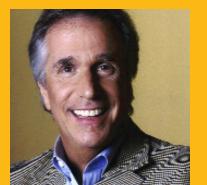
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Drake Hillel Rocks

Harry Simon to Chair 2007 "All-In-One"

Federation

Harry Simon

President Toni Urban has announced the appointment of Jewish Vice President and community business leader Harry Simon as chair of the 2007 "All-In-One" Campaign. "I am very pleased that Harry has

agreed to accept the responsibility for the annual campaign. Harry is a well-respected and likeable leader. He will develop an exceptional campaign volunteer team and continue a very planful approach to

Campaign.ity fundraising." Simon is President-Elect of the Federation and will assume the major role in June 2007. He has served on the Federation Executive Committee as Treasurer and a board member of the Federation for 2 years. He has served on the Federation Planning & Budgeting and Audit Committees. He is in his fifth year on the board of Hospice of Central Iowa. A member of Tifereth Israel, he and wife Suzann are proud parents of Mitchell and Morgan.

> The Federation "All-In-One" campaign is the lifeblood for quality programs and services for the Jewish community of

Campaign Committee Plans Extraordinary Event With Henry Winkler, Sept. 17

Margo and Don Blumenthal, Chairs of the 2006 Campaign Opening Gala are very excited that plans for this very special event for the Jewish community are in full swing. They have put into place an extraordinary cast of planning committee members. "We have an enthusiastic committee and the event is not to be missed. We welcome additional community members to be part of the effort," said Margo Blumenthal.

The special event slated for Sunday, September 17th at the Embassy Suites on the River will include a leadership gifts reception and a community dinner to showcase the important work of the Federation in enhancing Jewish lives and meeting essential Jewish needs. The highlight of the evening will be a featured presentation by actor/producer Henry Winkler, who will share his Jewish values and his personal story of having overcome obstacles to find success and happiness.

The goals of the event are to create

an outstanding evening to highlight and raise funds for the Jewish Federation's "All-In-One" Campaign while creating enthusiasm, goodwill and a greater connection to Jewish need locally, in Israel and around the world. At the event all community members will have the opportunity to hear about the vital work

of the Federation, to make their annual campaign contributions and enjoy its special guest.

Henry Winkler, producer, actor, director and author, has won the attention of audiences and critics worldwide. He is perhaps best known for his portrayal of "Fonzie"



Margo & Don **Blumenthal**

in the seventies TV hit "Happy Days," which garnered him the status of pop culture icon, as well as two consecutive

SUMMER FAMILY PICNIC AUG 6

The entire Jewish community is invited to join for the annual Summer Family Picnic, Sunday, August 6, from 3 to 7 p.m. at The Caspe Terrace. Chair Jule Goldstein and our committee is planning fun for all, including a welcome to newcomers, a Kosher Barbeque, children's games and relays, a dunk tank, and promise of a great time. The picnic will, of course, include an adult softball game which will open the festivities.

"The Family Picnic is a wonderful time for the whole family to enjoy the gorgeous surroundings at The Caspe Terrace. There are organized activities for all, as well as an opportunity to enjoy friends and community. The picnic will also give an opportunity for Camp Shalom campers and their families to come together to celebrate the Summer," said Jule Goldstein. The planning committee includes Krista Pearl and Laurie

The cost for participants is \$5.00 per person and children 6 and under For reservations, call the Federation office at 277-6321 or log-on to www. Statismin so in making the reservations, please indicate if planning

Campi Shalomer, Engman Camp Shalom has had the wonderful opportunity to add to our staff two Israeli Shlichim. The summer Shlichim program of the Youth and Hehalutz Department of the State of Israel is committed to providing summer camps in the United States with qualified, professional staff from Israel to add a unique Jewish-Israeli dimension to the camp progra Our Shlichim have completed their service in the Israel Defense Forces and an intense training program with other Shlichim who came to the U.S. this sum-

Omri Tzanani and Liat Dahan arrived in Des Moines the first part of June and have become very comfort-

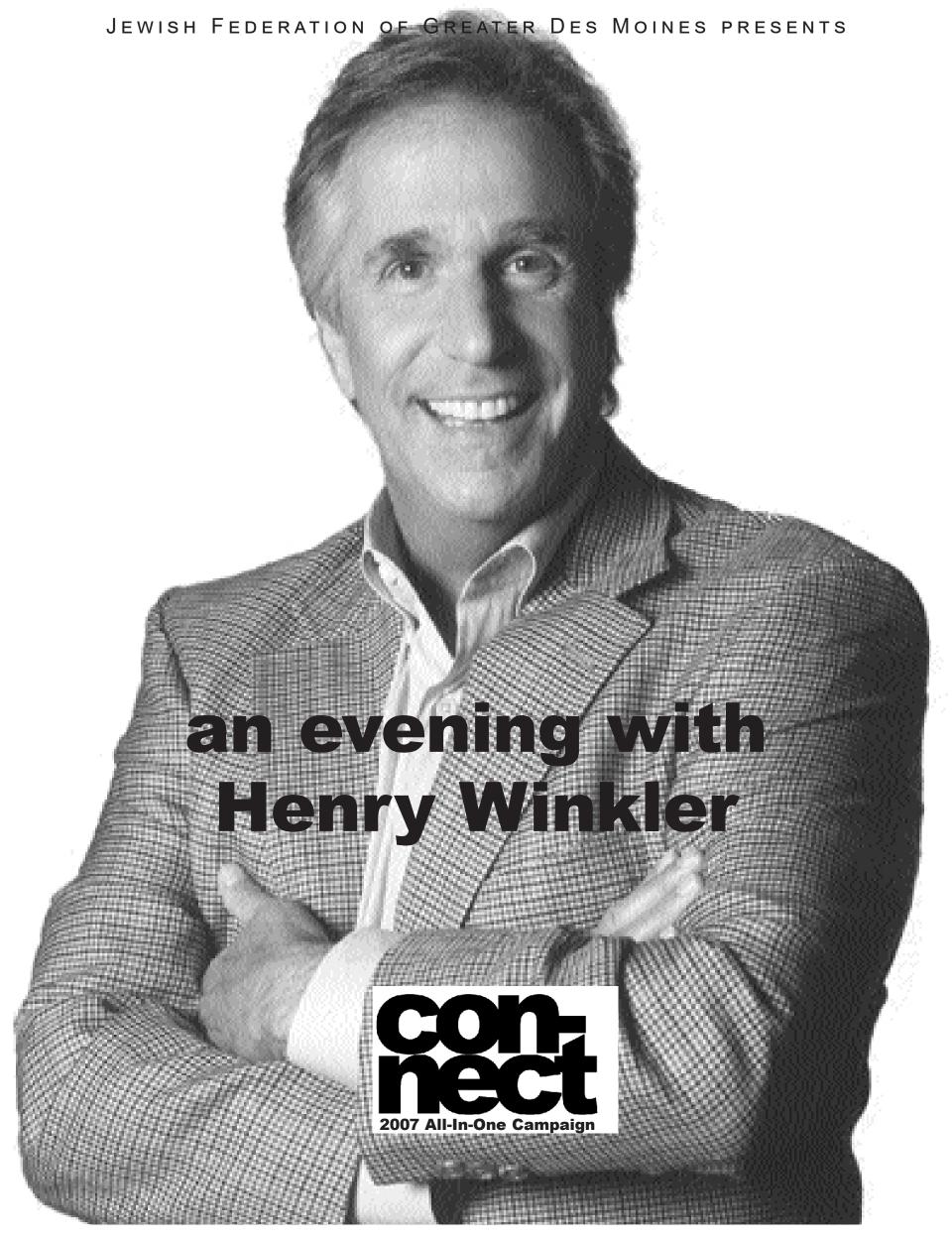
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Dear Community Members,

I would like to share with you my thoughts about the last year and some thinking about the future.

Among the most exciting of our Federation programs this past year has been OASIS...a program headed by Jewish Family Services...which stands for "Outreach, Activities and Services for Independent Seniors." OASIS literally "connects" to seniors, providing quality outreach services at home for Jewish and non-Jewish clientele, in collaboration with a variety of service providers from the general community. Jewish Family Services is at the center of this collaborative partnership with the Federal government through a special NORC grant and we are proud of its success to date.

Under the care of the Jewish Federation Community School, Engman Camp Shalom continues to grow. Camp has reached out to new sectors of the community over the past two years, providing a quality camping experience filled with wonderful Jewish and Israeli content that anyone can enjoy.

Our Jewish Federation Community School is very active in programming many community-based holiday events, like this year's Israel Independence Day Youth Maccabiah and the very moving Holocaust Day Remembrance event, at which our rabbis spoke. JFCS – its faculty, staff, and board -- is engaged in the interaction with students and their families in the creative process of being Jewish in the modern world.

Speaking of education, permit me to plug our re-designed adult education program called the Jewish Learning Institute. A joint effort of the Federation and the synagogues, the Jewish Learning Institute will offer a set of new classes beginning in October.

We had marvelous success with this year's JCRC Teachers' Institute, held for the first time at The Caspe Terrace. With the screening of a wonderful documentary called "Paperclips" the teachers learned how a middle school in Tennessee sensitively addressed the issues of the Holocaust.

With regard to another important goal, the Federation connected our community to Israel -- with a terrific mission in December 2005. We look forward to planning more overseas opportunities and encourage you to consider traveling with us. During the trip, we spent time in our Partnership 2000 region, the Western Galilee. This is the region that we support through our P2K allocation. Our funds make scholarships available to students at Western Galilee College who earn degrees in the field of Public Security.

Also related to our experience with our Israeli partners, in April, our Community School's 9th grade

class, conducted a live video conference with the students back in Acco, Israel.

And again, related to Israel...if you recall, in January, the Federation brought in an Israeli singer, Michal Cohen and her accompanist, to The Caspe Terrace.

We are connecting to the community through our many programs at The Caspe Terrace, a beautiful facility. Our recent programs have included the Live 92nd Street Y broadcasts, the Women's Seder, and our unique "Beautiful" event, a women's forum conducted annually over the past two years.

With The Caspe Terrace at our disposal, we are working very hard to create new partnerships with Greater Des Moines institutions to expand our program offerings. We encourage you to become involved in Caspe programming – connect - volunteer to help.

Our Women's Philanthropy programs are always outstanding. A group of energetic Lions and Pomegranates just returned from another New York trip highlighting Jewish life and culture. Next year, we are talking about going to Charleston & Savannah or even Toronto -- fascinating communities with vibrant Jewish life

Finally, I hope all of you have had the opportunity to visit our new Federation website: jewishdesmoines. org, which connects all of us to local activities and with the whole Jewish world. It's really dynamic.

Now, as rewarding as the programs and activities I've mentioned may be, I would be remiss if I didn't speak briefly about some of the continuing challenges that we face as a community, challenges that we, at the Federation, work on -- often on a daily basis.

For one thing, Jewish Family Services is struggling with the growing number of seniors living on the edge of frailty and poverty in Des Moines, yes, right here in Des Moines! Through grants and the extension of extra staff time, we have been trying very hard to meet their needs. But we need your continued help. Things are getting more difficult in this time of increasing gas and drug prices.

Our Jewish Community Relations Commission alerts us to the need for our community members to participate in the life of both Jewish institutional life and the civic life of the general community. We remain a minority in society and have, at times, special needs. Without our participation in both realms, we won't have sufficient input into the decision-making processes that will shape the future of our life in Des Moines.

Our Jewish Federation Community School faces the continuing challenge of helping children develop into knowledgeable and caring young adults, inheritors of our Jewish heritage. The school invites and Published 6 times annually by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines under the auspices of the Jewish Community Communications

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[letters]

To The Iowa Jewish Historical Society,

Mina and I wanted to express our gratitude and thanks to you once again for the wonderful tour of the Caspe Heritage Gallery that you gave us. We were thrilled and, frankly, rather overwhelmed by what you and the other members of the lowa Jewish Historical Society have accomplished. The beauty of the building itself, the absolutely outstanding quality of the exhibits, and, most of all, your generosity in giving us that wonderful tour of the building which required so much of your time, and your extensive knowledge of the displays, made the visit a high point of our trip.

Thank you also for your special attention to the part the Caspe family played in the museum and in making the Caspe Heritage Gallery a reality. The materials on Lewis and Sam Caspe were, of course, very special to us personally. I do hope that you will keep us in mind if any new materials on the Caspe family are acquired.

Thanks again and best regards from us both.

Don and Mina Soltz, Denver, CO

To JCRC:

On behalf of the Iowa Council for International Understanding (ICIU), I would like to thank you for meeting with the Community Connections group from Russia. Your insight and expertise con-

tributed to the excellent program experience they had. They truly felt that they gained new knowledge about nonprofit operations from their visit with you.

Jennifer Smyser,

Iowa Council For International Understanding

To JCRC:

Hanna and I were very moved by the Holocaust memorial events last night on the Drake campus. Thank you to all who were involved in organizing these events.

The "Fighting the Fires of Hate" exhibit from the U.S. Holocaust Museum was very well done and very timely in terms of current events. We learned some new things from the exhibit. We thought that having the exhibit in the library of a university was especially meaningful. More so, I think, than seeing it in a Jewish museum

The Yom HaShoah service was very poignant, especially perhaps since it was held in Levitt Hall, named in honor of a Jewish family that has contributed so much to Drake University and to Des Moines in general.

My only regret is that more people were not in attendance at the exhibit and the Yom HaShoah service this year.

[announcement]

The Jewish Federation will be recognizing all donors in the September/
October issue with a special honor roll by category. If you choose not to be listed please call or write the Federation office at 515-277-6321 x224 or e-mail holly@dmjfed.org



The Crossroads Ensemble sparkled at the Federation's 92nd Annual Meeting on June 12. See story in the next edi-

JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND HIGH

I See Tha Qi Cou are enjoying your summer. As always, it goes by too quickly. I have seen many of you around the Des Moines area either at Engman Camp Shalom, at one of the grocery stores or mall, or at a holiday or simcha celebration. I already can't believe how much some of your children have grown.

Our office has been busy this summer updating our website at jewishdesmoines. org. Our 2006-2007 registration form and information is now on-line. You can either print out the forms, complete and mail back to our office (924 Polk Boulevard/ DSM, IA 50312) or complete them on-line. I would like to get an early start with registration forms for this coming school year. Please complete these forms by August 1.

For those families that do not have access to a computer, information will be mailed.

Our website will also include our calendar, update on what children are learning in class, school programming, parent handbook and other miscellaneous information.

Below I have listed some basic information relating to school this fall. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office at 277-5566. Have a wonderful summer.

– Lyanna Grund, JFCS Principal

Quick Notes For Your Information

- www.jewishdesmoines.org to access our 06-07 JFCS registration forms for PreK 10th*
- Elementary School (PreK 6th) will be held at Temple B'nai Jeshurun 5101 Grand Avenue Des Moines. Note that this is a change from last year. Every two years we switch between Tifereth and the Temple.
- First day of Sunday School September 10 9am Noon PreK 5th grade.
- First day of Wednesday Hebrew School, 3rd 6th grade Wednesday, September 13 4:00 6:15 pm @ Temple B'nai Jeshurun.
- A short parent orientation (Prek 5th) will be Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 am.
- Community Hebrew High School* (7th 10th) will begin on Wednesday, September 13 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm with dinner served between 6:30 – 7:00 pm. Classes will be held at Tifereth Israel Synagogue – 924 Polk Boulevard – Des Moines.
- *Additional information will be sent about our 11th & 12th grade program for this fall.

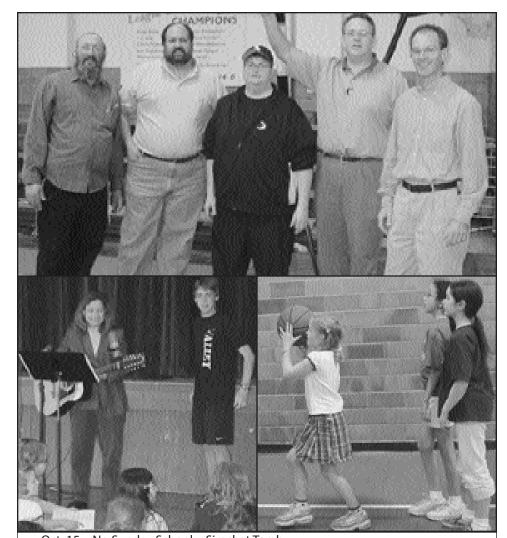
TENTATIVE CALENDAR DATES

Sept. 10 – 1st day of Sunday School (PreK – 5th) TBJ – 9am – Noon

Sept. 13 – 1st day of Hebrew School – Wed. (3rd – 6th) TBJ – 4pm – 6:15 pm 1st day of Community Hebrew High School – Wed. (7th – 10th) at TI – 7pm-8:30pm

Sept. 24 – No Sunday School – Rosh Hashanah

Oct. 8 - No Sunday School - Sukkot



Our community's Israel Independence Day Youth Maccabiah was a lot of fun thanks, in part, to guitarist Stacie Franklin and volunteers including (from left)
Rabbi Schwarzbaum, Stuart Oxer, Phil Sobel, Sheldon Ohringer, and Alan Adato.

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Engman Camp Shalom

Adventure, Learning, Friendship And Fun!

These are the qualities that describe our camp. We started our first week June 19th, learning about our responsibilities to animals and a trip to Blank Park Zoo. During our second week, we looked at different types of art and created an artistic dessert contest with a trip to the Des Moines Art Center at the end of the week. July 3rd, our third week, we held color war competitions and ended with a fun trip to Adventureland.

We have five more fun-filled weeks before camp ends on Friday, August 11. Just to give you a guick review of what's left - Week 4 - July 10-July 14, Music -Israeli song and Dance Fest, make your own instrument and "Camp Idol;" Week 5 - July 17 - July 21, Food - Hummus making contest, challah for the hungry and a visit to a farm; Week 6 - July 24 - July 28 -Fitness - a week of exercise and healthy food extravaganza with rock climbing at the end of the week; Week 7 - July 31 -Aug 4 - Water - create our own sprinkler park, learn the importance of water and Israel, visit the Science Center of Iowa;

Camp from page 1 A host family takes in a shlichim for two weeks as they become part of that family. Many of our families become very close to their house guest. In the past, host families that have visited Israel also contact their shlichim. There are lifelong friendships that have been made through this program.

Omri and Liat have been a wonderful asset to our camp as they bring Israeli culture alive to our campers. Prior to coming to Des Moines, both went through an extensive interview process and participated in a week long shlichim orientation seminar. Josh Goldsmith, Camp Director, also had an opportunity to meet with Week 8 - Aug 7 - Aug 11 - History -Biblical carnival, a visit from camp alumni and a trip to Living History Farms.

Our camp includes instructional athletics where campers practice teamwork, cooperation and try new sports activities. Through dance, drama and theater, campers will discover their hidden talents. Thursday mornings are dedicated to horseback riding lessons or a specialty and swimming in the afternoon at one of our local aquatic centers. Fridays are devoted to morning field trips and afternoon Shabbat.

Summer camp is a very special place for a child to relax, grow and flourish in a safe and spirited environment. The priceless summer season equips your child with many social and physical skills. Engman Camp Shalom is a summer alternative that goes beyond recreation: it's where learning and life take place. Make camp an asset to your child's total growth experience. Come be a part of Engman Camp Shalom!

Our camp grows weekly with new

them in Israel.

Omri enjoys theater, sports, swimming and Capoeira. He has taught some of our campers Capoeira, a form of martial art marked by deft and tricky movements. It also has a strong acrobatic component in some versions and is always played with music. Over the last month, we have come to enjoy his humor, his love for life and his energetic and positive personality.

Liat is from Kibbutz Mashabe-Sade and shares with our campers her love of dance and her experience of creating programs for the summer camps in her Kibbutz. Liat has been a great asset to our camp, especially with her teaching

LIONS AND POMEGRANATES ENJOY NEW YORK EXPERIENCE



Eight extraordinary Jewish women recently returned from a very special York Mission

Federation's Lion of Judahs and Pomegranates. The trip was especially crafted by Mary Seidler. Joining Mary on this three-day adventure were Margo Blumenthal, Jossie Blumenthal, Shelley Brody, Charlotte Elmets, Debbie Gitchell, Gail Richards, and Toni Urban.

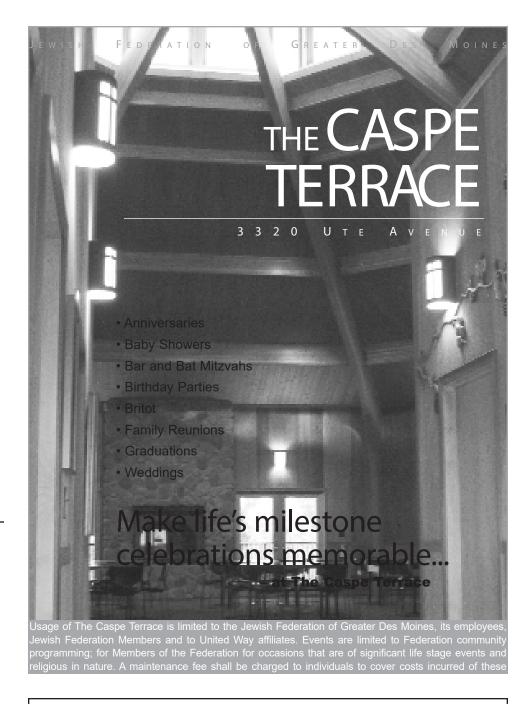
According to Mary Seidler, "The trip was special in that not only did we have a good time together, it was an opportunity to experience Jewish history in an amazing way. We covered the lewish museums, the Lower East Side, synaandgogues wonderful shows."

Highlights of the trip included: Showing of Bridge and Tunnel at the Helen Hayes Theatre; Lunch at the Metropolitan Museum of Art; a private group tour of the newly restored Central Synagogue; showings of The Faith Healer at the Booth Theatre and The History Boys at the Broadhurst Theatre; a Signature Tour of the Lower East Side, including the Tenement Museum; and lunch at famous Katz's Delicatessen.

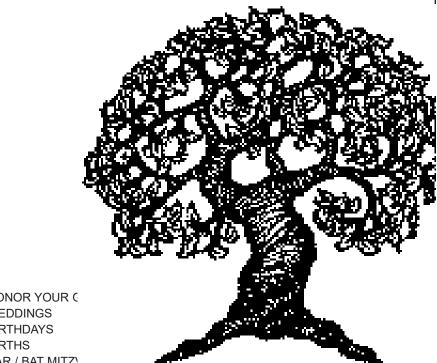
For participant Gail Richards, "My personal highlight was our private tour of the amazing Max Liebermann exhibit at the Jewish Museum. Mr. Lieberman (1847-1935) was a German secular Jew who chose not to paint religious themes, with one exception. He did a very controversial painting of a young Jesus with Semitic features. This is the first major exhibition of his work in the U.S."

"We really had a good time. Our thanks to Mary for arranging this marvelous trip," said Charlotte Elmets. "Mary was always there to take care of

The Jewish Federation's Women's Philanthropy constituency promotes philanthropic and humanitarian efforts through programs and education, volunteer activities and participation in the annual fundraising campaign. The Lion of Judah Society (\$5000 minimum annual commitment) and Pomegranate Division (\$1500 minimum annual commitment) have firmly established them-



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Senior Luncheon Thurs, July 6

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Come join us and walk down the musical memory lane. Our entertainer will be Jim Wangemann, who calls himself The Fat Cat. He will provide us with a delightful time of Jewish songs, music from Lawrence Welk, songs from Fiddler on the Roof and much more

We will listen, sing along, name that tune and just have a merry old time!

August Luncheon Thurs, Aug 10

12:00 Noon at Temple B'nai Jeshurun

Welcome our guest speaker, pharmacist Michael Wolnerman, who will offer his expertise on medications, costs and medicare coverage. Question and answer session to fol-



Jerry Simmermaker, with Cedar Valley Medical Monitoring, spoke at the June Senior Luncheon on the Personal Emergency Response System. OASIS program pays for initial installation and the Senior will only be responsible for monthly payments. We had a great response!

OASIS Connects Senior Adults

The OASIS Program (Outreach, Activities and Services for Independent Seniors) began providing services in November of 2005. We are pleased to report that currently 61 Seniors, 60 years and older (average age 78, with ages ranging from 64 to 98 years old) are actively involved. Seniors are served at three locations: Jewish Family Services, River Trace Apartments and Valley Junction, with Seniors primarily from Jewish Family Services and River Trace.

The needs of the Seniors have been assessed and then the Seniors are connected with supportive in-home services. These services have been individualized to meet the needs of each person through the OASIS program and community resource referrals. The information gathered from our first quarter baseline data collection report was that the greatest needs for OASIS Seniors are case management, transportation, volunteer services, environmental modifications and emergency response services. Due to the

high percentage of OASIS Seniors' self-reported need for transportation, the OASIS program has decided to make a commitment its Seniors and fill that gap with a volunteer program.

The OASIS volunteer program offers a variety of services. Volunteers can phone or make a personal visit; provide transportation to the doctor's office, grocery store, mall, senior luncheon, etc. Services provided depend upon the client's needs and volunteer's preferences. We are always in need of volunteers. If you are interested in being a volunteer and would enjoy making a difference in a Senior's quality of life, give us a call and send them a message of hope.

The OASIS Program is a much-needed program in our community. We will continue to serve the ongoing needs of the senior population. Our OASIS Mission is to strive to offer outreach, activities and appropriate referrals to community resources for persons 60 years and older through a holistic approach, to enable

KidSake Foster/Adopt Iowa Seeks Jewish Parents

Currently there are approximately 4,300 lowa children in foster care. Over 100 of these children are awaiting adoption. KidSake Foster/Adopt lowa is a statewide project which recruits and retains foster and adoptive families for lowa's waiting children.

The purpose of KidSake is to:

- Recruit families willing to provide a safe temporary environment for foster children.
- Recruit families willing to adopt children with special needs who are age eight to eighteen.
- Retain and support lowa's currently licensed foster and adoptive families.

lowa, and particularly the Des Moines metro area, is in need of more foster and adoptive families. Foster families provide 24-hour temporary care for children who are unable to remain in their homes due to abuse, neglect, or other serious family problems. Foster parents should be willing to work toward reunification of the child with the birth family or assist with the child's transition into another permanent placement.

Approximately 15% of lowa's foster care children are unable to return home. Their parental rights are terminated and they become legally free for adoption. Children who await adoption through KidSake include: teenagers, sibling groups, those age eight to eighteen, and children who have emotional or behavioral issues. KidSake needs more families willing to adopt these children and give them loving, permanent, and stable homes.

Each year, approximately 250 lowa youth age out of foster care with no permanent, legal connection to a family. Please consider opening your heart and your home to a waiting child. For more

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I was born in London in 1919 and lived there during the Blitz. We slept every night in the underground tube stations while the Germans bombed our houses in the East End. It was a hard time and I looked forward to a new life in the United States a f t e r the War. I came to the Midwest and made my home in Ames. My late husband Frank and I were very happy here in lowa for many years and enjoyed the programs and services of the Ames Jewish Congregation and the Des Moines Jewish Federation.

Now I have made a gift to the Jewish community and will in return receive guaranteed income for life. I will receive 10.2% income on my Charitable Gift Annuity, and the Federation and the lowa Jewish Senior Life Center will benefit from **The Rita Kreft Senior Transportation Fund** that will help other seniors like myself attend synagogue, visit a doctor, or go to a cultural event that they otherwise could not attend because they can no longer drive.

The Des Moines Jewish Foundation showed me how I could earn financial and emotional returns on a Jewish investment in my community. It has given me great peace of mind to provide for the community while the community helps me provide for myself.

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- Rita Kreft

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Out of the Wilderness

by David Friedgood



As the lowa summer envelopes us, our weekly Torah readings move into the 4th book of the Bible – B'midbar (in the wilderness). The English title – Numbers –

refers to the opening chapters which record a detailed census of male Israelites on their wandering from slavery in Egypt to the promised land of Israel. The book is rich in narrative concerning our ancestors' journey through Sinai. It also contains a wealth of law and mitzvot (commandments) which continue to guide our daily lives and modern society. Traditionally the Bible was given to Moses in its entirety on Mount Sinai and later recorded by him in writing. The observant Jew, we are told, cannot change Biblical law as it comes from God and is therefore infallible. The law is open to interpretation, which can only be done by trained scholars to whom the tradition of law and interpretation has passed in an unbroken chain from Moses to Joshua (Numbers 27:18) and on to succeeding Rabbinical scholars through the generations. There is, however, one law that seems contrary to this definition. It was changed by Moses in response to petition by the daughters of Zelophedad (Numbers 27).

Zelophedad was a Jewish patriot who traced his lineage back to Joseph.

He died in the Sinai wilderness without a male heir, but left five daughters - Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. In accord with the law given to Moses on Sinai his daughters were not entitled to inherit a section of the holy land. Inheritance being limited to men only. Moses listened to their eloquent petition and brought their case before the Lord. The women then received a share in the holy land equal to their father's kinsmen. The law of inheritance was forever changed. These five women began a long tradition of Jewish activists working towards equality of the sexes in our religion. The battle is still being fought.

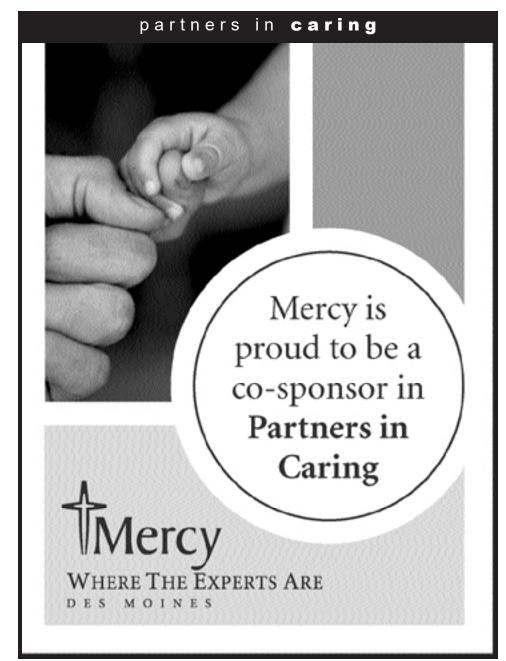
As Jews we are taught to uphold the rights of those disenfranchised by society. "You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the fatherless; you shall not take a widow's garment in pawn" (Deuteronomy 24:17). Judaism developed in a Near Eastern patriarchal society where women were valued as property to be bought and sold. Women were second-class citizens. Our tradition realizes it is morally outrageous to deny t o one half of the population and the Bible begins a process of correcting this historical wrong. Although they act in limited roles women are featured heroically. The matriarchs exhibit independent thought and action. Miriam, Devorah, Ruth - to name a few – are examples of prominent women impacting Jewish history. On P a s s o v e r we are taught that our redemption is attributed to the action of righteous women. A woman independent of husband or father is obligated to fulfill her vows (Numbers 30). Children owe the same honor to their mother as to their father. We are commanded to mourn our parents equally (Leviticus 21:2). Hannah (mother of the prophet Samuel) is depicted praying to God in the temporary Temple in Shiloh (I2

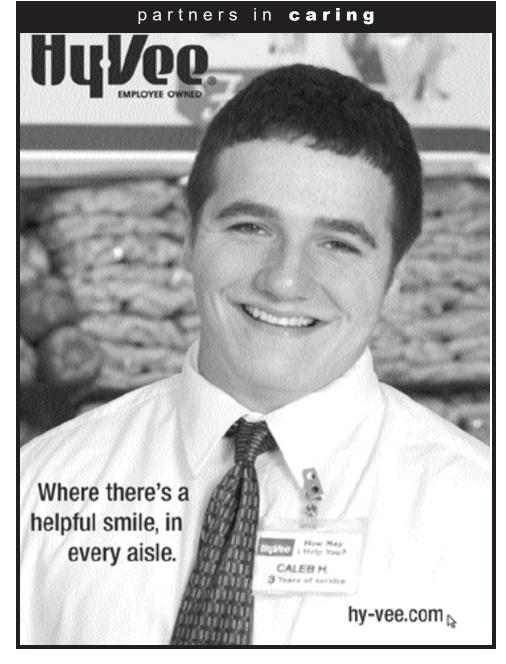
Samuel 1) and her method of silent devotion while moving her lips is followed by Jews to this day. By the year 1000 we progressed to the point where Rabbenu Gershom of Mainz was able to preside over a Rabbinical conference which granted women the right to refuse a get (divorce). Men were also limited to one wife at a time.

Although women could not bring sacrifices, there was no separation of the sexes in the Jerusalem Temple (except a temporary separation in the Women's Court of the 2nd Temple during the water festival of Succot). The early synagogue served as a communal center in the Jewish world throughout Asia, Europe, and Africa. There is no archaeological or literary evidence of separation in early synagogues. Women in Talmudic times (4th century) could read from the Torah and participate in synagogue services (although there is little evidence many availed themselves of the privilege). At least one woman, Beruriah, is prominently lauded for her learning in the Talmud (Pesachim 62b). By the time of the Geonim (11th century) the status of Jewish women began to deteriorate. Some scholars relate this decline to Muslim influence on Jewish society (though women did not fare very well in the Christian world either). Nevertheless there was no hallachic (Jewish legal) requirement for separation of the sexes in synagogue until the 19th century. This enactment was a reaction to changes introduced by the Reform movement, starting in Germany. Reasons often cited as justification of this separation include: 1) The women's court in the 2nd Temple in Jerusalem. 2) Women are not obligated to observe all 613 commandments (being exempt from those positive commandments which are time dependent). 3) Women's appearance and voice can distract men from their prayers and arouse sexual sensations. 4) Kevod tzibur (literally- dignity of the public) would be compromised by the presence of women. 5) Separation is a time-honored custom which should not be cavalierly dismissed.

Separation of women in synagogue is a custom (minhag) that has evolved over the millennia. It is subject to change as are other Rabbinical decrees. (Change has already occurred in Reform, most Conservative, and a few Orthodox congregations.) Just as the daughters of Zelophedad were able to secure their rights in Jewish society modern day daughters of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah will one day prevail until there is no longer a need for these discussions.

"Through the merit of the righteous women of that generation the Israelites





Allocations Set for 2006-2007

Committee work concluded in May to formulate the Federation's budget for the coming fiscal year. Based on input from each of the Federation's departments, evaluated as to community priorities, and measured against projected community contributions to the All-In-One Campaign, the proposed budget was accepted at the May meeting of the Federation's Board of Directors.

Harry Simon, chair of the Planning & Budgeting Committee, said about the process, "Our Pillar committee heads and staff did a phenomenal job in developing programs and services that will responsible some services and to opportunities and challenges over the next year and into the future. We can be very proud of their efforts to prioritize needs and utilize limited resources in the most effective way. We had over \$150,000 in funding requests that we could not meet this year."

Members of the committee included: Steven Altman, Shelley Brody, Judy Deutch, David Goldman, Bill "Jake" Jacobs, Heidi Moskowitz, Stuart Oxer, Polly Oxley, Neil Salowitz, Justin Schoen and Toni Urban.

Outcomes of the process, which authorizes allocations to Federation programs and provides grants to qualifying, local Jewish organizations were as follows:

GRANTS:

It is recommended that the University of Iowa Hillel receive a grant of \$3,000. Drake University Jewish Student Organization is to receive a grant of \$500. Planning & Budgeting recommends a grant of \$100 to the ISU Hillel to be given upon request.

It is recommended that the Jewish Council for Public Affairs receive dues of \$250 for JCRC. It is also recommended that JCCA dues are paid in the amount of \$500 and that \$700 is allocated for miscellaneous local assistance.

It is also recommended that Fair Share grants of \$7,010 be given to Birthright and \$40,490 to United Jewish Communities.

It is recommended that the Ames Jewish Congregation School receive a grant of \$7,000.

It is recommended that a grant of up to \$8,500 be given to the elective Judaic program for Jewish students. This grant is equivalent to what the parents are currently investing in their children's Judaic education.

PILLARS:

Jewish Education

It is recommended that the Education Pillar receive an allocation of \$134,579 which includes an allocation of \$49,097 to the Community School, an allocation of \$3,000 to the Junior-Senior High program, and an allocation of \$265 to the Jewish Learning Institute.

It is recommended that \$2,000 be requested from the Engman B'nai Tzedek Fund of the Des Moines Jewish Foundation. This grant is up for review.

It is also recommended that \$5,000 be requested as a grant from the Des Moines Jewish Foundation for the Jewish Learning Institute. A request of \$5,000 is also recommended from the Steven

Blank Fund.

It is recommended that a Board designated grant of \$5,200 be requested from the Foundation for attendance at the annual CAJE conference. It is also recommended that grants be requested for the student Washington DC trip and Israel trip in the amount of \$4,800.

Community Relations Commission

It is recommended that the Jewish Community Relations Pillar receive an allocation of \$188,316, which includes an allocation of \$13,000 for the Community Relations Programming with the Teachers' Institute line being increased to \$5,000. The Pillar's allocation also includes \$20,000 to P2K, and \$4,000 for FedWeb and maintenance of the website.

The Planning & Budgeting Committee also recommends that a grant be requested from the Des Moines Jewish Foundation for a speaker for the Teachers' Institute.

Caspe Terrace

It is recommended that the Caspe Terrace Pillar receive a \$71,149 allocation. Included in this allocation is \$10,000 for Caspe Terrace Programming.

It is recommended that Building Endowment Income be requested from the Foundation that will go directly into the budgets of Buiding/Facilities, \$83,684, the Iowa Jewish Historical Society, \$19,374, and Engman Camp Shalom, \$18,674, for building expenses and major repairs. The Committee recommends that the full 5% allowed from interest income be used for 2006-07. The Caspe Terrace is fully funded by endowments.

In addition, it is recommended that \$28,700 is requested from the Engman Fund for camp operations and \$5,000 for camp programming from the Abe Clayman Sports Fund in the Foundation.

Jewish Family Services

It is recommended that the Jewish Community Services Pillar receive an allocation of \$159,058. This allocation includes an allocation of \$7,033 for the Immigrant Support program, an allocation of \$6,400 for Senior Adult program to supplement the budget and a \$75,000 allocation to the lowa Jewish Senior Life Center. It is also recommended that a request be made from the Des Moines Jewish Foundation Shalom Fund in the amount of \$15,000 for programming.

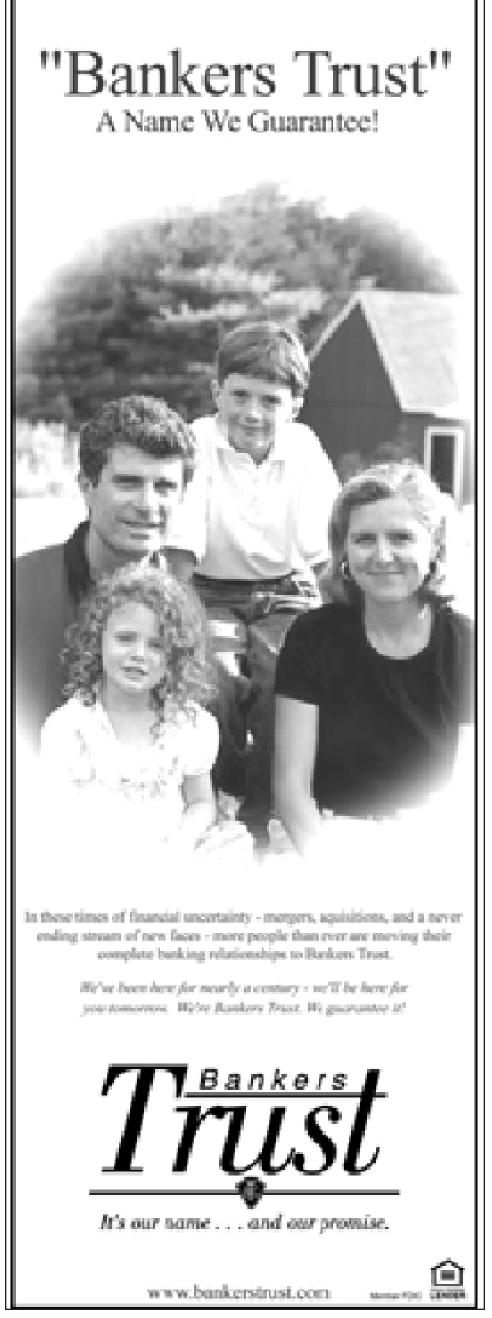
It is recommended that the Tobis Fund of the Foundation provide a grant of \$33,000. \$25,000 of this grant will be for tzedakah and \$8,000 will supplement the Immigrant Support and Senior Adult program transportation lines.

Financial Resource Development

It is recommended that the FRD Pillar receive an allocation of \$158,026.

It is recommend that a Board Designated Fund be allocated in the amount of \$12,683, which are the funds remaining from 2005-2006. This amount is included in the Pillar allocation.

It is recommended that requests of \$12,500 be made to the Des Moines Jewish Foundation for Missions to Israel and \$20,000 from the Steven Blank



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Fulfilling the Promise for Ethiopian Jews

By Joel H. Alperson, National Campaign Chair UJC

Not long ago, I was in an unusual place for a UJC mission - Ethiopia. There, 15,000 to 20,000 Ethiopians are waiting as long as eight years to be brought to Israel, with many living in compounds run by the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

The long wait is about dollars and cents or, more precisely, the \$100 million that the Operation Promise campaign needs to rescue our Ethiopian brethren and resettle them in Israel.

No matter how much I had prepared myself emotionally for what I would see, I was overwhelmed by the living conditions in such places as Shanty Town in Addis Ababa. A 4-1/2-hour flight from Israel, Addis had one of the nicer hotels I had visited, a Sheraton no less, yet there was abject poverty only minutes away on foot. The contrast seemed cruel. In my room, lights were remote controlled, while in Shanty Town, lights were non-existent. In my room, I had a view of the swimming pool, lush greenery, and beautiful architecture. In Shanty Town, there was no running water, nothing was green, and the only architecture were huts made of mud and sheet metal.

Houseflies were everywhere - so much so that locals often didn't bother to brush them away when they landed on their faces. A sense of resignation abounds. Why brush a fly away when another one will quickly take its place? Likewise, so many generations have lived in such pervasive, deplorable conditions that I had to believe the residents knew no difference. By the way, all too frequently, a generation spanned just 15 years. That is the age at which womengirls really - started bearing children. In Ethiopia, it is common for children to know their great-grandparents.

Yet, strangely enough, even with their apparent resignation, they showed no bitterness. Even without decent food, water, hygiene, and shelter, there was never a shortage of kindness and smiles. If I had to contend with such circumstances, I would be endlessly bitter. But bitterness seemed foreign to Ethiopian culture.

Given the Jewish lineage of the Ethiopians we had found in Ethiopia, what does one do? Some circumstances could be deemed so desperate that we could be tempted to say that we cannot realistically help. But, of course, as Jews, we know such answers have never been acceptable. So, a process was created for seeking out Ethiopians who qualify to be moved to Israel. This process begins in Israel with relatives asking to have their family members relocated. Information

relating to lineage is collected in Israel and then verified on the ground in Ethiopia. Those who qualify can be moved to compounds in both Addis Ababa and Gondar, which are operated by JAFI and the JDC. Both of these remarkable organizations are supported by the dollars we give to our local campaigns.

As horrified as I was by the quality of life in Ethiopia, I was amazed by the extraordinary services we provide in that remote part of the world. It was incredible to see Jews providing food, medicine, family counseling, and even Jewish education in such a distant and unfamiliar land. It was amazing to see a Jewish influence in a place where children run around, dirty from head to toe, and where jobs are almost nowhere to be found.

The circumstances seemed so unique and yet so familiar. As we have done in other parts of the world, we are helping our fellow Jews return to the Jewish homeland. Just as the story of Passover reminds us about our Exodus from Egypt thousands of years ago, we must still free our Jewish brethren from a life of despair. Thankfully, miraculous rescues are still possible.

As we were about to embark on a plane to take us - and 150 Ethiopian-

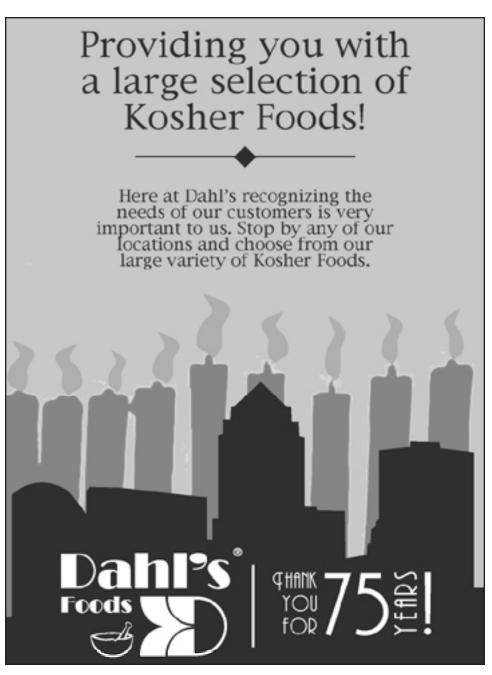
Jewish olim, or immigrants, to Israel, many of the Ethiopian Jewish men were in a suit and tie, and the little girls wore beautiful dresses. They looked as though they had worn such outfits their entire lives

UJC had provided the funds for their new clothes, and as part of our mission to satisfy their dream of Zion with dignity, we had encouraged the olim to choose the outfits they wanted to wear for their arrival in Israel. That relatively small detail touched me deeply -- it underscored our tenderness in helping Ethiopian Jews feel welcomed - and special - in the Jewish homeland.

When we landed at Ben Gurion airport, our Ethiopian Jewish brethren descended the steps of the plane slowly - at the same pace they had long lived their lives. A quiet hush enveloped their arrival, some wearing gentle smiles on their faces, somewhat uncertain as to their new surroundings or what awaited them. But they appeared calm in the knowledge that they were not alone; we were by their side - every step of the way.

We applauded as they came off the plane, and we sang as they entered the airport terminal, where they received temporary I.D. cards, money for incidentals, and transportation to their new living quarters.





Turning Dreams into Realities for FSU's Jews and Ethiopian-Israelis

A major, multi-pronged initiative is underway to meet the mounting, urgent needs of the most needy and at-risk groups in the global Jewish community: the last of Ethiopia's Falas Mura, who are still waiting to make aliyah; the Ethiopian community in Israel; and elderly and young Jews in the former Soviet Union.

Called Operation Promise, the threeyear initiative is designed to bring new and additional funds to build upon the strength of existing infrastructures and resources and improve, strengthen, and enhance Jewish lives.

To achieve Operation Promise's goals, the North American Jewish federation movement is being asked to contribute \$160 million over the next three years - \$100 million for Falas Mura and \$60 million for the FSU's elderly and young Jewish populations. The initiative seeks to realize its objectives with new and additional gifts, allocations, endowments, grants from foundations, and corporate donations.

In the FSU, Operation Promise will:

- · insure that all needy elderly Jews receive enough support for basic subsistence;
- send 6,250 more young Jews to summer camps, beyond the 11,000 attending now;
- extend camp programs from seven to 14 days;
- give 600 students a \$5,000 year-in-lsrael scholarship, which matches Israeli

funding; and

• add 1,200 additional young people to the 500 who already participate in birthright Israel trips.

In Ethiopia, where the last 20,000 Falas Mura are waiting to immigrate, Operation Promise

- · maintain the compounds, where some Falas Mura are living while waiting to make aliyah;
- · provide assistance via food, rent, and health care;
- · operate school nutrition programs;
- provide Hebrew language instruction and other support critical for aliyah preparation.

In Israel, where more than 70% of Israel's Ethiopian immigrants live below the poverty line and with many facing cultural challenges, Operation Promise will:

- · expand existing pre-school parenting, cultural, and vocational programs that have proven track records in helping Ethiopian-Israelis adjust to Israel's modern life;
- give more Ethiopian-Israeli young people supplemental educational assistance to help them pass their matriculation exams, which are critical for admission into college or other post-high school training programs;
- increase the number of scholarships provided to Ethiopian-Israelis for

Sally's Take on the Rally **Washington DC Rally on Darfur Urges Action**



Despite recent news of a possible breakthrough, the lives of Darfurian Africans in Sudan remain in jeopardy in what many term a genocide

in slow motion. At the very least, the situation in Sudan is considered by the U.N. to be

"currently the world's worst humanitarian disaster." As a means of bringing the situation to national attention, a mass rally was held in Washington, D.C. on April 30.

Among the thousands of participants was Drake University professor of law

member of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, Sally Frank. Here's what Sally had to say about the rally, in response to questions posed by the Jewish Press.

Jewish Press: First of all, please accept our congratulations on your recent wedding with Elton Davis. Mazal tov. Sally Frank: Thank you.

Jewish Press: Sally, where is Sudan and Darfur?

SF: Sudan is in Africa, near Egypt and Ethiopia. Darfur is the western province, the size of Texas, in Sudan, which is Africa's largest country.

JP: There's more coverage about Darfur now, but when did you first learn there was a problem?

SF: I think since the Des Moines Interfaith Coalition on the Crisis in Sudan brought a program to the Temple, about two years ago, making us aware of the genocide that's been going on.

JP: Which was itself a product of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's issuing its first ever Genocide Alert. And why did you become personally involved in the situa-

SF: Out of conviction. I'm a member of the "peace community" and people often peg those of us involved in the peace community as caring only to oppose US government policy, in a broader sense. But what we really care about is human rights for everyone and what's going on in Darfur is genocide. So it is morally necessary to take a strong stand against genocide wherever it takes place.

JP: You went down to the April 30 rally in Washington, DC. Why did you go?

The Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism was heavily involved in organizing the rally and made it possible for those of us on the Social Action Commission of Reform Judaism to meet and attend the rally on the same weekend. JP: Where was the rally held, and how large was it?

SF: It was held on the mall from about 1 pm to past 4:30 pm. I would say there were 15,000 - 20,000 in attendance. More than half of the people at the rally seemed to be Jewish. There were a good number of young people. High school students from their religious school, bу synagogues and Day School students, teachers and parents. There were college

students and a lot of student groups that weren't just Jewish groups. And there was a Coalition of Jewish Seminarians and a lot of synagogues.

JP: What was the mood of the crowd?

SF: Very serious but kind of pleased to be there and to come together and to be able to show a sense of strength and commitment.

JP: Who were the speakers?

SF: There were speakers representing a wide range of faith communities, organizations like the NAACP, and some celebrities, George Clooney among them. We also heard from survivors from Sudan and the actual man who saved people by operating Hotel Rwanda. Among the Jewish speakers, Eli Wiesel, Rabbi David Saperstein of the RAC and Ruth Messinger from American World Service were perhaps the most prominent.

JP: What themes were addressed?

SF: One of the frequent themes, at least as expressed by the Jewish speakers and on placards, quoted [the Mishnaic sage] Hillel "If I am not for myself, who am I? If I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" This is, of course, Rabbi Hillel's exhortation that Jews come out for Jewish causes but that we also have to come out when someone else is victimized. Among the placards, one said "Never Again," in reference to both the Holocaust and to Rwandan genocide.

The message of the rally was that we have to start acting. It was urging a stronger US policy but that one of the things needed is for the UN to pass a resolution insisting on peacekeeping and to put in peacekeepers. The African Union (AU) is there now and doesn't have enough logistical support or enough people. And to have NATO countries provide logistical support would not be a good idea, for instance, for US forces to be there but the US and other NATO countries could certainly fly the helicopters. There are only 7,000 AU soldiers there trying to police an area the size of Texas; they cannot get from one place to another when they hear something is going

JP: Was there something that you heard that particularly inspired you?

SF: I thought that the frequent use of the Hillel quote was a really inspiring and important way of framing, for myself, why I was there and why I needed to continue acting.

JP: Was there a follow-up planned?



Young Judaea, Hadassah's Zionist youth group, sent more than 200 kids from up and down the eastern seaboard to the Save Darfur rally on the



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Beautiful: Body, Mind and Spirit

Many thanks to the beautiful! committee for producing a beautiful! event-

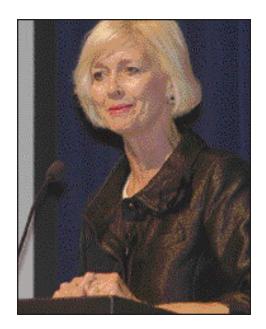
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A Totally Beautiful Day

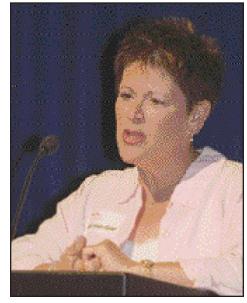
Even if the sun had not shined on May 6th—it would have been a beautiful day at The Caspe Terrace! The Federation's 2nd Annual "Beautiful: Body, Mind and Spirit" was experienced by more than 70 of Des Moines' luckiest women. We learned about how to n r p 0 r a beautiful superfoods into our lives, how to make beautiful spring wardrobe choices that work for us, how to take care of our skin, our bodies with yoga and how to relax and company of beautiful women for a few short hours!

Our beautiful luncheon was catered by Susan Madorsky, our memorable keynote address was offered by Rabbi Baruch HaLevi, and our lovely door prizes were given by Linda Carpenter's SkinCeuticals, Suse Lerner's Bodega Chocolates, and Toni Urban's Letter Perfect.





















Reid Rosenberg

By Robin Bear



Reid Rosenberg is in love with the Nation's Capital. He traveled to Washington, D.C. for the first time in eighth grade; he returned again during his freshman year in high school and then again the following year while he was a sophomore. Reid had another opportunity to spend time there while attending a youth leadership convention and then this spring, he looked at three colleges in the D.C. area before making his decision to attend American University this fall. "I love D.C.," laughed Reid, "I've been there a few times"

Washington will undoubtedly love Reid. He is an affable, outgoing young man drawn to politics, law and international studies. Reid says American University will be a good fit because they have a "hands on" approach to learning and offer many opportunities for internships.

Reid believes the college essay about Germany he submitted to American helped him gain admission into the University. Last summer Reid traveled to Germany with o the head of the Federation program, the group was able

to meet with a member of the German parliament. Reid was very impressed with his experience and chose to write about it for his college essay.

Reid loved the trip to Germany and has a list of other countries he'd like to see including: Israel, Kazakhstan & Uzbekistan, and China. He'd enjoy traveling anywhere to learn and see things new and different. Reid also collects foreign currency from far away places such as Cambodia, Vietnam and Russia.

Reid lives in Urbandale with his parents, Kent and Janice Rosenberg, and his younger brother, Aaron. The Rosenbergs are members of Tifereth Israel Synagogue and have been very active in the Jewish community. In fact, Reid is part of the 3rd generation of Rosenbergs to belong to the synagogue. His grandmother, Judy Rosenberg, ran the office at Tifereth Israel for many years.

Celebrating Jewish holidays with his large extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins living in Des Moines is loud and festive. Reid grins and says, "We're a normal Jewish family. Basically, we try to make as much food as possible and then see how much we can eat."

During the past year Reid has worked at the Iowa Jewish Historical Society. He has also worked part time at the Earl May Gardening Center.

Reid graduated from Valley High School this May. He played soccer for four years with a spot on the Varsity team this past year. Soccer is one of his passions and he hopes to watch every match of the World Cup this summer. Reid also ran cross-country last fall and participated in mock trial for four years in high school.

Recently, Reid's reading list has included books titled Freakonomics, The World is Flat and My War- Killing Time in Iraq. He's also reading Newt Gringrich's book, Winning the Future: a 21st Century Contract with America, and although he says he doesn't [health]

Azilect - One-A-Day Parkinson's Pill Developed at Technion

By Allison Kaplan for Israel21c.com

Dr. Paul Knopf, a scientist and professor at Brown University who lives in Warren, Rhode Island, lives a full and active life despite his diagnosis five years ago with Parkinson's Disease. But he finds the frequent need for medication to keep his symptoms under control disruptive to his routine.

"I often forget and run out. I carry pills with me. And sometimes I'15

m experiencing symptoms, I see that I'm shaking, and I realize, gee, I forgot to take my medication," he said.

But beginning soon, patients like Knopf and many of the more than a million Americans who suffer from P a r k i n s o n ' s disease will only have to take medication once a day to control their symptoms. The American Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of Israeli-developed Azilect - the first Parkinson's medication with once-daily dosage.

Professors Moussa Youdim and John Finberg of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa - which developed the drug along with Israeli pharmaceutical giant Teva - are confident that increased convenience is only the tip of the iceberg in terms of the benefits that Azilect will be able to bring to Knopf and other Parkinson's patients.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurodegenerative disorder which affects more than four million people worldwide, the cause of which remains mysterious. Nobody knows the exact cause of the disease with causes believed to involve genes, environmental factors and aging. Symptoms include tremors, slowness of movement, stiffness, gait and posture problems. As the disease progresses, symptoms worsen, and the patient will most likely experience motor complications. Ultimately, the disease impairs the patient's ability to function.

Azilect - which was developed under the name Rasagiline - is designed to help block the breakdown of dopamine, an important chemical for the cellular signaling that controls muscle movement. The drug, which is taken once daily, serves both as an initial treatment for early Parkinson's disease patients, and as an adjunct therapy to the drug levodopa in moderate-to-ad-

[commentary]

Right of Return to Palestine

By Gershon Baskin - If the Palestinians have begun a national dialogue on the goals of their national liberation movement, the time has come for them to also readdress the refugee issue. Recently the Palestinian people marked the beginning of the 59th year since the Nagba. In November 1947 the UN passed Resolution 181 which called for the establishment of two States - a Jewish State and a Palestinian State - in the territory under the control of the British Mandate. The Jewish people overwhelmingly accepted the partition resolution, even though Jerusalem was not to be included in the new Jewish State. With the exception of the Palestinian Communist Party, all Palestinian parties and leaders rejected the resolution of the UN. That Resolution would have granted the Palestinians a State on 49% of historic Palestine including all of the West Bank, the Galilee and the Gaza Strip. Jerusalem and Bethlehem were to be placed under International Control in what was called the Corpus Separatum. But the Palestinian people and leadership believed that there was no need to compromise and that all of Palestine belonged to the Palestinian people and to no one else.

Now, 58 years later, the Palestinians are still without a state of their own. Under the best case scenario the prospects for creating the State would be on only 22% of the land. Palestinians continue to suffer and the end of the conflict seems to be far from sight. According to UNRWA statistics, there are about 5 million Palestinians who are refugees and descendents of refugees. About 1.5 million of them are living in refugee camps throughout the region. About 1 of every 2 Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza are refugees. The refugee problem remains the open sore of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the most difficult problem to resolve.

Prior to the second intifada, there seemed to be an Israeli readiness to accept a limited number of Palestinian refugees to be resettled within Israel proper. Today, after almost six years of violence that readiness has completely disappeared. Israelis, from the entire political spectrum, reject the return of even a single Palestinian refugee to Israel proper. The recent Israeli Supreme Court decision not to change the law on family reunification is the most blatant expression of the Israeli political

The continuation of the Palestinians to demand the full implementation of the right of return is the single most dominant element which causes Israelis to believe that Israeli-Palestinian peace is not possible. Israelis see a direct contradiction between the support for the "two-states for two peoples solution" and the call for the right of return. If a significant number of Palestinians were to implement the right of return, the State of Israel would become a bi-national state within 1 generation, while the State of Palestine would be a Palestinian state. Essentially, Israelis say the right of return would grant the Palestinians two states in Palestine and the Israelis would become a minority in their own state. Therefore, Israelis say - the right of return – yes, but to the Palestinian statel

I believe that Israel would be willing to participate generously in an international fund that would assist the Palestinian refugees in resettling in the Palestinian State or in other countries. Israel would assist with its knowledge and experience in resettling refugees, but Israel will not allow any of those refugees to be resettled in Israel. In my assessment, there will be no change in Israeli positions on this issue, even if all of the other issues were resolved. Israel views the demographic issue as existential and that is fundamentally the rationale behind the Israeli willingness to withdraw from all Palestinian populated areas of the West Bank and Gaza and even parts of East Jerusalem. For Israelis the demographic issue is the most important strategic challenge facing its future and survival as a Jewish state.

It is important for Palestinians to understand the deep-rooted fears that the refugee issue raises for Israelis. It is quite clear that Israelis would prefer no peace and no return of refugees over peace with return

It is quite easy to understand that for Palestinians it is perhaps the opposite. For Palestinians, no return might mean no peace. It is easy to understand that Palestinian refugees who originate from the more than 400 towns and villages that were destroyed by the creation of the State of Israel cannot easily compromise on what they perceive to be their absolute right to return to their homes. But aside from the Israeli rejection of the right of return, those towns and villages of the past no longer exist. There is no place to return to. Palestinians say, ok, let us return to vacant lands near our own homes. This will not happen.

Most Israelis have come to terms with the Palestinian issue regarding territory. Most Israelis are more than willing to see the establishment of a Palestinian state on 22% of historic Palestine. Most Israelis are willing to divide Jerusalem and for Jerusalem to be the capitals of the two states. The one issue where there is no comprise and no room for compromise is on the refugee issue. The only aspect of this issue that Israel might be willing to compromise on is by taking partial responsibility for the birth of the refugee problem. Israel would be willing to express sorrow for the suffering of the refugees and to contribute financially to resolve the issue within the Palestinian State.

The Palestinian-Israeli peace process is frozen and it does not look like there is a break-through on the horizon. The one issue which is powerful enough to break the freeze is the refugee issue. If the Palestinian leadership could say to the Israelis - We agree to implement the right of return within the Palestinian State and not within Israel, there would be a great willingness in Israel to exhibit real flexibility on every other issue and the peace process would resume. By doing so, Israelis would understand that the Palestinian people really want to live in peace with Israel and that the Palestinian dream of destroying Israel has been transformed. Al Quds University President Sari Nusseibeh did it together with Ami Ayalon

Guide for the Perplexed

Chapter 1: Community advocacy materials via JCRC



With apologies to Maimonides, Guide for the Perplexed is a series devoted to exploring the Federation's website jewishdesmoines.org, and its links.

We start our tour, today, on jewishdesmoines.org by selecting Community Relations Commission," on the left-hand column of links, called the Navigation Bar. One click takes you to the JCRC homepage, which describes the goals and functions of the Commission, whose task it is to help lowans learn more about the Jewish community and the issues that concern

Links on the right-hand side of the page will then take you to the website of two umbrella organizations with which JCRC/Federation is affiliated. To learn about domestic issues we share with the Jewish communities across the United States, click on www.ujcdc.org which will take you to the website of the United Jewish Communities office in Washington, D.C. To learn about issues on the international agenda, click on www.jewishpublicaffairs.org, which connects you to the website of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

On the www.ujcdc.org home page, you will find boxed information defining the job of UJC's Washington office. The text informs us: UJC Washington works to ensure that the voice of the Jewish federations is a prominent force in health and human service policy decisions. (That is what is meant by the term, domestic issues.) Follow that link and you will be connected to a page that explains why it is important for United Jewish Communities

to advocate to improve access to Medicaid, Senior transportation, funding for Naturally Retirement Occurring Communities (such as served by our Jewish Family Services' Project OASIS) and other issues. Go one step further, on that page, and under the heading of "Advocacy in Washington," select: Online Advocacy Center (whose URL is http://capwiz. com/ujc/home/.)

The UJC Advocacy Center is your connection to our legislators, information about issues impacting our community and current legislation pertaining to those issues. We can find information about

upcoming elections, candidates and about how to contact the local media. It is, as they say, advocacy made easy. On the subsequent web pages, you can see how lowa is divided into electoral districts and obtain information about how to contact our elected officials. By selecting Issues and Legislation, you will be shown information about current legislation and UJC's position regarding the proposed legislation. You can even check to see how our elected officials voted on selected issues.

By returning to the JCRC homepage, you can, alternately, survey the issues covered by the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, online at www.jewishpublicaffairs.org. JCPA's objective is "to safeguard the rights of Jews throughout the world, and to protect, preserve, and promote a just society." The organization of JCRCs and other Jewish organizations, JCPA holds an assembly of delegates annually at which extensive debate is promoted in the process of determining consensus, reflective of mainstream Jewish American opinion across a variety of issues. The resolutions pertain to the topics: Israel and other International concerns; Jewish Security and the Bill of Rights; Equal Opportunity and Social Justice; and Energy, the Environment, and Public Health. (So, in fact, JCPA deals with domestic issues, too.)

It is all there, with just a few keystrokes on your computer. So take a few minutes to explore the world of Jewish political issues and advocacy. And if you have questions, feel free to contact the



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Uri Caine, A MOST EXCEPTIONAL MUSICIAN

By Mark Finkelstein



One of the most creative e American susicians you've probably never heard of turns 50 in June. Uri Caine is a

very prolific composer and pianist with some 15 CDs under his own name to his credit. He is known for working in a great- and colorful- diversity of styles ranging from classical and "straightway" jazz through to the use of more experimental sound palates. If you saw the "Watermarks" about the legendary Jewish women's swim team, HaKoah Vienna, you did, in fact, sample some of his work. He was music director for that film, which imported string ensemble music matching the ambiance of what we associate with the culture of Vienna and the reflective nature of the individuals and events studied (events which were intertwined with the Holocaust.) But, again, that's only one aspect of what he does and continues to do in New York City, where he lives, and in concerts and masterclasses throughout the United States and Europe.

A classically trained musician, who studied with the noted composers George Rochberg and George Crumb, Caine branched off early into jazz. And then added klezmer to his repertoire—teaming up with members of the Klezmatics and the talented drummer Ben Perowsky (who, by the way, has relatives here in Des Moines.)

Among Caine's most discernable musical characteristics is his obvious love of improvisation and the spinning out of variations. To vary a melody and harmony is of course the stock in trade of a jazz musician. But as Caine demonstrates, variation form was once – in the time of Mozart and Beethoven (and even Bach) – an important part of "classical"

music. And to prove a point, or rather to broaden the parameters of expressive communication, Caine has produced very intriguing adaptations of Bach's Goldberg Variations and Beethoven's Diabelli Variations and as well, has created a stunning set of jazzy-bluesy variations on Adon Olam, on his recording with Ben Perowsky.

Yet for all this, Caine does not simply paraphrase classical music using the language of jazz. Rather, he finds the essence of the piece with which he is working and condenses that essence as a creative act. Once condensed, that essence is re-expanded in ways that we may not expect.

In his willingness to take liberties with the norm, Caine knows that he is in ways comparable to the iconoclastic classical pianist Glenn Gould whose expressive but non-conformist performances of Bach on an instrument alien to the time of Bach – the piano – brought audiences to hear Bach more vividly, to experience Bach as more than an intellectual exercise.

Caine's anachronistic interpretation of the 19th Century music of the hyper-expressive Romanticist Gustav Mahler won the International Mahler Competition, shocking traditionalists. What the awards committee was saying, however, is that very likely, Mahler would have approved of the adaptations, as an extension into modern musical vocabulary. Similarly, Caine has re-tooled the wonderfully personal song cycle Dichterliebe by the 19th century composer Robert Schumann. The results seem to create an even more intimate vehicle for expression than the original – but without negating the original, to be sure. "deconstructionist" has been applied to Caine, with regard to his work in "reimagining" the classics. But a better descriptor comes from one critic who describes Caine as "an interpretive musicologist [who] mines compositions for musical metaphors...[from which] he creates

For more on Caine, go to www.uricaine.com.Links to brief audio clips are available at http://jewishdesmoines.org/content_display.html?ArticleID=183733

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In the Kitchen With **Janice**



Schwarzbaum has lived in **Des Moines** for nearly three years now and states she loves the genuine friendliness and com-

passion of lowans and the close relationships she and her family have developed since their move here. "Our friends here are like our family," Janice says. Janice and her husband Rabbi Aaron sincerely invite anyone in the community to come, visit and stay for a Shabbat or a holiday meal. (She may even make the delicious carrot kugel!)

"Our family loves to have guests!"

Janice grew up in Toronto, Canada, the middle child, with an older sister and a younger brother. Janice was introduced by a colleague to her husband-to-be, Aaron. Janice was teaching Judaics at an elementary/preschool in Toronto. Aaron happened to be visiting Toronto with his job as an exit counselor. Janice recalls fondly, "We met in May, were engaged during Sukkot, and married the fifth night of Hanukkah."

Immediately after marrying, the young couple moved to North Miami Beach, were they resided until their move to Des Moines in 2003. Janice taught in several Jewish Day schools in Florida, Maimonides in Hollywood and Yeshiva Elementary School. Both Janice and Aaron take great nachas in their seven children: Rivka Rahchael age 22, Chanee age 20, Mayeer age 18, Pinchas age 16, Yitzi age 14, Malka age 12, and Bracha age 9. Yitzi is currently attending Skokie Yeshiva in Skokie, Illinois, but will spend this summer at home with his family.

After 27 years in Miami, Aaron and Janice decided to make the big move to

Des Moines in 2003 with Aaron working with the Des Moines Community Kollel and with Teens at Risk. Aaron worked for many years with Torah Life and Living, and continues this work today. Once moved to Des Moines, the Schwarzbaum family really enjoyed the lowa life-style, the people here, and decided to stay. In fact, Rivka Rahchael and Chanee just purchased their own Windsor house in Heights. Two years ago, Aaron became the rabbi at Beth El Jacob synagoque, and takes great pride with the daily minyans, wonderful Shabbat luncheons, ethnic dinners, and so much more happening at Beth El Jacob.

Janice enjoys making memories with her family and friends, enjoys crafts, and loves traveling on family outings. They take many fantastic car trips, especially to Toronto to visit Janice's parents.

While living in Florida, Janice was a member of the Chevre Kadisha, and continues in Des Moines as well. The Chevre Kadisha here is very fortunate to have Janice and Aaron as members, bringing with them their caring and knowledge.

Janice and her entire family are also active in Bikur Cholim (visiting the sick), frequently visiting people in their homes, hospitals, and nursing homes to cheer them and maybe bringing a homecooked meal.

Janice hopes everyone enjoys Malka's Carrot Kugel as much as her family enjoys it! They have named it "Malka's" because it is one of Malka's special dishes that she makes for Shabbat. Again, Janice wants to emphasize their home is open to anyone in the community to stop by

Malka's Carrot Kugel

A Recipe from Janice Schwarzbaum

1 cup sugar

3/4 cup flour

2 cans carrots -drained

2 eggs

1 stick margarine

1 pinch of cinnamon

Mix ingredients together in a mixer.

Spread into a 9 x 9 inch pan sprayed with non-stick spray.

Bake @ 350 degrees for about 45 minutes.

Cut it into squares & serve warm with Shabbat dinner

This recipe can be easily doubled or tripled! Janice usually quadruples the recipe for her family and





Drake Hillel Attracts Attention

By Dana Shapiro and Jill Shesol This year, the Hillel at Drake University became re-accredited with the National Hillel organization and is quickly making a name for itself on campus. Many students expressed an interest in being a part of the Jewish life at Drake and big steps have been made moving Hillel in the right direction.

"I just transferred to Drake University this year and I couldn't have made a better decision," said David Marder. "Events such as Friday night dinners, movie nights, and holiday gatherings have brought me back to my Jewish roots."

With nearly 40 students involved, the executive board was able to put together many different types of activities, reaching out to a wide variety of students. Friday night Shabbat dinners, Homecoming Window Painting, Passover Seders, Relays Street Painting, cookout at Gray's Lake with Jewish faculty, as well as educational programs about Jewish views on issues concerning college students are just some of this year's highlights.

In March, Jewish students collaborated with the Muslim Student Association in order to create bonds with other minority groups on campus. They watched a movie about the Israeli and Palestinian conflict and got the opportunity to learn more about each other and their cultures.

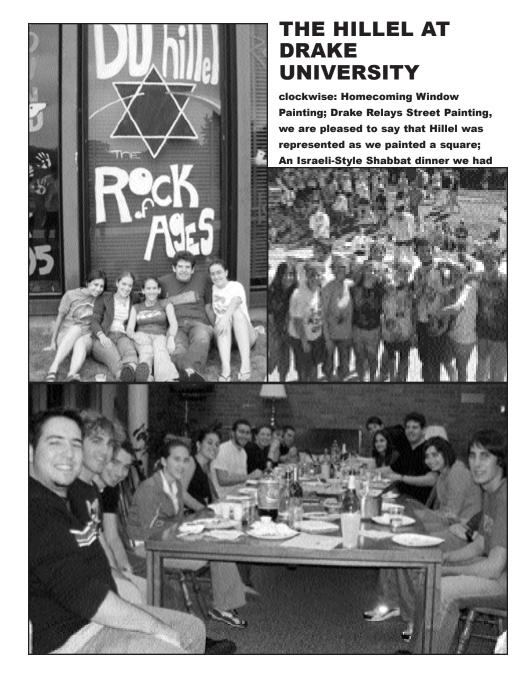
"When I came to Drake four years

ago, there was no Hillel and the 'Jewish group,' which consisted of four students, met informally every few weeks," said Lilianna Wiesman. "This is a really exciting time for Drake because with a fairly new Hillel, every little effort has made such a big positive change."

Drake Hillel is made up of more than just its students because parents are finding ways to help support the organization as well. A parent and alumni board was implemented this year to lend a helping hand to the group. Parents took part in a fundraising brunch, which helped pave the way for a Purim time Hamentashen handout. Students handed out the cookies in Olmsted Center to raise awareness of a Jewish presence on campus. The parents also donated money for Shabbat dinners and the Passover Seder.

While parents have generously devoted their time and money, there are only so many things the students can do without receiving much of a funding aside from that. This can be a challenge for the students who want to make a positive difference, but have limited resources currently available to them.

The upcoming year looks promising for Drake Hillel. The new board, led by President Joel Corush, is very excited to start working on the next year. They will recieve funding from the Jewish Federation of Des Moines and plan to ask for money through the National



President from page 3 This project, that will combine social events along with networking and eye-opening, in sight full experiences, will nurture our entire community. The program will be funded by our Des Moines Jewish Foundation and specifically the Steve Blank Fund for Leadership development – a fund which recently received a generous gift from the Myron and Jacqueline Blank Foundation facilitated by Judy Blank.

Now, a word of thanks. I could not have been as effective as your president without the dedicated involvement of our officers and board members. My special thanks to Harry Simon, my Vice President, who so ably directed our planning and budgeting process this year, to Neil Salowitz, our treasurer and stickler for details, and Jake Jacobs our secretary. With the assistance of a very qualified board, including our pillar chairs, it has been a good year!

Our Federation staff is unequaled in their dedication and devotion to their tasks. Elaine Steinger continues to lead us with tremendous enthusiasm and vitality and was assisted this year by Steve Reitman who has been involved with program ming at The Caspe Terrace and with our campaign. Tom Wolff, who most capably and creatively oversees operations at the Caspe Terrace and marketing for the Federation. Mark Finkelstein forges ahead on issues of diversity and so ably conducts business on our behalf on issues of great importance in the community. Rabbi Berel Simpser has

provided leadership in Jewish Family Services for programming for the elderly and administering our NORC grant. He is assisted by Pat Nawrocki and Arica Wright.

Lyanna Grund has done an excellent job running our Jewish Community School and assisting with our camp program. Zina Drob is moving out of town and will be sorely missed but our Immigrant Services will be led by a new individual shortly. And Krys Phillips has done a superb job with the lowa Jewish Historical Society, which will be open Fridays during Camp Shalom, through August 11, from 1:00 to 3:00, or by appointment. Our staff is outstanding. If you contact the Federation you will be assisted by Linda Vander Hart, Controller, her assistant Shirley Harrison and support s t a f f Holly Matykowski and Dorothea Gamel.

It is a great pleasure for me to serve our community as president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines and, through the Federation, to unify our community and help our community provide essential Jewish services to all those whose lives we touch throughout the year. But as much pleasure as I derive in helping, I know that the real heroes of our community are people like yourselves, who empower the Federation through your financial support and your generous expenditure of time and effort, helping in all the ways that you do.

While I thank you sincerely for what you have done personally over many years, I would encourage you, now, to help ensure the vitality of our Jewish community, for yourself, your family, and for the families of

others, by giving generously, out of the feeling of Tzedakah, to the Jewish Federation and Jewish Foundation, in addition to supporting your synagogue. Gifts to the All-in-One campaign nourish the present, gifts to the Federation Foundation will provide for a secure tomorrow and a vibrant future.

Before I conclude, let me highlight one important program for September. Please mark your calendars for an exciting event coming up on September 17. We will present a kick-off gala for the 2007 Federation campaign featuring actor/producer and director Henry Winkler. Yes, the Fonz will be visiting with us for an enjoyable evening right here in Des Moines. We hope you will join us for what will be a fun event.

Shalom, Toni Remarks adapted from Toni's presentation at the Federation's annual meeting in June.

Allocations continued from 9 **Additional Recommendations**

It is recommended that a committee be established to review health care benefits. Polly Oxley will chair this committee.

It is recommended that \$25,000 be paid out of Cash to United Jewish Communities to reduce the Aged Receivable balance.

Of note, the Jewish Federation's budget reflects the application of 10% of the proceeds to fundraising, making it one of the most efficiently run non-profit organizations in lowa. This means that donors can be assured that a very significant pro-

portion of every dollar contributed to the All-In-One Campaign goes to providing services to our community. While staff are absolutely essential in the delivery of quality services, many organizations devote far more resources to administration than do

The allocations process is dependent on the Committee knowing the amount of money pledged to the All-In-One Campaign by a certain date every Spring. This is why it is very important for contributors to make their pledges early enough so that the budget, which is complex and reflects the needs of various high-priority projects, can be prepared realistically. When funding falls below expectations, there is no alternative but to cut or curtail some of the high priority projects and services. No one wishes to eliminate services pre-maturely, because there is likely to be a negative impact on some aspect of the community for doing so. So it is important that the Committee have access to accurate financial data and program detail while decisions are being made. Pledges to the Campaign are therefore important for planning purposes early on; pledges do not, however, come due until the end of each calendar year, and may be billed to accommodate payments in increments.

"Many thanks to Federation Controller Linda Vander Hart for developing a smooth process again for us to follow. And of course, a very special thanks to all contributors to the Federation's Allin-One Campaign and Des Moines Jewish Foundation," said Harry Simon. In doing

Simon from page 1 The Annual Campaign provides funding for formal and informal Jewish educational and cultural programs, for care and essential social services for senior adults and all others in need, for proactive work to help lowans learn more about our community and issues of concern, for communications that help Jews stay connected, and for opportunities to strengthen Israel and world Jewry.

As Campaign Chair, Harry Simon will lead an \$850,000 effort to raise funds from the entire Jewish community. Among his goals will be to create a campaign cabinet to oversee the development of policies, plans and implementation strategies for an effort which includes solicitations, event planning and community development. Together, he and the volunteer and professional leadership will develop educational programs and activities which bring the needs of local, Israel and world Jewry to the attention of community members. The campaign team will further work to enhance opportunities for community members to engage in the Jewish community, identify and contact new and marginally affiliated members of the community and identify new and creative events to help everyone stay connected.

"It is a pleasure to accept this important role for the Jewish Federation. I am confident that we will succeed in securing the resources that we need to sustain, enhance and further develop our Jewish community," said Simon. "Our planning continues this summer and we

look forward to a very special, new campaign kick-off event on September 17 with Henry Winkler. I ask the Jewish community to join me by increasing their annual gifts, volunteering and coming to events."

Campaign from page 1 He is the recipient of the United Nations Peace Prize and has received France's highest civilian honor, the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres.

Winkler currently stars in the television hit "Out of Practice" and has starred in numerous other television projects including "Arrested Development," "Crossing Jordan" and "The Practice," for which he also received an Emmy nomination. Most recently he won a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Performer for his work on "Clifford's Puppy Days." His feature film credits include "Scream," "The Waterboy" and "Holes." On Broadway he starred in Neil Simon's "The Dinner Party," and he is the co-author, with Lin Oliver, of nine children's novels for Penguin Putnam called "Hank Zipzer: The World's Greatest Underachiever."

In addition to his acting credits, Henry Winkler is a successful producer and director. He produced the series "MacGyver," "Sightings," two years of "Hollywood Squares," the "Dallas Reunion" and the "Happy Days Reunion" among many others. His directing credits include the feature film "Cop and a Half" starring Burt Reynolds.

Winkler attended Emerson College in Boston and the Yale School of Drama. He currently lives in Los Angeles with his wife and they have three children.

The Blumenthal's have created five subcommittees that are coordinating all aspects of this impressive evening. The Program Committee, chaired by Heidi and David Moskowitz, will be responsible for planning the agenda and order of activity and will especially be involved in creatively presenting the "All-In-One" Campaign to the Jewish community. The Food Committee, chaired by Lou and Marilyn Hurwitz will be responsible for planning a delicious menu. The Communications Committee, co-chaired by Gail Richards and Robbie Winick, will be responsible for marketing and public relations that will invite and outreach to all Jews in greater Des Moines and a reunion with valued community members who have relocated to other places around the country but are lowans at-heart. The Decorations Committee chaired by Charlotte Elmets will be responsible for creating a wonderfully thematic ambience for the evening. As part of its responsibility to underwrite the costs of the event, a "Partners in Caring" Sponsorship program, chaired by Stuart Oxer, has been created, offering marketing incentives to community businesses in exchange for their financial support.

To date, members of the planning committee also include: Amy Brody, Susan Dunn, Karen Engman, Jan Farber, Tom Franklin, Vicki Givant, Braedi Gloshen, Lauri Grossman, Jan Hockenberg, Susie Kimelman, Suse and Mark Lerner, Carolyn Levine, Kertie Levy, Jill Musin, Brian and

Krista Pearl, Gloria Rovner, Riki Saltzman, Justin Schoen, Elana Schneider, Harry Simon, Patsy Tobis, Toni Urban, Jerry Weiner, and Mara White.

"We look forward to personally greeting all members of the Jewish community for an evening to remember. Please join us and encourage your Jewish friends to come along."

Margo and Don Blumenthal invite additional community members to join the Planning Committee. Those interested may call Steve Reitman, Federation Assistant Director at 277-6321 x230.

Darfur from page 11

One of the topics we brought to the senators' attention was that the UN Refugee Agency that is trying to provide food for the refugees is running out of money. They had announced that in May they would have to cut rations in half. We urged that the U.S. initiate emergency funding because when you cut rations to people who are starving, it is literally a matter of life and death. We were told that an emergency supplemental bill would be introduced to add a significant amount of money to help the food aid.

JP: And for the immediate future? SF: For the immediate future, the RAC announced an effort that although the 30 Days for Darfur has passed, we're calling on people to contact the UN Security Council members to pass the resolution to be able to send peacekeepers without the consent of Sudan. People who read this interview in July and August can still help by sending letters. And they can help locally by volunteering to help with programming intended



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AMES JEWISH CONGREGATION

Friday, July 28 8:00 p.m. Shabbat services led by Rabbi Rosenbloom

Saturday, July 29 10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning services with Torah study led by

Rabbi Rosenbloom

Friday, August 18 8:00 p.m. Shabbat services led by Rabbi Rosenbloom

Saturday, August 19 10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning service with Torah Study led by

Rabbi Rosenbloom

TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

Food Fair Fun Finale

A huge thank you is due to everyone who helped make the 21st annual food fair a success this year. Literally thousands of matzah balls were cooked. Mountains of corned beef sandwiches, rivers of chicken noodle soup, and heaps of rugalach, hamantashen and other tasty goodies were featured. A liberal thanks is also due to the many fine musicians who provided entertainment for the milling crowds. Thank you also to those who arrived to eat, those who bought tickets as a donation and our sponsors of the advertisement book. This year featured our first matzah ball eating contest. The number served this year was about 1200. But, numbers alone don't tell the whole story. Significant donations were made to the Education Fund which will help provide a foundation of Judaism for future generations. Good will was generated with the community of



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11:45 Shabbat Café!

Bat Mitzvah

Rachel Hannah Jacobs



Saturday, August 26 Temple B'nai Jeshurun

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Hannah Jacobs, Saturday August 26, 2006 at 10 a.m. at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. The community is cordially invited to a Kiddush luncheon following **20**eryi**Tes**. Greater Des Moines **Jewish Press**

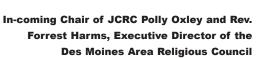
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Sandra Roberts, featured in the film Paperclips, flanked by Toni Urban (I) and Roselind Rabinowitz, spoke at JCRC's Teachers' Institute on Holocaust





Survivors of the Holocaust, Jacob and Paula Waizman, Meyer Shnurman and Charles Anolik light Yahrzeit candles at the Yom HaShoah program at Drake University.



JFCS students participated in a Holocaust Remembrance Service at the Holocaust memorial.



The ORT Book committee, led by Susan Seidenfeld (center), worked on the project, valuable to our community.



Participants from the Des Moines
Partnerships Mission to DC met with Israeli
Minister of Economic Affairs Ron Dermer at
the Israel Embassy. School superintendents from West Des Moines, Urbandale,
and South East Polk, viewed the US
Holocaust Memorial Museum and met with
Senior Advisor, Arthur S. Berger.

Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center

Todah Rabbah

By Stephen P. Blend, M.H.A.

Now that construction is underway on The lowa Jewish Senior Life Center's new, dementia-care unit - scheduled to open around October 1 - I wanted to take this opportunity to once again offer our most sincere thanks to all of those members of our community who have given to The Capital Campaign to make this much-needed unit a reality.

The reasons for giving to The Life Center's Capital Campaign are as varied as are our donors. But, at its core, the fundamental reason is the same as that which, over the past 70 years, brought both The Iowa Jewish Home and The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center into being. That reason is a strong and enduring commitment by the members of our community to the care of our vulnerable, infirm, and in-need elders who can no longer care for themselves.

Our Capital Campaign donors have tangibly demonstrated their individual and collective commitment to a better future for those elders whose needs have brought (and, will bring) them to our doors for the care they need and deserve

As we are bidden by the Fifth Commandment of the decalogue to honor our parents, in word and deed, it is incumbent upon each of us to seek ways to actualize that biblical injunction. As each heart searches for ways in which to honor our forebears, it is our hope that the answer will be a growing circle of those wanting to enhance the lives of our elders who find themselves in particular need of a specialized, dementia-care environment.

As the words of our great sage Hillel resonate through the centuries, let us all take a moment to reflect on the mitzvot and generosity which make us a community united in common purpose and vision.

If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And, if I am only for myself, what am I? And, if not now, when?

We are fast approaching the conclusion of The Capital Campaign for the new Alzheimer's care unit. Won't you

Bush Appoints Pomerantz To Holocaust Memorial Council

In May, President George W. Bush named nine individuals, including Marvin A. Pomerantz and Eli Wiesel, to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, the governing body of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. The Council consists of 55 Presidential appointees in addition to 10 Congressional representatives and three ex-officio members from the departments of Education, Interior and State.

Marvin A. Pomerantz is Chairman and CEO of Mid-America Group, Ltd. A successful entrepreneur, he has started many businesses and has led three major corporations. A long-time supporter of education, from 1987 to 1993 and from 1995 to 1996, he was President of the Iowa Board of Regents. Because of his commitment to education and philanthropy, two buildings at the University of lowa are named in his honor: The Pomerantz Career Center and the Pomerantz Family Pavilion. In 2001, he received the Horatio Alger Award. Marvin served as President of the Jewish Federation 1973-75, and he and Rose Lee are members of Tifereth Israel

In a distinct honor for our community and Iowa, Marvin Pomerantz joins Bud Hockenberg on the Council. A decade ago, the late Arthur Davis had been appointed to serve on the first Council, following the establishment of the United States Holocaust Memorial

Kiwanis Names Rachel Kuperman Teacher of the Year

The Des Moines Public School system and our community can take pride in the selection of Rachel Kuperman, by the Kiwanis Club, as elementary school Teacher of the Year for the 2005-2006 academic year. The award was presented in May to Ms. Kuperman at a surprise all-school assembly at her school, Pleasant Hill Elementary School. Rachel, having now completed her second year of teaching, works with fifth graders. Her specialty is in science.

Growing up in West Des Moines, she

graduated from Valley High School, then attended the University of Iowa where she graduated with an education degree with a double minor in reading and social sciences. In 2005, Ms. Kuperman was named Woman of the Year by the Des Moines chapter of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Rachel is the daughter of Michael Kuperman and Marcie and Jay Morrison. She is the granddaughter of Rose Lee and Marvin Pomerantz and Boris and the late Donia Kuperman.

Drake Selects Zeff as Levitt Mentor of the Year

Drake University has named associate professor of political science, Eleanor Zeff, winner of the prestigious Madelyn M. Levitt Mentor of the Year Award. The award honors those whose accessibility to students and personal guidance nurture their talents and help them succeed. Mentoring is an endeavor genuinely valued by the university.

As reported by the university, student nominators praised Zeff's tireless dedication to their success both in and out of the classroom at Drake for more than a decade. She is best known for her engaging courses, long office hours and contacts with a variety of international organizations.

Zeff serves as a faculty adviser to applicants for student Fulbright Scholarships, which provide grant money to students for the pursuit of post-graduate research and teaching assistantships. Through the Fulbright grants and other international contacts, the professor has helped students secure work internationally in such far-away places as the Middle East, western Sub-Saharan Africa, the United Kingdom, Mexico, the Philippines and South Korea.

Zeff came to Drake in 1988 as visiting associate professor of political science after working at Iowa State University from 1982 to 1991. She taught English as a Second Language in Des Moines from 1979 to 1981, and had a visiting position at Central College in 1981. Zeff became an assistant professor at Drake in 2001 and recently was promoted to associate

Zeff earned her bachelor's degree in political science and French from Tufts University in Medford, Mass. She earned her doctorate in political science from The Graduate Faculty of the New School

Lorber Family Honored

In May, the Des Moines Choral Society honored the Jewish community and the family of lowa businessman and community leader Fred Lorber by including the remarkable story of Mrs. Lorber in its Mothers' Day program. The concert showcased several women who displayed extraordinary strength of charac-

Fred Lorber was born and raised in pre-Holocaust Vienna. It was his mother, who as an act of bravery in the direst of times, managed to persuade the Nazi SS to release her husband from Dachau.

The program also featured a performance of a piece adapted for small orchestra from Cathy Mansfield's new opera, "The Sparks Fly Upward," about the Holocaust.

Fred is a past president of the Jewish Federation. He, his wife Mickey, and their daughter Randy reside in Des



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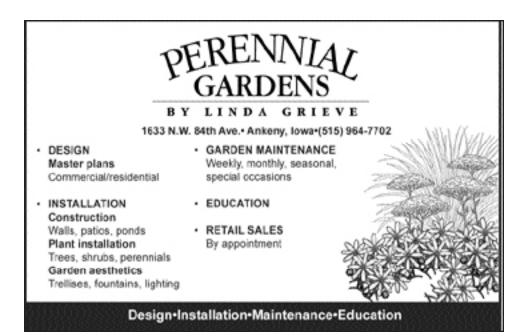
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The Schindler Cup

The IJHS was a supporter of National History Day, which is sponsored by the State Historical Society. Students from surrounding schools participated in creating historical presentations. Currently in the Caspe Heritage

Gallery is a student-created display featuring Oskar Schindler. The student, Jerome Oliver (pictured below), is in seventh grade at Moulton School.

This excerpt is taken from Jerome's essay. Make sure to visit the gallery to see this wonderful display.

Oskar Schindler was horrified by the unnecessary treatment of the Nazis toward the Jews, so he took a stand by hiding nearly 1200 Jews as his workers in his military ammunitions factory in Krakow, Poland. He often put his life at risk and spent his fortune in the process. Oskar Schindler was a Nazi from the beginning of the war, but soon after he saw how badly the Jews and other races were treated. He decided to help

them, but in a secret way. Sometimes he would hose down trains and laugh with the other Nazis because

they thought he was just trying to give them hope, but he was really trying to keep them from dying of dehydration. There was not much Oskar Schindler could do without allowing people to find out about his effort to rescue the Jews. He would even buy the Jews from other concentration camps so they could



live. Oskar Schindler spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep

"What is there to say? They are my friends,

I would do it again, over and over, for I hate cruelty and intolerance."

The Schindler cup was brought to Des Moines by the Karp family when they settled in Iowa in 1947. Irvin and Phyllis Karp, and their daughter Celina, were natives of Poland. They were rescued from Auschwitz by Oskar Schindler and transported to Czechoslovakia to work in his facto-

SAVE THE DATE! October 29

The IJHS Fall Event will be held Sunday, Oct. 29 at Caspe Terrace. This special fall event commemorates the Iowa Jewish Historical Society's ten-year anniversary.



The keynote speaker for the evening will be Dr. Steven Phillips, Des Moines' first Cardiac Transplant Specialist and co-founder of the Iowa

Heart Center. Dr. Phillips will be introduced by Dr. Robert Zeff, who is retiring from the lowa Heart Center after more than thirty years as a cardiologist, in May. Stay tuned for more details.

Summer Hours:

The Caspe Heritage Gallery will be open Fridays during Camp Shalom, June 15 - August 11, from 1:00 to 3:00. We are also open by appointment. Call 277-6321 to schedule an appointment

Upcoming Exhibits:

Camp Shalom Exhibit: The IJHS is collaborating with Camp Shalom to create an exhibit about camp. We need YOU! Please donate any camp memorabilia. Old photos can be copied and returned.

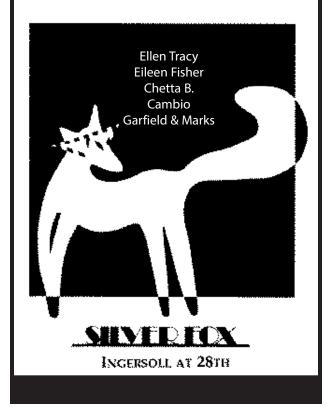
The Iowa Jewish Medical Community: The IJHS will be exhibiting artifacts from the Iowa Jewish Medical Community.

If you have items or photos to share, please give us a call at (515) 277-6321.



IJHS president Joyce Swartz and vol-On July 25th, the IJHS Caspe unteer kay Braverman, assist IJHS Heritage Gallery will be open director Krys Phillips, center.







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| | Thu, July 6 | 12 Noon | Senior Lunch at Beth El Jacob Synagogue |
| | Fri, July 7 | 1:00 PM | Iowa Jewish Heritage Gallery open 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| | Fri, July 14 | 1:00 PM | Iowa Jewish Heritage Gallery open 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| | Sun, July 16 | 6:30 PM | Tifereth Women's Rosh Chodesh Celebration |
| | Fri, July 21 | 1:00 PM | Iowa Jewish Heritage Gallery open 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| | Tue, July 25 | 10:00 AM | Iowa Jewish Heritage Gallery open 10:00 - 3:00 pm |
| | Fri, July 28 | 1:00 PM | Iowa Jewish Heritage Gallery open 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| | Fri, Aug 4 | 1:00 PM | Iowa Jewish Heritage Gallery open 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| | Sun, Aug 6 | 3:00-7:00 PM | Jewish Community Family and Newcomer Picnic at |
| | | | The Caspe Terrace |
| | Thu, Aug 10 | 12 Noon | Senior Lunch at the Temple |
| | Fri, Aug 11 | 1:00 PM | Iowa Jewish Heritage Gallery open 1:00 - 3:00 pm |
| | Sat, Aug 26 | 10:00 AM | Rachel Jacobs Bat Mitzvah at the Temple |
| | Sat, Sept 2 | 10:00 AM | Josh Dubansky Bar Mitzvah at the Temple |
| | Sat, Sept 9 | 10:00 AM | Leah Bunkers Bat Mitzvah at the Temple |
| | Sat, Sept 9 | 6:00 PM | Rabbi Beryl Padorr's Installation service |
| | | | and dinner at Tifereth |
| | Thu, Sept 14 | 12 Noon | Senior Lunch at Tifereth |
| | Sun, Sept 17 | 1:00 PM | Kever Avot at Woodland Cemetery |
| | Sun, Sept 17 | 5:00 PM | Campaign Opening Gala with Henry Winkler |
| | Sat, Sept 23 | | Rosh Hashanah |
| | Sun, Sept 24 | | Rosh Hashanah |
| | Mon, Oct 2 | | Yom Kippur |
| | Sat, Oct 7 | 4:30 PM | Alex Arenson Bar Mitzvah at the Temple |
| | Sun, Oct 8 | | Sukkot |
| | Mon, Oct 9 | | Sukkot |
| | Sat, Oct 14 | | Shimini Atzeret |
| | Sat, Oct 14 | 4:30 PM | Samantha Zuckerman Bat Mitzvah at the Temple |
| | Sun, Oct 15 | | Simchat Torah |
| | Sat, Oct 21 | 10:00 AM | Thomas Swartz Bar Mitzvah at the Temple |
| | Sat Oct 28 | 10:00 AM | Sam Wainhara Bar Mitzyah at the Tample |

For the latest calendar updates log on to www.jewishdesmoines.org.

Palestine from page 14 If most of the public already recognizes that it will be impossible to implement the right of return in Israel proper, why not state it openly and benefit from the impact of that statement on enabling the renewal of the peace process?

It is difficult to give up a dream. It is even more difficult when you feel that justice is on your side. Palestinians believe that the right of return is their human right and it is not easy to concede that right. The Palestinians have already taken many steps to revise the Palestinian dream. What stands between the Palestinians and the fulfillment of the main part of their dream - freedom from occupation, liberation and the establishment of an independent sovereign state in part of Palestine -- is the refugee issue. Holding onto the illusion that the right of return to their original homes will one day be realized is a mis-service to all Palestinians. Anyone who understands anything about Israel and Israelis must realize that there will be no return to Israel proper.

I am fully aware that my bluntness will anger many Palestinians. I write these words as a true friend of the Palestinian people and as an Israeli peace activist for the past 30 years and I hope that Palestinian readers will take Mazethis Oly Dr. Gershon Baskin is

Terry and Emily Kruse would like to announce the birth of their new son, Scott Byron Kruse. Scott Byron Kruse was born May 8, 2006, at 10:19 a.m.

Debbie and Josh Goldsmith on the birth of their new daughter Kerem Leah Goldsmith. Kerem was born on Saturday, May 20 at 5:10pm in Jerusalem.

Dr. Marshall Luban, Professor of Physics, Iowa State University for receiving an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Osnabrueck,

Germany. Additionally, Marshall has been designated

as the recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award for 2006 by ISU's College

of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Michael Blank was honored by Beth

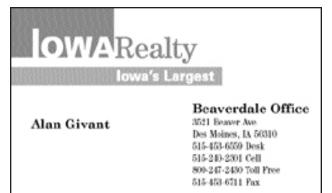


Sat, Oct 28

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Sam Weinberg Bar Mitzvah at the Temple





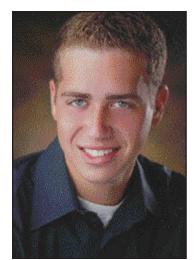
graduates '06

Kathy Elsner and Steve
Adelman are proud to announce the graduations of their three sons. Peter is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Wisconsin. David is graduating from Drake Law School and planning to stay in Des Moines. Eric is graduating from Northwestern Medical School and will be starting a Neurology Residency at the University of Michigan.

Ariel A. Klein, son of Silvia Klein and Daniel Klein, graduated from Valley High School and will attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor this fall.



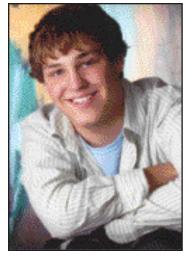
Chelsea Jillian Bear, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip Bear and grand-daughter of David and Jeanette Bear, graduated this spring from Valley High School in West Des Moines. She will attend the University of Colorado at Boulder next fall.



Ben Bremen, son of Gary and Linda Bremen, graduated from Valley High School and will attend the University of lowa next year.



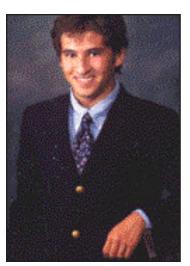
Emily Engman, daughter of Josh and Sharon Engman, graduated this spring from the University of Wisconsin – Madison with a B.S. in Education and a minor in Health Education. She will be residing in Minneapolis to pursue a career in education.



Jacob Garland, son of Terry and Cheryl Garland, graduated from Johnston High School on May 29th and will be attending Chapman University in Orange, California in the fall.



Ashley Guillaume, daughter of Mary Guillaume, graduated with a degree in Biology from Drake University on May 14, 2006.



Alex Giller, son of Barbara Hirsch-Giller and Dr. Harvey Giller graduated from Dowling Catholic High School and will attend the University of Northern Iowa and pursue a major in Spanish and Business Administration.



Scott Koslow, son of Margie and Alan Koslow, graduated from Valley High School as a National Merit finalist and will be attending the University of Oklahoma this fall. His chosen major is philosophy.



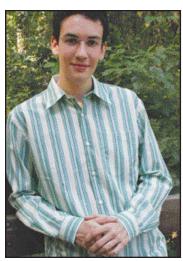
Michael Samuel Moskowitz, son of Heidi and David Moskowitz, brother of Adam, graduated this May with honors from Valley High School and will attend the Honors Program at UCLA in the fall. Michael plans to major in Neuroscience.



Reid Thomas Rosenberg, son of Kent and Janice Rosenberg, brother of Aaron, graduated from Valley High School this May. Reid is a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue. He will attend American University's School of Public Affairs in the Honors Program in Washington, DC this fall.



Andrew Rosenfeld graduated from Leesville Highschool in Raleigh, North Carolina on Sat. June 9th. In the fall, he will be attending Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.



Jacob Charles Shkolnick, son of Stuart and Judy Shkolnick, graduated this year from Valley High School. Jake will be attending the University of Iowa in the Fall.