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## Federation's annual picnic

Sunday, August 3, 4:30 pm  
at The Caspe Terrace



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## ISRAEL AT 60 CELEBRATION Ohringer Family Education Day

Over 200 community members were in attendance at The Caspe Terrace for our Yom Ha'atzmaut - Ohringer Family Education Day celebration on Sunday, May 4th. Participants enjoyed children's activities, Israeli food and music. In honor of Israel's 60th Birthday, we displayed 15 vinyl murals of Israeli cities and landmarks. Adults had the opportunity to view Abba Eban's "Israel: Birth of a Nation."



Kids enjoy festivities at Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration.



Activities were also held outside near the Richards Pavilion, while the children played on the Kirsner Playground. Through contributions from our community, we planted six trees and dedicated them for Israel's 60 years. Congressman Boswell delivered remarks on the occasion, adding to the messages of support from our senators and Congressman Latham. A special thank you to the Ohringer family for helping make this special program possible and to all of our volunteers who helped organize this fantastic program.

## Focus on the Federation Do You Know What JCRC Does For You?

It gets pretty rough out there in the real world. Not everybody is very nice and at times people do things that can put members of the Jewish community at risk - only because they can. Your JCRC works hard to keep others from victimizing our community, and we work hard together with others on projects of mutual concern.

One of the most important values of the Jewish community is separation of religion and state. JCRC works in coalition with others to ensure that public funds are not spent promoting anyone's religion. We have interacted with school districts often to help determine which holiday decorations and musical performances are permissible and which promote religion. JCRC also consults with various agencies, on behalf of the community, when Church/State matters are raised locally, such as the recent case involving publicly-funded religious activities in correctional facilities.

The following are examples of religious accommodation. This past year, the statewide high school football league had scheduled a game on Rosh HaShanah. There was a bit of insensitivity expressed within the administration of the league association, but in consultation with JCRC, our local high school Athletic Directors took the initiative and rescheduled the local game on an evening other than Rosh HaShanah.

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## STATE OFFICIALS COMMEMORATE ISRAEL AT 60

On behalf of the community, the JCRC was honored to receive a proclamation from Governor Chet Culver establishing May 14, 2008 as "Israel at 60 Day in Iowa." The proclamation was read on behalf of the governor, who was on a foreign trade mission at the time, by Dean Lerner, director of the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals and a past member of the Jewish Community Relations Commission.



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## "AROUND THE WORLD" AT ENGMAN CAMP SHALOM!

Grab your passports and take a trip around the world with Engman Camp Shalom! We've already been to Africa, Asia, Australia and New Zealand but there's still traveling to do. Explore people and traditions from "Around the World" that bind us together.

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Join us this summer and see old friends, and make new ones. It's not too late. Camp runs through August 8. Call 277-5566 for more information.

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Countries not eligible to sit on the United Nations Security Council:

Israel

From peacekeeping to democracy-building, from Kosovo to Namibia to East Timor, the UN is indispensable-and worthy of America's engagement and support.

But unfair treatment of one country, Israel, mars the UN's noble mission. Of all 188 member countries, only Israel – in a glaring example of inequality - is ineligible to serve on the Security Council, the world body's key deliberative group.

To be eligible, a country must belong to one of the five regional groups. Israel should be part of the Asian bloc, but Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia and others have shamefully prevented its entry for decades.

Of all UN members only Israel is denied the right to belong to any regional group. Former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has called for an end to this injustice and “the normalization of Israel's status within the United Nations.” As a temporary measure, Israel has sought acceptance in the West European and Others Group (WEOG), which includes not only the democracies of Western Europe but also Australia, Canada, New Zealand

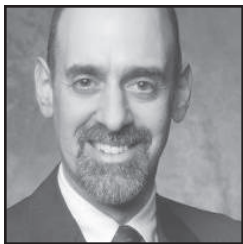
and the United States. The U.S., Australia, Canada and Norway have supported Israel's admission to WEOG, but the 15-member European Union refuses to act.

Without membership in a regional group, Israel can never be elected to serve on the Security Council or, for that matter, on the other most important bodies of the UN system.

What should you do? Make yourself heard! Write to the JCRC, which will then transmit your message to our elected officials and the U.N. JCRC@dmjfed.org or JCRC, 910 Polk Blvd, Des Moines, IA 50312







Neil Salowitz  
President

Dear Friends,

My father (z”l) was a voracious consumer of the news. He subscribed to both the morning and afternoon newspapers (remember when cities HAD morning and afternoon newspapers?) as well as the “New York Times” and “Wall Street Journal.” He held one question in his mind when reading every news story: “Is it good for the Jews?”

A few months ago, I was once again reminded of how tenuous our status is as Jews in the secular society of which we are a part. News reports of an extensive raid by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials at the Agriprocessors plant in Postville alleged a history of violations of immigration and worker safety laws by the company and gave horrifying details of workers allegedly being struck with meat hooks and methamphetamine labs in the plant. Of course, the news reports also noted that Agriprocessors is the largest producer of Kosher meat in the country, and made sure to include the names of the owners and managers of the plant—Aaron, Sholom and Heshy Rubashkin.

The reaction from the blogosphere was predictable. People railed against illegal immigrants in Iowa using hateful language and invective. Among the comments were scattered rants against the Jewish owners of the plant and against Jews in general. Worst among them, in my opinion, was a letter published in the “Des Moines Register” (which should know better) which can only be characterized as hate speech.

As I read the news account of the raid, and the subsequent invective by the bloggers and letter writers, I felt angry, frustrated and ashamed—angry about the violations of law at the plant, frustrated at the state of immigration laws in this country and the grindingly slow pace of immigration reform, and ashamed that the location of this controversy was a Kosher meatpacking plant owned by Jews.

It’s that shame that most bothers me. I found myself wondering what my gentile friends were thinking about this situation. Were they focusing on the fact that Jews owned the plant? Did they think that this sort of thing only went on at Kosher meatpacking plants or did they realize that illegal workers and horrendous working conditions are endemic to the meatpacking industry?

The more I thought about it, the more I realized that, despite the fact that we truly live in the “Goldene Medine” (the “Golden Land”), despite the fact that for the most part we have been accepted as full members of American society, there is still a part of us that worries, “Is it good for the Jews?” Whether we like it or not, the public actions of individual Jews reflect on all Jews. I look forward to the day when we are no longer concerned about what non-Jews think of us. We will hasten that day not by further assimilating ourselves into the secular society that surrounds us, but by standing up proudly for our beliefs—support of Israel, tikkun olam and acts of tzedakah and loving kindness—no matter whose toes we step on.

Shalom,  
Neil

CORRECTION

In the previous edition, Ross Daniels was congratulated on his induction as president of the Des Moines Area Religious Council. It was erroneously reported, however, that Ross is the second member of the Jewish community to head the interreligious council, the first being the late Larry Myers. It turns out that Ross is actually the third member of the Jewish community to hold the position. The second was Linda Jean Cohen Levin. Her term was from February 1996 to February of 1997. We’re glad to correct the record.

THANKS

I clip articles from the Jewish Press all the time for my son who grew up in Des Moines!

Shirley Berck

THANKS

Dear Federation:

We would like to thank everyone at the Jewish Federation for all of their support over the last few months. This time has been a lot easier on us because of the help that we received in paying our rent.

I’m on dialysis (kidney disease treatment) three days a week, which is very expensive, so we can’t thank the good people at the Federation enough.

Words really can’t express how we feel. So again to all, many thanks.

Grateful

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Dear Editor, Des Moines Jewish Press:

I cannot describe how disappointed I was in the article you published last issue about the Moskowitz family and their appearance last summer on my French reality television program “L’Idiots Americain.” The article portrayed me as a person who dupes innocent Americans into acting like idiots for the amusement of French television viewers. While this is true, I intend to exact my revenge by visiting Iowa with the sole purpose of filming a TV show that derisively mocks Iowans and their beloved Machine Shed restaurant. Nos cuisine sont infiniment supérieures à vos cuisine! Vive le croque monsieur!

Sincerely,  
Eddy Gravemaker

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## JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL Fall 2008-09 Registration

I hope that all of you 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 a grocery store or mall, or at a holiday or simcha celebration. I already can't believe how much some of you have grown.

Our 2008-2009 registration form and information is now on-line at [www.jewishdesmoines.org](http://www.jewishdesmoines.org). Please complete these forms by August 1. For those families that do not have access to a computer, forms and information will be mailed after August 1. Below I have listed some basic information relating to school this fall. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 277-5566. Have a wonderful summer.

-Lyanna Grund, Director

### QUICK NOTES FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- [www.jewishdesmoines.org](http://www.jewishdesmoines.org) to access our 2008-2009 JFCS registration forms for Pre-K through 10th grade.
- Elementary School (Pre-K - 6th) will be held at Tifereth Israel Synagogue - 924 Polk Boulevard - Des Moines. Note that this is a change from last year. Every two years we switch between Tifereth and the Temple.
- JFCS will not be sharing the Tifereth school wing this fall with The Academy, which will be moving to the old Science Center. JFCS will need to replace many items we previously borrowed from The Academy. While you are cleaning out your closets and basements or purchasing new TVs and appliances, please remember that some of your old items can be donated to JFCS. A few of these items would be a refrigerator/freezer (1), TVs (2 or 3), microwave (1), coffee pot (1) and bookshelves. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Lyanna at 277-5566. These items are tax deductible.
- Also, all students will be asked to bring in paper towels, Kleenex box, children's scissors, markers, folders, paper, crayons, glue/glue sticks and other miscellaneous items that need to be replaced. Anyone can donate these items to our school to help replenish our supplies. Again, contact Lyanna at 277-5566.
- Community Hebrew High School (7th - 10th) will be held at Temple B'nai Jeshurun - 5101 Grand Avenue, Des Moines. We will again serve dinner prior to the beginning of classes.
- A special program for 11th & 12th graders is being planned and additional information will be sent this fall.

## United Way Donors

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

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**Tzedakah** - Last year assisted 180 community members in need

## Thank you

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



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

## Israel at 60 Celebrations

In addition to Yom Ha'atzmaut - Ohringer Family Education Day at The Caspe Terrace (featured on page 1), JFCS celebrated Israel's 60th Birthday in many ways during the 2007-08 school year. The following is just a portion of what we did in our school and in the community.

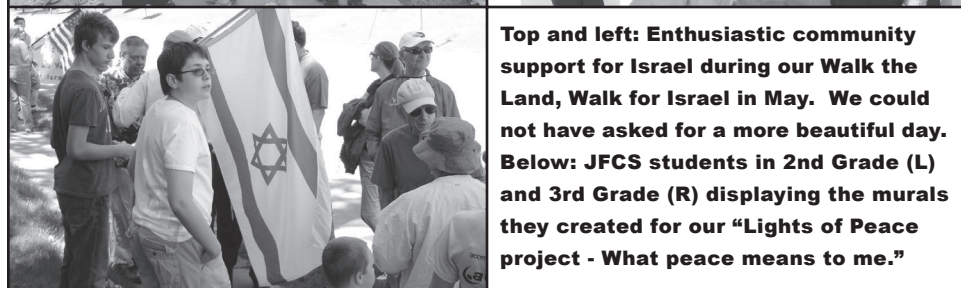
Together with our 12 Partnership 2000 cities in the US and our Partnership community in Nahariya, Israel, the Jewish Agency for Israel created a project to enhance our students' involvement and understanding that children all over the world can join together by learning the same content. Other countries who participated were Canada, France, UK and South Africa. This project was called "Lights of Peace."

Students learned about tolerance as a means of achieving peace. The basis for this activity was to understand that peace is a goal and that the way of realizing it is through tolerance.

The final product to express what they learned about peace and tolerance was to create a classroom mural. Our students' murals were displayed at this year's Yom Ha'atzmaut - Ohringer Family Education Day celebration. We also received four murals from schools in Israel (Akko and Mate Asher). Once completed, all participants sent their murals to Israel where they will be displayed and photographed. Our first through fifth graders participated. Below is a picture of one of our classrooms holding their mural.

Our last celebration in honor of Israel was held after our JFCS school program on Sunday, May 18. The Afikim Foundaton, in solidarity with Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael, implemented a global project in celebration of Israel's 60th Anniversary - a first-time ever event designed to foster a sense of worldwide unity in support of the cherished homeland of the Jewish people.

There were over 100 participants at our Des Moines community-wide "Walk the Land" event. The one mile walk began at Temple B'nai Jeshurun and continued east on Grand to 42nd Street and back. During our walk, participants carried vinyl murals of Israeli cities and landmarks.



**Top and left: Enthusiastic community support for Israel during our Walk the Land, Walk for Israel in May. We could not have asked for a more beautiful day. Below: JFCS students in 2nd Grade (L) and 3rd Grade (R) displaying the murals they created for our "Lights of Peace" project - What peace means to me.**





## Project Elijah Foundation Des Moines Jewish Community and Iowa City Hillel Package Food for Jewish Families in Need



**Janice Rosenberg**

The Project Elijah Foundation continues with our mission to help Jewish children and families in need. We have had great success with our Elijah's Kosher Manna Packagings. Program Director Julie Kaufman has taken over the planning and executing of the packaging events. She is in contact with interested communities all over America.

On April 2nd Rabbi Padorr of Tifereth Israel Synagogue gave the opening prayer and blew the shofar as a call to action for our second Des Moines packaging event. We had a great attendance of about 100 volunteers. We packaged 71 cases of food totaling 15,336 meals.



**Julie Kaufman**

The University of Iowa Hillel had the honor of being the first Hillel in the country to package Elijah's Kosher Manna. On April 13, 21,000 meals were packaged to send to needy Jewish families. The event was organized by Hillel director Gerald Sorokin and Hillel event coordinator Adina Hemley.

Hillel members Jake Carpenter, Jake Shkolnick, and Richard Mendelson of AEPI fraternity raised money and turned out many volunteers. Rachel Levine and Rachel McNamee were in charge of the same from the AEPhi sorority. It was Parent's Weekend so we had the

added bonus of many of the student's parents helping us. We were pleased that we also had volunteers from Agudas Achim Synagogue organized by Beverly Jones.

Before each event, many teenagers help set up. We could not be successful without the energy of these helpers. These invaluable volunteers include Addy and Ellie Ginsburg, Ben and Aisha Serourssi, Jared Farber, Jeremy Franklin, Sean Bucksbaum, Kit Coppess, Brian Kim, Aaron Rosenberg and Hanna Kaufman (honorary teenager, as she is only 8).



Many things are happening. Please call about volunteer opportunities. Thank you for continued support.

Have a great summer,

Janice Rosenberg  
Executive Director  
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# What did I do wrong?

by David Friedgood



"What did I do wrong?" This question was recently posed to me by a good friend just after she was diagnosed with a serious, potentially life threatening, illness. Despite feeling her pain and being personally saddened by her diagnosis, the question startled me. I have never considered disease to be a punishment; just as suffering is not cleansing or good for the soul. These are not notions I was brought up with and I find it difficult at times to understand how people can believe such things. Illness results from bad genes, exposure to a noxious environment, infectious agents, or simply bad luck. It does not represent God's chastisement. Pain is to be avoided or dealt with as best one can and is of no therapeutic or spiritual value to us. My friend did nothing wrong to contract her cancer. It is not her fault.

My thoughts on this matter are not entirely in line with traditional Biblical teaching. A superficial reading of the Torah finds it full of hell-fire and brimstone. Health and prosperity are typically seen as God's reward for our obedience to His command. "And if you obey these rules and observe them carefully, the LORD your God will maintain faithfully for you the covenant that He made with your fathers: He will favor you and bless you and multiply you... The LORD will ward off from you all sickness; He will not bring upon you any of the dreadful diseases of Egypt... but will inflict them upon your enemies." (Deuteronomy 7:12-15) Illness, poverty, and premature death are the province of the wicked. "But if you do not obey Me and do not observe all these commandments... I will wreak misery upon you - consumption and fever, which cause the eyes to pine and the body to languish; you shall sow seed to no purpose, for your enemies shall eat it. I will set My face against you and your foes shall dominate you..." (Leviticus 26:14-17) (The litany of curses goes on for most of the chapter, far longer than the described blessings.) In total this system represents a neat little philosophy, which is easy to understand. Do right and be rewarded; transgress and suffer. Of course none of us is perfectly good (at least not any of my acquaintances) and few of us completely evil. Therefore anything that happens to us can be seen as God's reward or punishment. I am hurting, it must be the result of something I did, or said, or thought. If I recover, it is a sure sign of God's forgiveness. Some of Judaism's Orthodox adherents see the world in this simplistic vein (as do rightist Christian and Muslim elements). Each of us is endowed with free will. We choose to do right or transgress. Therefore (according to this view) the path to man's salvation lies in voluntary fulfillment of the mitzvot (laws and commandments). One's claim to

God's providence is in direct proportion to how many mitzvot are performed each day. In this scheme health and wealth are indeed our reward and illness is our fault, the just punishment for our sin.

Of course simplistic philosophical methods don't work well for us. In our world evil people often seem to be rewarded just as the innocent suffer. I was born into a generation whose parents lived through the Holocaust. No philosophical machinations can justify that slaughter of millions of innocent souls. The Book of Job deals with this problem directly. Job is a good man, "blameless and upright," who suffers terribly for no fault of his own. His friends try to justify his plight by blaming the victim. "Think now, what innocent man ever perished? Where have the upright been destroyed?" (Job 4:7) God speaks to Job and his friends out of a whirlwind correcting their false notions. "Would you impugn My justice? Would you condemn Me that you may be right? Have you an arm like God's? Can you thunder with a voice like His?" (Job 40:8-9) Job realizes that some things in this world defy rational explanation. Bad things happen in this life - and sometimes no one is at fault.

Over the millennia Jewish tradition has matured and I believe backed away from harsh philosophical dogma. As we delve into the true meaning of Torah and its revelation we see a compassionate God who stands beside His people offering support and guidance. "O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, My refuge in a day of trouble... Heal me O LORD, and let me be healed; Save me, and let me be saved; For You are my glory." (Jeremiah 16:19, 17:14) This is our creator who answered Moses when he offered the shortest prayer on record for the healing of his sister Miriam when she was stricken with leprosy. "So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, 'O God, pray heal her!'" (Numbers 12:12) After a seven-day waiting period Miriam was readmitted to the Israelite camp, whole and renewed, the leprosy cured. His is the breath of life and hope. His arm engulfs those who are ill and hurting. Our God suffers along with us, as we are part of Him and His creation. "For the LORD your God is a compassionate God: He will not fail you nor will He let you perish..." (Deuteronomy 4:31) My friend is ill, she is hurting; but she is not alone. Her family and friends provide emotional and physical support. Her God embraces her with the warmth of His compassion connecting her to the rest of human-kind. We are all frail and our lives but a fleeting moment on this earth, but we are not alone and never forgotten.

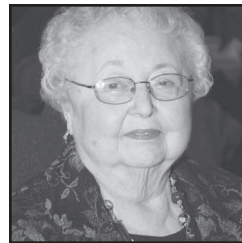
*"In all their troubles He was troubled,  
And in His love and in His pity  
He delivered them,  
Raised them and exalted them,  
All the days of old." (Isaiah 63:9)*

## Jewish Family Services

### Need a helping hand? OASIS/Senior Adult

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## Thank You for Being There



I have been very independent most of my life, except for the 24 years of my life when I was married, and of course when I was living at home as a child. When my husband died in 1976, I had no idea how to support myself. I didn't want to be a secretary again, and I thought I might like to be a travel agent and see the world. I was really lucky to be hired without experience at ITA where I have worked for 30 years. I was lucky to be able to travel all over the world to places I dreamed of when I was a child-the Great Wall in China, the Acropolis in Athens, the Coliseum in Rome, the Eiffel Tower in Paris, Mt. Fuji in Japan, the Basil Church in Moscow, the Tower of London, Sydney, Bali, New Guinea, Lima, Alaska, and much more.

One day I found myself in the hospital with a broken foot, in a cast, unable to walk. My daughter lives in Altoona, but she is very busy with her family, and I didn't want to bother my children. My daughter called Jewish Family Services, and talked to Pat Nawrocki. It really helped her think things out, and I was sent to the Home for 3 weeks. Then Pat suggested an assisted living facility, as it was very close to home. After 3 months I got to go home, and Polk County Social Services and Medicare came to see me. They said they would help me "if I promised not to leave my condo." That is not what I

wanted. I wanted to get back to my life and my job. Pat was here when these people came to see me, and she arranged for my shower and toilet to be handicap-friendly. She also suggested that I call "Home Instead." I have a wonderful woman from Home Instead that comes every other week to do my laundry and my shopping and put everything away. I couldn't live the way I do without her and the charge is very nominal. I have a cleaning lady that comes the other week, and changes my bed. All in all, I am doing very well now.



**Ettabelle in South Africa, note the penguins in the background.**

I use a cane or a walker, and I am working two days a week. Some of my old clients still call me and I am having fun. When I need help-for instance in the winter when I needed transportation to a doctor's appointment or a meeting, Pat would see that I got there and got home safely. I am able to drive now, but she still helps me, and offers moral support.

I truly appreciate all Jewish Family Services has done for me.  
-Ettabelle

## senior news

### Upcoming Luncheons:

**Thursday, July 17th, 12:00 Noon** at The Caspe Terrace. We will be having the OASIS/ SENIOR ADULT annual picnic! Come and be a part of the fun and share with us some entertainment and food with our Camp Shalom campers.

**Thursday, August 14th, 12:00 Noon** at Tifereth Synagogue. We are looking forward to having Ed Bell speak. He is a professor in the College of Pharmacy at Drake University. He will be speaking on common problems with taking medications, how to choose your pharmacy and misconceptions about side effects of medicine. Ed teaches several classes in the pharmacy college, including classroom-based courses and clinic-based internships. He received his bachelor's and doctorate degrees from the University of Maryland and completed a residency in pharmacy practice from the University of Nebraska.

**Thursday, September 11th, 12:00 Noon** at Tifereth. We are excited to have Sue Bravard, P.T., M.S., who is chair for the Physical Therapist Assistant Program for Mercy College of Health Sciences. She will be discussing how to empower yourself by demonstrating simple exercises to incorporate into your daily life that will increase your strength and improve balance to help prevent falls. So bring your energy and enthusiasm!



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Although it may have been years since you last took an exam, we invite you to try your hand at this quiz. Your answers may serve to focus attention on areas of your estate and financial plans that deserve more consideration. Your advisors can help you tailor a plan that best fits your needs.

**The Quiz** Answer each statement True or False, then total your score at the end of the quiz. Anything you cannot answer due to incomplete estate planning should be answered False. If something does not apply to your situation, answer True.

**True False**

- ☐
- ☐
1. I have a will.
- ☐
- ☐
2. I have not moved to a different state since last reviewing my estate plans.
- ☐
- ☐
3. My marital status has not changed since my last review.
- ☐
- ☐
4. I have appointed a guardian for my minor children, if necessary.
- ☐
- ☐
5. No children or grandchildren have been born since my plans were last reviewed.
- ☐
- ☐
6. I am certain my property will go to those I wish, in the amounts I desire.
- ☐
- ☐
7. My spouse and/or children would need no assistance in managing property left to them.
- ☐
- ☐
8. No significant increases or decreases in wealth have occurred since my last review.
- ☐
- ☐
9. I have not given away nor sold property left to others in my will.
- ☐
- ☐
10. Special friends have been provided for in my will.
- ☐
- ☐
11. Adequate provisions have been made for transferring business interests I may own.
- ☐
- ☐
12. I wish to provide education for my children or grandchildren.
- ☐
- ☐
13. I am satisfied with the charitable gifts included in my plans.
- ☐
- ☐
14. I am aware of the amount I may leave to others tax-free.
- ☐
- ☐
15. I know approximately how much tax will be due on my estate.
- ☐
- ☐
16. My estate plan specifies which beneficiaries should be responsible for paying estate taxes.
- ☐
- ☐
17. I am confident the life insurance I have is adequate for the support of loved ones, payment of taxes (if applicable), and other estate settlement expenses.
- ☐
- ☐
18. I know my will has not yet defined the beneficiaries of my life insurance and retirement plans.
- ☐
- ☐
19. The person I have chosen to handle my estate settlement is still willing and able to serve.
- ☐
- ☐
20. My assets are jointly owned where that is appropriate.
- ☐
- ☐
21. My loved ones are aware of my wishes regarding extraordinary medical measures.
- ☐
- ☐
22. I am aware that my spouse will not receive all of my property unless that is provided for in my will or other plans.
- ☐
- ☐
23. My financial records are up to date and readily accessible.
- ☐
- ☐
24. I have discussed my estate plan with those close to me.
- ☐
- ☐
25. My loved ones know who has assisted me in my estate planning.

**How Did You Do?** Each false answer is worth:

1. 10 points	6. 5 points	11. 6 points	16. 5 points	21. 6 points
2. 2 points	7. 4 points	12. 4 points	17. 3 points	22. 8 points
3. 8 points	8. 4 points	13. 4 points	18. 3 points	23. 3 points
4. 5 points	9. 4 points	14. 5 points	19. 2 points	24. 3 points
5. 5 points	10. 3 points	15. 3 points	20. 4 points	25. 2 points

**If the values of your false answers total:**

- 0-15: You are unusually prudent in your financial affairs. Congratulations!
- 16-30: You are above average as a manager of personal finances and estate planning. Review your plans to be sure they still reflect your wishes.
- 31-50: You are about average, in that you need to seriously reconsider your estate plan. Take time now to review or begin your estate plan with professional help.
- Over 50: Your loved ones will probably experience significant difficulties, delays, and expense in settling your estate.

**The Next Step** For additional information on charitable giving please call Elaine Steinger  
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# MAZON taps Neil Salowitz for National Board



**Jewish Press:** Neil, our community members may know you as president of the Jewish Federation, as a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, as a performer on stage with the Des Moines Ballet in The Nutcracker, and even perhaps as an avid motorcyclist. Now you have a new role: Board member with MAZON--A Jewish Response to Hunger. Mazel tov on your appointment to this important national board.

**Neil Salowitz:** Thank you.

**JP:** Please introduce us to MAZON.

**NS:** MAZON--A Jewish Response to Hunger, is dedicated to eliminating hunger and its causes in the United States, in Israel and around the world. MAZON allocates donations from the Jewish community to

prevent and alleviate hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds.

What is the importance of MAZON; how does it fit in with other hunger relief organizations? MAZON is a little different from most hunger relief organizations, in that it gives grants to emergency food providers, food banks, multi-service organizations and advocacy groups both in this country and abroad. In other words, it's a funding organization that works with the direct providers of hunger relief services.

MAZON also mandates that potential grantees demonstrate significant involvement in anti-hunger advocacy and public education. While these grantees must work, in the near term, to feed needy populations, MAZON also asks them to focus on their role as advocates to promote long-term change.

**JP:** How and when did you get involved with MAZON?

**NS:** My family has supported MAZON for many years. Whenever we have a family celebration, such as a birthday, Bat Mitzvah or Passover, we make a donation to MAZON, to share our simchas with others who are less fortunate.

Some time ago, when Dr. Eric Schockman, the President of MAZON, was in Des Moines to speak at the World Food Prize symposium, he and I talked over

dinner. During dinner, he asked me to join MAZON's board.

**JP:** Will you take on any special responsibilities as a member of the board?

**NS:** Yes, I'll be Chair of the Government Relations/ Public Policy Committee.

**JP:** Contributions to MAZON have been solicited by our synagogues and Temple on the High Holidays. Has MAZON had a presence here in Des Moines in other ways?

**NS:** Yes, it has. Eric Schockman has been to Des Moines several times as part of the World Food Prize festivities. In addition, MAZON helps to fund Project Elijah, the "Kosher Manna" project initiated by Alan Zuckert. Janice Rosenberg, Rabbi Kaufman, Julie Kaufman and many others are very involved in making Project Elijah work. They organize "food packing" sessions, here and elsewhere, in which community members pack inexpensive, nutritious meals – a vegetarian rice-soy casserole – for shipment to populations in need. It's a great, home-grown effort, and MAZON was so impressed with it that it offered Project Elijah funding this year. I'm looking forward to showing the rest of the MAZON board photos of a recent food packing session. By the way, Project Elijah has a wonderful website: [http://www.](http://www.projectelijahfoundation.org)

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**JP:** How can community members become involved with MAZON?

**NS:** Donations to MAZON are always appreciated. People can learn MAZON funds hunger relief agencies without regard to religion. I really like that, because hunger is not a denominational issue, it's a human issue.

Volunteering to help with Project Elijah would be a great way to become directly involved with helping to alleviate hunger, plus it's a lot of fun.

**JP:** There are apparently millions of people, even in America, who go to sleep hungry every night. What's the solution?

**NS:** Hunger is a complex problem that won't be solved by hand-wringing or simplistic solutions. With the price of oil rising and food crops being diverted to biofuel production, worldwide hunger is a larger issue than it has ever been. I think that as Jews we have a special obligation to meet the prophet Isaiah's challenge to feed the hungry. Contributing to MAZON is one way to do that. People can learn more about MAZON, and donate to the organization, at <http://www.mazon.org>

**JP:** Thank you very much for the interview, Neil, and once again, congratulations on your appointment.

**NS:** Thank you.



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## Leg Number Three: Leaving France, Entering Switzerland by David Moskowitz



In our last episode: Heidi and David and family take a train to Bordeaux, make rude observations about the French and their unnatural obsession with croque monsieurs, tour many vineyards with clueless French (Belgian?) wine expert Eddy Gravemaker, all the while unknowingly starring in the popular French reality TV show "L'Idiots Americain," and meeting the underground Jewish viniculturist Stephane Apelbaum.

The time had come for the Moskowitz family to flee France. Nothing new there, Jews have been fleeing France for generations. In fact, our people excel at the Art of Fleeing. In Europe, history taught the Jews the importance of avoiding the middle area of a country and instead settling close to a country's borders. The borders in Europe move around quite a bit, and the most clever of our people have learned to avoid trouble (at the expense of reduced "frequent fleeing" mileage) simply by packing up and moving a few hundred yards to Slovenia or whatever temporary country is where Slovenia is today. It's only when we are stuck in the heartland of a large country like France that our fleeing skills are put to the test. For example, Des Moines, Iowa would be a Bad Place To Live If This Was France. And so it was time for us to flee France.

We had burned just about every French bridge and decided to drive the scenic route

from Bordeaux to Paris, where we were supposed to catch another bullet train to Lausanne, Switzerland, and then a bus and cable car to Zermatt, Switzerland. The superhighways of France bear a remarkable similarity to the superhighways of the United States, except for the service areas. Here in the United States, highway service areas are gloomy, scary places featuring filthy bathrooms, wretched restrooms, and Taco Johns. [Has anyone but me noticed that the name of Taco Johns contains both the name of the main entrée and the place where it will be twenty minutes after eating it?] In France, highway service areas are spotless, futuristic havens featuring exquisite cuisine, helpful personnel, and fascinating shopping. I liked the highway service areas in France more than anything else in the entire country, but that may be related to the fact that I am from New Jersey, the Service Area Capital of America, or the fact that the sight of Americans buying foie gras at a gas station irritates the French.

Our return to Paris also took us through rural France, the seaside city of La Rochelle (namesake of Heidi's hometown of New Rochelle, New York) and the bustling Loire Valley city of Tours. In Tours, we stayed at La Tortiniere, another romantic castle featuring sink-less bathrooms right in the middle of the living room (don't ask), and spent much of our time exploring a number of the stunning castles flanking the Loire River.

At the Chateau de Chenonceau, a Catherine de Medici-designed picture-post-

card perfect castle that straddled the nearby Cher River [see inset picture], we gawked at the tiny medieval beds and the primitive kitchen utensils. I don't know about you, but if living in a French castle means you have to sleep in a four foot bed and saw the head off your dinner with a rusty machete, I'll stick with the peasant life of the shtetl every time.

But for some reason, even Leonardo da Vinci himself thought enough of the beauty of this area that he rode a horse here from Italy (with the Mona Lisa on his back. The painting that is, not the woman) to spend his final days at Clos Luce in Amboise. Local legend is that Leonardo endured many hardships on the treacherous roads leading from Rome to the Loire Valley. Maybe so, but Leonardo apparently did not have a gastrointestinal system tough enough to endure French cooking: the greatest non-Jewish genius the world has ever known was felled in 1519 by a couple of years of French croque monsieurs.

[Editor's apology to readers: Our deepest apologies for this article. We know the author promised that he would be describing the wonders of Jewish Prague by now; instead he seems to be locked into an endless spiral of France-bashing. The editors intend to insist that he "get on with it," get off France already, and start providing what he promised. Let's hope he does so.]

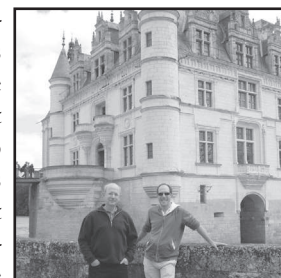
We were now in the absolute heartland of France, as evidenced by the absence of anything even remotely Jewish. It was time to finish fleeing France, so we headed to the Gare de Lyon train station in Paris and


boarded the train to Switzerland. [Editor's note: FINALLY!]

Zermatt, Switzerland sits at the foot of the Matterhorn and may be the most beautiful village in the most beautiful country on Earth. Our hotel, the Mont Cervin Palace, was incredibly luxurious and featured the most amazing plumbing in the world. Zermatt water is always hot (or cold) and mountain clean, because it comes directly from the glaciers of the Matterhorn and passes through plumbing fixtures you can only pretend to know how to operate. But, oh that water! [Forced Jewish reference: Think of the chicken soup you could make with it!]

Like every other place in Switzerland, Zermatt is home to dozens of watch stores, thousands of Japanese tourists, and Swiss banks containing our people's stolen stuff. We thought it might be a nice idea to open up a Swiss bank account and then "accidentally" figure out how to transfer our people's stuff back, but that involved years of training as an international jewel-thief and probably some prison time (although don't forget the valuable movie rights). We might have tried it, but it was time to take the Sunnegga-Paradise train through the inside of a mountain and hike through the dream-like beauty of alpine Switzerland.

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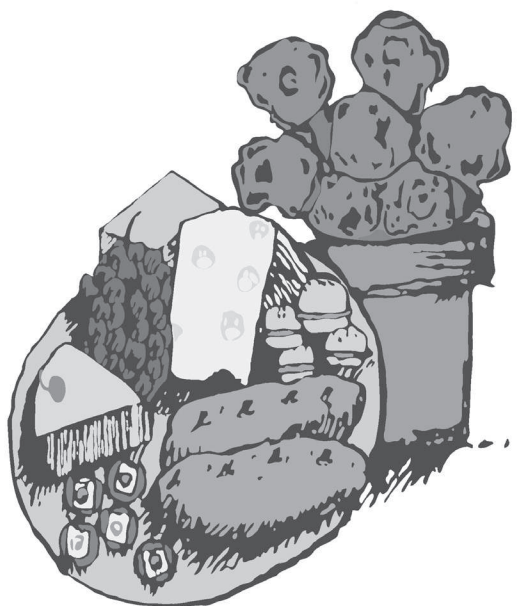




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# Lion of Judah

Long a symbol of strength and majesty in the Jewish world, the Lion of Judah is the international group of Jewish women who make a minimum commitment of \$5000 in their own name to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign. Wearing the Lion of Judah pin is a dramatic reminder that it is each woman's responsibility and privilege to stand among her people—committed to her family, her community, and tikkun olam (repairing the world).

## A History of the Lion of Judah Society

Introduced in 1972 for the Miami Women's Division campaign, the Lion of Judah pin has established itself as a symbol of commitment to the worldwide Jewish community. The diamond inset 14-karat gold pin was created for the woman making a personal pledge to the annual campaign of \$5000 or more. In 1985, a Lion of Judah pin with a Ruby inset was established in recognition on an individual woman's personal commitment of \$10,000 or more to the annual campaign. As the 1980's ended, the program was extended to recognize even higher levels of women's giving, with insets of Sapphire, Emerald, Canary Diamond, Cognac Diamond and Black Diamond stones representing their commitment.

Women's Campaigns have assumed an increasingly significant role in raising funds for the Federation. Today, more than 13,000 women from communities throughout the world proudly participate in the Lion of Judah program. Inspired by Jewish tradition, the Women's Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines is dedicated to strengthening the Jewish people here at home, in Israel and around the world.

Those who participate in women's philanthropy play a major role in

enhancing and implementing the programs and projects of the Federation. Women's philanthropy offers every woman the opportunity for education, personal enrichment, community outreach and leadership development. It provides opportunities for every woman to affirm her Jewish faith and spirituality, to take a stand on issues that affect her community, and to inspire other women by example.

## Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE)

The Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) is a powerful statement of a donor's commitment to tzedakah, and provides a legacy for family and community. LOJE funds provide a solid on-going support for local and worldwide Jewish communities. Every woman who contributes \$5000 or more to the Jewish Federation Annual Campaign should consider establishing a LOJE, and add the prestigious Or L'Atid (light unto the future) flame to her Lion of Judah pin. The flame announces to the Jewish world a woman's commitment to Jewish life – a commitment that goes beyond her own generation, and beyond her children's commitment to the eternal well-being of the Jewish people.

The Lion of Judah Endowment (LOJE) allows you to help secure a strong and vibrant Jewish community for your children and grandchildren to enjoy. And you provide for the needs of the Jewish poor, assist the elderly, rescue Jews facing hardship and peril around the world, fight anti-Semitism and help protect Israel, decades from now and for generations to come. Join the over 2500 women who have established a LOJE, which you can create to fit your philanthropic and financial goals with a gift of \$100,000 or more. Federation Past President Toni Urban was Des Moines' first endowed Lion of Judah. Locally, joining Toni, are Suzanne Engman and Gail Richards who have endowed their gifts to the Des Moines Jewish Foundation.



## Lion of Judah



Margo Blumenthal ♦



Pamela Bass Bookey



Shelley Brody



Suzanne Engman\* ♦



Debbie Gitchell



Marilyn Hurwitz



Jeannie Levitt ♦



RoseLee Pomerantz ♦



Gail Richards\* ♦



Elana Schneider



Elaine Steinger\*\*



Toni Urban\* ♦

not pictured:  
Mary Seidler





Tammy Abdulghani



Barb Carlstrom



Alice Daniels



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Eleanor Zeff



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Shari Engman  
Judy Flapan  
Tali Greenspon  
Annette Isaacson  
Naomi Mercer\*\*  
Miriam Mintzer  
Simm Stein

### The Pomegranate Division

The Pomegranate Division is a community within the Jewish Federation for women whose individual giving begins at \$1500 to the All-In-One Campaign. Pomegranates are recognized throughout the Federation community for their leadership roles and are distinguished by wearing the unique silver Pomegranate pin. Rubies are added to the pin each year as their commitment continues. Belonging to the Pomegranate Division connects this unique group of Jewish women and offers opportunity to develop bonds with other women committed to bringing Jewish values to life through righteous giving. Pomegranate programs aid in developing a more tangible understanding of how your Federation gifts touch thousands of lives worldwide.

The Pomegranate Endowment Program (POME) is a component of the Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (PACE) program...a permanent restricted fund dedicated to endowing the Federation "All-In-One" Campaign. We are proud that Naomi Mercer, Evelyn Mintzer, Polly Oxley and Elaine Steinger have made commitments to ensure the continuity of their annual giving.

Judaism emphasizes tzedakah, acts of kindness and charity, not as an option but as an obligation of being human, and of being a Jew. Passed down from our matriarchs, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah, the legacy lives on in you. You can help ensure the importance of tzedakah both to your children and the Jewish community.

Jewish women are setting the standards for creative philanthropy for future generations. Our women's division represents more than one-third of the total campaign dollars!

\* LOJE Lion of Judah Endowment

\*\* POME The Pomegranate Endowment Program

♦ Lion of Judah Ruby



## UNITED METHODISTS APPLAUDED FOR REJECTING DIVESTMENT

Christians for Fair Witness on the Middle East applauds the United Methodist Church for rejecting divestment from companies doing business with the state of Israel. Divestment petitions had been submitted for consideration at the United Methodist General Conference which took place in Fort Worth, Texas from April 23 - May 2, 2008. These petitions were all rejected unanimously in Legislative Committee and defeated by General Conference delegates as they voted on a special consent calendar.

Rev. Dr. Archer Summers, Senior Pastor of the Palo Alto United Methodist Church, had co-authored a series of letters and mail-

ings to General Conference delegates urging them to vote against divestment. "I had faith that reason and justice would prevail in my denomination, and it did," says Dr. Summers.

Sr. Ruth Lauth, Fair Witness National Director, reports: "I was in Fort Worth for the ten days of the General Conference. We met wonderful United Methodist clergy and lay delegates who rejected the extremist positions of pro-divestment voices and instead were seeking ways to promote peace and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians."

*The above statement was issued by Christians for Fair Witness on the Middle East, online at [www.christianfairwitness.com](http://www.christianfairwitness.com)*

## Presbyterian Statement on "Vigilance against anti-Jewish Ideas and Bias" Welcomed by Jewish Groups

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA), the umbrella group of Jewish Community Relations Councils, and leaders from other Jewish organizations warmly welcomed a "groundbreaking" document issued by the Presbyterian Church (USA). The document calls on Presbyterians to look critically at materials that discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and to reject anti-Jewish themes that are contained in some of these writings. As expressed by JCPA's Associate Executive Director Ethan Felsen, "this statement demonstrates that churches can ...remain faithful to their commitment to Palestinians without embracing anti-Jewish or anti-Zionist ideas." The following are excerpts from this important document.

"We Presbyterians aspire to build positive and respectful relations with our neighbors in the Jewish community, based on an honest exploration of the close ties between our two faith traditions and our shared concerns for peace and justice. One of the guideposts for Presbyterians in relation to Jews is a clear rejection of anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish teaching. . . .

However, we are aware and do confess that anti-Jewish attitudes can be found among us. Our conversations with Jews in the last several years have renewed our concern to guard against anti-Semitism and anti-Jewish motifs and stereotypes, particularly as these find expression in speech and writing about Israel, the Palestinian people, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and steps toward peace. . . .

When our analysis or critique of the Israeli-Palestinian situation employs language or draws on sources that have anti-Jewish overtones, or clearly makes use of classic Christian anti-Jewish ideas, we cloud complicated issues with the rhetoric of ignorance or subliminal attitudes, or the language of hate, and undermine our advocacy for peace and justice. . . .

Similarly, in a few materials that have been circulated by Presbyterians, one finds characterizations of Zionism that distort that movement. They do not accurately present the history of the Zionist movement or acquaint readers with its internal debates and ethical concerns. Instead, Zionism is often presented as a monolithic force or merely as an extension of European colonialism and result of anti-Semitism, and nothing else. In such materials, the problems and suffering of the Palestinians are attributed solely — and inaccurately — to Zionism alone. The origins, development and practices of Zionism and its relationship to the realities of the Israeli-

Palestinian situation are much more complex than such a picture presents. . . .

The voices of Palestinian theologians are of particular significance for us as American Presbyterians, because they are authentic voices of Christian brothers and sisters who speak not from the perspective of life in the United States, but out of life in the increasingly difficult conditions of the West Bank and Gaza. . . . Nonetheless, writings of some Palestinian Christian theologians, and in particular those writing from the perspective of liberation theology, can raise especially difficult issues. . . . But they can easily resemble Christian supersessionism, for example, by seeming to replace the Jewish people in their own story, or by embracing only the universal application of God's gift of land in exclusion of God's particular gift of land to the Jewish people. Or they can seem to repeat classic denunciations of Judaism, for example, through polemic that identifies today's oppressors as Jewish authorities in the time of Jesus, and so forth. . . . [S]ome writing from this theological perspective indict the state of Israel as a crucifying power. The introduction of such an emotionally and theologically "loaded" interpretation may vividly express and give meaning to the suffering of the Palestinian people, but it is troubling in its demonization of Israel and the Jewish people and its echoes of ancient Christian anti-Judaism.

Most Jewish readers feel that in theological statements such as this the Jews as a people are once again being charged with deicide. For Jews this is terrifying, because the narrative of the passion and crucifixion has been used as a theological basis for the ghettoization, denigration and killing of Jews for nearly twenty centuries. Especially when combined with sharply worded arguments that God's gift of land to ancient Israel is to be understood only as a universal gift to all peoples and not as a particular gift to a particular people (the Jews), this kind of statement raises the specter of the anti-Jewish tradition in Christian thought.

Again, what such Palestinian theologians say offers Presbyterians in the United States an important theological reflection on the Israeli-Palestinian situation from the perspective of Christians affected by it. Yet it remains our responsibility to critique — and not to accept — those statements or ideas within it that are anti-Jewish or anti-Semitic. "

*The full statement, prepared by the Office of Interfaith Relations, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), May 2008, may be found online at <http://www.pcusa.org/interfaith/vigilance.htm>*

[commentary]

## The Shoah And The Role Of Remembrance For Today And Yesterday

By Joe Ellerbrock, 11th grade, Valley High School

It has been said that those remembered do not ever truly die. Their soul, formed by the channels of history they confront in their lifetime, lives on until forgotten. Rarely has history faced an event destroying these essential impressions on humanity. The Shoah perpetrated by the Nazi party constituted such an event. Nazi Germany committed an act, through technology, so complete in its effacement that the victims did not just lose their lives, but their names, their dignity, and, in essence, their soul. Beginning in 1935, the Jewish people of Germany lost their citizenship under the Nuremberg laws passed to preserve the purity of German society. After destroyed business, segregation into ghettos, and numerous other perversions of dignity, the Nazi leader implemented the "Final Solution," concentrating whatever Jewish population confronted in the German expansion into camps for extermination. To classify its prisoners, concentration camps marked each with a number upon admittance. Hellmuth Szprycker, a survivor of Auschwitz from Berlin, described the experience: "At that moment when you get that pressed into your arm, your dignity, you felt so undignified... I felt I was nobody, ... he [the guard] said to me, when you are asked your name, this is your number."

Those who survived the Shoah struggled to come to terms with themselves and society. Many had nothing for which to return. Even more so, the emotional damage has not left them. Studies demonstrated that the aging survivor population has had a significantly higher risk of suicide over the years, in some cases experiencing a 24% rate of attempted suicide. But their story is not without its triumphs. Elie Weisel, survivor of the last efforts of Nazi Germany to extinguish the Hungarian Jewish population, became a noted professor and a Nobel Prize winner. Tom Lantos went on from his experiences as a young victim of the Shoah to serve fourteen terms in the United States House of Representatives. Though the scars remain on the body and soul, these were the lucky few who had a chance to reclaim their name and their dignity. Even those recollected in death by the survivors escaped with their story, their impression. Some, however, died along with their names. We can only know these as the untold difference between the living, the remembered, and the statistic of six million. The greatest injustice is not that they were killed, but that they, through the completeness of Germany's silencing, remain dead. Only we who inherit the legacy of the Holocaust can restore to those that of which they were robbed in the Shoah. But this is a struggle

pursued, not a goal achieved. As the next generation inherits history, it must save the stories of those who cannot tell their own and learn that the soul can be immutable only if we treat it as such.

Remembrance in this spiritual sense should never see contention. However, the question of remembrance put into a political light becomes more complicated. Mollie Stauber, a survivor of the camps, said on the issue of remembrance, "Don't ignore... because, God forbid, the whole thing can happen again." Unfortunately, Stauber alludes to only half the truth. We do not ignore. Modern media ensures accessibility to all the day's tragedy. Yet, God forbid, oppression and hatred have manifested themselves all around us. Millions around the world now face starvation from food shortage in the wake of industry. Militia attacks on minorities in the Darfur region of Sudan have displaced over 2.2 million people. There has been a response, of sorts. On March 3rd of 2005, students of UCLA joined a list of campuses across the country in holding a candle light vigil for the atrocities committed daily in Darfur. Accompanied by poetry and song, organizations held the vigil in "mourning for the dead and dying in a faraway place."

This is emblematic of today's remembrance, an untimely mourning, feigning as awareness. And, in light of the downfalls of modern politics, its failure deserves such crass cynicism. This awareness constitutes a hollow gesture, but alas, it is a facile gesture. With this in mind, it is frightful, if not disgusting, to think of a candle light vigil being held in parts of the world during Germany's pursuit of the final solution.

The structure of today's society gives this generation a rare opportunity and a unique challenge. Never before has the world been so connected in the information age, yet never before have people grown so distanced from the forces that govern that same world. The fracture of politics has lulled the willing into a false solidarity, and so we see the new phenomena of the "call to action," and "awareness." After a century of tragedies like the Shoah, to simply remember became the instinct of this guilty generation. Suffering passes from the newspaper to the history books without a moment's pause, except perhaps on how to commemorate its passing. Remembrance has a place, but certainly not for those who continue to suffer. We do not have to remember those dying in Darfur or those struggling to obtain basic necessities. This generation must, in the face of prejudice, discrimination and violence in our world today, forget how to remember, and remember how to act.

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[commentary]

## Freedom to Reconnect with Judaism

by Aleksandra Semechkina, age 17

*Before I begin my story, I would like to express true and sincere words of gratitude and appreciation on mine and my mother's behalf towards the following people: the family of Phil and Elana Schneider, Rabbi David Kaufman and his family, Elaine Steinger and the Jewish Federation, Peter and Eva Pintus, and finally the whole B'nai Jeshurun congregation. We will remember your acts of kindness forever.*

*Although I should speak for myself, I think that every immigrant moving to America does so with an idea in mind. For some that reason might be the fact that their country has a war, while for others the reason might be of a nature relating to striving for career success. Either way, each of them has their own little story to tell. It might be as dramatic and extravagant as a great European physic, like Einstein, moving to America and later on contributing to the nuclear weapon creation, or as little as a small Indian family moving to the outskirts of Chicago and opening their own tiny pantry shop in order to make a living. In any way, their stories carry a significant personal impact. Those stories are full of sorrow, tears, lost hopes, and betrayal of their motherland. Yet they are also full of new beginnings, newfound freedom and happiness, alongside with fresh discoveries. My story is not any different and I would love to share it, revealing true and sincere gratitude alongside with my life story.*

My name is Aleksandra Semechkina, and I am a Russian immigrant who came here about four and a half years ago. I have resided for this whole time in Iowa, although I have traveled quite a bit outside of the state to get more aquatinted with the American way of life in all parts of the country. I must admit that over these past four and a half years, I have experienced a rather interesting and challenging journey. But of course, as mentioned earlier, that is an ultimate part of every immigrant's life. My journey to America began before I set foot onto the US soil. It started back in Russia where my mother and I were preparing for the American way of life in the new country. It has been our dream to leave back the old mistakes and regrets and begin a new hopefully happier lifestyle alongside with letting new people into it. Unfortunately once we got here, it became rather apparent that an idea on an American Dream was not as easy to accomplish as it looked. As we have come across some people that managed to take advantage of us in various ways, my mum and I realized that though it is a land of opportunities, one has to be just as thick-skinned in America as they are in Russia.

Along with those experiences came new realizations and ideas of how the American society worked, as we both still had not quite built a full opinion of it. At the time, it seemed that the way Russia portrayed America was right. That would be an idea of a strongly capitalistic country where everyone looks out for his or her best interests with no care for another human being. Those cynical thoughts were brought upon by early experiences once we had moved, however, that was about to change. In order to truly understand the source of our new way of thinking, it's important to understand its origin.

As being of Russian-Jewish decent, I had to hide it for quite sometime. That is due

to the way Russian Jews have been looked upon in Russia until recent years. A standard Russian opinion upon being a Jew would be that first of all it is shameful and second of all that group of people cannot be trusted. Those prejudices and crude ways of thinking led the majority of the nation to push certain perceptions on this particular group of people. Those could be described by feelings of disgust, rejection, and at times even violence. Such strong hatred for Russian Jews goes back in times to the era of Communism where Stalin and Lenin believed in "pure" nation that would be clean of any ethnic and class groups other than white common workers. The concept excluded groups anywhere from self-made rich Russian people, to the old money group, to the entire Russian-Jewish population. Back in the Communist era, some Russian Jews managed to move to the United States for religious freedom, which I ended up doing many years later.

Although our life in America did not start out perfectly, a few years into it I realized that I am ready to officially declare to the world that I am in fact Jewish. Now that I lived in the country with full religious freedom, I wanted to reconnect with my true origin and meet more people like me along the way. That is exactly how I found myself on the steps of Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Des Moines, Iowa, as that is where I reside as of right now. As I entered the world still new to me, I quickly discovered a different side of America I had not known before. It was a friendly and welcoming side where nobody judged me and took me for what I was. As my mum and I were taken into this new community, we quickly learned of how nice and pure humankind can really be. We were blessed with opportunities of taking many wonderful classes to learn more about Jewish religion and ways of Jewish life, alongside with participating in traditional Jewish celebrations. It might seem simple, but just communicating with people who truly do dedicate their life to their families and origin meant a lot as we originally came from the country where that was destroyed many years ago. We loved the newfound concept we have discovered for ourselves of appreciating everything that comes into our lives and accepting people and events for what they are. I felt so enlightened by the fact that there was no Original Sin and guilt brought upon my soul, like there is in many other religions. And I absolutely loved that finally I could look at myself as pure as God's creation can be. As my mum and I immersed ourselves in this new wonderful world, there was another lesson yet to be learned.

Although by then we have already gotten a wonderful chance to discover how nice and warm our newly found community was, we had yet to discover the true meaning of human purity and kindness. As at the time my mother and I had come across a truly rocky path in our life, we had nowhere to turn. As the only things we had were each other, we felt rather desperate. When coming to realization that my mum and I were no longer able to support ourselves financially, we felt absolutely helpless.

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# graduates 08



**Pauline Altman**, daughter of Peggy and Steven Altman, graduated from Valley High School and will be attending Webster University in St. Louis this fall to pursue a major in Scriptwriting/Film Production.

**Neil Rosenberg**

Judge Scott and Judy Rosenberg are pleased to announce their son Neil's graduation from Roosevelt High School. Neil will attend the University of Iowa in the fall.



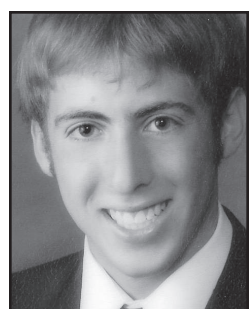
**Blake Carpenter**, son of Bob and Linda, completed his undergraduate education at the University of Iowa on May 17. Blake graduated with Distinction in Accounting from the Henry B. Tippie College of Business and with Honors in International Studies and a minor in Spanish from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Blake is a native of West Des Moines and a graduate of Valley High School.



**Adam Moskowitz**, son of Heidi and David Moskowitz, has graduated from Valley High School. He will be attending Tulane University in New Orleans in the fall.

**Alex Pomerantz**

Parents are Melodee and Jeff Pomerantz, graduated from Valley High School this spring and will be attending Denver University.



**Drew Rosenberg**, graduated with honors from Valley High School on May 25, 2008. Drew received The American Citizenship Award from the Iowa State

Bar Association and The Iowa State Bar Foundation. He also received the Connie Belin Memorial Scholarship award for the most outstanding Valley High School Senior showing great achievement and potential in Social Studies. In the fall he will be attending Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. His mother is Kim Cain (husband Randy) and father is Steve Rosenberg (wife Tracy). Drew is the grandson of Shari and Stanley Engman and Audrey and Harlan Rosenberg. He is also the great grandson of Velma Cohen.



**Revital (Tali) Simon**, daughter of Dr. Dana and Ronit Simon, graduated Valley High School and will be attending Syracuse University in the fall.

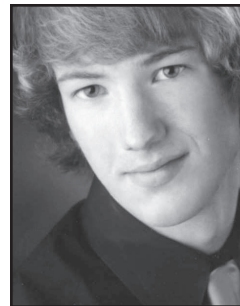
**Keilah Sarah Sandler**

2008 Valley High School graduate, will be attending the school of Liberal Arts at the University of Iowa. Proud parents are Melanie and Pete Sandler.



**Zach Tobis**

graduated from Dowling Catholic High School. Zach will be attending college next year at St. Mary's University in Winona, Minnesota. His parents are Michael Tobis and Patsy Tobis. His grandparents are Elaine Tobis and the late Isadore Tobis.



**Taylor Wiggins**

2008 Valley High School graduate, will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall. Proud parents are Marsha and David Wiggins.



## Share Your Simcha

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## From the Federation's Leadership Forum

The Federation's Leadership Forum participants met on March 2 at Tifereth Israel Synagogue with guest facilitator Kirk Patten, an expert on leadership and management. He trains corporate leaders professionally.

The topic this session was Motivated Leadership. We took time to analyze what may motivate volunteers within our community to become active and continue involvement. A spontaneous and lively open roundtable ensued about what motivates us personally to become involved and what barriers exist within our community to more widespread volunteerism. By looking at this together, a synergy became apparent with ideas and perspectives coming from the diverse yet similar forum participants. Many ideas to foster active volunteerism within the Des Moines Jewish community were exchanged.

– Brian and Krista Pearl

The evening of Monday, March 31st, not a typical weekday evening, challenged us to think outside our self-constructed boundaries and day to day normal thought.

Steve and Julie Goldstein graciously invited the participants of the Leadership Forum to their home for a dessert reception with guest, Irshad Manji. Born in 1968, Irshad was a refugee from Idi Amin's Uganda. In 1972, she and her family fled to Vancouver, where Irshad grew up attending public schools as well as the Islamic madressa. In 1990, she graduated with honors from the University of British Columbia, winning the Governor-General's medal for

top academic achievement in the humanities. She now travels around the world speaking about the positive characteristics of Islam and against those that misrepresent the religion's teachings.

Irshad is Director of the Moral Courage Project at New York University. The project aims to develop leaders who will challenge political correctness, intellectual conformity and self-censorship. The Moral Courage Project teaches that rights come with responsibilities, that we are citizens rather than members of mere tribes, and that meaningful diversity embraces different ideas and not just identities.

Ms. Manji ever so carefully challenged the discussion to turn an unexplored corner. The conversation moved from topics covering Islam, Christianity, and Judaism to our own specific values and how these beliefs transfer into our day-to-day lives.

By the end evening each of us in the room contributed to the dialogue. While asking questions or making comments we not only challenged ourselves, but we challenged each other to watch what is happening in the global community, and in our own communities and neighborhoods.

What an incredible opportunity we have as residents of Des Moines and members of the Greater Des Moines Jewish Federation. Where else can a tight knit group of young adults can come together on a Monday evening and engage in dialogue with a speaker of international recognition?

– David Adelman

[teen activism]

## Talia Leman Named One of America's Top Youth Volunteers

Honored During Four-Day Celebration, with Tribute from Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York



Talia Leman, 13, of Waukee was named one of America's top ten youth volunteers for 2008 in a ceremony in May at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, receiving a national Prudential Spirit of Community Award for her outstanding volunteer community service. Selected from a field of close to 20,000 applicants across the country, she received a personal award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for her school, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a nonprofit charitable organization of her choice.

Talia, a seventh-grader at The Academy in Des Moines, started an organization called "RandomKid" that seeks to educate, motivate and unify young people around the world to work on a broad spectrum of pressing needs. She began two years ago by encouraging kids in her area to Trick-or-Treat for coins instead of candy on Halloween, and donate the money to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. After her cause was publicized by a Midwest grocery chain, Iowa's governor and NBC's "The Today Show," kids across the country reportedly raised millions of dollars for Katrina victims.

With the help of an adult adviser, Talia

then established a nonprofit organization and created a Web site ([www.randomkid.org](http://www.randomkid.org)) that solicits support from young people everywhere for projects such as selling kid-designed and manufactured key chains to helping rebuild the Gulf Coast, raising money to build a school in Cambodia, finding homes for stray pets, and collecting DVDs for soldiers overseas. One of Talia's biggest current projects involves encouraging schools across the country to make and sell their own private-labeled bottled-water products to help fund clean-water technologies in distressed areas of the world. She's also working on setting up a "mini-United Nations" made up of young delegates from around the world who work together to address global children's issues. "If we want a better world, we need to know that the world does belong to us, and that we have the power to make it better," said Talia.

U.S. Senators John Kerry of Massachusetts and Chuck Hagel of Nebraska were among the co-chairs on the selection committee that chose the ten National Honorees. The committee also included actor Richard Dreyfuss, along with CEOs from an array of prominent civic and social service corporations.

Congratulations to Talia and her family on receiving this prestigious award! The Lemans are members of Tifereth Israel Synagogue.



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In the Kitchen With  
**Barb Carlstrom, Jan Hockenberg  
and their mother Evie Kilberg**

by Karen Engman



Sisters Janet Hockenberg and Barbara Carlstrom continue a family tradition when serving their mother Evie's summer tomato salad.

Over a morning latte, I heard about growing up in Bettendorf, meeting future spouses and observing their mom in the kitchen.

Evelyn Lasner was born in Champagne, IL, ninety years ago. She was working in a bank, when Bernard Kilberg came in for a loan. He thought he had met her somewhere and although she advised him to "try a new line," they began dating and eventually married. Bernard died last year after the couple moved to Des Moines. This recipe was one of his favorites.

Barb is the older of the two sisters by three years but the banter between them was friendly and non-stop with each one often finishing the other's sentence. They talked about how important it was to observe their

mother's technique in preparing this salad and other recipes like her old fashioned fudge. They also shared that the secret of this tasty dish depends on the quality of the tomatoes and adjusting the sweetness to your personal taste. They recommend home grown tomatoes with a robust flavor!

Both women were born in Davenport, raised in Bettendorf and graduated from the University of Iowa. Barb received a degree in Education and Jan earned a Masters in Speech Pathology. They both play golf, mah jongg and like to garden but Jan admits to only being a "9 holer." Jan runs sometimes for exercise while Barb plays bridge in a marathon group.

Barb and her first husband Al Schneider lived in Des Moines where she taught school in Urbandale. When they moved to Kansas City, she demonstrated

Cuisinarts in a local department store. They had two daughters, Julie (35) who lives in Plymouth, MN, with her husband David Ezrilov and their two girls, Ali (7) and Carly (4) and their other daughter Marci (32) is married to Adam Carl and they also have two daughters, Alexandra (3) and Hayden (9 months). Barb says they all love to cook and entertain.

Jan is married to Louis Hockenberg and their first date was a "fix-up" by her sister Barb and her husband Al. Lou is an attorney

with Sullivan & Ward, PC. They have a son and a daughter, B.J. (29) currently lives in Evanston, IL, with his wife Julie but they plan to move in mid-July to New York City. Lori (26) lives in Chicago and loves to cook. Jan even brought a cookbook to show me that Lori and her college friends assembled from all their favorite recipes. They still get together to share recipes and cook.

After 27 years of marriage, Barb was widowed but now it was her turn to be "fixed up".

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**Evie's Summer Tomato Salad**

A Recipe from Evie Kilberg Parve

Ingredients:  
6 "home grown" tomatoes, peeled and cut in wedges (about 4-5 cups)  
1/2 small cucumber, peeled and sliced (1 cup)  
3 stalks celery, diced (3/4 C.)  
1/4 green bell pepper, diced (1/4 C.)  
2 to 3 T. sweet onion, small diced  
Juice of 1½ lemons (1/3 C.)  
1/4 C.sugar or more, to taste  
½ tsp.paprika  
Dash of Salt

Plunge tomatoes into boiling water for 30 seconds, then in cold water, to loosen skin. Peel and core. Cut in wedges and place in large bowl. Add a few dashes of salt. Add next 4 ingredients. In small bowl, mix lemon juice, sugar, and paprika. Pour over vegetables. Adjust seasoning. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours to blend flavors and extract tomato juice. Serve in bowls. Serves 4-6.

There are no exact measurements for this recipe. Use these proportions as a guide. The key is to use tasty fresh tomatoes.

[next generation]

**Drew Rosenberg** by Robin Bear



Drew Rosenberg says he takes after his grandfather, Stanley Engman. He says his grandfather has never met a person he couldn't have a conversation with, and it's the same way with him. Drew may have other personality traits similar to his grandparents since all four of them live in Des Moines and spend a lot of time together. Drew knows this is special because his friends aren't as lucky. "It's really cool," he explains, "I see my grandparents multiple times each week; I have lunch with my dad's parents (Audrey and Harlan Rosenberg) on most Sundays."

Traveling with a grandparent is enormously special and Drew has a wonderful memory of a very special Bar Mitzvah gift. He attended Wimbledon, the major tennis championship with his grandfather, Harlan Rosenberg, and his father, Steve Rosenberg.

Drew is passionate about tennis. When he was young he played baseball, football and soccer, but tennis became his favorite. At age 11 he entered his first tournament and made it to the semi-finals. After that, he traveled often to play tournaments in other cities.

Drew played the number three spot on the Valley High School Varsity tennis team in ninth grade; this past year he played number two. He qualified for state all four years completing his final as a senior this past spring in Cedar Rapids. Drew's biggest fans, his grandparents, attended. As always, his mom, Kim Cain and his dad were there, too. Not even a broken leg could prevent Drew's grandmother, Shari Engman, from making the trek.

During the tennis season the team relied on Drew, a co-captain, to deliver pre-game motivational speeches. Anyone who has ever heard Drew present a speech has experienced a rare treat! He is articulate, enthusiastic, and full of humor. Drew first discovered his talent for public speaking while delivering his Bar Mitzvah speech. At 13, his first speech received rave reviews from friends and family.

In high school, Drew served on the Athletic Director Advisory Council, belonged to French Club, and served a one year term as Philosophy Club President. He debated his freshman and sophomore year and graduated with a 4.0 GPA. Drew's spare time was spent at Echo Valley and Aspen Athletic Club giving tennis lessons and assisting tennis clinics, a job he will continue this summer.

Drew made time to volunteer at Methodist hospital earning a Silver Cord by fulfilling 160 hours of community service during high school. He was also awarded the Connie Belin Memorial Scholarship and The American Citizenship Award from the State Bar Association.

This fall, Drew will attend Johns Hopkins University and play tennis as a member of their team. He plans to study economics and international studies and French. Drew's outgoing personality and wonderful sense of humor will ensure great success.

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Ask Janice – Women In Judaism – Roles & Responsibilities

“What? You mean Jewish men and women have similar roles to fulfill? You have to be kidding!” “I hear you have to wear a wig?” “I’m a woman so I’m exempt from praying at the shul.”

Those were the types of questions and statements that led Beth El Jacob to begin a women’s outreach program we call “Ask Janice”. The on-going Sunday morning session, hosted by Janice Schwarzbaum, seeks to open doors and correct inaccurate conceptions of faith and females in our society. “Since coming to Des Moines four years ago I’ve heard some amazing things about what people ‘think’ the role of an observant woman is and is not,” says Janice. “I can tell you, most of the issues raised are based on hearsay and gossip. This program gives women the opportunity to come together and learn about the practical side of our faith and how we have the ability to positively impact the lives of our family, our community and the world.”

While it sounds ambitious, the goal

of the program is to help erase negative stereotypes of living an observant lifestyle while staying in touch with the reality of modern life. Women from across the religious spectrum come together to ask about Shabbat, cooking, prayer, raising children and even interpersonal relationships. “The topics are wide and varied,” says Schwarzbaum. “So many men and women become what we sometimes call ‘Default Jews’. In other words they hear stories about living an observant lifestyle and decide, based on those ‘stories’ they can’t ‘live up’ to what they perceive as a ‘task’. So, what’s so hard about lighting candles or praying in the shul? Those are things we talk about.”

“Ask Janice” meets each Sunday at 10am in the Price Library of Beth El Jacob. Anyone is welcome to attend, ask questions and have a nosh. For more information and to ask your questions by e-mail visit the Beth El Jacob website at [www.BethElJacob.org](http://www.BethElJacob.org) and click the “Ask Janice” link.

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Friday, July 11	6:00 p.m.	Erev Shabbat
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Friday, July 18	6:00 p.m.	Outdoor Shabbat
Saturday, July 19	10:00 a.m.	Shabbat Service
Friday, July 25	6:00 p.m.	Erev Shabbat
Saturday, July 26	10:00 a.m.	Shabbat Service
Friday, August 1	6:00 p.m.	Classic Shabbat
Saturday, August 2	10:00 a.m.	Shabbat Service
Friday, August 8	6:00 p.m.	Erev Shabbat
Saturday, August 9	10:00 a.m.	Shabbat Service
Friday, August 15	6:00 p.m.	Erev Shabbat
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Friday, August 22	6:00 p.m.	Erev Shabbat
Saturday, August 23	10:00 p.m.	Shabbat Service
Friday, August 29	6:00 p.m.	Classic Shabbat
Saturday, August 30	10:00 a.m.	Shabbat Service

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WOLFER, LAID TO REST

A dynamic young man from Dix Hills, NY, who had met his future wife here in Des Moines in 1995, when he was assigned to an army unit, has been laid to rest in Jewish Glendale Cemetery. Stuart Wolfer was serving our country in Iraq. A major in the army, on April 6, he was in a gym in the Green Zone in Baghdad, leading his compatriots in exercise when a rocket pierced the gym’s roof and killed Stuart and another American soldier. He was approaching his 37th birthday. The news, which made national headlines, stunned all who had known him.

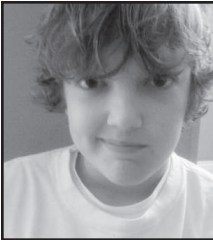
A funeral with full military honors was accorded Major Wolfer on April 11, with services conducted at Beth El Jacob Synagogue by Rabbi Schwarzbaum and Lt. Col. (Rabbi) Barry R. Baron, from the National Guard. He was eulogized by members of his family, including his wife Lee Anne, an array of commanding officers from the army, and a friend.

In a news article, Major Wolfer was described as a spiritual man who followed Jewish rituals on a daily basis, even in Iraq. He made requests for prayer books and other items Jewish solders needed, and every morning, even in Iraq, he prayed using tefillin.

Shiva minyanim were observed locally at the home of the parents of Lee Anne Wolfer, conducted by Rabbis Padorr and Kaufman, Cantor Bletstein and Cantorial Soloist Berkson. The minyanim were attended by Major Wolfer’s parents, along with an array of community members, and visitors including Rabbi Neil and Susan Sandler, who had known Stuart.

Lee Anne and Stuart Wolfer have three daughters under the age of 6. A college fund for the children has been established in Major Wolfer’s memory. Contributions may be directed to the Stuart Wolfer Fund c/o Wells Fargo Bank, 2840 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312.

B’nai Mitzvah



**Elijah Soria**  
Saturday, August 23  
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Elijah is called to the  
Torah as a Bar Mitz-

vah on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at Temple B’nai Jeshurun. Services begin at 10:00 am and a Kiddush luncheon will follow.

Rick and Sandy Soria



**Brittney Franklin**  
Saturday, August 30  
Temple B’nai Jeshurun  
Please join us as  
Brittney is called to

the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at Temple B’nai Jeshurun. Services begin at 10:00 am and a Kiddush luncheon will follow.

Tom and Stacie Franklin



**Aaron Pour-Ei Sacks**  
Saturday, Sept. 13  
Tifereth Israel Synagogue  
Please join us as  
Aaron Pour-Ei Sacks

is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Services begin at 9:00 am and a Kiddush luncheon will follow.

The Pour-Ei Sacks Family

Mazel Tov

We share in the happy news of **Steve and Mary Schoenebaum** upon hearing of the birth of grandson Isaac Joseph Flann to their daughter Carrie on May 5th. Isaac weighed in at 8lbs 2 oz and 20 1/2 inches.



We share joy of the happy parents **Gabriel & Steven Callistein!** Benjamin Louis Callistein came into the world at 10:28 AM, on Tuesday, April 29, weighing in at 7 lb 12 oz, and measuring 19 1/4 inches.

The Callisteins thank all for your support and well wishes.

**Amanda and Ben Gran** have welcomed a new arrival - Sebastian Nathaniel Gran was born Thursday, May 22 at 7:08 p.m. 8 pounds, 8 ounces; 21.5 inches.

Mother and baby are healthy and doing quite well.

[musical note]



**Local concert producer and klezmer musician Abe Goldstien with virtuoso klezmer clarinetist and mandolinist Andy Statman at Statman’s performance at the Caspe Terrace in April.**

**In Memoriam**  
*We note with sorrow the recent passing of*

Anne Blumenthal  
Sarah Gavronsky  
Eva Speier  
Zena Vidis



**Commemorate** from page 1 Sixtieth anniversary greetings and messages of support for Israel from our incumbent members of the Iowa Congressional delegation were also presented at the celebration. We were honored by the presence of Congressman Boswell, who spoke. Senator Harkin was represented by his staff member Christine Vander Weerd, who read aloud the senator's letter, and Senator Grassley provided a tape recorded message. JCRC is very appreciative of all the messages of support received from our elective officials.

**Here are excerpts from their greetings.**

**Senator Charles Grassley** - "The United States and Israel have maintained a special relationship for 60 years. We share the same freedoms of religion and speech, love of democracy and entrepreneurial enterprise.

Israel is America's strongest ally in the United Nations and as the only democracy in the Middle East, Israel is a key strategic ally. The United States must do all that we can to sustain this important democracy. The futures of our two countries are linked in many important ways.

I congratulate and send my best wishes to the friends of Israel and the Israeli people as they celebrate this important anniversary."

**Senator Tom Harkin** - "I am proud to be a friend and staunch supporter of Israel in the United States Senate. Israel and the United States share a special relationship based on shared democratic values and common strategic interests. We will always stand by Israel's side.

Israel's existence continues to be threatened in a dangerous region of the world. The United States of America must continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with Israel.

On this 60th anniversary, Israel continues to build an advanced, entrepreneurial economy, and is firmly established as a world leader in high-tech research and development. Moreover, Israel has established peaceful bilateral relations with two of its Arab neighbors, Egypt and Jordan. I am hopeful that Israel's dream of living in peace with all of its neighbors will soon be realized."

**Congressman Leonard Boswell** (IA- 3rd District) - "Israel is the only democratic government in the region and a strong ally of the United States. I pledge my support not because it is a nice thing but the right thing."

**Congressman Tom Latham** (IA-4th District) - "As a strong supporter of the close and longstanding relationship between Israel and the United States, I offer my best wishes on this notable occasion. I look forward to future opportunities to lend my support to Israel as we collectively strive for a prosperous and more peaceful Middle East and world."

**JCRC** from page 1 JCRC urges organizations that program extracurricular school activities to consult the JCRC Jewish Holiday calendar, which we distribute widely, to help avoid scheduling important events on Jewish holidays. In a recent instance, JCRC helped a school district clear up a calendar issue that would otherwise have resulted in a teacher's penalization for missing class on a Jewish holiday.

JCRC also maintains that schools are free from proselytization and deceptive practices. During the school year, it came to the attention of JCRC that a religion club was using allegedly deceptive advertising to attract students to activities of a religious nature. Communication from

the JCRC brought the matter to the attention of the appropriate school personnel and that advertising ceased.

A second area of great concern to our community is that of monitoring and combating anti-Semitism. One topic we have our eye on vigilantly is that of hate crimes. It is important that the targeting of any group, including Jews, be eliminated. Toward this end, JCRC cooperates with others in advocating that such crimes be prosecuted to the limit and stands with others whenever an occurrence of victimization is discovered locally. We strongly believe that vandalism and other forms of intimidation with an implication of violence are signs of intolerance and need to be counteracted. JCRC is instrumental in the removal of swastikas and other hateful graffiti and in educating about intolerance.

JCRC has held meetings with school officials along with or on behalf of parents whose children have been the target of anti-Semitic harassment.

As a means of keeping tabs on local activity, JCRC tracks hostile communications of local far-left and far-right groups on the internet, engaging with some when necessary. Similarly, JCRC members have attended meetings and programs of local fringe groups to either gather additional information or to present, within the restrictions imposed by the groups, a mainstream perspective from the Jewish community.

Third, JCRC advocates for the safety and security of Israel. Recently, a national religious denomination, for whom we have immense respect, placed for consideration on its national agenda an item that would have unfairly penalized Israel and would have unintentionally strengthened the hand of Palestinians terrorists. On a national basis, the JCRCs across the country - including our own JCRC - engaged in discussion with representatives involved in considering the policy in question. In large part due to the discussions conducted by JCRCs, the motion was defeated.

Speaking of Israel advocacy, JCRC communicates regularly with the news department at our local newspaper about the quality of its coverage of the Arab-Israeli conflict (as well as on other topics). Our objective is to help ensure that the issues are covered fairly. In the past, we have been compelled to point out unfair headlines, inappropriate pictures and cartoons. Whenever necessary, JCRC submits letters to the newspapers, providing information and context missing within their coverage.

In one recent high-profile case, the newspaper demonstrably botched its reporting on what one presidential candidate said about the Israeli-Hamas-Palestinian conflict, making it appear that he had expressed something opposite to what they reported. Coverage generated by the faulty reporting unfairly cast the Jewish community in a negative light. In a meeting with the newspaper, we were able to show in detail how the paper's inaccurate reporting - which was only somewhat corrected months later - actually served as false evidence upon which adversaries of Israel issued charges against Jews that bordered on anti-Semitism.

Through the JCRC blog and e-mailings, as well as the "Jewish Press," JCRC educates our own community, members of which may be influenced more by general news sources than by Jewish historical facts and experts.

On matters of elective politics, our position is clear. JCRC and the Jewish

Federation are non-partisan. Neither JCRC nor the Federation endorses any candidate. Especially in the period leading up to the Iowa Caucuses, JCRC performed an educational task. JCRC gave feedback to the candidates about issues of concern to the mainstream Jewish community and, in turn, surveyed their opinions.

Fourth, JCRC keeps in touch on a regular basis with our incumbent elected officials on matters of domestic and international concerns. We are the only Jewish Community Relations Commission in the state - most states having several JCRCs as part of their Federations. We provide information from the United Jewish Communities, from the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, and from other organizations, Jewish or otherwise, to representatives of the Iowa Jewish communities statewide. Our community benefits as well from the information shared with us from the other Jewish communities, the representatives of which most often serve as liaisons on our JCRC.

Another topic of abiding interest to the Jewish community is that of Holocaust education. JCRC has in the past developed and disseminated an excellent school curriculum that teachers can use in teaching about the Holocaust. At present, JCRC is engaged in educating teachers in a new, multimedia curriculum authored by Yad Vashem in conjunction with the Shoah Foundation and the ADL. In addition, JCRC makes presentations in the schools to students about the Holocaust and conducts trips for educators to the US Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC. JCRC also sponsors participation of Iowa teachers in the Jewish Labor Committee's Holocaust Summer Study Mission to Poland and Israel, a three week program that has a lasting impact on local Holocaust Education. People are forgetting the lessons of the Holocaust and therefore able to justify anti-Israel language and behavior.

On a similar matter, JCRC is at the forefront of educating and advocating about the ongoing genocide in Darfur. Working with an interfaith coalition on this humanitarian crisis is of utmost importance.

First and foremost, the JCRC has presented its educational seminar for teachers and administrators - the Teachers' Institute - twenty nine times since its inception. Over this period of time, the Teachers' Institute has served five-thousand teachers. The topics of the Teachers' Institute range from Holocaust Education, to Israel, to basic concepts in Judaism, to Church-State relations. Past clinicians have included U.S. Middle East peace negotiator Ambassador Dennis Ross, educator of tolerance Irshad Manji, and renowned Holocaust educator and author Gerda Klein.

Last, but not least, within our brief survey of community concerns, JCRC is entrusted with protecting the physical security of the Jewish community. Unfortunately, Federations and synagogues are "soft targets" in the new age of terrorism. On behalf of the institutions within the Jewish community (whom we brief), JCRC keeps in close contact with law enforcement ranging from the FBI and Homeland Security to the local police departments including that of Waukee, where our community has The Caspe Terrace. It is an area that is in most respects pro-active but which in times of emergency will ensure the prompt and informed response by law enforcement to the needs of the Jewish community.

The vital work of JCRC is performed by members and staff of JCRC, individuals who are themselves members of committees in the general community where their participation helps bring matters of interest of our community to the table and where JCRC members may interact with people from a cross-section of Iowans. It is through interaction with the diversity of Iowans that the Federation's JCRC has been instrumental in protecting the interests of the Jewish community and working with others in support of mutually held goals and values. The work of JCRC is assisted by members of the Jewish community at large when they bring their concerns to JCRC.

**Switzerland** from page 9

As our group of a dozen Jews hiked down the high altitude mountain trail to the car-free village of Findlerhof, it occurred to me that we would have failed miserably at escaping the Nazis. We couldn't hold a candle to the heroic Von Trapp family. For one thing, we were not wearing lederhosen or capable of singing German folk songs. Secondly, when our hike took us past the inaccessible-by-car Restaurant Findlerhof with its jaw-dropping views of the Matterhorn [see inset], instead of scuttling into the woods and hiding like our ancestors, we instead sat down and had a leisurely two hour meal of rushty (a local favorite that combines potatoes, mushrooms, and gravy) with hosts Franz und Heidi. Not the best tactic for maintaining a low profile and escaping over the border. I know what you're thinking: *Jews didn't flee Switzerland to reach Italy, they did the opposite. Your knowledge of European history is, at best, sketchy.* But we were in the World's Most Beautiful Restaurant Location eating the best comfort food on earth. So why not take a chance.

[Next issue: The family hightails it out of Switzerland, travels on the scenic (unless it's cloudy) Glacier Express train, passes through Saint Moritz and Zurich, before finally arriving in Prague. Prague is the centerpiece of this series, since Prague is filled with lots of Jewish things to do (although not that many local Jews). You will learn about the 900 year-old Charles Bridge, the 700-year old Old-New Synagogue, and the heart-breaking Jewish Cemetery of Prague. The author promises to try hard to suppress the unhealthy desire to mention France or croque monsieurs, and will instead focus on Mozart puppet shows, Franz Kafka, and other local highlights. If you have been angered by this endless series of travel articles, or even if you have been amused, feel free to write directly to the author at [iowadave@mchsi.com](mailto:iowadave@mchsi.com). A prompt reply is both promised and statistically unlikely.]

**Chef** from page 15 Her brother-in-law Phil Schneider and his wife Elana wanted her to meet Dr. Tom Carlstrom, a Des Moines neurosurgeon and pilot. They have been married ten years and she calls their blended family "the Brady Bunch" because Tom has two sons and two more granddaughters!

After reading this recipe from Evie's daughters, I'm sure you will want to visit a local farmers market for some Iowa tomatoes. The JEWISH PRESS thanks Barb, Jan and Evie for sharing this recipe with our readers. If you have a recipe to share, call Karen Engman (274-3300) or email ([aengmandsm@yahoo.com](mailto:aengmandsm@yahoo.com)).





# Share Your Family History



**Jonathan Yentis**  
Director

This month I would like to discuss several topics regarding opportunities for people to contribute information and material for both archiving and publication. About the time we turn fifty we begin to ask questions that can no longer be answered. We wonder why we didn't ask our grandparents about our family history; and now they are gone. Some of you, young and old, have interesting family or personal histories that we would like you to share. In the current CHAlowian there is a history of the Rosenberg family. Please consider sharing your family history with us, and don't be surprised if we ask you to tell the story. Your grandchildren will love it.

We have recently obtained a copy of the records for the oldest Jewish Cemetery in Des Moines, the Children of Israel Cemetery. Many of the founders of the Children of Israel Synagogue are buried there, and in the past, researchers have listed all of the stones, although the Hebrew inscriptions are not translated.

The cemetery was organized on May 1, 1876, and sometime in the 1930's burials ceased due to the feeling that space was limited, although viewing the cemetery at "Google Earth" shows about a third of the space remaining open. There were occasional burials as late as the 1960's.

The cemetery is located at the intersection of Delaware and Easton, and is surrounded by Interstate 235. The cemetery is north and west of 235 and a little difficult to get to if you are on the "other" side of the interstate. If you are interested in visiting the cemetery, and observing and photographing these markers please contact Jonathan Yentis at his home 515-223-6163 or cell phone 515-988-5235 (after 1:00 P.M.) and we will find a pleasant Sunday afternoon to complete this project. With a digital camera we can now provide high quality photographs and if we wish, build a book preserving a unique site in Des Moines..

Interestingly, Centerville, Iowa has a Jewish cemetery, and probably the last burial we will see there occurred recently. The Iowa Jewish Historical society could also make arrangements to visit this cemetery and preserve the visual images. If you have an interest in cemeteries, particularly Jewish cemeteries, please let me know.

## Baby Boomers!

House too big and you're sizing down?  
Starting to look for a condo?

What are you going to do with all of the memorabilia your parents gave to you when they sized down?

The Iowa Jewish Historical Society is on the hunt for new exhibit items.

Do you have your grandparents' naturalization papers? Katubas?

Do you have your confirmation picture?

Where is your extra printed "Yarmulke" (left over from your bar/bat mitzvah)?

Photographs from the Standard Club or synagogue events?

What about pictures from your wedding album with members of our community?  
Can we copy them?

You get the picture - now loan it to us!

Call Jonathan at 515-988-5235

# FALL EVENT

**Please put Nov 8th, 2008 (a Saturday night) on your calendar as a MUST ATTEND event. This will be an evening of dinner and Cathy Lesser Mansfield's opera, "The Sparks Fly Upward".**

"The Sparks Fly Upward" is a musical drama/opera that follows three German families in Berlin, two Jewish and one Christian, through the Holocaust, beginning in the autumn of 1938. The story is told completely through music and is based on years of research in many Holocaust archives. "The Sparks Fly Upward" was written and composed by Cathy Lesser Mansfield.



## Cathy Lesser Mansfield

is a Professor of Law at Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. She teaches a variety of Consumer Law courses. She is the Chair of the Board of Directors of Americans for Fairness in Lending, has served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Consumer Advocates, and has worked as a consultant for the National Consumer Law Center. She lectures nationally about consumer law issues.

## Join us November 8

Cost is: \$125 for dinner only

\$150 for dinner and presentation of Cathy Lesser Mansfield's, "The Sparks Fly Upward"

We won't be selling tickets without the dinner, as the single ticket cost is \$47 each (so they are a bargain at \$25 if you come to the dinner).

Members of the Des Moines Symphony, Des Moines Chorale Society and Maestro Joeeph Giunta will be among the participants.

Reservations need to be in by Sept. 15.

## Interested in helping plan the event?

Contact Karen Engman at 515-274-3300 or email [aengmandsm@yahoo.com](mailto:aengmandsm@yahoo.com).

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# Bageling

by Jessica Levine Kupferberg

It all started when my friend Doodie Miller-- who wears a kippah -- was back in college and suffering through a tedious lecture. As the professor droned on, a previously-unknown young woman leaned over and whispered in his ear: "This class is as boring as my Zayde's seder."

You see, the woman knew that she did not "look" Jewish, nor did she wear any identifying signs like a Star of David. So foregoing the awkward declaration, "I'm Jewish," the girl devised a more nuanced -- and frankly, cuter -- way of heralding her heritage.

This incident launched a hypothesis which would henceforth be known as the Bagel Theory. The Bagel Theory stands for the principle that we Jews, regardless of how observant or affiliated we are, have a powerful need to connect with one another. To that end, we find ways to "bagel" each other -- basically, to "out" ourselves to fellow Jews.

There are two ways to bagel. The brave or simply unimaginative will tell you straight out that they are Jewish (a plain bagel). But the more creative will concoct subtler and even sublime ways to let you know that they, too, are in the know. (These bagels are often the best; like their doughy counterparts, cultural bagels are more flavorful when there is more to chew on.)

## Bageled at Boggle

I suspect that Jews have been bageling even before real bagels were invented. And while my husband and I may not have invented bageling, we do seem to have a steady diet of bagel encounters.

An early bagel favorite occurred when my kippah-wearing husband and I were dating, and we spent a Saturday evening at a funky coffee house with friends. We engaged in a few boisterous rounds of Boggle, the game where you must quickly make words out of jumbled lettered cubes. Observing our fun, a couple of college students at a nearby table asked if they could play too. After we rattled the tray and furiously scribbled our words, it was time to read our lists aloud. One of the students, who sported a rasta hat and goatee, proudly listed the word "yad." Unsuspecting, we inquired, "What's a yad?" He said with a smirk, "You know, that pointer you read the Torah with." Yes, we were bageled at Boggle.

On our honeymoon in Rome, we were standing at the top of the Spanish steps next to a middle-aged couple holding a map. The husband piped up in an obvious voice, "I wonder where the synagogue is." My husband and I exchanged a knowing look at this classic Roman bagel and proceeded to strike up a conversation with this lovely couple from Chicago. After we took them to the synagogue, they asked to join us at the kosher pizza shop. As we savored the cheeseless arugula and shaved beef pizza -- to this day the best pizza I have ever had -- this non-religious couple marveled at traveling kosher and declared they would do so in the future. A satisfying bagel to be sure.

## Holy Bagel

In the years since, our bagel encounters have become precious souvenirs, yiddishe knick-knacks from our family adventures in smaller Jewish communities. Like the time the little boy at the Coffee Bean in Pasadena, California, walked up to my husband, pulled out a mezuzah from around his neck, smiled and ran away. (A non-verbal bagel!) Or our day trip to the pier in San Clemente, California when an impish girl in cornrows and bikini scampered over to say "Good Shabbos."

We have been bageled waiting at airline ticket counters, in elevators, at the supermarket checkout. And I myself have been known to bagel when the situation calls for it, like the time I asked the chassid seated a few rows up on an airplane if I could borrow a siddur.

On a recent trip abroad, however, we did not get bageled even once. That was in Israel where, thankfully, there is just no need.

## We bagel in a quest to feel whole

Ultimately, why do we feel this need to bagel? Does it stem from our shared patriarchs, our pedigree of discrimination and isolation, a common love of latkes or just the human predisposition to be cliquy? I maintain it is something more. Our sages say that all Jews were originally one interconnected soul which stood in unison at Mount Sinai to receive the Torah. Now scattered across the Earth, as we encounter each other's Jewish souls, we recognize and reconnect with a piece of our divine selves. The bagel may have a hole, but we bagel in a quest to feel whole.

So the next time a sweaty stranger at the gym says to you, "I haven't been this thirsty since Yom Kippur," smile. You've just been bageled -- adding another link in the Jewish circle of connection.

**Semechkina** from page 13 At the time we felt so desperate that the only place we could truly turn to was our temple. Little did we know how many people were more than willing and happy to help us. As we came through the doors of our synagogue, broken down and looking for help, we were welcomed by true compassion and love. By being thrown into destiny's lap, we have discovered an even deeper, more loving side of our community we have not seen before. My mother and I were surprised how many people were more than happy to get up on their feet and help us. The joy of being needed and loved so much by these people felt overwhelmingly inspiring. My mum and I now truly felt like we were a part of the Jewish family, it was now our true community. Now we clearly understood what it meant to love one another, appreciate what we have got, which included sharing. By coming along a shadowy path in our life journey, my mother and I found a new loving family.

This act of what I can only see as pure love and compassion, taught my mum and me a lot. This has showed us that all propagandas we have heard in Russia about America were in fact lies. Not only it truly is a land of opportunities, but it is also a place where one can truly find themselves. My mum and I have found ourselves alongside with discovering a new pure and kind way of life through the Jewish community. As we were fully and completely welcomed by it, we had a wonderful chance to discover what it is like to be a free Jew who does not have to worry about others discriminating against them. In addition to that, we were truly blessed by the amounts of love given to us by the Jewish community. We truly have gotten a sense like we belong and that we are really needed. Now it is not just a Jewish community, it truly is our Jewish community that we absolutely love to be a part of. Although to come to this particular realization my mum and I had to go through quite a lot of obstacles, but it truly was worth it. That is due to the fact that along the way, we have discovered a new truly amazing and warm world. We have gotten to see this life through our Jewish communities' eyes and experience what it is like to be free and happy and feel liberated to choose whom we want to be. We decide who we want to be even, free of guilt, sorrow, and fear. And as happy as we feel, now my mum and I are going to carry on a thought in mind and we are glad to share with others; especially those who live in Russia and cannot build a clear opinion of their own about America. That is the fact that America is a great and strong country, providing many opportunities to different groups of people and enabling its nation with a right to self-expression and personal freedom.

# [calendar] july • august

**Friday, July 4**

**Thursday, July 17**

**Sunday, August 3**

**Thursday, August 14**

**Saturday, August 23**

**Saturday, August 30**

**Saturday, September 13**

**12:00 Noon**

**3:00 pm**

**12:00 Noon**

**10:00 am**

**10:00 am**

**9:00 am**

**Independence Day**

**Senior Adult Picnic at The Caspe Terrace**

**Federation Picnic at The Caspe Terrace**

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**Brittney Franklin Bat Mitzvah at the Temple**

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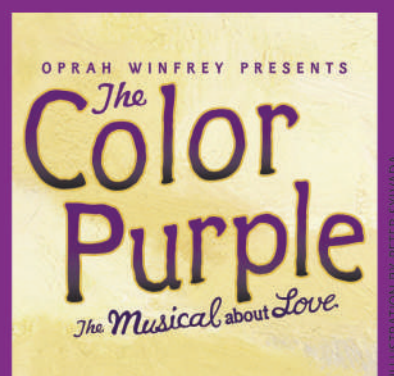
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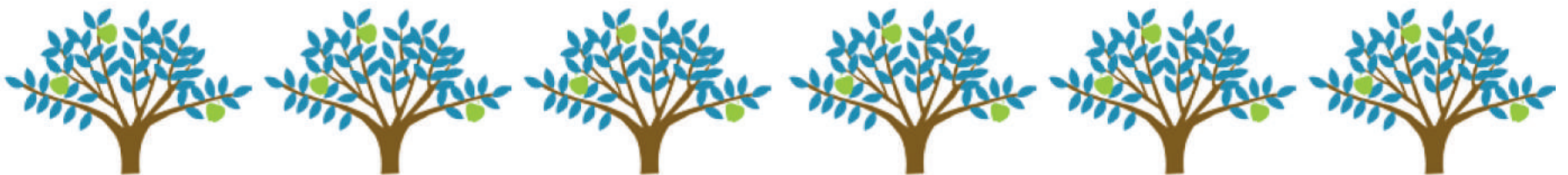
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