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### See You At The Federation's Annual Meeting, June 2!

The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines' 98th Annual Meeting will feature a "Walk the Land: Celebrate LIFE!" walk, in celebration of Israel's 65th anniversary, hosted by the Jewish Federation Community School. All are invited. While parents attend the Annual Meeting, children will be gathered together doing activities related to Israel. After the Annual Meeting, all will "Walk the Land" through a maze of murals all relating to Israel. Special surprises await you at several of the stopping points created throughout the walk. At the end of this activity, lunch will be available. HOLD THE DATE - Sunday, June 2 -10am - Noon.



### A Unique Israel Trip with Parntership2Gether - Sept. 21

Des Moines is one of twelve midwestern American Jewish communities that together form a consortium partnered with the people, schools, and arts and public service institutions in a region in Israel. Our partnership region is the Western Galilee, the most northwestern region in Israel, along the Mediterranean. It is a wonderful partnership in all respects.

Our Partnership region is well worth seeing as part of any trip to Israel. The sightseeing is fantastic, what with the 5,000 years of history in Old Acco, and the grottoes of Rosh Hanikra. The culture is vibrant and diverse, and the regional cuisine is delicious.

So now, for the first time, our Partnership Consortium has put together a Mission to Israel, with time spent in our region, as a joint trip for folks from all the American communities. The trip runs from September 21 through October 1 and has been designed with three distinct "experience" segments:

• Discover and Learn: Touring will

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include the new Yitzhak Rabin Center, the newly renovated Israel Museum, the City of David Tunnel excavation, Yad Vashem and a visit to the Kotel. Other stops will include the galleries and shops of Old Jaffa and Old Acco, plus a tour of A Better Place, Israel's emerging electric car business.

- Recharge Your Soul: Attend the opening gala and performance in Acco of Ballet Austin's Light/ The Holocaust and Humanity. Experience the Israel Festival of Alternative Theater and the Arts, in Acco, participate in art workshops and sail into the caves at Rosh Hanikra.
- Make a Difference Together: Meet Lone Soldiers and MASA youth and learn about the many programs and projects of Partnership in the Western Galilee.

For details, see the ad on the rear cover. Jewish Federation subsidies are available for qualified applicants! For more information, contact jcrc@ dmjfed.org



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### June 17-August 9 The Engman Camp Shalom Experience

Why is Engman Camp Shalom an "experience" for your children? Because we are in the camp "kid business!" For more than 60 years, the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines has been committed to quality Jewish summer experiences for each child. We carefully select staff and specialists who genuinely care for the well being of our campers.

The ECS day provides a progression of enriching and exciting programs that are purposefully designed for skill and social development. Our staff to camper ratio ensures participation, recognition and success for each child.

Judaism comes alive in our camp through creative, energizing and innovative experiences that promote Jewish identity, while our Schlichim (Hebrew for emissary; Israeli community representative) helps bring Israel to Iowa. The camp community is nurturing, challenging and, most of all, FUN! Children make friendships that keep them coming back year after year to become CIT's and counselors.

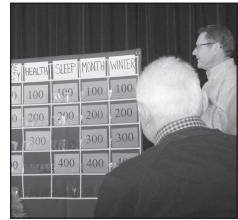
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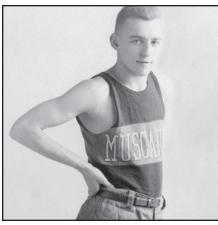
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- Through the month of February, JFCS students participated in our annual Food Pantry Drive to benefit those less fortunate. Our drive is done during the month of February as DMARC has stated that after the holidays, they are low on food items and many people forget that they still have many families that depend on them to supply their food.
- The Federation's Yom HaAtzmaut program was held on Wednesday, April 17. JFCS served dinner to our families before the program.
- On Sunday, April 28, JFCS families participated in a Lag B'Omer program highlighting the artist Kim Goldberg, who is the Arts Task Force Chair of the U.S. Central Area Consortium of P2G.

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program for ECS and JFCS families to learn about camp and meet Allie.

### **Senior Care**

Jewish Family Services

• 130 Seniors were served in the program.

**OF RECENT ACTIVITIES** 

Education

- 77 hot meals were provided to seniors through the senior luncheons along with educational programs
  informing them of statistics and knowledge on arthritis, sleep patterns, safety tips and how to stay young
  and content.
- 537 hours of service were provided by our committed volunteers for December, January and February.
- 7 requests from seniors for financial assistance with medical equipment, medication and rent were satisfied.
- Since starting in January, there have been 4 meetings of the Purfoods Focus group with 12 participants.
- The United Way Grant was completed and submitted.
- The semi-annual Client Satisfaction Survey was administered and completed by our clients.

### Community

Jewish Community Relations Commission

- JCRC convened community members over lunch to explain the Israeli election results and examine its implications.
- JCRC organized a program to update information about our Partnership with Israel (Partnership2Gether) projects and the status of our Consortium.
- JCRC participated along with a group of members of the Iowa Congressional Delegation to advocate for the safety and security of Israel. The group met, as well, with important individuals from the Jewish Federations of North America and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs
- JCRC continued work as advisory to the Blank Foundation's Holocaust Memorial project.

## History

Iowa Jewish Historical Society

- Karen Engman and Heidi Moskowitz are hard at work on the 100th Anniversary cookbook project.
- The museum staff is also exploring the possibility of a cookbook exhibit that would open when our cookbook is published. Oliver Pollack of the Nebraska Jewish Historical Society has done an exhibit and several articles about Jewish cookbooks that we will borrow. We will add items from our own collection. This is still in the early planning stages.

### How Is My Money Spent By The Federation?

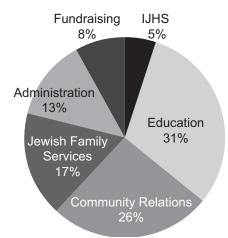


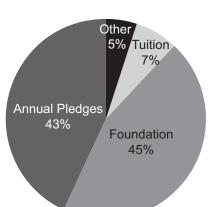
Stuart Oxer Executive Director

As many of you know, here at the Jewish Federation, we are in the midst of our annual fundraising campaign. One of the questions most frequently asked by our donors is, "Where does my money go?" I would like to address that excellent question here.

#### **Sources of Income**

The Federation's annual budget is approximately \$1.35 million. Fortythree percent of our income comes from your annual pledges to the campaign. Seven percent comes from school and camp tuition, and 5% is added from other sources such as advertising income in the Jewish Press. The remainder, roughly 45% of the income, is transferred into the annual budget from the Jewish Foundation endowments and investment income.





#### Expenses

Spending on Education (Jewish Federation Community School and Engman Camp Shalom) makes up 31% of our expenses. Jewish Community Relations (the Jewish Press, grants to the Hillels, and expenditures in support of Israel, such as our overseas contribution to Partnership with Israel and Birthright Israel) accounts for 26% of our expenditures. Our allocation to Jewish Family Services (Senior Services, Tzedakah disbursals, and our contribution to the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center) amounts to 17% of

expenses, and funding of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society makes up an additional 5% of our expenses. Finally, expenditures on Administration and Fundraising comprise 13% and 8% of our budget, respectively.

Financial transparency is one of the key values of our Federation. For additional information about our budget, please feel free to contact me at stuart@dmjfed.org or by calling (515) 987-0899 x 231. And thank you very much for your generous contributions, which enable us to provide an array of essential services for the community.

Stuart Oxer, Executive Director

#### **YIDS & KIDS**

Spring is a time for new beginnings. We are excited to announce the launch of "Yids & Kids," an ongoing opportunity for moms and children to get together to share experiences and fun activities. Interested? Contact the Federation for more details. – Fannie Kalis LaPalm, Program Coordinator

#### **COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Do you want to connect with the environment and friends in the community? We are looking for individuals who like getting their hands dirty. If you have interest in helping develop a community garden at The Caspe Terrace, please call Tom at (515) 987-0899, ext 222 or tom@dmjfed.org.

#### **RECENT GRADS - MAZEL TOV!**

Send a photo and announcement by May 20, for publication in the July/August '13 edition. Jewish Press, 33158 Ute Avenue, Waukee, IA 50263-7538 or by e-mail to jcrc@dmjfed.org

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– President Obama in Israel, March 20, 2013



#### Celebrating Jewish Recipes from Des Moines

The Iowa Jewish Historical Society is preparing a cookbook in honor of the Federation's Centennial. They are collecting recipes and photos that highlight Des Moines' rich tradition of excellent cooking.

Cookbook chairs Heidi Moskowitz and Karen Engman are searching for those special family recipes that we all cherish and want to preserve for future generations. Karen requests, "Please help us in our search for recipes and tell us how they are special to your family or our Jewish community."

**Proceeds will benefit the Iowa Jewish Historical Society. Send your recipes** to Karen Engman at aengmandsm@yahoo.com or mail to the Jewish Federation at 33158 Ute Avenue, Waukee, IA 50263

Please note that we may not be able to print every submitted recipe due to space or duplication issues.



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### **JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

#### Lecha Dodi

In our 5th Grade Hebrew class, we are learning about Lecha Dodi. Lecha Dodi is the song we sing when we are welcoming the Shabbat bride. We also learned that Lecha Dodi is an acrostic. An acrostic is a poem where the first letters of certain words spell out a new, secret word. Author Rabbi Shlomo Halevi Alkabetz put his name in Lecha Dodi over 500 years ago! As part of our lesson, each student wrote their own acrostic on a different topic using their first or last name.

Eli W.—Purim Evil Haman Lots Imagination Jewish Holiday Adar Hamentaschen

Ellie K.—Hannukah Everyone rejoices Light the lights for eight nights I play dreidel with friends And we eat latkes and jelly doughnuts Now we look back at the battle the Maccabees won And we thank G-d we aren't in war

S. Pearl–Prayer

Prayer equals all of us coming together Equals many people reaching to G-d to say their thoughts All are happy, calm, and peaceful Rich, poor, all being included Listening to the most holy words

Eli J.–Torah

I just lovE going to services I don't Lolly gag while looking at the Torah I reach In to grab the Torah at my Bar Mitzvah Z. Pins—Bat/Bat Mitzvah People gather for a wonderful party Infants may scream during your service Nobody should be mean while you speak Saying my prayer for my Bat Miztvah

Z. Egherman—Shabbat Eloheinu Melech G-d watches everything Help! My hair is on fire Extremely holy Rest Meal Amazing Food Never have ham

Reece J.—Passover Release from slavery Evening service Exodus Chametz free End of Passover

Anna R.—G-d Anna was created by G-d Not everyone has the same beliefs about G-d Not nearly enough people have the same ideas about how we were created All people are created by G-d

#### JFCS Food Drive For DMARC (Des Moines Area Religious Council)

The DMARC Emergency Food Pantries strive to meet the short-term needs of the food insecure in our area. People seeking assistance can go to one of the nine pantry sites to receive a five-day supply of food for themselves and their families once per month at no cost.

Each year reports circulate that the DMARC Emergency Food Pantries are struggling to help area families in need, especially when donations drop off significantly after the first of the year.

Since 2009, the Jewish Federation Community School has made it an annual project each February to help stock the shelves of the DMARC food banks. It is an opportunity for our children to participate in a tangible act of chesed and to do tzedakah within our own community.

The students and their families spent the month bringing in canned and other nonperishable items to add to the school's red barrel in the entryway. After adding in the almost 200 items donated this year, a combined total of more than 1200 items have been donated since starting this project four years ago.

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### **ENGMAN CAMP SHALOM BEGINS JUNE 17!**



I am pleased to introduce to you Michal Elkind who will be joining Engman Camp Shalom this summer as our Israeli Ambassador or shlicha. Michal is 20 and lives in Rehovot, Israel. She is the youngest of four siblings. Her father is a lecturer at the Hebrew University and her mother is a statistician. Michal likes to cook, read books and sew, as well as spend time with her friends.

Michal has been recommended to us through the Jewish Community Center Agency's summer Shlichim Program. The Youth and Hehalutz Department and Jewish Agency's Security Department within the

Government of Israel, have carefully screened all shlichim enrolled in this program. Each one goes through an extensive interview process, has references checked and participates in a weeklong orientation seminar. Their purpose at our camp is to impart a love of Jewish culture to campers and serve as goodwill ambassadors for the Jewish State.

Serving as our Israeli Culture Camp Specialist, Michal will also help daily to lead "hatifka" (cheer), Hatikva (Israeli National Anthem), and a Hebrew word of the day. Other duties include: planning Shabbat on Friday afternoons, teaching Israeli culture and crafts, and helping with other camp programs.

While serving in the IDF (Israel Defense Force) she was in charge of training development and preparation of instructors. The Commander of the "Airbone Rescue and Evacuation" Academy, of which Michal has served for the last year and a half, stated, "Michal is a mature and responsible solider. She has lots of initiative and is extremely creative." Another commander stated that she has excellent interpersonal skills, is very dedicated and resourceful, and is a caring and mature person.

We are very excited to have Michal join us this summer. She will be a great addition bringing her friendly, outgoing and bubbly personality. She will be arriving in Des Moines the first part of June and will be with us through the first part of August. If you are interested in housing Michal during her time in Des Moines this summer or inviting her to your home for Shabbat, an evening meal, or a special activity with your family, please contact me to make arrangements. Call – Lyanna at 987-0899 ext. 232 or email jfcsdm@gmail.com.

- Lyanna Lindgren, Education Director

### Meet Fannie Kalis LaPalm

[in profile]



Jewish Press: Welcome, Fannie. Tell us about your new position at the Jewish Federation.

**Fannie Kalis LaPalm:** I'm very excited to work for the Federation and the community. There are young people in Des Moines – teens, college students, young mothers and families, including interfaith families – who want to get

more involved in the Jewish community and are looking for something special that meets their personal needs. However, they may not know where to go. I can help them. I'd like to establish a non-judgmental, welcoming entry point.

My job will be to meet people where they are and develop programs that will be of particular interest to them. This could be offering arts programming, health and nutrition programs or simply forming group circles where people can discuss common issues.

Youth and kids programming is where I will start. Jewish moms can form a community. Perhaps we can plan to spend time together at a park? Perhaps we can organize pre-natal and post-natal sessions with yoga or pilates? As a former professional dancer, I am especially attuned to arts and exercise activities. But I am open to ideas, if people would like to offer suggestions.

The Federation will also enlist my skills in advertising and marketing, as I have experience in those areas as well. So I can foresee that I'll be doing a spectrum of tasks as part of my job.

**JP:** What are your hopes in your new position?

**FKL:** What are my hopes? To help unify the Jewish community and to make the Federation more of a community center,

"What are my hopes? To help unify the Jewish community and to make the Federation more of a community center, in conjunction with the synagogues."

> in conjunction with the synagogues. JP: Where were you raised and what brought you to Des Moines? FKL: I grew up on Chicago's North Shore. continued on page 13



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### Senior News

Senior Volunteer Program - Are you looking for a way to put meaning back into your life while helping others? Become a Senior Volunteer and help us reach out and care for someone in need. The rewards are many and the need is great.

TO LEARN MORE about volunteer opportunities or any of our programs, contact Pat Nawrocki, Jewish Family Services Manager at 987-0899 ext 210.

### Upcoming **Luncheons:**

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 Trip to Prairie Meadows Reservations will be required. Call Pat at 987-0899 ext. 210.

### Thursday, June 13, 2013

at Temple B'nai Jeshurun Diane Marshall, CMA, Practice Manager for the Des Moines University Foot and Ankle Clinic, will give a presentation on "Oh My Aching Feet." Do your feet hurt? Do you have trouble walking? Is it hard for you to take care of your feet? Join us for a discussion about common foot problems and what you can do for them. Also performing for us will be Abe Goldstien entertaing us with his accordion.



### The Ideal Gift To Give Is... Yourself



Jane Fronsdahl is very thankful to the Jewish Federation for assisting her when life challenges were very overwhelming and she did not know where to turn. She was in need of financial assistance for utilities, car repair, medications, food, housing and also transportation to doctor's appointments and grocery store. Support and encouragement from staff and volunteers allowed Jane to become more self-sufficient. Jane states, "It's a joy to help out others who are in need. They are so appreciative and it makes me feel so good about myself." Currently, Jane is a regular attendee at the monthly

luncheons and several other JFS sponsored events. She is now volunteering to help others in the program with transportation to medical appointments, luncheons and other activities. Jane has demonstrated a renewed sense of purpose and has been an asset to the program by providing support for other seniors who have experienced similar challenges. As Thelma Kardon states, "She puts others before herself. She is very kind and patient." Barb Leventhal-Beckerman stated, "Jane is always willing to lend a helping hand. She is a hard worker, active congregate, and puts in many hours helping with the Women's League functions.

That's what the Senior Adult Program is all about: Deeds of kindness, reaching out and helping someone in need.

- Pat Nawrocki, Jewish Family Services Manager, pat@dmjfed.org



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# Torah Talk What Does God Look Like?

by David Friedgood



Over the millennia human beings have gazed towards heaven and questioned what is out there. We understand that our world is greater than what each of us can see and touch. The ability to imagine, to think abstractly, is part of what makes us human. Our minds, however, do not like open questions. Intellectually we have a need to fill in the blanks, those dark holes (or voids) in our understanding. Science, that is knowledge gained from direct observation and experimental proof, can only take us so

far. There seems to always be a universe beyond what we can know for certain. Even as scientists are uncovering the elementary particle felt to be the smallest building block of matter (the Higgs boson or 'God particle'), the question will always remain. What is it that came before? How did the 'God particle' come into being? Historically, our forbearers developed religion in an effort to define the indefinable. Every society has produced a belief system, some of which have evolved over thousands of years. What does our God, or what does your God look like? Is the creator of all things a statuesque figure erected on a hilltop? Could it be an idol on the shelf in your study? Perhaps a divine being of human form residing amongst distant planets? Or maybe God is an amorphous abstraction. An entity, without form or matter, alive only in the human mind - in our consciousness. What does God look like?

Our Bible is a book filled with laws and rules proscribed to guide our behavior, and our thinking. Torah does not question the existence of God. The first line states: "When God began to create heaven and earth." (Genesis 1:1) No question, God was there at the beginning. The text also contains many stories, most with a moral message, but some do address our question. Here is one example. Following the Exodus from Egypt, Moses has guided his people through the Sea of Reeds and into the foreboding wilderness of Sinai. The Israelite nation has already witnessed the great power of the LORD in the Ten Plagues and the parting of the Sea. They are now camped at the foot of Mt. Sinai, a tall rocky expanse in the middle of nowhere. "Now Mt. Sinai was all in smoke for the LORD had come down upon it in fire... and the whole mountain trembled violently." (Exodus 19:18) "Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu (Aaron's sons), and seventy elders of Israel ascended; and they saw the God of Israel: under His feet there was the likeness of a pavement of sapphire; like the very sky for purity. Yet He did not raise His hand against the leaders of the Israelites; they beheld God, and they ate and drank." (Exodus 24:9-11) Another example is found in the Book of Israih, the

### The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center

### Save The Date - The Life Center's Annual Fall Fundraiser Aug. 18!

We hope you will mark your calendars, and plan to join us on Sunday, August 18th at The Life Center. The specifics for this year's celebration are still in the planning stages, but we do intend for the Event to be a mid-day brunch. Please watch for further information.

Looking back at traditions of The Life Center over the years, it's hard to believe that this year will be the sixth annual Fall Event to raise funds and awareness about The Home. Many years

Partnership with Israel

# Event to raise funds and for our Residents, their Families, and out The Home. Many years our Guests.

### ART CENTER'S SUSAN WILSON IS OFF TO ISRAEL FOR P2G



This year's Artist in Residency Program in the Western Galilee will incorporate

the talents of an Art Education teacher from the Des Moines Art Center, Susan Wilson. The project, sponsored by the Jewish Federation as part of the Partnership2Gether [P2G] Consortium, is scheduled for mid-May and runs for a week. During the program, artists collaborate on creative art projects with local artists and residents.

ago, the Golden Ball was "the event to go

to, and be seen at," shares Joyce Swartz.

"After all, that's where Ben took me to

introduce me to all of his friends when

over the years, the purpose has not.

The goal of these fundraisers is, and has

always been, to improve and enhance

the Home, making it warm and inviting

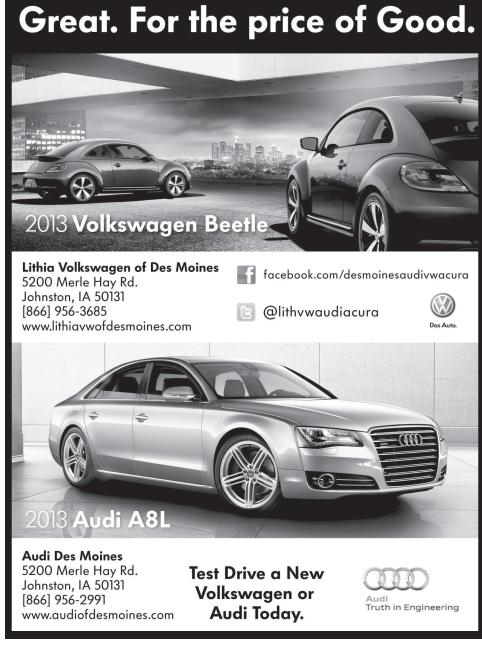
Although the Event has changed

we first met," adds Joyce.

Susan Wilson paints in oils, watercolors and acrylics. Her work may be viewed online at SusanLeeWilsonArtist. blogspot.com. Susan graduated from Lesley University in Boston with a Master of Fine Arts and has taught art to children around the world, including countries in Africa, India and Central America. prophet who preached some 1500 years after Moses. Isaiah describes his awesome vision of the most holy: "I beheld my LORD seated on a high and lofty throne; and the skirts of His robe filled the Temple." (Isaiah 6:1) Still later the Prophet Ezekiel describes a frightening vision of a heavenly chariot composed of four bizarre figures, part human and part beast. Then "... the heavens opened and I saw visions of God... there was the semblance of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and on top, upon this semblance of a throne, there was the semblance of a human form. From what appeared as his loins up, I saw a gleam as of amber – what looked like a fire encased in a frame, and from what appeared from his loins down, I saw what looked like fire. There was a radiance all about him." (Ezekiel 1:1, 26-28)

Can this be what God looks like? An awesome entity; a heavenly King sitting on a throne, inspiring prophets. Does God reach out and touch us physically? Can we sit down with the LORD and enjoy a meal? Rabbis over the generations have wrestled with these questions. Our tradition holds the Bible to be a book of ultimate truth, the word of God. But does that mean it is literally true? Towards the end of his life, the great 12th century sage, Moses Maimonides (Rambam), authored his final great work - 'Guide of the Perplexed' - in an effort to answer these questions. In the first chapter he affirms the ultimate accuracy of Torah. He notes, however, that the educated student should be able to discern the truth underlying Biblical verse. For instance: When we are told that human beings are created in the image of God (Hebrew tselem = form, or d'mut = likeness), Rambam tells us that the text is referring to the intellectual perception of the Divine, not any physical or corporal element. Descriptions of God's form are stories, or parables, which need to be understood in the proper context. Unlike any other creature on earth, man and woman are endowed with a portion of the Divine intellect. We have knowledge gifted by our Creator, and each of us has the capability to learn and study, thus increasing that wealth of information as we strive to fulfill our destiny as human beings. That is: to become closer to our God, the Master of our universe and the Creator of us all.

So, what does God look like? I think Elijah the great prophet of early Israel stated it best: "And lo, the LORD passed by. There was a great and mighty wind, splitting mountains and shattering rocks by the power of the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind – an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake – fire; but the LORD was not in the fire. After fire – a soft murmuring sound. (I Kings 19:11-12) Elijah then went out to meet his LORD. What does God look like? The answer is in the wind.





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# The All-In-One Campaign





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# 2013

Special Thank You is extended to all who serve our community in many different ways. Whether you help by serving on a committee, by reaching out when someone is in need, by contributing funds or, in this case, by raising funds.

Fundraising so that others can be strengthened, so that others can have their needs met, is one of the most praiseworthy efforts within Judaism.

On an evening this past February, the Federation Board and guest volunteers gathered to conduct the Phonathon in support of the 2013 All-In-One Campaign. They did this in addition to their other duties as Board Members of the Jewish Federation, and we are very thankful for their efforts. Over \$20,000 was raised in about an hour. Will Rogers won a prize for raising the most dollars. -Kol HaKavod!



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Stuart Oxer and Barb Hirsch-Giller

### UNI's MVP Kalin To Participate In World Maccabiah Games

Hailing from Sioux City, Jacqui Kalin is one of the most highly honored student athletes at the University of Northern Iowa. A Master's degree candidate in Kinesiology and Sports Psychology, Jacqui, was named the 2013 Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Scholar-Athlete of the Year. In March, she was voted the 2013 College Sports Madness MVC Player of the Year.

In addition to her Conference awards, the senior guard has been named one of 12 athletes that will represent the United States at the 19th World Maccabiah Games in Israel as part of the USA Open Women's Basketball Team.

"I feel so thankful and honored to be a member of this team," Kalin said. "Representing the United States will be a really special feeling. I appreciate the chance to meet other Jewish athletes and continue playing basketball while touring Israel. The opportunity is truly incredible."

The World Maccabiah Games will take place in July 2013 and the team will get to participate in a program called Israel Connect, which is a cultural and educational program.

"The team will train together in Israel prior to the games starting," Kalin said. "We will participate in Israel Connect that includes guided tours throughout the country after practices. Every day will be a cultural and educational experience. The actual games will be played in Jerusalem." This will not be Kalin's first trip to Israel. She visited with her family in 2007 and will never forget the experience.

"It was amazing and I cannot wait to go back," Kalin said. "It's hard to use words to describe the experiences we had. There were so many special feelings and emotions that were fostered at the different historical sites. Nothing excites me more than the opportunity to go back and the chance to tour it with fellow Jewish athletes."

Kalin will spend the entire month of July in Israel training and playing for the World Maccabiah Games. This will be her first international appearance playing basketball after making the USA Women's Open Team in 2009, but was unable to play due to an injury.

On a local note, Jacqui is cousin to Sara Coleman, a member at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

About Maccabi USA:

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### [commentary]

### What Is Really Blocking the Peace Process?

by Khaled Abu Toameh of the Gatestone Institute

The Palestinians have two separate entities, Fatah and Hamas – with social, political, and religious-observance ideologies that totally conflict. Neither is interested in achieving unity – each for its own reasons.

Hamas and Fatah are lying not only to their people, but also to the rest of the world ~ something the international community should take into consideration when dealing with the two parties.

Hamas is now holding US President Barack Obama responsible for the failure of the latest attempt to achieve reconciliation between the Islamist movement and Fatah.

Hamas's accusation came shortly after another round of talks with Fatah in Cairo in February failed to produce agreement on the formation of a new Palestinian unity government and holding presidential and parliamentary elections in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Hamas's spokesman claimed that Fatah was afraid of reaching any agreement weeks before Obama's planned visit to the region. [President Obama visited the Middle East in late March. – ed.]

Hamas claims that the US Administration has been exerting pressure on Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, who is also head of Fatah, to refrain from signing any deal with Hamas.

"Obama's planned visit has had a negative impact on the Palestinian reconciliation discussions," said Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri.

Fatah, for its part, has denied the charges, insisting that Obama's planned visit had nothing to do with the failure of the talks with Hamas.

Before making the allegation against Obama, Hamas had also accused Israel of seeking to foil "Palestinian unity" by arresting scores of Hamas supporters and officials in the West Bank.

This was not the first time that Israel had arrested Hamas members -- the arrests are, in fact, part of an ongoing effort by the IDF to prevent Hamas from taking control over the West Bank.

So the latest arrests are being used by Hamas as a justification to blame Israel for the failure of the unity talks.

The charges against the US and Israel are seen by many Palestinians as yet another attempt by Hamas to blame everyone but itself for the failure of the reconciliation talks.

Hamas has had many opportunities to end the dispute with Fatah - long before Washington announced Obama's plan to visit the region and the IDF arrest of Hamas members.

But instead of accepting responsibility for the failure of the reconciliation talks, Hamas prefers to blame the Americans and Israelis.

Hamas should admit that it is not interested in making peace with Fatah largely because it does not want to be accused of endorsing the Oslo Accords and the two-state solution.

Fatah also has been trying to avoid responsibility for the failure of the talks, with its leaders claiming that "outside forces" have been putting pressure on Hamas to refrain from reaching any agreement between the two rival parties.

When Fatah leaders talk about "outside forces," they are referring to Iran, Qatar and the Muslim Brotherhood, which back Hamas politically, financially and militarily.

Najat Abu Baker, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, said [recently] that both Hamas and Fatah are lying to the Palestinians. She said that neither party was interested in ending the ongoing dispute and achieving unity.

Many Palestinians seem to share Abu Baker's view about the lies of Hamas and Fatah. Today, it is clearer than ever that neither Hamas nor Fatah is interested in achieving unity - each for its own reasons.

For Hamas, ending the dispute means the Islamist movement would have to cede exclusive control over the Gaza Strip ~ an area that has been turned into a semi-independent Islamic emirate over the past five years.

As for Fatah, unity with Hamas means paving the way for the Islamist movement to extend its control to the West Bank -- something Abbas and his supporters are afraid of and cannot afford.

Unity with Hamas also means that the Islamist movement would gain even more legitimacy among Palestinians and the international community. Again, this is something Fatah can never allow to happen.

What Obama and the rest of the international community need to understand is that the Palestinians already have two separate entities -- with social, political and religious observance and ideologies that totally conflict.

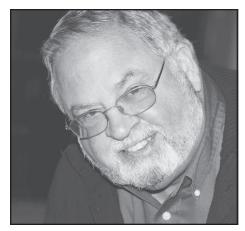
The "moderate" entity, led by Fatah, says it wants 100% of all the lands captured by Israel in 1967; Hamas and the radicals continue to insist on 100% of "all Palestine, from the river to the sea." Why should Hamas give way?

By the way, Fatah's public endorsement of the two-state solution does not necessarily mean it has abandoned the phased plan ~ namely, take whatever you can now and fight in the future to get the rest.

Even if Mahmoud Abbas agrees to return to the negotiating table with Israel, it is obvious that any agreement he reaches will be automatically rejected by the radicals.

The radicals in this instance are not only Hamas and Islamic Jihad. There are also radicals within Abbas's Fatah faction ~ in addition to non-Islamist terror groups, such as the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

### In the Kitchen with Jonathan Yentis by Karen Engman



Jonathan Yentis is a travelling man. By his own admission, he has had driver's licenses from eight states. He was born in Syracuse where his father was a professor at Syracuse University. Next they moved to Arlington,VA where Jonathan attended high school. He studied agronomy at Delaware Valley College (which was founded by Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf) and then continued his studies with graduate work in North Dakota.

One of his first jobs was working in a government bakery research lab in Pullman, WA. Jonathan told me Pullman is in the southeast corner of Washington, where there is more wheat grown than in any other part of the country.

Another job landed him in Dallas, TX where he met his future wife Tammy Masters at the Jewish Community Center. Even though Tammy grew up in Des Moines, it was a job with Tone Brothers that finally brought Jonathan here. He worked for Tone's for eleven years and then began his career as a consultant in the growing and production of medicinal and culinary herbs and spices. His travels then took him worldwide.

Jonathan and Tammy raised three kids in Des Moines who now have their own families. Adam is married to Mara

and they live with their son (9) and daughter (6) in New York City. Son Joshua and Liz live with their son (8) in Orlando, Florida and daughter Dana and her husband David Dickson are here in Des Moines with their one year old daughter.

I first met Jonathan when he was judging breads at the Iowa State Fair. He says he will judge anything and over the last 25 years he has sampled pies, hot pepper sauces, spam and a host of other foodstuffs! He has also served as a judge at the World Pork Expo. Jonathan likes

to cook too and has

helped with the Food Fair at Temple B'nai Jeshurun for many years. He takes pride in joining the great group of Temple volunteers in producing chopped liver, chicken soup and brisket for 1500.

Other volunteer activities include board memberships on the Iowa Jewish Historical Society and the Neil Smith National Wildlife Refuge where he also volunteers in the seed lab.

### Grandma Ida's Spaghetti

A recipe from Jonathan Yentis Dairy

1 lb spaghetti

1 stick salted butter

8 oz cream cheese

The Jewish Press thanks Jonathan for sharing his recipe for Grandma Ida's Baked Spaghetti. Remember if you have a recipe to share or a cooking question I can research, please call Karen Engman (515-274-3300) or email (aengmandsm@yahoo.com)

Boil spaghetti, drain, and blanch with cold water. Using a 2 quart pan with sides at least 3" high, layer spaghetti with "marble-sized" dabs of butter and cream cheese until reaching the top. Cook uncovered in a 350 degree oven for 30 minutes or until lightly browned.



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Rosh Chodesh Sivan occurs May 10th, 6:45AM

Rosh Chodesh Tammuz will occur June 8th & 9th

June 8th services 9:30AM followed by a Kiddush and June 9th services at 9:00AM

#### Shavuos

We will be having a night learning session the first night of Shavuos starting 10:30pm with a variety of interesting topics. Light refreshments will be served.

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### **TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN**

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Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Services

# SPECIAL EVENTS:Friday, May 36:00 p.m.Family Shabbat7:15 p.m.Shabbat Meal & Potluck

**Sunday, May 5** 2:00 p.m. Shelter Meal Sponsored by the Temple Community

Friday, May 10 6:00 p.m. Connections Service

Saturday, May 11 9:00 a.m. Women's Torah Study 10:00 a.m. Rabbi's Tish – Shabbat: Meaning and Practice

#### Tuesday, May 14

4:30 p.m.Executive Board Meeting5:30 p.m.Temple Board Meeting7:00 p.m.Erev Shavuot Service

Wednesday, May 15 Shavuot – Temple Office Closed

Friday, May 17 6:00 p.m. Confirmation at Tifereth Saturday, May 18 10:00 a.m. K'tanim Shabbat: A Service for Families with Young Children Sunday, May 19

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Jewish Food Fair **Saturday, May 25** 10:00 a.m. Gabrielle Dubansky Bat Mitzvah

**Monday, May 27** Memorial Day – Temple Office Closed

Friday, May 31 6:00 p.m.. Erev Shabbat / Senior Recognition

#### Tuesday, June 4

5:30 p.m.Worship CommitteeMeeting6:30 p.m.Sisterhood Meeting

Friday, June 76:00 p.m.Classic Shabbat6:00 p.m.Family Shabbat

# 7:15 p.m. Shabbat Meal & Potluck Saturday, June 8 9:00 a.m. Women's Torah Study

10:00 a.m. Andy Kaufmann Bar Mitzvah

#### Sunday, June 9

11:00 a.m.Annual Meeting**Tuesday, June 11**Executive Board Meeting4:30 p.m.Executive Board Meeting5:30 p.m.Temple Board Meeting

Saturday, June 15

10:00 a.m. Hanna Kaufman Bat Mitzvah



Temple Sisterhood presidents taken at the 100th Anniversary service held at the Temple on March 8th from left to right: Stacie Franklin, Susan Madorsky, Sandi Stamp, Marlene Kavan, Caroline Levine, Diane Pratt (Back), Alice Daniels (Front), Ann Balentine, Sharon Goldford, Jill Schwartz Musin, Gabrielle Callistein, Sondra Feldstein, and Sara Coleman.

### **TIFERETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE**

#### Lots happening at Tifereth. We hope you'll join us. May 2013

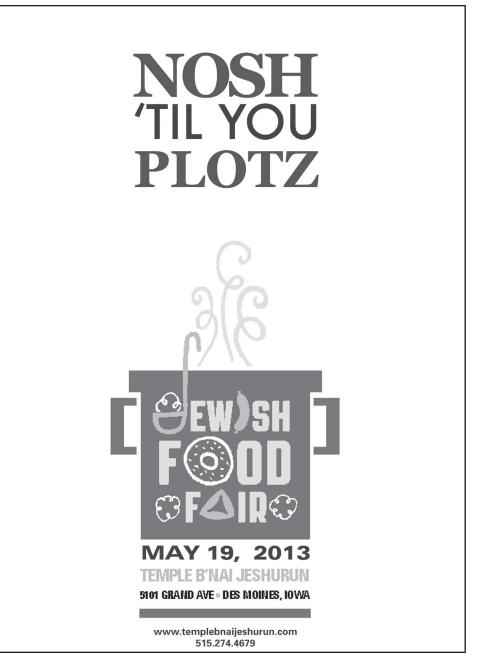
May 2013				
Friday, May 3rd	6:00 pm	Traditional Shabbat Services		
	7:00 pm	Shabbat Dinner – Speaker: Mayor Frank Cownie		
Sunday, May 5th	3:00 pm	Tifereth's Annual Meeting		
Tuesday, May 7th	7:00 pm	David Bear Lecture sponsored by DMARC at		
		Tifereth Guest Speaker: Father John Ludwig,		
Friday, May 10th	6:00 pm	Mishpacha Shabbat & YAD Cookout		
Saturday, May 11th	10:30 am	Lev Shalev, Alternative Service		
Tuesday, May 14th	8:00 pm	Erev Shavuot – Study Session		
Wednesday, May 15th	9:30 am	Shavuot Services		
Thursday, May 16th	9:30 am	Shavuot Services and Yizkor		
Friday, May 17th	6:00 pm	Confirmation Services at Tifereth		
Sunday, May 19th	12:30 pm	Women's League Luncheon & Book Review-		
		Cantor Linda Shivers		
Saturday, May 25th	10:30 am	Jr. Congregation and Tot Shabbat		
Friday, May 31st	6:00 pm	Shabbat Unplugged Services		
June 2013				
Sunday, June 9th		Family Fishing Event – TBA		
Saturday, June 8th	10:30 am	Lev Shalev, Alternative Service		
Wednesday, June 12th	6:00 pm	Women's League Dinner and Fashion Show		
Recurring Events:				
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Minyan: Sundays 9:00 am Tuesdays 7:00 am Services: Fridays 6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Services Saturdays 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

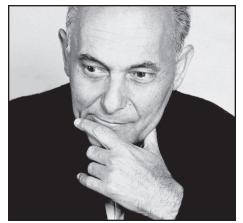
**3rd Annual David Bear Memorial Interfaith Lecture** Sponsored by DMARC, Guest Speaker: Father John Ludwig Tuesday, May 7th, 7:00 pm at Tifereth. **See ad on page 6.** 

#### Confirmation

You are invited to join the congregations of Temple B'nai Jeshurun and Tifereth Israel Synagogue as they celebrate the Confirmation of **Sarah Bell, Cora Egherman, Dani Lipman, Elizabeth Oxer, and Annie Weinberg** on Friday, May, 17, 2013 Six o'clock in the evening at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, 924 Polk Blvd.



### [arts] Sir Georg Solti



Sir Georg Solti, KBE (1912 – 1997) was an orchestral and operatic conductor, best known for his appearances with opera companies in Munich, Frankfurt and London, and as a long-serving music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Solti was born György Stern in Budapest, the younger of the two children of Móricz Stern and his wife Teréz, née Rosenbaum, both of whom were Jewish. In the aftermath of the First World War it became the accepted practice in Hungary for citizens with Germanic surnames to adopt Hungarian ones. The right wing regime of Admiral Horthy enacted a series of "Hungarianisation" laws, including a requirement that state employees with foreign-sounding names must change them. Mor Stern, a self-employed merchant, felt no need to change his surname, but thought it prudent to change that of his children. He renamed them after Solt, a small town in central Hungary. His son's given name, György, was acceptably Hungarian and was not changed.

Born in Budapest, Gyorgy studied there with Béla Bartók. In the 1930s, he coached singers at the Hungarian State Opera and worked at the Salzburg Festival for Arturo Toscanini. His career was interrupted by the rise of the Nazis, and because he was a Jew he fled the increasingly restrictive antisemitic laws in 1938. After conducting a season of Russian ballet in London at the Royal Opera House he found refuge in Switzerland, where he remained during the Second World War. Prohibited from conducting there, he earned a living as a pianist.

After the war, Solti was appointed musical director of the Bavarian State Opera in Munich in 1946. In 1952 he moved to the Frankfurt Opera, where he remained in charge for nine years. He took West German citizenship in 1953. In 1961 he became musical director of the Covent Garden Opera Company, London. During his ten-year tenure, he introduced changes that raised standards to the highest international levels.

In 1969 Solti was appointed music director of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, a post he held for 22 years. He restored the orchestra's reputation after it had been in decline for most of the previous decade. Solti considerably expanded its repertoire. Under him the Chicago Symphony gave its first cycles of the symphonies of Bruckner and Mahler. He introduced new works commissioned for the orchestra and frequently programmed works by American composers, including Charles Ives and Elliott Carter. He became the orchestra's music director laureate on his retirement in 1991.

Known in his early years for the intensity of his music making, Solti was widely considered to have mellowed as a conductor in later years. He recorded many works two or three times at various stages of his career, and was a prolific recording artist, making more than 250 recordings, including 45 complete opera sets. The most famous of his recordings is probably Decca's complete set of Wagner's Der Ring des Nibelungen, made between 1958 and 1965. It has twice been voted the greatest recording ever made, in polls for Gramophone magazine in 1999 and the BBC's Music Magazine in 2012.

Upon his death in 1997, after a state ceremony in Budapest, Solti's ashes were interred beside the remains of Bartók. *Adapted from Wikipedia* 





### IOWA DELEGATION ATTENDS AIPAC CONFERENCE

The Policy Conference of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee held in Washington D.C. in March was attended by a delegation of fifteen from Des Moines. Pictured are: Bud Hockenberg, Barb Hirsch-Giller, Diana Cummins-Bates, Will Rogers, Wendy Beckerman, Rabbi David Kaufman, Rabbi Steven Edelman-Blank, Denise Bubeck, Mark Finkelstein, Jarad Bernstein, David Adelman, Edye Beckerman, Harvey Giller, Stuart Oxer, and Rabbi Leib Bolel. The conference drew 13,000 attendees this year. AIPAC's mission is to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship as Israel strives for peace.



#### YOUTH EDUCATION

Recently, Rabbi Kaufman and two chaperones accompanied students on an educational trip to Washington D.C. Here they are seen in front of the new MLK, Jr. Memorial from left to right: Elizabeth, Cora, Sarah, Annie, Dani, and Sara Rose.

#### **Camp** from page 1

We are proud of the fact that The Jewish Federation's Engman Camp Shalom knows how to make a child's summer fun and exciting. Our Camp Director Allie Weiss, along with Camp Administrator Lyanna Lindgren and our staff have created a summer filled with exciting activities and programs that will leave your child asking for more.

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Then there are the radicals in the Arab and Islamic countries, such as Muslim Brotherhood and the Salafis, who will never accept Israel's right to exist.

The best Obama and Israel can hope for is some kind of an interim agreement with Abbas, who knows that he does not even have a mandate from his people to make concessions to Israel: his term in office expired in 2009.

Khaled Abu Toameh's commentary was published online in February 2013.

Kalis LaPalm from page 5 After graduating from Chapman University

in Southern California, I danced professionally in New York City with Jose Limon and the Merce Cunningham dance companies. As a dancer, I traveled and studied in Israel, Japan, and Cuba. I'm no longer dancing professionally, but it is still very much a part of my spirit, my life and my soul. Giving that to others in a healthy way is definitely more than a hobby, but a passion of mine.

I moved from Los Angeles to Des Moines with my husband and two-yearold daughter about a year and a half ago. My father, Murray Kalis, in fact, grew up in Des Moines. Some community members might remember him. He went to Roosevelt High School and taught art at colleges In Iowa before moving to Chicago in the 1970s, where he was a Creative Director for the Leo Burnett advertising agency. My dad always spoke so warmly about Des Moines, I wanted to see it for myself. When I finally came for a visit to Des Moines, I was tremendously impressed by the city and its cultural environment. This is where I wanted to raise my family!

JP: Fannie, thank you for bringing all your skills, creativity, and passion to your new job with the Jewish Federation. We wish you and your family the very best. FKL: Thank you. I'm looking forward to an exciting and productive year.

## **Collections Corner**

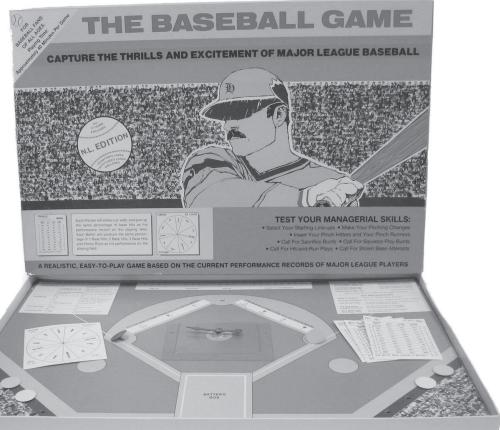


Spring has sprung at the Iowa Jewish Historical Society! As Iowans defrost and embrace the warmer weather, we wanted to highlight some sporty items that have recently joined our permanent collection.

"The Baseball Game" has been on loan to the Historical Society for a while now, having been a part of our Jews Love Baseball exhibit from 2010. This board game, invented by former Des Moines resident and Roosevelt High School Alum Harold Oppenheim, promises to "capture the thrills and excitement of major league baseball" by incorporating real player statistics and a wide range of possible plays into its gameplay. The Iowa Jewish Historical Society is grateful to have this unique item of Iowa's Jewish history in its permanent collection.

The photograph of Orrie Becker, father of Harold Becker of Cedar Rapids, shows young Orrie in an athletic uniform from Muscatine, Iowa. The Iowa

Jewish Historical Society collects, preserves and interprets Jewish history from across the state of Iowa and we are pleased to have this photo in our collection to help us tell the story of Jews from Iowa's eastern region.





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Wedding gloves c. 1920



#### A History Mystery!

Some artifacts arrive at the Historical Society with little or no provenance (history of ownership). This Tefillin bag was found in our collection, stored in a box with other textiles. A note attached to the bag states that it was "found at Temple B'nai Jeshurun." The bag is embroidered with the year 1893 and the initials "S L". This is the only information we have on this object. We've included a picture in the hope that someone may have more information. Do you know anything about this artifact? If so, please contact us at: (515) 987-0899 ext. 216 or ijhs@dmjfed.org

#### **Collections Inventory Project Update:**

Progress continues to be made in the inventory of our collections. To date, Sarah Carlson, our grant-funded collections assistant, has entered approximately 1,650 objects into our PastPerfect Collections Management Database. This is in addition to the hundreds of other entries already in the system. While the inventory is a time-consuming process, we are making good progress and are looking forward to debuting an online version of our collection in the coming months.

The inventory project is made possible thanks to a generous grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa's Historical Resource Development Program (HRDP). By completing an in-depth inventory of our historical collection, we can better understand what we have available to us. Knowing exactly what is in the collection and where it's located within our collections storage room - helps the Iowa Jewish Historical Society best serve our researchers, visitors and the community. It will allow us to provide more in-depth answers for research requests and curate new exhibits, sharing the history of Jewish Iowans and their contributions to the state.

While nothing donated to the Historical Society is "lost," the inventory has allowed us to "rediscover" many artifacts that were donated to the IJHS before the current staff arrived. This process has been both fun and rewarding to Sarah and collections manager Lindsey Smith, who continue to learn about the Historical Society's collection. The inventory process also involves creating a detailed catalog sheet for each item and using archival storage materials to preserve the collection for the long term.

As Sarah explores the collection, she has come across some favorite "rediscoveries": a pair of early 20th century child's shoes, multiple wedding dresses, a stained glass window from the Oskaloosa synagogue, hundreds of photographs, and a diploma c. 1917 from the old Highland Park College in Des Moines.

# march • april alendar

Friday, May 3	6:00 PM	Shabbat Services & Friday Night Dinner
		- Mayor Frank Cownie, speaker at Tifereth
Sunday, May 5	2:30 PM	JFCS Jr/Sr High School class at The Caspe Terrace
	3:00 PM	Annual Meeting at Tifereth
Tuesday, May 7	5:30 PM	Federation BOD meeting at The Caspe Terrace
Friday, May 10	6:00 PM	Mishpacha Shabbat & Cookout at Tifereth
Sunday, May 12	2:30 PM	JFCS Jr/Sr High School class at The Caspe Terrace
Tuesday, May 14	4:30 PM	Temple B'nai Jeshurun BOD meeting
	6:00 PM	Beth El Jacob - Study session
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	8:00 PM	Erev of Shavuot - Study session at Tifereth
Wednesday, May 15		Shavuot 1st Day
	9:30 AM	Shavuot Services at Tifereth
Thursday, May 16		Shavuot 2nd Day
	9:30 AM	Shavuot Services at Tifereth
Sunday, May 19	11:00 AM	IJHS Museum open
	12:30 PM	T.I. Women's League luncheon and book review at Tifereth
Saturday, May 25	10:00 AM	Gabrielle Dubansky Bat Mitzvah at Temple B'nai Jeshurun
Sunday, May 26	10:00 AM	Ames BOD meeting at AJC
Monday, May 27	6:00 PM	Tifereth BOD meeting
Tuesday, May 28	5:00 PM	IJSLC BOD meeting at Life Center
Sunday, June 2	10:00 AM	Federation Annual Meeting at The Caspe Terrace
	11:00 AM	IJHS Museum open
Saturday, June 8	9:00 AM	Beth El Jacob Shavuot Children's Party
	4:30 PM	Andy Kaufman Bar Mitzvah at Temple B'nai Jeshurun
Tuesday, June 11	4:30 PM	Temple B'nai Jeshurun BOD meeting
	6:30 PM	Beth El Jacob BOD meeting
Wednesday, June 12	6:00 PM	T.I. Women's League dinner & fashion show at Tifereth
Saturday, June 15	10:00 AM	Hanna Kaufman Bat Mitzvah at Temple B'nai Jeshurun
Sunday, June 23	10:00 AM	Ames BOD meeting at AJC
Monday, June 24	6:00 PM	Tifereth BOD meeting
Tuesday, June 25	5:00 PM	IJSLC BOD meeting at The Life Center



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Robert and Peggy Dubansky are proud to announce that their daughter, Gabrielle Rose Dubansky, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah

on May 25, 2013, 10.00 am at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. The Jewish community is cordially invited to join us at this joyous occasion and a Kiddush Luncheon following the service.

Ben Kaufmann and Tracy Kaufmann joyously announce the upcoming Bar Mitzvah of their son, Andrew Jordan Kaufmann, on Saturday evening, June 8th at 4:30 pm at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Dinner and activities will follow the Havdalah Service, and the community is cordially invited. Please RSVP to Ben at 745-3952 by June 5th. Andy is a student at Waukee South Middle School and enjoys singing, soccer and baseball.



Our daughter, Hanna Sophia Kaufman, will be marking her Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 15, 2013. Our family wishes to

extend a cordial invitation to the Jewish community to join us in our celebration of this milestone in Hanna<sup>1</sup>s life. Shabbat morning services led by Hanna will begin at 10:00 am and a celebratory luncheon will follow. We hope to see you there.

Julie and David Kaufman

### In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the recent passing of Shirley Berck Polina Pugach

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