glass display cases featured in the January/February edition of The Jewish Press as having been used in the gift shop at Tifereth Israel Synagogue!

Unfortunately, no one has contacted us with more information about the other picture of a ceremony at Tifereth. If you can identify the event, please email sandi@dmjfed.org or call 515-987-0899 ext. 216.



Pictures of Ribbon Winners Sought

Ribbons Won at the State Fair in the Food Categories –

This spring, the Historical Society will be opening a new exhibit on Jewish cooking and the importance of food in Jewish life in conjunction with the printing of our first cookbook: *Beyond Matzo Balls: Celebrating 100 Years of Jewish Cooking*. We want to include a list of members of the statewide Jewish community who have won ribbons in any of the nearly 900 classes of the Food competition—but we need your help!

If you, a friend, or a family member has won a ribbon for cooking or baking at any of the state fairs, please send us the following information by April 1:

- **Name of the Winner**
- **Type of Ribbon – Blue, Red, White, other awards**
- **Class and Year**
- **Contact Information: Name, address, phone number, and email address.**

If you have a picture of the winner, the ribbon, and/or the winning item, we would like to add the photos to our collection. You are welcome to scan the picture and send it to us or send us an original. If you want the picture back, please let us know and we will scan it and then return the picture to you. Also, please include any information you have about when the picture was taken and the circumstances under which it was taken. Thank you!



Karen Engman with her blue-ribbon winning Challah.

Artifacts, Information and Images of F. Brody and Sons Sought

F. Brody and Sons Co. – John Zeller's article on page 16 highlights the history of F. Brody and Sons. The Historical Society needs to add more information as well as any artifacts that are available to our collection. If you have information, photos, or artifacts about the company, please email sandi@dmjfed.org or call 515-987-0899 ext. 216.



Iowa Jewish Historical Society

Repertory Theater of Iowa is seeking docents for the Anne Frank Exhibit at the Des Moines Social Club

The Repertory Theater of Iowa is looking for volunteers to serve as docents for 3 - 6 hours per week for the Anne Frank Exhibit, which will be on display from Marcy 30 - April 26 at the Des Moines Social Club's Gallery in downtown Des Moines. This exhibit will coincide with RTI's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* to be performed at the new Kum & Go Theater, located behind the DMSC, from April 10 - 26.

All volunteer docents will receive two complimentary tickets to any performance of their choice of the play. Right now, hours are flexible depending on volunteer's availability. Preferred times would be each

weekday afternoon and on Saturdays and Sundays when patrons of the Social Club and the theatre are most likely to want to see the exhibit.

There will be a docent training session with a representative from the Anne Frank Center in New York City on Saturday afternoon, March 28 at the Des Moines Social Club. This training will be required for all docents.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact RTI Managing Director, Richard Maynard, at richard.maynard@RTIowa.com or at 515-779-0994.

Stephanie Turner: Simpson College Intern at IJHS

The Iowa Jewish Historical Society is delighted to be participating in the internship program with Simpson College in Indianola, IA. This year, we will have an intern in the spring and in the summer. Each intern will work 120 hours during the semester on a variety of projects—inventorying and cataloging collections, research for the new exhibit, social media, and more.

Our first intern, Stephanie Turner, began working with us on January 16 and will continue through April.

Stephanie Turner in Her Own Words:

I grew up in the Kansas City suburb of Overland Park and I am currently a senior at Simpson College in Indianola, IA. I am studying Political Science, History and Communications, and it is a dream of mine to move to Washington D.C. after graduation. I have already had internships in the political world and three semesters of Student Media practicum. Still, I wanted to gain some real world experience in the field of History, because for me, understanding our history and where we came from is a key part of civic engagement in a globalizing world. My favorite part of IJHS is that every day is a surprise and there is always something new to learn. I have really enjoyed my time at IJHS so far and will definitely be applying for museum jobs in D.C.



Commentary

WAKE UP TO MILITANT ISLAM'S AGENDA

By Rabbi A. Leib Bolel

We are blessed and privileged to live in a state and country that is strong and committed to the safety of its citizens. Is this something that can be maintained with the trajectory of determined militant Islamists?

What we have witnessed over the last few weeks in Europe must be a wake-up call for us all, one that propels us to educate the tolerant society we live in that we are not immune to the infiltration of radicals. If we don't, the cost will be devastating.

On Jan. 7, the world was collectively captivated by the acts of the Kouachi brothers when they killed 12 people at the Charlie Hebdo offices. Another operative killed a policewoman, followed by the killing of four Jews in a Kosher supermarket. One needs to note the differentiation in whom the victims were in the two attacks.

The first attack on Charlie Hebdo was in retaliation to its publication of caricatures portraying the Prophet Mohammad, an act that cannot be justified by any Western values, most notably freedom of the press. The murders of the four Jews can only be attributed to anti-Semitism. But where is the correlation in the targets picked for these attacks?

It is critical to realize that the motivation and ambition of terrorists carrying out such attacks have one goal in mind, to eradicate any society that is not in line with theirs. We have seen and continue to see this in Iraq and Syria with the annihilation of Yazidi and Christian communities; thousands are murdered because of their faith.

The threat is growing. In Africa and parts of the Middle East, Christians are being targeted and victimized. In Europe, it is the Jews.

It is crucial to acknowledge that in the psyche of militant Islamists, each act of terror is a means closer to having a society governed by militant Islam and its ideologies, as well as a religious act in and of itself. This doesn't start and end with a targeted annihilation of one or two groups. Rather, its part of a longer-term strategy towards accomplishing the very foundation of

their doctrine. This ultimately means, you, the reader are on their "to-do list," just a little further down the list.

I am fearful to say that anti-Semitism is so strong in parts of Europe it may be too late. British Home Secretary Theresa May noted recently that she "never thought she'd see the day where members of the Jewish community" would be "fearful" of staying in the U.K. European Commission Vice-President Frans Timmerman and others have echoed the same concern.

A country that faces daily threats by militant Islamists and yet continues to encourage freedom of expression and speech is Israel. While Israel is not perfect, it has maintained a democracy in the face of militant Islam.

How? First, less than 80 years ago the world saw an attempt to exterminate the Jews, hence Israel's commitment to never see a repetition. Second, the awareness that Israel has of its past makes it imperative to give freedom to even those who do not align themselves with Israeli values. Third, and most important, history and its lessons are taught rigorously. Emphasis is on balancing the freedoms of speech, action, press and civilization from actual acts of terror. This can be modeled by instilling within our education the reality and the effects of brutality and its regimes.

I believe that to maintain the safety and greatness of our country for generations, schools and parents must continuously educate our children about the lessons that history has taught us. History for some is unfortunately the reality for others. The recent acts of terror in France on two very different targets was just a mechanism to progress the agenda of militant Islam. If our next generation is not consciously aware of this agenda, we will be caught off guard before we know it, and too late.

RABBI A. LEIB BOLEL leads Beth El Jacob Synagogue in Des Moines. Contact: rabbi@betheljacob.org

The above opinion piece was originally published in the Des Moines Register on February 3, 2015

IOWANS SUPPORTING ISRAEL READY FOR CAUCUSES



"America's support for Israel is important" is the unifying belief motivating the work of the bi-partisan grassroots organization called Iowans Supporting Israel (ISI). As the season of presidential candidates visiting Iowa to test their electoral viability has already begun, ISI has stepped up its activities here in Des Moines and across the state. The goal of ISI -- leading up to the Iowa Caucuses -- is to empower individuals regardless of their political affiliation to put the question to each of the candidates: Because America's vital interests are involved, what are you prepared to do to support our closest strategic ally in the Mideast, the Jewish state of Israel?

Founded in 2013, Iowans Supporting Israel has grown appreciably. Its path has been guided by former Iowa Democratic chairman Ed Skinner, former Republican Party chairman Matt Strawn, and community and business leaders, Bud Hockenberg and Mike Schreurs, as founding directors. With the recent

passing of Ed Skinner, the organization welcomed Geri Huser, Ed's daughter as Board member and supplemented the organization's leadership with the addition of Thomas Henderson, a prominent Iowa Democratic.

At ISI's Winter meeting held in late January, presentations were made by Loretta Sieman, Chair of the Advisory & Action Council and Judge Jeff Lipman, who, as Chair of the West Des Moines Sister Cities Commission, spoke about the recent adoption by the City of West Des Moines of Match Asher in Israel as its first Sister City.

All Iowans can make a difference in our state and nation by participating in the work of Iowans Supporting Israel. To get involved, contact LSieman@yahoo.com or call 515.453.2002. The organization is online at www.IowansSupportingIsrael.com.



Tom Henderson and Matt Strawn

"Never Forget" is Everyone's Mission by Jorie Slodki, University of Iowa Hillel

It is the beginning of 2015, marking the 70th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust and the liberation of the camps. Preserving the memory of the Holocaust can seem like a daunting task as the number of survivors dwindles and the event recedes further into memory with each passing year. Now, more than ever, we need to renew our commitment to making the public aware of the horrors of the Shoah. By collaborating with community partners, we can find new ways to communicate our message and educate an expanded audience.

Shulman Hillel at the University of Iowa has found multiple organizations eager to join in this mission. In May, we sponsored a traveling exhibit about the White Rose resistance movement. This was a group of students in Germany who used non-violent resistance to fight the Nazis. Aside from Iowa City Jewish organizations, we co-sponsored the exhibit with the UI College of Public Health, UI Center for Human Rights, and the University of Northern Iowa's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education. Each organization found its own reasons for why this exhibit was important to support. For example, the College of Public Health (where the exhibit was on display) wanted to participate in order to communicate the message that human rights are an essential component for public health. The exhibit gave these organizations an opportunity to participate in Holocaust education, while

also affirming their own values.

This past November, we found an entirely different way to educate the public. On the anniversary of Kristallnacht, we collaborated with local Dreamwell Theatre to present a staged reading. The material came from the transcript of a meeting between Nazi officials several days after Kristallnacht, when they tried to determine whether the attack was a "success." Dreamwell helped us provide publicity and actors, while we provided the space, material, and director (yours truly). None of the actors in the performance were Jewish, but all were eager to portray this unusual side of a familiar event. They were grateful for the opportunity to learn, and to teach others. For one afternoon, our bimah ("stage" in Hebrew) became a different kind of stage as the actors portrayed a scene that embodied the banality of evil. After the performance, UI history professor Lisa Heineman gave some remarks and answered audience questions. City Channel 4 was present to film the performance so that it could air on TV and the internet.

Even though the Holocaust remains in the past, we have never been in a better position to keep its memory alive. By collaborating both within the Jewish community and with outside organizations, we can increase the variety of perspectives on the tragedy, as well as help all organizations involved grow.

Food Tech

continued from pg. 19 - Pimi, based on Kibbutz Alonim in the Galilee, concentrates for now on post-harvest.

"The same diseases can be better treated pre-harvest when they're still on the plant. That's our next target," says Ben-Yehuda, who cofounded Pimi after heading Nir Ecology, which develops ecological solutions for veterinary, food industries and hospitals; and Swissteril Water Purifications.

"There will be over nine billion people on the planet by 2050," he notes. "How are they to be fed if water and land resources continue to disappear? If we save the lost food there will be no more hunger in the world."

For more information, see www.pimiagro.com

Source: Israel21C.org ■



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Community News



Passover Calendar

Friday, April 3rd – Erev Pesach

No Services at Tifereth / First Night Seder in your Home

Saturday, April 4th – First Day Pesach

9:30 am – Pesach Morning Services

6:30 pm - Tifereth Community Second Night Seder (Social Hall)

Sunday, April 5th – Second Day Pesach

9:30 am - Pesach Morning Services

Tuesday, April 7th

7:00 am - Morning Minyan

Wednesday, April 8th

6:00 pm - Women’s League Passover Dinner

Friday, April 10th - Seventh Day Pesach

9:30 am – Pesach Morning Services

6:00 pm - Shabbat Evening Services

Saturday, April 11th – Eighth Day Pesach

9:30 - Pesach Morning Service / Yizkor

Recurring Events:

Minyan: Tuesdays 7:00 am

Services: Fridays– 6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Services

Saturdays- 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

Special Events for March and April 2015

March 2015

Wednesday, March 4th 6:00 pm Megillah Reading

Saturday, March 7th -5:45 pm – Havdalah, Potluck & Game Night

Sunday, March 8th – 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm – YAD Purim Carnival

Wednesday, March 18th – 6:30 pm – Tifereth Book Club

Saturday, March 25th – 10:30 am –

Junior Congregation & Tot Shabbat

Saturday, March 28th – 9:30 am – Elijah Waltman’s Bar Mitzvah

Sunday, March 29th - 2:00 pm – Kadima

Sunday, March 29th – 12:30 pm – YAD Scavenger Hunt

April 2015

Saturday, April 4th – Second Night Seder

Wednesday, April 8th – Women’s League Passover Meal

Saturday, April 18th – 9:30 am Sydney Pearl’s Bat Mitzvah

Sunday, April 19th – 2:00 pm Tikkun Olam Shelter Dinner Prep

2:00 pm Tifereth Book Club

Friday, April 24th – 6:00 pm – Mishpacha Family Shabbat Service featuring “Sababa” followed by dinner

Saturday, April 25th – 5:30 pm Sababa concert at Des Moines Social Club

Adult Education:

Introduction to Judaism – Rabbi Edelman-Blank: Contact the Tifereth office for more information 515-255-1137

Spirituality Study and Discussion Group - Patrick Courtney: Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

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

Tifereth Book Club – Wednesday, March 18th 6:30 pm

Sunday, April 19th – 2:00 pm



Passover Seder

Temple B’nai Jeshurun’s congregational first night Seder will be held on Friday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required. Please RSVP to the Temple office at (515) 274-4679 or office@templebnaijeshurun.com by March 27. The cost is \$20 per person, Children 6-12 \$7, Under 6 free.

We are limiting the number of non-Temple members so ensure we have enough room for all of our members, so please RSVP as soon as possible!

Yizkor for Passover will take place on Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Please join

The Temple’s Youth Group As they put on A CHOCOLATE SEDER

For the Whole Family March 29, 2015 at 12:30pm at Temple B’nai Jeshurun

People of All Ages are invited to the Seder which will include lunch

There’s no Seder like our Seder,
Yes, no Seder like ours,
Everything about it is Chocoholic
Nothing that the Torah won’t allow
Listen how we read the whole Haggadah
It’s not all in Hebrew
So don’t worry how.
There’s no Seder like our Seder,
We tell a tale that is swell:
Moses took the people out into the heat
They baked the matzah
While on their feet
Now isn’t that a story
That just can’t be beat?
Please show up for the show!!!!

A GREAT TIME WILL BE HAD BY ALL

Cost is \$5.00 per person
Additional donations accepted

PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 15

Wendy or Amy by email
tropemaven@yahoo.com
aflugge-smith@yahoo.com
or
Erin in the Temple office 274-4679

Senior Recognition:

Our Senior Recognition Night is Friday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. This special event recognizes the high school seniors in our congregation. Please e-mail a picture of yourself to Erin at: office@templebnaijeshurun.com, as well as a brief paragraph discussing your future plans after graduation by Friday, April 24th. We can’t wait to honor all you have done and will continue to do!

We will also have our Youth Group members help lead service.

The second set of Rabbi’s classes for the spring will take place March 5, March 12, and April 2 and will look at Purim, Passover, and the concept

of the Messiah in the Jewish tradition. The third set of classes examines the history of the modern nation of Israel beginning with the Zionist movement of the late 19th Century and focuses not on Israel’s wars, but on the origins of the people who came to call the modern nation home.

These classes are open to anyone interested and are free. Donations supporting the Temple and its programs are always appreciated. All classes will be taught by Rabbi David Kaufman and take place from 7:00-8:30 pm at Temple B’nai Jeshurun, 5101 Grand Ave in Des Moines. Do to winter weather, the schedule is subject to change, so please call the Temple Office at 515-274-4679 to confirm the schedule or with any questions that you may have.

- Holidays and Messianic Fervor
1. Purim – March 5
 2. The Jewish Concept of Messiah and the Messianic Age – March 12
 3. Passover – April 2

- A Brief History of Zionism
1. Zionism – Reimagining The Jewish State – April 9
 2. The Shoah – April 16
 3. Jews in the Arab World [Show Rehov’s Exodus] – April 23
 4. The Reality of Israel Today – April 30

A separate set of classes will take place on Shabbat Mornings. There will be monthly Study Programs from February through April that will take place from 10:00-11:00 am. These programs taught by Rabbi Kaufman are also free. Please RSVP to the Temple office as all programs are subject to scheduling changes. The Saturday morning classes are called the “Rabbi’s Tish,” meaning “Rabbi’s Table,” and include bagels and coffee.

March 28 – Passover in the Christian Tradition

April 25 - Jews and Angels

Crossword Answer Key

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In Celebration

We note with joy the upcoming celebration of

Elijah Waltman, son of Ken and Kim Waltman, is a 7th grader at Waukee South Middle School. Elijah will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah at Tifereth Israel Synagogue on Saturday, **March 28, 2015** at 9:30 a.m. Please join the Waltman family for a Kiddush Luncheon immediately following the service.

Sydney Pearl, daughter of Brian and Krista Pearl, is a 7th grader at Stilwell in West Des Moines. She plans to play the viola for the residents at The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center as a mitzvah project. Sydney will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on **April 18, 2015** at Tifereth Israel Synagogue at 9:30 am. The community is invited to a Kiddush luncheon following the service.

Community News



JRC Pesach Schedule ב"ס"ד
Friday, April 3, 2015
Finish Eating Chametz before 11:05 am
Burn Chametz before 12:05 am
Friday Night 1st Seder Night
Light Candles at 7:25 pm
Evening Services: 7:30 pm
Community Seder: 8:00 pm
Saturday, April 4, 2015
1st Day of Passover
Morning Services: 10:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm
Saturday Night 2nd Seder Night
Light Candles* after 8:26 pm

Sunday, April 5, 2015
2nd Day of Passover
Morning Services: 10:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm
Holiday Ends at 8:28 pm
Monday April 6, 2015
Shacharis: 9:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Tuesday April 7, 2015
Shachris: 9:00 am

Evening Services: 7:30 pm
Wednesday April 8, 2015
Shachris: 9:00 am
Evening Services: 7:30 pm

Thursday, April 9, 2015
Light Candles at 7:31 pm
Say Blessing 2
Evening Services at 7:30 pm

Friday, April 10, 2015
Seventh Day of Passover
Morning Services at 10:00 am
Evening Services at 7:30 pm
Light Candles* before 7:33 pm
Say Blessing 1

Saturday, April 11, 2015
Final Day of Passover
Morning Services at 10:00 am
Yizkor Memorial Service at 11:30 am
Evening Services at 6:30 pm
Meal of Moshiach 7:00 pm
Passover Ends at 8:35 pm
* Light only from a pre-existing flame.



Recurring Events;
Morning Minyan Times:
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., Monday: 6:45 a.m., Tuesday: 7:00 a.m., Wednesday: 7:00 a.m., Thursday: 6:45 a.m., Friday: 7:00 a.m., Shabbat: 9:00 a.m.

Daily after morning minyan: Two study groups to choose from that will study a range of Jewish topics, from the Weekly Torah portion to Mishna & Talmud and Jewish Law.

Tuesdays:
Lunch N’ Learn 12:30 p.m. Join us for lunch with central Iowa Jewish students followed by a learning discussion.

The “Shiur” at 7:00 p.m. – covers Jewish learning on self- improvement, interpersonal relationships, weekly portion and current events. Please contact the office to attend.

Thursdays:
RIE Family Hebrew Supplement Program 4:30 p.m.

March 2015
March 5th; Purim & Heros 4:15 p.m. Megillah reading followed by dinner

April 2015
April 3rd, Last eating of Chometz 11:10 a.m.; Burning Chometz 11:30 a.m. and candle lighting at 7:24 p.m.
April 4th, Pesach Day 1 Services at 9:30 a.m.
April 5th, Pesach Day 2 Services at 9:00 p.m.
April 9th, candle lighting at 7:30 p.m.
April 10th, Pesach Day 7 Services at 9:00 a.m. and candle lighting at 7:31 p.m.
April 11th, Pesach Day 8 Services at 9:30 a.m. and YIZKOR at 10:30 a.m.
April 20th, Izzy Ezagui – IDF veteran injured in combat 7:00 p.m.
April 25th, Yom Ha’atzmaut celebration

May 2015
May 14th, Federation Senior Luncheon at BEJ 11:30 a.m.

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the recent passing of

Gordon Burstein
Evelyn Balto
Helen Galinsky
Patricia Mae Perry
Madalyn Rovner
Barbara Spizman
Raisa Zaprudsky

Maccabee’s Deli Pesach Hours

Friday April 3rd 10:00am – 2:30pm
Sunday April 4th CLOSED
Monday April 5th through Thursday April 9th
11:00am to 2:00pm
Friday April 10th CLOSED
Sunday April 12th Regular Hours

TRADITION COMES ALIVE AT THE JRC

Pesach Seder

Relive the Exodus; discover the eternal meaning of the Haggadah and enjoy a Community Seder complete with hand-baked Matzah, wine, and a wonderful dinner spiced with unique traditional customs.

FIRST SEDER NIGHT
FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 8:00 PM

AT THE JRC OF IOWA
943 Cummins Parkway Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Suggested donation: Adult: \$36 Child \$15 (under 12)
Please RSVP by April 1st.
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS:
CALL: 515-277-1718
EMAIL: Jrcspark@msn.com

PURIM AND HEROES

★ JOIN US FOR A GREAT ★
PURIM CELEBRATION

4:15 PM.
MEGILLAH READING
followed by
PURIM DINNER

COST:
ADULTS: \$15
CHILDREN: \$7
Children 3 and under: FREE
(RSVP REQUIRED)
515-274-1551

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PERFORMANCE
& KIDDIE ACTIVITIES
Thursday, March 5
at BETH EL JACOB



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Yesterday we saved millions of Jews by bringing them to Israel. Today we're taking a new generation to inspire them. It's a mission of identity that transforms their lives forever.

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