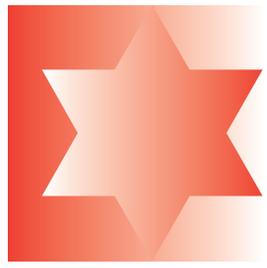


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Campaign Kick-Off Features Mentalist, Sidney the Seer!



You'll be delighted by Sidney the Seer (known to his family as Sidney Friedman). Sidney "sees all and knows all" and looks forward to meeting you at the opening event of the 2011 All-in-One Campaign Kick-Off event the afternoon of Sunday, August 29 at the Marriott. Watch the mail for more details!

As featured on NBC-TV's *TODAY SHOW*, ABC-TV's *THE VIEW* and CBS-TV's *THE EARLY SHOW*, here is your chance to experience America's premier mentalist Sidney Friedman.

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members think of song melodies and Friedman telepathically senses each tune then plays them on the piano.

TODAY SHOW host Hoda Kotb states, "Few people are better at seeing the future than others, like mentalist Sidney Friedman. We love Sidney."

The *CHICAGO TRIBUNE* writes, "Mentalist to the stars, Sidney Friedman is the master of all things psychic."

And *TIMEOUT* magazine exclaims, "Friedman will blow your mind!"

Friedman is also the author of the national best-selling book *YOUR MIND KNOWS MORE THAN YOU DO* which reached #8 on AMAZON.

This will be a rare event. Be thrilled and elevated. Experience mentalist Sidney Friedman.

Chairpersons for the Kick-Off event are Judy and Larry Deutch, Barbara Hirsch-Giller and Harvey Giller, and Jule and Steven Goldstein.

The Storm Ahead **Rabbi Daniel Gordis**

In October 1994, several days after kidnapped IDF soldier Nachshon Wachsman was killed in a failed attempt to save him from his terrorist captors, I was scheduled to teach my weekly graduate seminar at the University of Judaism in Los Angeles. But given the horror of what had just transpired, I couldn't even imagine simply teaching as planned. I no longer recall what had been scheduled for that day. But what I do remember is that I decided to scrap the usual fare and that I taught a text in memory of Wachsman.

As the seminar drew to a close, it was obviously quiet in the room. But just as the students were preparing to disperse, one looked at me and asked, "What does any of this have to do with us?"

More than 15 years later, I can still picture that moment, frozen in time. I remember exactly where she was sitting. I recall the looks of discomfort on the faces of some of the other students, but the nods of agreement with her question from others. And I remember that I had no idea what to say.

And I remember feeling unbearably lonely and wholly out of place. Lonely because it was clear that she was not the only one wondering why in the world we were thinking about Nachshon Wachsman, when my own heart was breaking, and out of place because I had no idea how to engage those students in a conversation about why he mattered to me. I didn't know where to begin.

What I didn't know then, of course, was that a question that seemed to me an aberration would soon become the norm.

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Engman Camp Shalom In Full Summer Swing

**Last day of camp is August 13**

Engman Camp Shalom is in the middle of one of the best summers ever! The sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and the kids are singing. Everything is sunny at Engman Camp Shalom! Campers are gardening, recycling and composting, swimming, creating, acting, filming, writing, singing, dancing, learning Israeli culture and Judaics, science and nature, and their favorite, cooking.

It is good to be me these days. I have an excellent staff, whose compassion for their campers, and this camp, shows in everything they do. I have an excellent group of campers, who love their camp and show it through their RUACH (spirit), and to top it off, we have a new addition to camp this summer, the Rainforest Rapids Bounce House & Water Park. The kids LOVE it.

There are heaps of exciting events planned for the rest of the summer. They are Survivor Night (Annual sleepover), Color Wars, the ECS Family Outing (Living History Farms vintage baseball game), and other awesome events, like Chanukah In July, Israel Day, Community Day/Senior Lunch, Hogwarts at ECS and Final Jam (camp talent show). It is not too late to join the fun. This is your opportunity to become part of the community's inspiring vision. Don't miss out! Please contact the Engman Camp Shalom office at 277-5566 or ecshalom@hotmail.com for more info.

-Julie Olsasky, Camp Director



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“my federation...”

Our family moved to Des Moines five years ago. I'm from Scottsdale, Arizona, then we moved to Colorado Springs and then to Des Moines. The last two years have been very rough. Going through a bad economy and a divorce all at the same time. Shortly afterwards, I filed for bankruptcy and foreclosed on my house. To make things even harder on me, I was also between jobs. It seemed as if I was going deeper and deeper in the hole. I was struggling with my bills and paying for my daughters to continue to go to Hebrew School and Camp. During this hard time the Federation and the Jewish Federation Community School were a huge help for me and allowed me to slowly get out of my financial rut and move into a more comfortable living arrangement for me and my girls. Now I am gainfully employed with SSI Specialties as a Senior Sales Manager.

I'm so happy to have such a huge support from our Jewish community, to make me feel more like home, even though I'm away from my family who is back in Arizona. The girls and I are doing much better and I'm not only going to give back, but also help out others in need.

Thanks again for all your support!!

- Andy Marcus



Thank you for supporting the All-In-One Campaign

“What Makes Me Proud”

(taken from Judy’s “State of the Federation” delivered at the Annual Meeting on June 7, 2010)



Judy Deutch
President

Being President of the Federation has been an exciting, challenging, exhilarating and sometimes exhausting responsibility. As I start my second year, I would like to share with you some of the things of which I am most proud:

I was able to participate in a campaign that created an entirely new approach to solicitation, called “dining with donors” This idea was created by Stuart Oxer, our Campaign Chair, who served us well as Federation Secretary and was just installed as Federation Treasurer. Stuart wanted to connect the graduates of our leadership program and other young individuals with our major donors. This brilliant idea of connecting the two generations was a delightful success and allowed our major donors to meet current and future leadership. The donors were excited to meet vibrant young Jews who, like them, were committed to our Jewish community. The leadership graduates were able to spend an evening with and learn from the major donors’ past leadership and experience.

Our JCRC, ably headed by Mark Finkelstein, and Board Chair Steve Schnoenebaum, serves very important roles in our community. Its presence on behalf of the Jewish community at public events, is vital. It gives Mark and his committee an opportunity to chat with and expand other people’s knowledge about various issues. By attending these events, such as the Interfaith Alliance Awards and the city-wide Martin Luther King Day celebration, it allowed Mark to “build bridges” with individuals he doesn’t see regularly.

The JCRC also serves an important educational function. We all have a limited amount of time to find out news about critical Jewish events and causes. Mark looks at news from various sources, including his colleagues in the field, summarizes the salient points, and disseminates the information via the JCRC blog or e-mails.

The third important area where our JCRC shines is in its outreach to teachers. Mark and/or his committee members talk at many public schools throughout Iowa during the year. He stresses that not all Jews practice the same rituals or believe in the same things. And, our Annual Teacher’s Institute brings in a speaker to educate teachers who then bring these important issues to the classroom. Thanks for all you do, Mark.

One of the core missions of the Federation is to provide services to our seniors. This is accomplished daily through the work of Social Worker Pat Nawroki, Jewish Family Services chair Jule Goldstein, and many community volunteers. JFS provides important financial support such as purchasing devices to enable our seniors to remain independent, and purchasing food and medication for those in need. Their monthly programs and day trips – to the Playhouse and Prairie Meadows, for example – are always well attended and greatly anticipated by the Seniors. Almost 30 volunteers drive our seniors to doctor appointments, help Seniors grocery shop and even take them to the hairdresser. Their commitment and involvement have helped to make this a caring community.

Our Jewish Federation Community School, headed by Director Lyanna Lindgren and chair Brian Pearl, has made some important changes to the school this year. They have re-instituted the semester report cards and have published a weekly e-newsletter. I’m pleased that the rabbis have been involved in educating our children – as a regular presence in the elementary program and teaching all levels for the High School.

We’re excited about the plans for the 2010-2011 school year. The rabbis, Lyanna and the Community School Board are planning to revamp the Junior/Senior High School program. The school will be more “outcome based,” the curriculum will be reviewed, and students will become more accountable.

Engman Camp Shalom, under the new leadership of Julie Seidenfeld Olsasky, will be starting in June and promises to be a fun and exciting camp. The children are enjoying a variety of fun activities. Its theme, “Tikkun Olum: Repairing the World,” is particularly relevant today.

We all agree that the education of our children starts at home. One of the most important and visible responsibilities of the Jewish Federation is to give our young people the skills they need to participate in services and to help create positive identities. As most of you know, a group of young families wanted improved classrooms for their children and proposed a new school wing at Caspe. They invited some of our most generous donors to a reception in October. Our Federation Board and the Foundation Board supported this initiative. There are also other options available for improved school facilities. Parents will be polled and we should know the outcome very soon.

And so you can see that the Federation continues to make a difference in people’s lives, and thanks to all of you, this next year promises to be a remarkable year, as well. The services we, your Jewish Federation supplies, are critical for today and tomorrow. We look forward to our Campaign Kick-off event on Sunday, August 29th, when Sidney Friedman, a well-known mentalist will entertain and inspire us. We’ve got some exciting plans for Lions and Pomegranates. We continue to need volunteers for committees, so please let Elaine or me know how you’d like to get involved.

And thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be your president another year.

- Shalom, Judy

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Happy 4th of July
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JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL Be A Mensch

The beauty of Judaism is that it provides us with a system, a framework of morals and values that can help us in the daily choices we make in our efforts to be a good person. As in any system, the first step is to learn more about it – to study what traditional Jewish wisdom has to say about things like caring for our parents, helping the needy, raising our children or repairing the world. Once we know more, we can use the tools we have been given – our inner wisdom, judgment and free will – to enable us to act on what we know is good and right. The net result is that in studying more about what Judaism has to say, we create more opportunities for ourselves to become better parents, children, friends, leaders and volunteers.

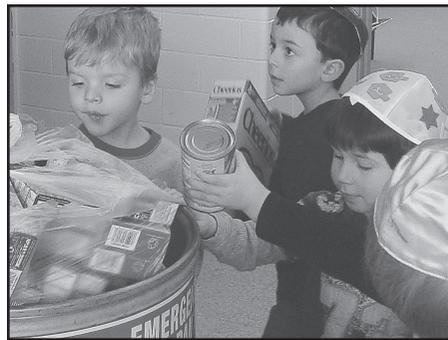
Last year, Suse Cohen undertook the responsibility to present “The Be a Mensch” Campaign to our students. This three year program is about three values: tzedakah, chesed, and tikkun olam. Tzedkah literally means “righteous.” There’s a basic human responsibility to reach out to others. Giving of your time and your money is a statement that “I will do whatever I can to help.” Students learned about tzedkah last year.

This year, our students learned about chesed, which means “kindness.” Chesed is properly described as an act that has no “cause.” It is an act which is not recycled – for example, an anonymous gift to charity. It is proactive and asks nothing in return.

JFCS participated in several different mitzvah projects. The following is a summary of what we accomplished:

Blank Children’s Hospital - Two of our students, Sarah Rose Ballard and Hannah Cline, JFCS 6th grade students, put the concept of Chesed into motion. Their project was called “Hands of Chesed” and consisted of families donating wrapped toys that would be taken to Blank Children’s Hospital – Pediatric Oncology Unit. Sarah Rose and Hannah wanted to accomplish this mission before the holidays so that children who were not able to celebrate Chanukah/Christmas at home would still receive a present. Thanks to the JFCS tzedkah money, \$200, and parents who contributed pre-wrapped gifts, we delivered over 150 gifts.

Magen David Adom - In December, as a school-wide tzedakah project, each child in grades Prek – 6th, received a cardboard tzedakah box shaped like an MDA ambulance. Suse Cohen spoke to each of our classes and explained the role that Magen David Adom has in Israel, the good works that they do, and the importance of helping those in need. Over winter break, students and their families were asked to collect loose change and place it in the tzedakah box. The tzedakah money collected was brought back in January. I am proud to say that we collected \$564.



DMARC – Red Barrel - In February, DMARC Emergency Food Pantry sent out a notice that they were in dire need of food after the holidays. They did not have enough items for the many struggling families that need help. We put the “red barrel” in our hallway and over-filled it twice. We collected over 275 items to donate.

Year-End Mitzvah - At the end of our school year, students were able to choose from four non-profit organizations as to where the

remaining tzedakah money would be donated. The options were: RescueMe.org, a network which aims to help all breeds of dogs, cats, birds, horses, etc. find good homes. This organization is world wide and one location is in Israel. Started by a Jewish man named Jeff Gold from Georgia, it has extended to include RescueShelter.org, which provides the world’s largest and most up-to-date directory of animal rescue organizations for all breeds. (\$244)

JewishSoldier.org, is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Jewish men and women who daily risk their lives defending freedom and democracy. They fight to protect the values of diversity and freedom of religion; offer Jewish soldiers and their families all elements necessary to observe their faith; and advocate with the military and U.S. Congress to provide educational materials about our rich history and traditions. (\$134)

Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, houses a variety of organizations that help the elderly, educate our children, support local and surrounding synagogues, and represents a voice for Jewish interests as a combined community strength. Organizations that interested the students were, of course, Engman Camp Shalom and Jewish Federation Community School. (\$108)

ICADV - Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Students were told that ICADV is a local organization that is a place for families to go when it is not safe at home. Besides a safe home, they provide training, counseling, and community outreach. Their programs support families of all racial, social, religious, and economic groups, ages, and lifestyles. (\$104)

Our fourth grade class, taught by Rachele Hjelm, collected pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and \$16.88 for Haiti.

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Jewish Continuity by Rabbi Yossi Jacobson



Rabbi Meir said: When the Jews stood before Sinai to receive the Torah, G-d said to them: "I swear, I will not give you the Torah unless

you provide worthy guarantors who will assure that you will observe its laws."

The Jews responded, "Master of the world, our forefathers will be our guarantors!"

"Your guarantors themselves require guarantors!" was G-d's reply.

"Master of the world," the Jews exclaimed, "our prophets will guarantee our observance of the Torah."

"I have grievances against them, too." The shepherds have rebelled against Me' (Jeremiah 2:8)," G-d replied.

"Bring proper guarantors and only then will I give you the Torah."

As a last resort, the Jews declared, "our children will serve as our guarantors!"

"They truly are worthy guarantors," G-d replied. "Because of them I will give the Torah."

Midrash Rabba, Song of Songs 1:4

The white-bearded sages and the erudite rabbis weren't sufficient to satisfy G-d's "need" for a guarantor. Why? Who can better guarantee the transmission of the Law than the intellectuals, philosophers, and theologians who devote their lives to developing it and teaching its wisdom to myriads of disciples throughout the ages? Why did G-d prefer the Torah study of the child whose mind is constantly distracted, moving on to far more important subjects, such as which game to play during recess, the caliber of the snack which his mother packed in his lunch bag or his plans for summer vacation?

There is a unique quality exclusive to a child's learning; and it is the most effective guarantee for the future of the Torah yet, there is a unique quality exclusive to a child's method of learning, a quality which is appealing to G-d and is the most effective guarantee for the future of the Torah.

One cannot study without questioning. "Why?" "What is the basis for your statement?" and "Why can't it be done differently?" are rudimentary and indispensable phrases for any serious student. However, the child and adult harbor

very different intentions when voicing these questions: the adult is doubting the very premise of the idea/law/principle which is being taught, and if the answer is not to his liking, he might all together reject the teaching. Conversely, the child has an acute curiosity, but he doesn't doubt that which he is taught; he is aware that his wisdom and knowledge is limited and therefore accepts what his parent or teacher says. He asks questions because he wants to understand more, not because he is skeptical of the information he has heard.

We are commanded to study Torah, and this involves closely examining every word of both the Written and Oral Law. G-d doesn't want us to blindly accept His teachings, he wants us to use our intellectual skills to analyze, probe, and question. However, we must never lose sight of the fact that our minds are inherently limited, whereas G-d's wisdom is infinite. We are obligated to question, but at the same time to unquestioningly accept each word of Torah to be the absolute truth. Only this method of study ensures the eternal survival of the Torah, guaranteeing that its teachings won't be forsaken because of doubts which inevitably will arise (after all, that is the nature of intellect-it can always be questioned and doubted).

"Children are 25% of our population but 100% of our future." We see the living truth of this statement. When children are not taught Torah and do not receive a thorough Jewish education (at school and in the home too), they end up leaving the Jewish people and going lost. With our small numbers, we can't afford for any of our future getting lost. Only our children (and their children, and their children's children, and so forth) can truly guarantee the continuation of the study of Torah, and of the Jewish people.

For those of you who are reading this and are thinking, "how can an adult be expected to blindly accept a religious doctrine?" - That is precisely why G-d didn't accept you to be the guarantor for His Torah.

Children aren't the only guarantors of the Torah. The adult who dedicates himself to the Torah in a childish manner, he too can take credit for ensuring the continuity of the Torah.

Rabbi Jacobson serves Lubavitch of Iowa. He may be contacted at: 515-277-1718

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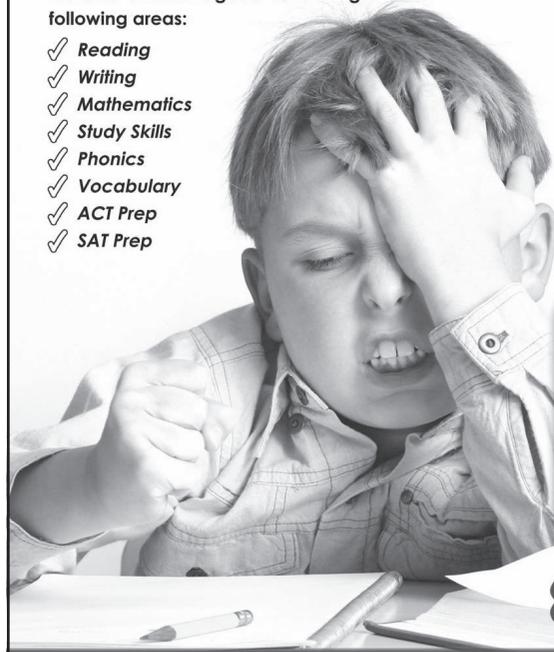
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senior news

Upcoming Luncheons:

Thursday, July 8th, Picnic at Caspe Terrace- Our annual luncheon with the Camp Shalom campers. Come be a part of the fun and share entertainment and food with our Camp Shalom Campers in air-conditioned comfort! The bus will leave from Tifereth Israel parking lot at 11:00.

Thursday, August 5th, 12:00 Noon, at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. We are excited and honored to have a musical program performed by Louise Kaufmann. It will be song styling followed by a sing- along. Come join us for lunch and listen to the wonderful music.



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– Pat Nawrocki, OASIS Project Services Manager

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Blessings by David Friedgood



The 4th book of the Bible, Bamidbar (literally 'in the desert', titled Numbers in English) contains these familiar verses:

*"The LORD spoke to Moses: Speak to Aaron and his sons:
Thus shall you bless the people of Israel. Say to them:
The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD deal kindly and graciously with you!
The LORD bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace!
Thus they shall link My name with the people of Israel, and I will
bless them."* (Numbers 6:21-27)

This passage contains the 'three part' blessing, also referred to as the 'priestly blessing'. This blessing is recited as part of synagogue services on festivals and Shabbat. Rabbis often use the words to bless Bar and Bat-mitzvah children, bride and groom; and, parents recite them on Friday evening to bless their children. In some congregations the words are delivered by Kohanim (the class of hereditary priests). Traditionally Kohanim are patrilineal descendants of the first priest Aaron - Moses' brother. Levites, who are born into the tribe of Levi, are empowered to maintain sacred objects and assist the priests in their ceremonial duties. The rest of us are referred to as Israelites. On festival days, in congregations where Kohanim deliver the blessing, a solemn ceremony occurs. During the repetition of the amidah (standing) prayers of the musaf (additional) service, male priests in the congregation put on white robes. Their hands are ritually washed by Levites and they remove their shoes. They ascend the bimah, traditionally to an elevated platform called the duchan - hence the term duchaning (literally platforming). The priests cover their heads with their tallit (prayer shawl) as not to have their faces seen by the congregation. They spread their fingers with spaces between thumb and forefinger, 3rd and 4th fingers. The pattern is reminiscent of the Hebrew letter shin, the first letter of one of God's names - Shaddai. The spaces also serve as windows, letting the light of divine continence pass through their hands. The priests stand thus, arms outstretched, facing the congregation. The Rabbi call out "Kohanim" and the priests begin to chant the three-part blessing with a deliberate, subdued tone. The proceeding harkens back to similar ceremonies in the Jerusalem Temple some 2500 years ago, and has been part of Jewish worship services for millennia.

The Torah tells us that these blessings, delivered by priests, actually come from God. Human beings do not have the power to initiate blessings, but they can act to transmit God's word. The Talmud says priests deliver God's word to us, and for this they are rewarded. The last Biblical sentence quoted above is a postscript, suggesting that when priests, Rabbis, or parents bless us God joins in, thus linking God's name - literally God's destiny - with us mortals. But, what is the point of blessings? Biblical text lists many tangible gifts that come with God's blessings. These include: land, wealth, children, health, and material well-being. Curses bring the opposite result. Blessings from our LORD enable us; they provide a glimpse of Divine attributes. As mortal beings we can never truly know God, but each glimpse serves to increase our knowledge, bringing us closer to that which is truly everlasting.

The first of the three blessings states that God protects us (translated as 'keep you') after we are blessed. What are we protected from? One Rabbinical statement sees us as needing protection from our own inclination: "...may God protect you from being corrupted by the attainment of material blessing" (Numbers Rabba 11:5).

The 2nd of the three blessings literally has God's face illuminating (translated as 'The LORD deal kindly') with us. We are blessed with a glimpse of God's face - His wisdom. When one is able to sense the glow of His awesome presence directly we experience hanun (the last word in the blessing) - God's attribute of graciousness.

The 3rd blessing literally has God's face turning towards us - translated as 'bestow His favor upon you'. The sense is that God's face is often hidden (hester panim) or withdrawn. As God's benevolence is directed towards us, figuratively by the turning of His face, we experience His attribute of forgiveness. Our shortcomings are forgiven and our requests viewed favorably. When this occurs we are more likely to experience one of God's greatest gifts - the gift of shalom (peace). Shalom in our lives individually, in our homes, the greater community, and the whole world. As the midrash states: "Why should God bless and forgive Israel? Because Israel blesses and forgives God." When one is at peace with him or herself there is shalom bayit (peace at home), in our communities, and ultimately the greater world. Without shalom, mankind is destined for indefinite strife and turmoil. Our prayers often end with a request for shalom - peace, one of the pillars upon which the world stands.

The three-part priestly blessing channels God's beneficence to us mortals. The words have a sacred power to transform our actions here on earth. Traditionally they are spoken in Hebrew, the sacred tongue; and chanted by holy intermediaries. The Hebrew words are delivered in a mathematical progression. The first blessing contains 3 words, the second 5 words, the third 7 words. These ancient words can open our eyes and illuminate our souls. They direct us towards that which is truly holy and meaningful in our lives. Through them we gain insight as to how we might join with the everlasting God to repair this broken world, bringing the gift of shalom to us, our families, and all human-kind.

"In the days to come,...

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares
And their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation shall not take up sword against nation;
They shall never again know war;...
Though all the peoples walk
Each in the names of its gods,
We will walk in the name of the LORD our God
Forever and ever."* (Micah 4:1-5)

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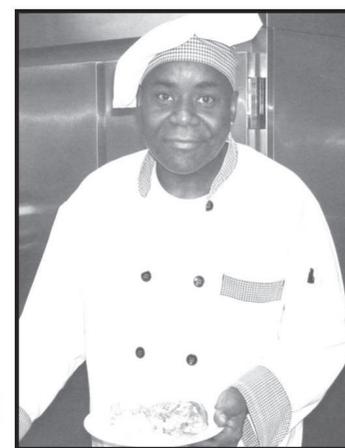
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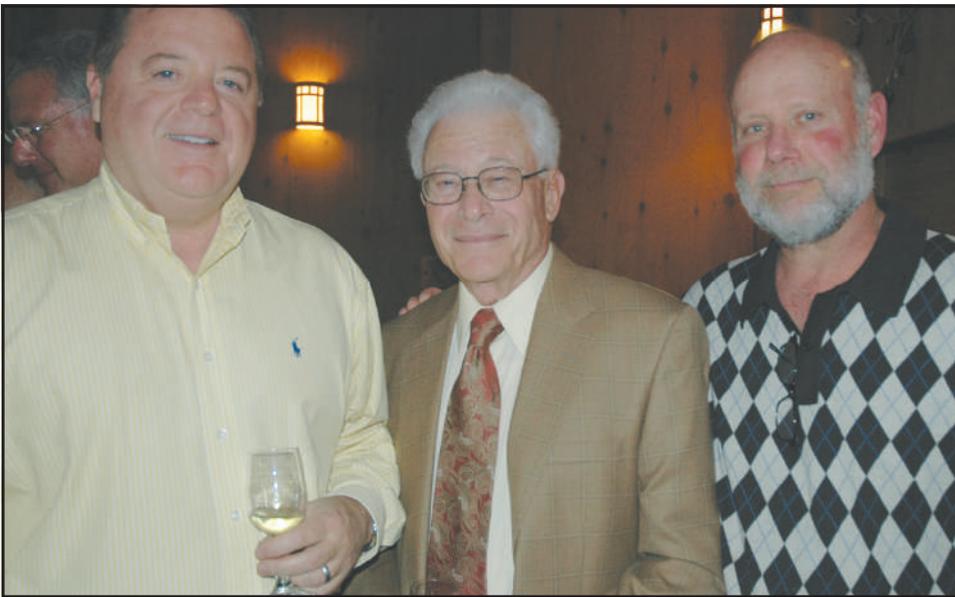
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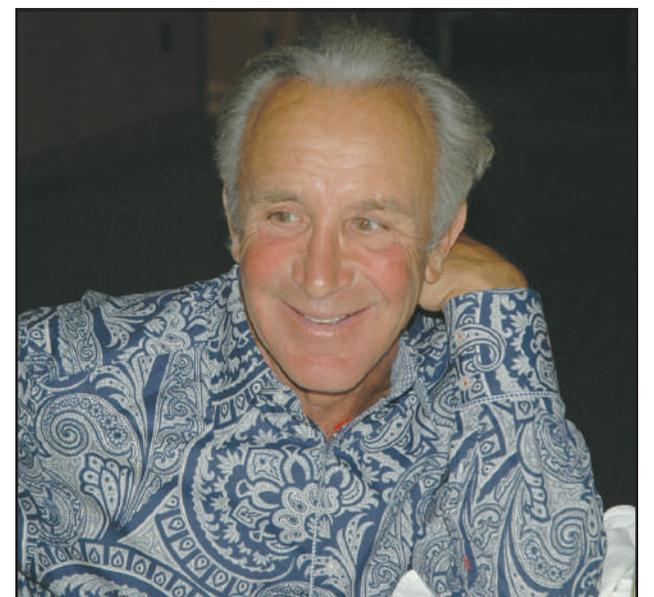
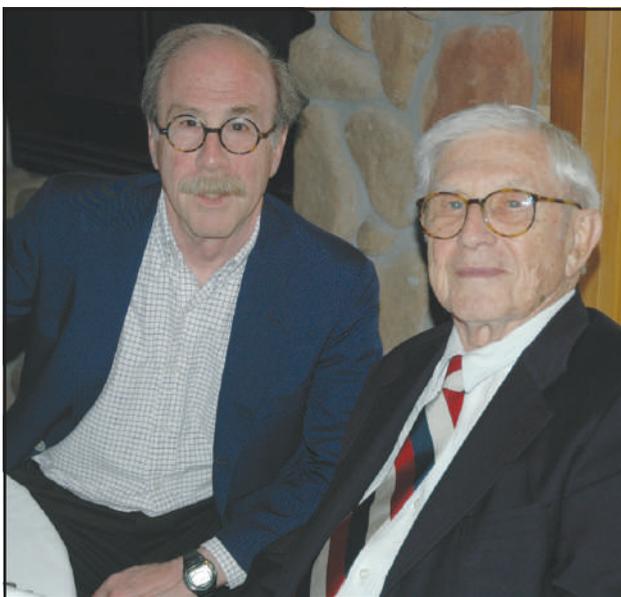
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Awesome Guide to Summer Activities for Jewish Dads

By David Moskowitz



Have you noticed? Winter's finally over! I never thought the day would come when I could say: it is safe to go outside for more than thirty seconds without freezing to death [Note: I work in a suburban office building and in January I am always thinking that if I slipped and fell in the parking lot, there was a solid chance that my frozen body wouldn't be found until the spring thaw.]

Which is now here! The ducks and butterflies have flown home to the midwest from their winter retreat in Mexico, which means it's now technically safe for life to exist in the midwest. If we humans were as smart as ducks and butterflies, we wouldn't have to worry about freezing to death in parking lots, because we would have just spent a happy dreamy winter somewhere in the forgotten mountains of Mexico, drinking tequila and enjoying home-made papusas prepared by the locals. At least that's what the ducks tell me they do all winter. [Another note: I know what you're thinking: What a dunce! This guy doesn't even know that papusas are from El Salvador, not Mexico! Maybe it's time for the Jewish Press to dip into their vast budget and find a writer who has a clue! My response: no one reads this column anyway, and/or the tequila has clearly confused my thinking.] [Duck's additional commentary: "Tio, en serio, usted necesita para relajarse aqui con nosotros patos el proximo invierno. Mexico reglas."] [Editor's translation of duck-speak: "Dude, seriously, you need to chill with us ducks here next winter. Mexico rules."]

Anyway, where was I? Oh yes: it's spring! Time for us Jewish dads to shake off our winter torpor and start to work on our fun Jewish dad summer activities. I barely know where to start, but here goes:

1. Lawn Mowing: There is no better way to spend time with the family than mowing the lawn. Think of all the plusses: you get to enjoy the great outdoors while sitting on top of a super-loud, unmuffled engine which makes it impossible for you to hear anyone nagging you to perform mundane chores or go to the furniture store. And, besides, you get to drive around in circles and say "zoom-zoom" like a five-year old at the race track in Disneyland. Now that's what I call quality time with the family!

2. Not Playing Golf: This is my favorite Jewish dad summer activity. Here is how it goes: you sign up to play golf at \$175/round, struggle with a charitable 75 through nine holes, and then quit in exhaustion [Yet another note: has anyone ever realized that it is WAY more tiring to be bad at golf than to be good at golf? Just consider the simple numbers: a bad golfer has to swing the club twice as many times as a good golfer, while trudging through the dense underbrush searching for "lost" balls (oh there it is, it just fell out of my pocket). In contrast, a good golfer can cruise down the middle of the fairway, swing the clubs a minimal number of times, and conduct business while doing so. Not us duffers.] As a devoted Jewish dad, I love playing golf with my children, but nothing beats not playing golf with them.

3. Not Catching Up On Chores: I love this. Every winter I gaze at the growing mountain of incomplete chores, ranging from going through the mountain of magazines, throwing out everything in the garage, to rearranging my closet and swear that as soon as the temperature rises above 20 degrees, I am going to get to work. But I'm not. I am counting the days until autumn when I can once again defer chores by saying I will do them in the spring.

4. Not Getting to Know the Neighbors: There is no better time for not getting to know the neighbors than summer. The sultry bright summer streets and lawns are filled with people bicycling, strolling, walking, and playing -- just not with the Jews! Sometimes I feel like the only thing missing from the outside of my house is an address sign that reads "Mila 18." [Note to you kids out there: this is an obscure reference to a novel by Leon Uris, author of "Exodus," another book you haven't read. "Mila 18" is about the uprising in the Warsaw ghetto, and I am trying to clumsily analogize my Jewish life in the midwest with the lives of ghetto residents. I am not trying to offend, I am trying to say that there may as well be a symbolic wall around my house.] I know you're going to think this is my imagination, but I am beginning to think my neighbors might, just might, be anti-semitic. The evidence? Over the course of our ten years in our neighborhood, we have invited neighbors to our home for barbecues, bar mitzvahs, shiva calls, graduation parties, and more. But for some inexplicable reason, we don't get the reciprocal invitations. On summer weekends, cars line up in front of other people's houses, and I am fairly certain that these events are Jew-free. If you think I am paranoid and imagining this, how do you explain the swastikas painted on our driveway [Sad note: This actually happened.]? But, hey, it's all good: from my experience, an evening with our non-Jewish neighbors would be substantially comprised of drinking vast amounts of alcohol while picking the pistachios out of a giant dish of mixed nuts.

5. Family Non-Barbecues: I love my brand new Weber Genesis gas barbecue grill. It is all shiny and new and I just spent an hour "priming" the stainless steel thingies inside and reading the instruction book. But I will let you in on a secret: I have no intention of actually grilling anything, since that would involve a ridiculous amount of effort, including shopping for "ingredients," preparation, and somehow cooking stuff on the grill. So not tonight, honey, why don't we grill tomorrow. My secret plan: somehow, it's autumn again and it's time to once again winterize the unused grill for next season. [Sociological note: Why is it that cooking-impaired dads, who cannot bring themselves to properly assemble a bowl of Cheerios in the morning, are expected to excel at outdoor grilling? My only guess is that this is a vestige of our caveman heritage, when the tribal leaders were expected to catch a saber-toothed tiger or a mammoth or something and drag it back to the cave for feasting. Well, we are Jews, and the last time we saw a saber-toothed tiger, it was chasing us down the streets of our shtetel with "Anateska" playing in the background. OK, maybe that wasn't a saber-toothed tiger, maybe it was a Cossack, but the point is the same: we Jewish dads --and this is going to come as a shock -- and with the exception of one special guy from Marshalltown -- have no special grilling abilities whatsoever. We're totally faking it.]

6. The Beach: In all seriousness, this is one area where Jewish dads rule the roost. We can slather lotion onto our bald heads, proudly display our expansive winter guts, and defiantly stand ankle-deep in the waters of the mighty ocean. continued on page 15

In the Kitchen with Shari Engman by Karen Engman



No one can believe that little Shari Engman is my aunt and not my sister in law. We've been close friends since I moved to Des Moines in 1972. We have shared many recipes over the years and have played numerous pitch games as couples.

Shari was the only child of Nate and Velma Cohen. She attended Elmwood Elementary School, Callanan Middle School and then graduated from Roosevelt High School. While attending the University of Iowa, she was at a fraternity party and met Stanley Engman who had already graduated from Iowa and was then traveling for Emco, his family business. Stan is now a commercial real estate broker with CBRE Hubbell Commercial.

Shari and Stan have been married for 52 years. Their son Randy lives in Chicago (Deerfield) with his wife Desiree and their two daughters, Sohie (9) and Talia (7 ½).

Their daughter Kim is married to Randy Cain and lives in Clive. Kim's son Drew Rosenberg just finished his sophomore year at Johns Hopkins University.

She has been very involved in the community and often recruited me to help in those endeavors. She was the co-chair of the first Symphony Show House at the old Bishop Drumm home on 37th Street. She knew it would be a fun project so she asked me to help with the booklet. Shari was Corresponding Secretary for the Junior League and co-chaired its first Bargain Basket fundraiser. She's been a Circle chair for Tifereth Israel Women's League and hosted several dinners for synagogue fundraising events. She has also participated in various Federation All-In-One campaign activities.

When Janice Zuckert opened the Silver Fox 29 years ago, Shari was one of her first employees and probably one of her best customers.

She seems to do a great job of balancing

her work schedule, sun bathing, and card playing. Shari loves games of chance, finding time to play mah jong and canasta in both Des Moines and Palm Springs. She said the men are even playing canasta now too. She also takes trips to the casino with my mother in law Eskie Engman Shepard to play blackjack!

Shari likes to cook and entertain but she especially loves to bake because

she has a sweet tooth. She wanted us to know that this ice cream dessert recipe is from her daughter in law Desiree who is a professional confectioner.

The Jewish Press thanks Shari Engman for sharing her refreshing summer dessert recipe with our readers. If you have a recipe to share or a question I can research, call Karen Engman (515-274-3300) or email (aengmandsm@yahoo.com)

Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream Mold

A Recipe from Shari Engman

Dairy

- ½ gallon mint chocolate chip ice cream*
- 8 oz container of Cool Whip
- 1 package Heath toffee bits
- 1 package mini Oreos, slightly crushed
- 5 oz of mini marshmallows
- 1/3 cup chocolate chips (semi sweet)

Line a bundt pan with saran wrap

In a large bowl, soften the ice cream and add cool whip and stir.

Fold in the rest of the ingredients. Pour into the bundt pan and freeze overnight.

Unmold by turning upside down on a plate or board and unwrap the dessert. Cut into slices and drizzle with hot fudge.

* any flavor ice cream can be substituted



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Julie Seidenfeld-Olsasky



A native of Urbandale, Julie is the new camp director of Engman Camp Shalom. We are pleased to bring you this interview with her.

Jewish Press: Congratulations on your appointment as camp director. You have many fine talents and we wish you all the best! We're now in the midst of the camp session. Is there still time for parents to enroll their children?

Julie Seidenfeld-Olsasky: Thank you. Yes. Camp runs through Friday, August 13. So parents can still call the office at 277-5566 for more information.

JP: So, you are a native of Urbandale. What public schools did you attend?

JSO: I was in the West Des Moines school system and attended Clive Elementary, Indian Hills Jr. High and Valley High School- GO TIGERS!

JP: Were you involved with the Jewish community school?

JSO: I was in Jewish Community School through 11th grade. And I was a youth-grouper all four years of high school, and went to Israel with NFTY with the help of the Federation and my wonderful parents.

JP: Tell us a bit about your family.

JSO: My parents are Susan and Richard Seidenfeld. My brother, Brad Seidenfeld was married in April and his wife's name is Jennifer. Brad co-owns Oceanwide Studios (photography & videography) and Jen works for Sherwin Williams. The two split their time between here and Chicago.

My husband, Ben Olsasky, is the Retuarant/Hotel Manager at The Port and The Lakeside Inn in Panora, Iowa (right on Lake Panorama, very nice). Our daughter, Olive is 16 months old and she is the light of our lives

JP: Julie, you, Ben and Olive recently had been living in Las Vegas. What had you been doing in Las Vegas? And what brought you back to Des Moines?

JSO: My husband and I moved to Las Vegas in August of 2005 to attend school at UNLV (I earned my degree in Meetings and Events Management). I applied for a job at the JCC of Southern Nevada and worked for the JCC while going to school. I started out at the "J" as office manager, however, within a few months I had been promoted to Family Program Director while continuing on as office manager. After I completed my degree, and with a new baby, we moved back to Des Moines in September 2009 to be closer to family.

JP: You are now fully engaged as camp director. Why do you feel camp is important?

JSO: "I believe that children are our future, teach them well and let them lead the way." Ok, those are song lyrics, but it is very true. The children of our Jewish community

are the future of this community. Along with parents, it is our responsibility to provide a Jewish place in their lives. Camp creates a place for kids to feel they can be themselves, a place where they are safe, and a place where they can be Jewish. Ok, ok...camp is also very important because it is totally AWESOME!

JP: What do you hope to bring to Camp Shalom?

JSO: Living in Las Vegas and experiencing the Jewish community's summer day camp, which has hundreds of children, I learned one very important thing: the size of the camp doesn't matter; it's the heart of the camp -- the director and staff-- that enable it to become so wonderful for the kids. Engman Camp Shalom may be a small camp, but I hope to infuse my creativity and a few of the secrets I've learned from great directors along the way. I want to make the kids' summer experience better than ever before. I am putting my heart into camp this summer and I think it will show.

JP: What are the camp's strengths or potential?

JSO: Camp already has many strengths. First there is Lyanna Lindgren who is an excellent camp administrator. She is very organized and knows everything there is to know about our camp. Then there is our Assistant Director, Jeremy Schwartz, who joins us from Boston to be at camp. He is such a wonderful asset. Another strength is camp's location at The Caspe Terrace, which is just a few miles away from Jordan Creek. At The Caspe Terrace, we are literally IN nature. It is a wonderful place for the kids to safely run and play outside and as a facility, it is well managed, clean and kid-friendly. The community is very fortunate to have such a wonderful place for camp.

JP: What do you hope to improve upon?

JSO: This summer I am letting the kids use their writing, interviewing and computer skills to create a camp newspaper which will be distributed to campers and published on our website. I am also implementing a recycling and composting program. This is to teach campers about environmental sustainability. We are also going to create the first-ever Engman Camp Shalom Summer Video. Campers will film and be filmed this summer doing what they do best: having fun. We will edit the footage and show the video on the last day of camp. A great memento, the DVD will be available to purchase as a fundraiser for camp. So please come by the Federation and pick up your copy, even if you don't have a child in camp this summer!

JP: Thank you for your enthusiasm, Julie. It's great. Now before we conclude, let me ask you one more question. If you could wish anything that could benefit the Jewish community in Des Moines, what would that possibly be?

JSO: Well, I wish for cohesiveness. I wish all our community members and organizations could work together even if we don't always see eye to eye. It's the only way we're going to make it!

JP: An admirable wish, indeed. Let's hope we can achieve the cohesiveness as a community that you envision, Julie. Thank you for the interview. All the best.

JSO: You're welcome.

BETH EL JACOB SYNAGOGUE

Project SEED – Year Five!

Project SEED comes back to Des Moines during July. Beth El Jacob will be hosting two groups of yeshiva students for a community wide learning experience starting July 12th and wrapping up on July 25th. Young men from the Scranton Yeshiva (PA) and Peekskill Yeshiva (NY) will be in town to experience Des Moines and to help adults and children learn. This is a fantastic opportunity for families to learn basic Torah to advanced Talmud...your choice and at your pace. All of the classes will be held according to your schedule. To book a time, a day a week...contact our office and register (free) for this wonderful opportunity to experience the excitement of these young men.

BEJ – Israel Trip Raffle!

Buy a ticket...win airfare to Israel? Between now and Sukkot, members of Beth El Jacob will be selling tickets for a raffle to be held this fall during Sukkot. There are only 500 tickets that will be sold so your chances for a round trip flight for two to Israel are excellent. Ticket prices: 1 - \$100, 2 - \$180, 3 tickets for \$250. Other prizes include a new laptop and jewelry.

Bernstein Bar Mitzvah

Moshe Yosef Bernstein will, iy"H, become a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbos Ki Tetze or August 21 at Beth El Jacob. Of course you're invited! Services begin on Shabbos at 9AM.

Calendar of Events:

Daily Minyan: 7am and 7pm

Shabbos Minyan: 9am and Mincha 40 minutes prior to Sundown

Sunday Minyan: 9am and 7pm

Monday – July 12 - Rosh Chodesh Av – Breakfast following services

Friday – July 16 – Congregational Family Dinner

Tuesday – July 20 – Tisha B' Av Break Fast following Marris

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BUT IT has. Among young American Jews today, the public discourse has been captured by the intellectual and emotional heirs of that graduate student. Today's is a generation of young American intellectuals and communal leaders without the instinctive bond to Israel that my generation possesses, even when Israel infuriates or embarrasses us. This is a generation of people like the talented writer Jay Michaelson, who wrote in *The Forward*, "I no longer want to feel entangled by [Israelis'] decisions and implicated in their consequences... count me out."

Even in the moments of our greatest frustration with Israel, the people that I grew up with could never utter the words "count me out."

Michaelson is but part of a massive wave. Prof. Jack Wertheimer, in presenting some preliminary findings from his newest study of American Jews (the specific figures are still being processed), noted a few weeks ago that most young American Jewish leaders (yes, leaders) "do not see Israel as central to Jewish identity and peoplehood."

The evidence is virtually limitless. We're witness to a tectonic shift in American Jewish life, but many people would rather ignore it than face the serious work that lies ahead. Thus, when I pointed out ("If this is our future," *Jerusalem Post*, May 7) that following Brandeis University's invitation to Ambassador Michael Oren to be its commencement speaker, the public discourse was captured by those opposed to his invitation, some people responded by pointing out the (obvious) fact that many Brandeis students (and probably the majority) supported the invitation. A petition in favor, signed by 5,000 people, was also reported. And a small number of articles in the Brandeis paper, opined one faculty person in a response to the *Post*, ought not be taken out of context. "Imagine someone telling you it's pouring rain outside and you stick your head out the window and see there are just a couple of clouds in the sky," he wrote.

But what we're facing would be "just a couple of clouds in the sky" if the story that mattered was about Brandeis, which it obviously is not. Everyone knows that Jewish life on campus doesn't get better than Jewish life at Brandeis. So why pretend that Brandeis is the issue? What is significant is that even at Brandeis, one of the crown jewels of American Jewish academe, as of the publication of my previous column, there had been four pieces in the student newspaper about the Oren invitation. The *Justice's* official editorial and the head of the campus J Street chapter weighed in opposed. So, too, did a member of the computer science faculty. And a student representative to the Board of Trustees aimed to defend the invite by suggesting that Oren was being asked to campus not as a representative of the State of Israel, but as an academic.

WHY DOES any of this matter? Because in not one of these pieces did any of the four writers have a single positive thing to say about Israel. That, not Brandeis, is the story.

So instead of circling our wagons, seeking to convince ourselves that it's not really raining and that there are only a few clouds in the sky, I propose that we

ask ourselves a few basic questions: (1) Do we believe that the future of the Jewish people depends on what happens to Israel? (2) Do we believe that Israel can survive without strong and consistent support from the American Jewish community? (3) Given today's younger generation, does a serious problem loom? (4) If we are facing a challenge, how did it arise? (5) And perhaps most importantly, what should be done?

To me it seems patently obvious that the secure, confident and creative Diaspora community that many American Jews now take for granted is directly dependent on a vital and flourishing State of Israel. Today's young American Jewish leaders can neither recall nor imagine the days in which Jews hesitated to march on Capitol Hill, or the days in which one could not get a job on Wall Street wearing a kippa. That confidence is the product of Israel, and of the formative experiences that many American Jewish leaders have had in the Jewish state. The image of the Jew, no longer one of victim, but of utter confidence, was born in June 1967. In Israel.

Though many will disagree, it seems equally clear to me that were the State of Israel to be vanquished, the vibrant American Jewish life that we now too easily take for granted would wither away within a generation. And if that were to happen, the two great centers of world Jewry - Israel and America - would each essentially be gone.

And I believe that Israel's military might, cultural flourishing, strength of spirit and more, important though they all are, are not sufficient to sustain the country. America's support - financial, military and in the increasingly hostile court of international public opinion - is critical. Yet that support would be much endangered without an American Jewish leadership that instinctively feels deeply connected to Israel, that doesn't ask, "What does any of this have to do with us?"

Today, we have that leadership. But the future is not as secure as many would like to believe. Nor is that future very far away.

SO HOW did this come to be? To be sure, Israel is partly at fault. It is notoriously horrendous at telling its own story, and has allowed those sworn on its destruction to capture world opinion. Nor has Israel been blameless in the interminable conflict with the Palestinians, of course. Israel alienates American Jewry with an anti-intellectual and often intolerant religious establishment. And the government still refuses to see the gradual distancing of young American Jews as a serious existential challenge, which it could become, if it isn't one already.

But the responsibility for this widening fissure in world Jewish life cannot be attributed solely to Israel. Too many young American Jews have not been taught what they need to know to evaluate the conflict fairly. They know that they are opposed to the occupation, but they are much less clear on how the occupation began or what Israel has done in the past 43 years to seek to end it. Largely illiterate in Jewish texts or language, they are increasingly unaware of the cultural renaissance that Israel has made possible for Jews the world over.

Yet the problem is actually far more complex. At its core, the issue isn't really Israel, or even American Jewish education. The real issue is the larger world in which today's younger American (and Israeli) Jews

live. Responding to Wertheimer's study and the concerns it raised, Noam Pianko, a professor of Jewish history at the University of Washington, denied that there is a problem. As Gary Rosenblatt of the *Jewish Week* recently wrote, Pianko insisted that "boundaries don't match the moment" of 21st-century America. His America, Pianko says, is "post-ethnic," symbolized by President Barack Obama, who he said represents racial fusion rather than division."

Obama did not create this worldview; this *Weltanschauung* elected him. But Obama is perhaps the most eloquent spokesperson for this orientation, insisting, as he did in Cairo, that we ought not be "defined by our differences."

Even if we set aside the obvious fact that it is precisely by pointing to differences that we define most things, Obama reflects the worldview that is shaping both young Americans and increasingly, young Israelis: Difference is not an ideal, but an unfortunate reality, best transcended whenever possible.

In such a world, it is no surprise that a successful young nation-state, which breathes new life into an ancient language, which fosters Jewish ingathering from across the globe and which enables a cultural regeneration unlike anything humanity has ever witnessed - a state which, in other words, celebrates difference - would be uncomfortable for many, and reviled by some.

All of which makes the challenge even greater. Because engendering the instinctive passion for Israel that many of us feel, and miss, requires swimming against the current of an intellectual culture now pervasive in

America and much of the Western world. But Jewish history in general and Zionism in particular are proofs that the trends of Western civilization can be withstood, and even altered at times. The question facing us now is whether we plan to capitulate, or whether we're willing to lace up our boots and enter the battle.

This will be no simple battle. But as Joshua said to the angel (*Joshua 5:13*), you are either with us or against us. Left versus Right, or Orthodox versus Reform are now secondary issues. What matters now is whether or not each individual, organization, movement, etc. sees defense of Israel's absolute right to exist as a Jewish state as its foremost responsibility. Let all our differences abide. But let both leftists and hard-liners understand that today, they are not opponents, but rather partners, assuming that both are committed to Israel's survival and to making the case for that survival day in and day out. The rest we can deal with down the road. For the moment, especially when any substantive chance for a peace deal seems remote, changing the Jewish conversation about Israel, and then the international conversation, is what matters most.

That will not be easy, but first we have to decide that that's what we want to do. So let's begin with honesty. We delude ourselves if we pretend that there are but a few clouds in the sky. The Jewish people will survive, and thrive, not by pretending that everything will magically work out, but rather by acknowledging the challenges that lie ahead, and by then bonding together and resolving to meet them head-on.

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Second Annual "Jews Love Baseball" to Host Iowa Premiere of New Film – August 8

Circle Sunday, August 8 in bright red on your calendar and join the Iowa Jewish Historical Society for a day of baseball history and fun at our second annual Jews Love Baseball special event.

This year, IJHS will feature the Iowa premiere of the new documentary film "JEWS AND BASEBALL: AN AMERICAN LOVE STORY;" baseball games; a baseball park style picnic lunch; activities and games for children; a silent auction—including a baseball signed by Cal Ripken; and more!

Iowa Premiere

Join us for the day and be among the first people in Iowa to enjoy "JEWS AND BASEBALL: AN AMERICAN LOVE STORY," a film that celebrates the contributions of Jewish major leaguers and the special meaning that baseball has had in the lives of American Jews. This production is the latest documentary by award-winning filmmaker Peter Miller (A Class Apart, Sacco and Vanzetti) and brings its stories to life through compelling characters, passionate interviews, and stunning archival materials. More than a film about sports, this is a story of immigration, assimilation, bigotry, heroism, the passing on of traditions, and the shattering of stereotypes.

"Meet Andy Cohen, a light-hitting second baseman brought to the New York Giants to attract Jewish fans; Hank Greenberg, the powerful slugger who transformed the nation's perception of Jews; and Sandy Koufax, the greatest left-handed pitcher in the history of baseball and a hero to generations of Jews for not pitching on Yom Kippur. Learn about the enigmatic catcher and World War II spy Moe Berg; the fiercely proud all-star third baseman Al Rosen; and modern-day stars like Shawn Green, Ryan Braun and Kevin Youkilis, who most fans do not even know are Jews and may be the best evidence of how fully Jews have assimilated into the American mainstream.

Interviews include legendary players Sandy Koufax and Al Rosen; Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller, who lost his record-setting 18-strikeout game to Harry Eisenstat, a Jewish pitcher from Brooklyn; the legendary Yogi Berra; Ron Blomberg, baseball's first designated hitter; Dodgers catcher Norm Sherry, who offered the advice Koufax needed in order to achieve greatness; White Sox left-hander Marv Rotblatt, at 5' 6" possibly the shortest pitcher in baseball history; Elliott Maddox, an African American player who converted to Judaism while playing for the Yankees; plus younger stars including Steve Stone, Shawn Green and Kevin Youkilis; Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig; Dodgers fans Larry King and Ron Howard; and even two rabbis with knowledge and passion for the game.

Their interviews will be intercut with never-before-seen film clips and photos of great Jewish players, unforgettable games, and the broad sweep of American history during the past century.

Games, Displays, the Museum, and More!

The Caspe Heritage Gallery will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with displays of the history of Jews in Iowa, Holocaust artifacts, and the traveling exhibit "From Distant Places to Dubuque's Shores: 175 Years of Jewish Life." Throughout the day there will be games and activities for children—pitching and base running contests, etc.—and a silent auction to support the activities of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society.

Enjoy the Day and Help the Iowa Jewish Historical Society Preserve Our History

Since it was formed nearly twenty years ago, the Iowa Jewish Historical Society has presented scores of exciting programs and exhibits and collected and preserved thousands of books, artifacts, photos, and personal papers critical to understanding the lives and contributions of Jews in Iowa. The funds raised through this event will be used for the Society's education and preservation mission.

Tentative Schedule

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| 10:30 – Noon | Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story |
| Noon – 1 pm | Lunch |
| 1 pm – 2:30 pm | Baseball games |
| 2:30 pm – 4 pm | Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story |
| Throughout the day | Museum open |
| | Special activities for children |
| | Silent Auction |

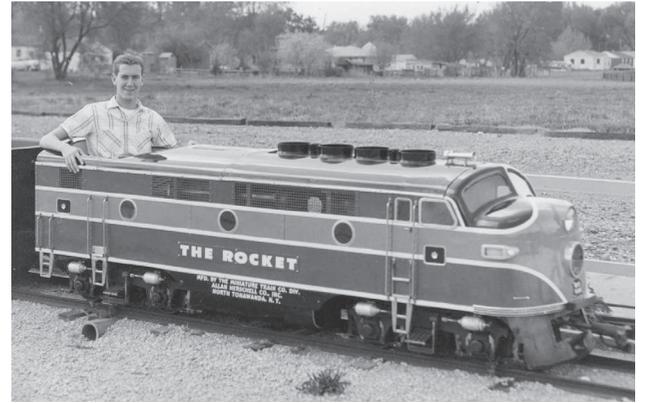
TICKETS:

\$18 for individuals 10 years old and up

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Tickets will be available at the site. Tickets can also be ordered by calling Dorothea Gamel at 277-6321 ext. 218.

Recent photos donated to the IJHS



Train at Kiddie Land Park, a business owned by Julius Epstein, donated by Julius' family



The 1989 Bat Mitzvah Class at Tifereth Israel, donated by Lora Lee Spiro



The 1994 Choir at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, donated by Lora Lee Spiro

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| Tuesday | July 6 | 12 Noon | Foundation Meeting at The Caspe Terrace |
| Thursday | July 8 | 11:00 am | Senior Picnic at The Caspe Terrace |
| Thursday | August 5 | 12 Noon | Senior Luncheon at the Temple |
| Sunday | August 8 | 10:30 am | Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story Film Premier and Jews Love Baseball at The Caspe Terrace |
| Tuesday | August 10 | 6:00 pm | Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story Film at The Caspe Terrace |
| Thursday | August 12 | 6:00 pm | Jews and Baseball: An American Love Story Film at The Caspe Terrace |
| Friday | August 13 | | Last day of Engman Camp Shalom |
| Saturday | August 21 | 9:00 am | Moshe Yosef Bernstein Bar Mitzvah at Beth El Jacob |
| Saturday | August 21 | 9:00 am | Ty Frankel Bar Mitzvah at Tifereth |
| Sunday | August 29 | to come | 2011 All-in-One Campaign Kick-Off event at the Marriott |

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B'nai Mitzvah



Please join us as our son **Ty Frankel** is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 21 at 9:00 a.m. at Tifereth Israel

Synagogue The Jewish community is cordially invited to a Kiddush luncheon following services.

– David and Siggie Frankel

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the recent passing of
Hermine "Herky" Goldman
Dr. David Kikoler
Peter Pintus
Helen (Sis) Stein

Mazel Tov

to the Naggars on the birth of a baby boy! Proud parents are **Ayal and Anastasia Naggar**, proud grandparents are **Haim and Malka Naggar**.

Guide from page 10 We can easily schlep our blankets and pails and shovels and folding chairs and broken beach umbrellas and transistor radios to the water's edge and become king for the day of our own little corner of sand [Note for the kids: "Transistor radios" were electrical devices popular in the 50's and 60's. They worked like iPods that never worked when you were driving through a tunnel and that were filled with other people's awful music and commercials]. The beach was tailor-made for Jewish dads because the entire experience was about the preparation and the equipment, with a clear recognition that the actual beach experience itself would be a horrible bore-fest. But that is our special talent: a single-minded interest in the logistics associated with doing things we have no interest in doing. The beach is perfect. Oh wait, I forgot for a minute that this is the midwest and there is no beach (unless you consider Raccoon River Park a "beach" --- which it is if you like radioactive water and a day spent angling for cigar-smoking lungfish). Sorry. Skip this one, midwest Jewish dads.

7. Surfing the Internet: Let's face it: the primary all-season activity of Jewish dads is obsessively surfing the internet. I am 100% sure that if I had my house to myself for an evening, I would never leave the keyboard. You know how it goes - one thing just leads to another thing, and then another ... into infinity. But summer puts stress on this natural activity for dads. The "People Who Live in Your House" want you to "get off off your butts" and "go outside" and "do things" and "go to the farmer's market" and gulp ... check out the "sale at the furniture store." We cannot let this stand. We don't want to go to the furniture store. Let me repeat this for emphasis: WE DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE FURNITURE STORE. Not ever. We want to surf online like insane postal workers and do stuff like searching for our name on Google and reading reviews of the new Metal Gear Solid video game. How do we get through the summer unscathed? We can't. We can only do our best and count the days until autumn.

Is it my imagination or did that butterfly just take off for Mexico?

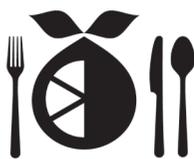
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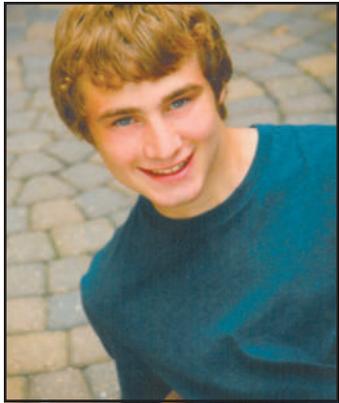
adam bailin

son of Steve Bailin and Audrey Porter graduated from Valley High School this spring and will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall.



chelsea bear

daughter of Robin and Philip Bear, has graduated from the University of Colorado - Boulder with a double major degree in Biology and Sociology.



kuper bergman

son of Clifford Bergman and Marilyn Vaughan, graduated from Ames High School. Kuper was involved in the Thespian Society, student council, concert chorale and the high school newspaper as media editor. He will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall to pursue his interests in political science and journalism.



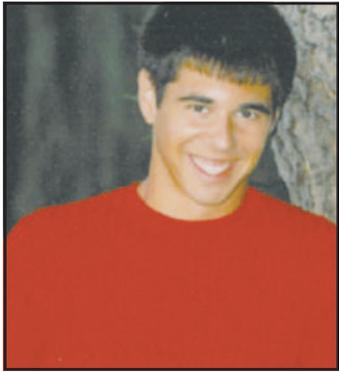
robbie dennis

graduated from Ames High in May. He is a member of Ames Jewish Congregation and teaches Level 1 in the Sunday school. He will be attending the University of Northern Iowa majoring in Secondary Education. Mazel Tov! Robbie



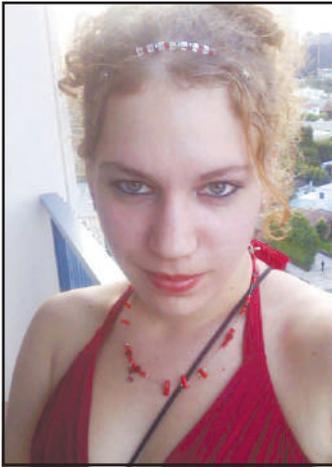
gabriella soria dunn

daughter of Michele Soria has graduated from Valley High School and will be attending the University of Iowa.



jacob a. grund

son of Bill Grund and Lyanna Lindgren, has graduated from Valley High School. Jacob was on the Valley Cross Country Team and the Boy's Swim Team, was president of the Ping Pong Club and Ultimate Frisbee Club. He will be attending the University of Iowa this fall. Jacob is the grandson of Joan Grund and the late Barry Grund, and Pat Kroloff and the late Sol Kroloff.



hagar kaufman

We are proud to announce that Hagar Kaufman, daughter of Benjamin and Bruria Kaufman has graduated from University of Iowa.



ariel klein

son of Silvia Rosenfeld-Klein and Daniel Klein, graduated from the University of Michigan as an Industrial and Operations Engineer, Cum Laude. Ari has a job with Sisco Systems in California, and will live and work in the Bay Area.



arielle lipman

Arielle has graduated from Valley High School in West Des Moines. She will be attending the University of Iowa this fall and plans to major in pre-med and psychology. Proud parents are Andi and Jeff Lipman; and proud grandparents are Ronna and Don Pochter.



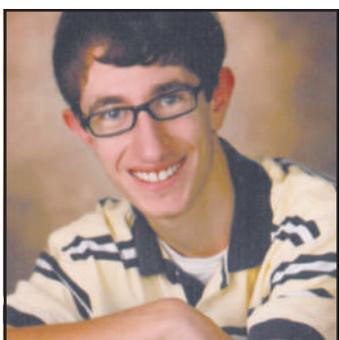
eitan g. naggar

is graduating from Valley High School and will be attending Colorado State University next fall. Eitan is the son of Malka and Haim Naggar. Before leaving for college he will spend the summer as a counselor at Herzl Camp in Wisconsin.



noah steimel

son of Betsy Rubiner and Dirck Steimel of Des Moines, is a 2010 graduate of Roosevelt High School. He attended Central Academy, where he was a member of the International Baccalaureate program. He will attend Northwestern University in the fall.



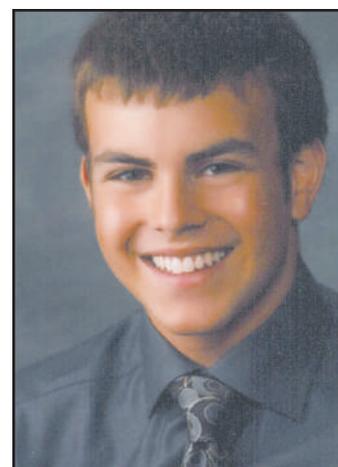
gabriel kenneth sandler

has graduated from Dowling High School. He will be attending Central College in Pella, Iowa and has been awarded an academic grant and Foundation Grant based upon his ACT score and GPA at Dowling. He is considering a pre law major, particularly political science or history. His very proud parents and older sister are Peter and Melanie and Keilah Sandler.



jillian claire shkolnick

daughter of Stuart and Judy Shkolnick, is a Valley High School graduate for the class of 2010. Jillian will be attending DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois this Fall.



eli wolnerman

has graduated from Valley High School. He will be attending The University of Michigan in the Fall. He is the son of Lori and Brad Long and Michael and Missy Wolnerman

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