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Change of Leadership at Jewish Federation's Annual Meeting

Neil Salowitz Takes Over From Toni Urban as Federation President

A fascinating talk by Jewish Telegraphic Agency correspondent Sue Fishkoff on issues influencing the perception of the situation in Israel may have enhanced the Jewish Federation's 93rd Annual Meeting held June 3rd at the Caspe Terrace; but the meeting itself, with remarks from outgoing president Toni Urban, incoming president Neil Salowitz and recognition of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society's outgoing president Joyce Swartz proved to be very interesting and very moving.

Outgoing president Toni Urban was given a very warm reception by the audience which filled Bucksbaum Auditorium and, in her remarks, brought to mind the important tasks accomplished by our community's dedicated volunteers and Federation staff. She cited as among the milestones of the past year a remarkable list of items, including: the development of the Community Leadership Forum, the heartfelt contribution of emergency funds for Israel during the war inflicted upon it by Hizbullah last summer, the outreach program to seniors, OASIS, conducted by Jewish Family Services, along with its Senior Adult programming, the initiation of the Federation's Jewish Learning Institute, the excellent work being done by the Jewish Federation Community School and Engman Camp Shalom, *continued on page 19*



Federation Establishes Community Leadership Forum



Toni Urban, David Copeland and Mike Siegel

The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, in conjunction with the congregations, has established a Jewish Community Leadership Forum. Its mission is to prepare the next generation of leaders to address the needs of our evolving Jewish community. An advisory committee met several times this spring for planning purposes.

Our orientation program was April 17th, and it is off to an excellent start! Approximately 40 people, ages 25-40, met at Tim and Toni Urban's home for a dessert reception. It was a great evening with bright, diverse, energetic "young" people who were excited to be invited and who are looking forward to learning and growing together. Individuals selected were recommended by their congregations or by members of the community and included singles, couples, and inter-faith couples.

All participants are members of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. They have committed to attending the sessions as well as Jewish Federation-sponsored events, will participate in a Jewish Community tzedakah project chosen by the group, and will be encouraged to visit Israel on a Federation-sponsored mission.

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Judy Deutch and Bruce Sherman, co-mentors

At The Caspe Terrace

COMMUNITY PICNIC SUNDAY, AUG 12

The entire Jewish community is invited to join for its annual Summer Family Picnic, Sunday, August 12 from 3 to 7 p.m. at The Caspe Terrace. The committee is planning fun for all, including a Kosher barbeque, children's games and crafts, a dunk tank, inflatables and The Java Jews.

"The Family Picnic is a wonderful time for the whole family to enjoy the gorgeous surroundings at The Caspe Terrace. There are organized activities for all. The picnic will also offer Camp Shalom campers and their families an opportunity to all come together to celebrate the summer," said Jule Goldstein, chair of last year's event.

The planning committee includes the following community members: Krista Pearl, Jule Goldstein, Wendy Adato, Jami Schnoebelen, Beth Ohringer, Kim Waltman, Tammy Abdulghani, and Missy Wolnerman.

The cost for participants is \$5.00 per person with children eight years and younger free of charge. For reservations, call Dorothea at 277-6321 x218.

Engman Camp Shalom - Off to A GREAT START



Our eight week camp began Monday, June 18 and will run through Friday, August 10. We are still taking camper applications. Josh Goldsmith is back this summer as our camp director along with his wife, Debbie. If you are interested, contact our camp office at 277-5566. *continued on page 23*

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On the Jewish Future by Rabbi David Jay Kaufman



May 24, 2007
Numbers 1: The LORD spoke to Moses in the Tent of Meeting in the Desert of Sinai on the first day of the second month of the second year after the Israelites came out of Egypt. 2: He said "Take a census of the whole Israelite community by their clans and families, listing every man by name, one by one. 3: You and Aaron are to number by their divisions all the men in Israel twenty years old or more who are able to serve in the army.

The World's Jewish Population was estimated at 13.3 million at the beginning of 2002 – an increase of about 40,000 over the previous year's revised estimate (1).

Geographical mobility and the increased fragmentation of the global system of nations notwithstanding, over 80 percent of world Jewry live in two countries, the United States and Israel, and 95 percent are concentrated in ten countries. 51% live in SIX metropolitan areas and one third live in TWO of them.

Metropolitan Tel Aviv, with 2.5 million Jews, is the world's largest Jewish city. It is followed by New York, with 1.9 million, Haifa 655,000, Los Angeles 621,000, Jerusalem 570,000, and southeast Florida 514,000.

A major problem in Jewish population estimates periodically circulated by individual scholars or Jewish organizations is a lack of coherence and uniformity in the definition criteria followed—when the issue of defining the

Jewish population is addressed at all. We cannot, as a community, take a census identifying a Jew as anyone in our midst who is twenty years old. Because of interfaith marriage, patrilineal descent, and differences in conversion processes, different types of Jews do not agree on who is to be considered a Jew.

For the purposes of the guesstimate done by the World Jewish Population Study, a Jew was anyone who identified themselves as a Jew or was identified as a Jew by a family member, and anyone who was born to a Jewish mother who had not converted to another religion. The latter category includes those who might identify themselves as "Jews" but are not, namely Jews for Jesus and Messianic Jews, who are defined as Christians.

The size of world Jewry at the beginning of 2002 was assessed at 13,296,100. World Jewry constituted about 2.19 per 1,000 of the world's total population. 331 were Christians and of them, 158 were Catholic. 180 of every thousand were Muslims. There were roughly 160 times as many Christians and almost 90 times as many Muslims as there were Jews in the world. Only one in about 457 people in the world was a Jew in 2002.

But what we lack in quantity, we have in quality. At least 173 Jews and persons of half-Jewish ancestry have been awarded the Nobel Prize, accounting for 23% of all individual recipients worldwide between 1901 and 2006, and constituting 37% of all US recipients during the same period. In the scientific research fields of Chemistry, Economics, Medicine, and Physics, the cor-

responding world and US percentages are 27% and 39%, respectively.

As far as Jewish denominations go, the Diaspora is moving closer in line with the thought process in Israel in which there are really two main kinds of Judaism, Halakhic, meaning Orthodox and Ultra-Orthodox, and non-Halakhic, meaning everyone else. Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, Renewal and any other Jewish group that does not follow the entirety of the Halakhah as handed down through the Talmud and later rabbinic works, particularly the Shulchan Aruch, the foundation of Orthodox Judaism, are all simply non-Halakhic. I prefer the alternative term, "Progressive."

In this mindset, there is no little real difference between someone who keeps none of the laws, never attending services, and someone who keeps Kosher and attends minyan every day but drives on Shabbat to get there. Once you delve into a form of Judaism in which you have the ability to choose which Halakhot to observe and which not to observe, you in essence cease to be Halakhic.

Reform Judaism has strongly embraced this idea, essentially expanding the realm of acceptable observance and practice to the point that one may, as a Reform Jew, practice Judaism as an Orthodox Jew would. The only difference is that as a Reform Jew, they would be doing so by choice, whereas an Orthodox Jew, by obligation. Thus the same Jew, doing the same level of observances, could be on the one hand, Halakhic, and on the other non-Halakhic.

I just love the implication of that on statistical studies of Jews!!!

World Jewry, according to the guesstimate of the World Jewish Population Study continues to have close to "zero population growth" with an increase in Israel (1.5 percent) slightly overcoming the decline in the Diaspora (-0.3 percent). There are roughly four million fewer Jews in the world today than there were in the 1930s.

When our children grow up and become B'nai Mitzvah, we congratulate them on becoming a part of the community, taking their role as Jewish adults in preserving our heritage and teaching others of our traditions. Judaism is a religion of philosophy and reason best understood by those over thirteen and thus best learned in precisely those years of young adulthood in which liberal Jews tend to make themselves absent from Jewish life. Yes, many commit to attending religious school through Confirmation class in 10th grade, but often do not do so with regularity and neither attend services regularly nor participate in youth groups, both of which are vital in making what was learned in religious school meaningful and relevant in their lives and thereby undermining its value.

If Judaism is going to be an important or even a significant part of our children's adult lives, it must be a part of their young adult lives. They cannot become B'nai Mitzvah at 13 or Confirmants at 16 not to return until they do so briefly to be married or increasingly when their own children enter the religious school. continued on page 19

Jewish Family Services

senior news

**Wanting to get out more and socialize?
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Upcoming Senior Luncheons:



Pictured above is Helen Barmish (left), who turned 100 and Barb Galinsky, her OASIS volunteer. Helen was honored at the Senior Luncheon with a certificate in which a tree will be planted on the grounds of The Caspe Terrace in her honor. We wish Helen many more years of love and happiness.

The July luncheon will be a picnic at The Caspe Terrace. Watch for details.

Thursday, August 23rd
at 12:00 Noon at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Come join us again and walk down that wonderful and delightful musical memory lane with Jim Wangemann, also known as "The Fat Cat"!

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Message from the President



Toni Urban, President

Friends,

I am pleased to report that the state of the Des Moines Jewish Federation is in fine condition. Our programs are strong, the education of our youth is the best it has been in many years, the elderly are being served and cared for and new and additional programming is on the way, money for Israel and missions to Israel have been increased and the leadership taking over are dedicated community members who will continue the fine traditions in Des Moines. And, for the first time in many years, we have a wonderful group of individuals involved in a leadership forum; they will be our future leaders in Des Moines!

While all is well in our community we must meet the challenges facing us in a global world of discontent and fear. There are two issues of utmost importance that we in Des Moines must face, the issues of Darfur and Iran. As Jews living in a world threatened by these global issues we can no longer stand by. I challenge this Jewish Community to get involved.

In February 2003, as the world watched the U.S. go into battle in Iraq, in another part of the world a Holocaust of proportions we have yet to know, was brewing in Sudan, the largest country in Africa, in a region known as Darfur. In this remote place 350,000 to 400,000 people in 29 months were killed by means of violence, malnutrition and disease. (This comes on the heels of genocide to the South Sudanese where 2 million people were killed in a two-decade civil war.) In Darfur the victims are African tribal Muslims, being killed by Arab Muslims. In Darfur we have the first genocidal rampage of the 21st century and it continues.

The victims in Darfur, the black African Tribal groups, have been politically and economically marginalized in recent years. Competition initially started between Arab and African Tribal groups over the scarce primary resources in the region. The National Islamic Front Regime based in Sudan's capital, Khartoum refused to respond to the economic needs of this huge region (the size of France) and control the increasingly violent Arab militia raids on these groups. As a matter of fact, the regime in Khartoum turned to a policy of systematically destroying these African tribal groups. What resulted was the Janjaweed ("horsemen with arms"), a heavily armed, well-supplied regime of approximately 20,000 men.

Now the genocide in Darfur is not only condoned by the government in Khartoum, but is supported by Sudan Government officials. The ethnic cleansing in Darfur is the most vicious and horrific abuse of human life. It has been called the most serious humanitarian problem on earth.

The Khartoum regimes' genocidal intent carried on by the Janjaweed has been comprehensively destructive of both human life and livelihood, men and boys have been killed en masse, women and girls are raped or abducted and all means of agricultural production has been destroyed.

Humanitarian organizations are performing heroically under extremely difficult conditions but it is clear that there is a deadly mismatch between humanitarian capacity and human need. Estimates are that the death toll could climb to as many as 100,000 per month. Displaced persons camps are overcrowded and there is no place to go for 2 million people.

The situation is animated by a radical Islamism and sense of Arab racial superiority that has festered for years. The UN has been useless because China supports the Sudanese government due to its supply of oil.

The state of life in Darfur should be a reminder to us of the 1930's and 1940's in Europe where the Nazi's went on a rampage to murder the Jews. Where was the rest of the world when the Holocaust was going on? – they turned their shoulder to the Jews as they were sent to slaughter.

This Jewish community needs to become educated, to become involved and to act now to help stop the atrocities in Darfur.

And while I challenge you to become involved in a mission to save the people of Darfur I also challenge you to become involved in the issue of nuclear weapons in Iran. Iran is the first real threat to the extinction of the Jewish People since the Holocaust and a threat to the existence of the state of Israel and a threat to America. The slogan at the AIPAC convention was "Divest Iran, Invest Israel." Over 300 corporations do business in Iran – be certain your dollars are not supporting their cause.

We stand firm and united on both of these issues: Darfur and Iran. We must participate in rallies and emails and we must continue a dialogue with our congressmen and women and senators.

We, from Des Moines, must speak out.

In the words of the Political philosopher in the 1700's, Edmund Burke, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

On a personal note, as my tenure as president has concluded, let me offer a few thank-yous. I would like to sincerely thank the many community members who have assisted in building our community. I have enjoyed working with the Federation's Board and that of the Foundation. Special thanks go to our very talented staff at the Federation, with Elaine Steinger at the helm. Thanks are extended to our teachers at the Community School and to all the members of Federation committees for the time they spend on behalf of our community. A warm thank you to all who have contributed to the All-In-One Campaign and Foundation, acts of tzedakah which make all we do possible. Please keep your contributions flowing. And finally, let me express my confidence in Neil Salowitz, our new president, and his Executive Committee. There will be great things coming from Neil's leadership.

Shalom,
Toni

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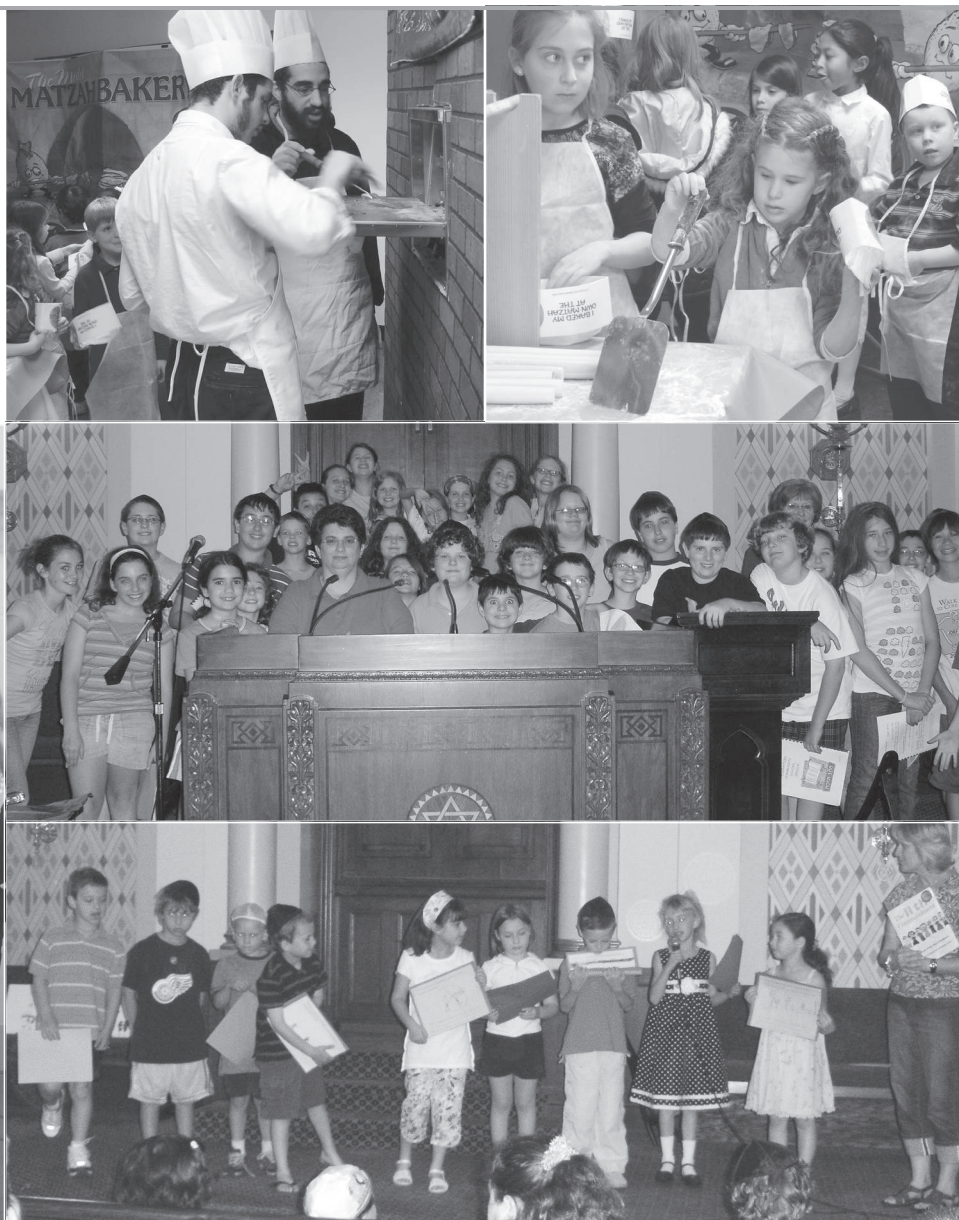
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PROJECT ELIJAH



**A Letter from Janice Rosenberg
Executive Director,
Project Elijah Foundation**

Hi everyone,

I am having so much fun working with the Project Elijah Foundation. Each month is something new and interesting.

Last fall, my husband Kent and I went to visit the Drake Hillel. We were guests of social action chair, Jamie Schenker, a freshman from Illinois. Kent and I were met by over 15 smart, involved, and great Jewish kids who were active in the chapter. Kent and I spoke with the students about the Project Elijah Foundation and showed the film about Ieladeinu, the Jewish Orphanage/Care and Rescue/and Counseling Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina that cares for over 250 children and some of their families. It is a beneficiary of the Project Elijah Foundation.

I was astounded last week when Jamie sent a check from the Drake Hillel for \$500 to the Project Elijah Foundation. The students raised money with a Hanukah party, by working concessions for Drake events, by selling hot chocolate and most successfully, by having a Dodge ball tournament. These students were so committed and impressive. Don't forget to invite them to your homes this coming Holiday season. They will truly impress you.

I have been working on an astounding project that will help feed hungry Jewish and other children all over the world. Please take the time to carefully read and understand our latest project.

My 88-year-old mother, Virginia Dennett (volunteer extraordinaire), went to a food-packing program at Max Holmes Oldsmobile/Honda. Later, she gave me the information and it sat on my desk for a month or two. Then it hit me. The project was brilliant! It is as follows:

Richard Proudftt from Minnesota was in Africa several years ago. He was angered by the starving children he saw everywhere. He felt a calling to feed these and all hungry children.

He came back to the USA and gathered scientists and nutritionist to develop a food formula that would bring these children back to health. A simple product was developed and is packaged by kids and volunteer groups. The program is called Kids Against Hunger (KAH).

A packet of the meal holds 6 servings; it is made in a simple volunteer production line. Volunteers measure and scoop 4 ingredients: enriched soy from Cargill, dehydrated vegetables, rice, and a vitamin flavoring mix, then seal the package and box it. Each packet has a 3-year shelf life. A meal costs around 25 cents (including shipping) and a year of consumption of the packets will bring a starving child back to health.

I have been working with the Iowa group of KAH. Max Holmes, Floyd Hammer, David Bradley and Gary Carlsted have been doing an amazing job here and are so excited to help us. Last week they sent 285,000 meals to Haiti. Last month, they helped the Lutheran Church of Hope produce 1.5 million meals in 40 days around Easter.

I have also been working with Rabbi Levi Goldstein of Des Moines and his employer, the Orthodox Union, to get our Project Elijah Hunger packet OU certified. We are almost ready to roll. Soon we will be able to package Kosher meals for hungry Jews around the world, including Argentina, Russia, Israel, and New York. I am hoping the Project Elijah Foundation Hunger Packet catches on with other Jewish Communities around the nation. We can partner with other Jewish communities, with interfaith communities, with youth groups. The sky is the limit.

We are currently looking for space to package and store the product until it is shipped.

I am also looking for help with this incredible project. Thanks to Steve Gross who is waiting for his volunteer assignments from me. Thank you too, to the Temple who offered booth space to us at the Food Fair.

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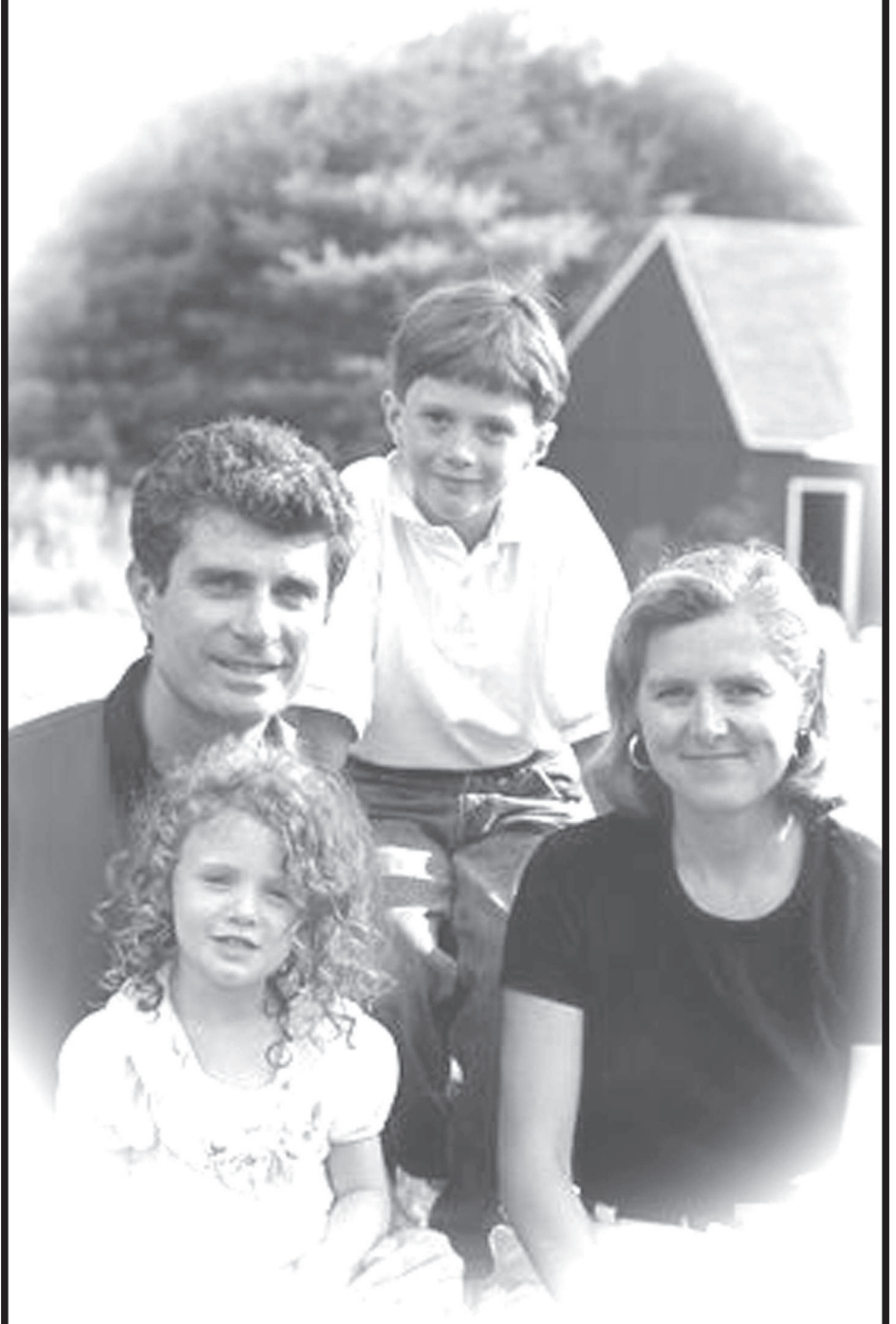
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Is All This Really Necessary?

by David Friedgood



On occasion the question of religion will come up at social events when people have had an alcoholic libation or two. Opinions vary, but often I hear it said that religion is of little value. What do we need with all the pomp and ritual? The goal, after all, is to be a good person. Is religion really necessary to meet that end? Why spend millions on fancy synagogues and religious schools. The money would be better spent on other social and community causes. I have heard it argued that religion is the root cause of world conflict. Even worse - religion is nothing more than superstition, not appropriate for the modern sophisticated western mind. I find these statements naive, untrue, and when not overtly malicious, severe distortions of historical evidence. In fact, religion in general, and Judaism in particular, has been a major force in civilizing the human animal. Approached properly, the belief in God can unite disparate groups of people and help each of us find true harmony and happiness in our lives. A few examples -

Judaism evolved out of feudal society at the dawn of history. In the Middle East, some 3500 years ago individuals were of little intrinsic value. The monarch, Pharaoh, was god. He had absolute power over his subjects. People were born into slavery and lived their lives in this degraded condition. They knew nothing else. There was no such thing as a day off. No personal property. No hope. Your spouse and your children belonged to the king. Things were so bad that when Pharaoh decreed infanticide only a few women dared to voice dissent and intercede to save a Jewish baby. His name became Moses and he is credited as the founder of Judaism, the religion passed on to us today. Out of utter deprivation - God, acting through His prophet Moses, freed our ancestors physically and spiritually. God showed us a different world vision. Each human being is of infinite value, a personal treasure to his creator. The book detailing our people's journey is called the Bible. In it we are constantly exhorted to remember the lessons of Exodus. "You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the fatherless; you shall not take a widow's garment in pawn. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and that the LORD your God redeemed you from there..." (Deuteronomy 24:17-18). Religion demands a fair justice system, respect for the property and rights of others, an organized society where everyone has the opportunity to prosper. Unfortunately we live in an imperfect world where people go hungry, children die needless deaths, and despots often prevail. But as Jews, because of our historic background, we know that this is not right. We are charged with perfecting our world (Tikun Olam) in the image of our creator. Our tradition teaches that this goal will one day be attained.

Another example. After the fall of the Roman Empire in the 5th century, Europe reverted to a feudal society for about 1000 years. During this Dark Age small nation

states and feudal lords were at each other's throats and the rule of law was hard to find. Church leaders often neglected the tenets of faith and sold out to whatever authority was in power. Advances in science and the arts suffered. Into this void migrated small groups of Jews. They settled along the rivers and other trade routes; each settlement bringing with them their tradition of learning, law, and justice. As poor immigrant strangers they were often the objects of abuse by their neighbors consumed with superstition, xenophobia, and malicious lies propagated by the dominant Catholic Church. Often they were forced to live in crowded ghettos, forbidden to own land, or even ride horses. Nevertheless they managed to survive and often prosper. Forced into occupations considered unseemly by their neighbors, Jews became a major force in banking and commerce, medicine, law, science, and the literary arts. They established communication links with Jews throughout Europe, Asia and the Arab world. Eventually every lord and noble looking to succeed in a difficult medieval climate had his Jewish advisor, banker, and physician. Jews were regarded as servi camerae (slaves of the court), often under royal protection for their usefulness. Moses ben Maimon (Maimonides) served as physician and advisor to the court of Saladin. Yitzchak Abravanel was banker to Queen Isabella I and King Ferdinand II of Spain. (He left during the expulsion of 1492, but other court officials, including chief Rabbi Abraham Seneor, converted.) Prominent Jewish families with roots in Medieval Europe include names like Rothschild, Oppenheim, and Mendelssohn. Despite being small in number, these Jews, armed with their love of learning and keen sense of justice fostered by the tradition of their ancestors, became a major force in the Enlightenment and the evolution of modern civilization. Had they assimilated with their neighbors in earlier generations, this influence, nurtured by the fire of Jewish religious teaching, would have been lost.

To paraphrase Maimonides from his classic work *Guide of the Perplexed* - 'the true worship of God is only possible when correct notions of Him have been conceived. Strengthen the intellect which is the link that joins you to Him. Man's love of God is identical with his knowledge of Him.' Religion, the study of God's will and His plan for human society, is hardly an ancient superstition. When correctly conceived, it is the force driving good men and woman towards the perfection of our world. I leave you with the last words of Moses as he lectured his people who were ready to embark on their new life of freedom without him as their guide:

"Take to heart all the words with which I have warned you this day. Enjoin them upon your children, that they may observe faithfully all the terms of this Teaching. For this is not a trifling thing for you; it is your very life; through it you shall long endure on the land that you are to possess upon crossing the Jordan."
(Deuteronomy 32:45-46)

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Make Estate Planning a Priority



Elaine Steinger
Executive Director

Estate planning often takes a backseat to other matters that seem more pressing. But it's something you really should take care of, as uninviting as the prospect may be. Here are five estate-related items that deserve attention.

Your will. Unless you have an up-to-date will, your property may not be distributed as you would have wanted. In the absence of a will, the probate court will use state “intestacy” law to determine the distribution of your estate. Your will is also the place to name a guardian for minor children.

Beneficiary designations. You need these for retirement plan benefits, individual retirement accounts, and life insurance. Be sure they are current.

Titling of property. How your property is titled is critical. For example, if you are married, you may own various assets - your home, other real estate, investment accounts - jointly with your spouse. When one of you dies, the survivor will automatically become the owner of assets owned jointly with a right of survivorship. Probate court is bypassed, but tax or other planning complications can sometimes outweigh this advantage.

Business continuity. Outlining a plan for the transfer of any business interests you have and for the payment of estate taxes that may be due can help ensure the business' survival without threatening your family's financial security.

Taxes. Federal estate tax laws are in a period of transition. For those dying in 2007 and 2008, taxable estates worth up to \$2 million generally are not subject to federal estate tax. The federal exemption will increase to \$3.5 million for 2009. In the year 2010, the tax is repealed, but it will return in 2011 with a \$1 million exemption unless current law is changed. Some states also impose death taxes. If taxes may be an issue, there are various planning strategies you might consider to reduce the potential burden.

Once you have an estate plan in place, don't just forget about it. Your plan may need to be updated periodically for tax law changes and significant life events, such as marriage, divorce, the birth of a child or grandchild, a business purchase, or relocation to a different state.

As you plan for the future...

Make the Des Moines Jewish Foundation part of your estate planning.

Planning Resource

Planning for long-term care has just been made easier, thanks to a new government Web site.

Developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National Clearinghouse for Long-Term Care Information Web site posts information about planning, public and private financing options, risks and costs associated with long-term care.

Its goal: to provide objective information to help people plan for the future.

DETAILS www.longtermcare.gov

For more informaion call Elaine Steinger at 515-277-3621. Always consult your own professional advisor when making financial planning decisions.

Should an Immediate Annuity Be Part of Your Plan?

Planning the “fun” part of retirement is easy. Just make a list of all the things you want to do that you don't have time for now. Planning the financial part of your retirement can be much more stressful. How can you be sure you'll have enough money to live on when you don't know how long your retirement will last or how well your investments will perform?

If you're looking for some measure of certainty regarding your retirement income, an immediate annuity may appeal to you.

What They Are

Offered by life insurance companies, immediate annuities are contracts that are purchased with a single lump-sum premium. Payouts begin immediately according to the terms of the contract. Several payout options are available.

Payments for a fixed period.

This option provides payments for a certain number of years (the fixed term). If you die before the term is up, the beneficiary of your annuity receives the rest of the payments. If you outlive the term of the annuity, however, the payments stop.

Payments for life. Single life or straight life payments eliminate the risk of outliving your annuity income - you receive payments as long as you live. However, if you die before you receive payments equal to your premium, the insurance company keeps the remainder. There is also a joint-and-survivor life option that provides payments as long as either spouse is living.

A combination of both. Many annuities offer a single life option with a guaranteed minimum term. This option provides you with lifetime payments regardless of how long you live. If you die before the guaranteed period is up, your beneficiary receives payments for the remainder of the term.

Right for You? One strategy might be to use a portion of your savings to purchase an immediate annuity to cover your basic expenses. Nonessential expenses would come out of your other savings, giving you flexibility and control over how quickly you deplete your nest egg. While immediate annuities can be useful, they also have drawbacks. You'll want to carefully weigh the pros and cons, including fees and other costs, before you make any decisions.



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Abe Rissman



A member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, Abe Rissman has brought a lot of energy and dedication to our community over the years. It is a pleasure to interview him for our readers. As noted in the follow-

ing, he is especially grateful for the opportunity to showcase the volunteers who, along with himself, have entertained at the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center now for twenty-two years!

Abe was born in Des Moines. His family lived near 4th and University, downtown, near the old Beth El Jacob Synagogue, where they were members. Abe's mom was a conscientious homemaker and his dad worked for a tailor shop [you can tell this had an impact on Abe, who is always nattily attired] and for a dry cleaner.

He went to North High School, as did many of our community members in those days, and Abe played a lot of trumpet in high school – performing in the school orchestra, marching band, band and jazz band.

Those days were rough. Abe had to go out to work to pay tuition at Drake University, where he studied Business Administration. During this period, he worked part-time at Younkers where, at one point, he was given an opportunity to work in every department: stock room, advertising, display, and in the men's division. It was excellent experience.

It was at Drake that Abe met his future wife, Ruth Oppenheim, whose family owned an upscale grocery store on the East Side, as he described it. Ruth, who went to East High and who was editor of her school newspaper, was a Liberal Arts student at Drake. They married in 1943 and Ruth, sadly, passed away in 2002. The Rissmans had three sons and a daughter. More about them, later.

Abe graduated from Drake in June of 1941, and following Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was accepted into the Air Force Officers Candidate School and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. After their marriage, Ruth traveled with Abe as he was assigned to support groups attached to Fighter Air Squadrons in various locations in the States. Then Abe shipped out to Guam in the South Pacific, where he served in the first support group for the then secret B-29 Mission which would later attack the Japanese mainland. For the last year and a half of the war, he was Commander of the 575th Air Material Squadron, earning the rank of Major before separation from the Army Air Corps in May of 1946.

He and Ruth then returned to Des Moines, where Abe continued his career with Younkers, where he was a buyer of women's accessories for all but the two autonomous stores in Sioux City. After ten years, Abe was transferred to Sioux City where he became a merchandise manager and the general manager for the Sioux City stores.

It was in Sioux City that the children, Kent, Randy, Garry, and Julie, grew up, and where Abe and Ruth began to attend synagogue services regularly. In addition, in Sioux City, Ruth was a full time advisor of USY (the youth group) and Abe served as President of Shaarey Zion Synagogue.

And then in 1975, the Rissmans returned to Des Moines so that Abe could serve as General Manager of the Younkers at Merle Hay Mall. Abe retired from that position in 1985.

At Tifereth Israel Synagogue, Ruth volunteered as a co-librarian and served twenty years. She was also active in Women's League as their Program Chair and head of the Decorating Committee. For her dedication and hard work, Ruth was honored with the "Woman of Valor" certificate.

Over the years, Abe served as a member of the Synagogue Board many times, and enjoyed his work as Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President. But among his greatest joys has been being part of the Minyan. "I and many other regular devoted attendees have felt the deep satisfaction of making a Minyan for those members of our Congregation who wanted to say Kaddish," he notes.

In reflecting on his personal circumstances, Abe treasures the blessings of his and Ruth's children (and their spouses) and now their six grandchildren. He offers the following update. Kent received his Ph.D. in Psychology and is now Senior Consultant in United Health Care's Actuarial Department, and Kent's wife, Linda, is Associate Director of Technical Services at the University of Saint Thomas Library. Randy earned his Medical Degree at the University of Iowa and has a family health clinic in Woodstock, NY. His wife, Barbara, is a psychotherapist. Garry graduated from the University of Iowa with a Liberal Arts degree in Graphic Design and is a freelance photographer in NYC. Julie graduated from Boston University Law School and is on the legal staff of Medicare in Washington, DC.

The accomplishments of the Rissman grandchildren are equally astounding. Jesse graduated this May with a Ph.D. in Psychology/Neuroscience from UC Berkeley. Adina is in a Ph.D. program in Environmental Science at UC Berkeley. Lillian just started a Ph.D. program in Linguistics at Johns Hopkins. Dahlia is working on her Masters in Teaching, having volunteered for "Teach America National Program" at an inner-city school in NYC. Josh will enter the University of Minnesota Law School this fall, and Anna Burns is only eight years old, but has her eyes on Broadway. She is a singer and a dancer like her safta and saba!

For hobbies, Abe has organized and performed in the New Years Eve Programs at the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center for over twenty years. He also enjoys engaging in fitness training and listening to music, favoring the Big Band sound, Gershwin, Porter, and the Broadway musicals.

And now, more about the history of the IJSLC New Years Eve Programs – in his own words. Abe, take it away....

HISTORY OF THE IOWA JEWISH SENIOR LIFE CENTER NEW YEAR'S EVE PROGRAM

by Abe Rissman

When the IJSLC opened their new facility on Polk Boulevard in 1987, my wife Ruth (of Blessed Memory) and I decided to produce and perform in four programs per year. The Activity Director of the Center works with us on the general planning.

We were fortunate to have many volunteers with talent to help us. Ruth danced and sang with me in many numbers. We were blessed with the best pianist and accompanist in the mid-west, Helen Galinsky. Besides knowing by heart literally thousands of songs, she was a genius in changing the key to the singer's range. We averaged six artists at every performance during this period of four shows per year.

In the year 2000 we decided to concentrate on one show per year – this being the New Year's program.

Helen Galinsky retired and recommended her nephew Bob Duitch. Bob is a very talented pianist. He is one of the top performers at Von Maur.

Our most recent New Year's show was on December 28, 2006. It represents the very professional talent we have had in these shows: LuGene Isleman, Roger and Carla Hon, Devora Geller and Louise Kaufmann have all performed many times. But I must

say we hit the jackpot when Abe Goldstien on accordion and Mark Finkelstein on trumpet paired up and added so much pizzazz to this year's presentation. They are professionals loaned to us from the "Java Jews" ensemble.

The biggest satisfaction I receive (and all of the performers and guests) is when the residents join in with us, singing, smiling and laughing, clapping and generally having a great time!

I especially try to have teenagers and children perform in our group, and I'm happy to say that over the 20 years there have been many!

A special thanks to Muriel Sheppard who has entertained at these events as a professional "clown" and had us all laughing. Also special thanks to the Senior Life Center Activities Director Wanda Gulick and her assistant Rhonda Weddell for their efforts.

We have performed in over 60 shows and enjoyed each and every one!

I would like to personally invite you to come next year and sing, clap and laugh with the residents and us. You would definitely be performing a Mitzvah! And there is a delicious buffet offered to all, thanks to the Senior Life Center Staff.

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Dear Community Members,

It is our great pleasure to provide you with the Federation's annual report for the year ending June 30, 2007.

As you will note, our community, at the end of the Jewish Federation's 93rd year of operation here in Des Moines, remains vibrant and forward-looking. The success we enjoy is, of course, a result of the hard work put in by the leadership within the community, in each of our congregations, buttressed on volunteers and professional staff and the planning that our leaders do together on behalf of our diverse community under the umbrella of the Jewish Federation.

Needless to say, the best planning in the world would not change lives without your generous contributions to the All-in-One Campaign. Only through your contributions can the community enjoy the benefits of the essential Jewish services provided by the agencies of the Jewish Federation. So on behalf of the grateful recipients of the Federation's services – the families and individuals of our community, people from all walks of life, each with very different Jewish needs, we say to you: thank you, thank you very much.

Thank you for recognizing the needs of our youth for educational and camp programs, the needs of our families for activities that strengthen Jewish identity, the needs of our senior adults for social and health services, the need to develop the potential of prospective community leaders for our future, the needs to preserve and nurture our cultural and communal heritage, and the need to continue to educate others about the Jewish community. And certainly we keep in mind the needs of our brethren in Israel, whom we supported this past year not only via our wonderful Des Moines/Israel Partnership project, but through the Israel Emergency Campaign conducted during and after Hizbullah launched thousands of rockets directly upon our sister city Acco and the Western Galilee Hospital. Thank you for recognizing these needs and for supporting these needs.

What is past is prelude. As you read through the annual report, we hope you will take pride in what we have accomplished as a community in the past year. But we also hope you will catch a glimpse of what our community can aspire to, with your increased participation in our programming and contributions to both the Jewish Federation and the Des Moines Jewish Foundation, along with your synagogue or temple.

Please keep in touch during this coming year!

Shalom,

Toni Urban, President

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Greater Des Moines Jewish Federation Leadership Forum

Among the new, exciting developments at the Jewish Federation is the inauguration of the Greater Des Moines Jewish Leadership Forum which seeks to prepare the next generation of leaders to address the needs of our evolving Jewish community. Over 40 participants have confirmed their participation in this next class of talented individuals and couples. The program will seek to create a bond among future leaders while exposing them to exceptional intellectual programs on cutting-edge contemporary Jewish issues, social opportunities and Jewish experiences in a fun and collegial atmosphere.

As a result of having participated in this program, these emerging leaders will not only have enriched their personal lives, but will be better prepared to use their knowledge in meaningful leadership roles within the greater Des Moines Jewish community and the community-at-large. Participants will also have opportunities to study their Jewish community and Israel and travel to Washington D.C. The program will culminate in a trip to Israel. 2007-2008 President-elect, Judy Deutch, will chair the Forum.

Funding for this program is made possible by the Jewish Federation Foundation through the Steven Blank Leadership Fund and the Belin Family Outreach Fund.

Community Mourns Robert Mannheimer, Federation President 1964-65

Mannheimer, 87, got involved in a wide spectrum of community causes beginning in the tumultuous 1960's, and he was in the thick of government reform and social justice issues. He had a passion for good government and fairness for minorities, the poor and the voiceless. He built a rare legacy, leaving a lasting imprint on a community that is better because he was not satisfied unless he was working to make it so.

General Assembly

A delegation of lay leaders from the community participated in the 75th Annual United Jewish Communities (UJC) General Assembly in Los Angeles, November 12-15. The conference's theme "Together on the Front Lines: One People, One Destiny," spotlighted Israel and the Jewish communal response to today's domestic and global challenges. GA sessions also focused on core concerns of the federation system, including fundraising, domestic affairs, Jewish renaissance and renewal, and cutting-edge strategies and tools to take home and apply. Participating from Des Moines were Judy Flapan, Jake Jacobs, Neil Salowitz, Tim and Toni Urban.

- **Jewish Education**
- **The Caspe Terrace**
- **Iowa Jewish Historical Society**
- **Jewish Family Services**
- **Jewish Community Relations Commission**

Des Moines Jewish Foundation

The mission of the Des Moines Jewish Foundation is to support the programs and services of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. Currently, assets of the Foundation are approximately \$15,000,000. Of these, \$9,800,000 are designated or restricted for a specific use for Federation or beneficiary agencies. \$1,300,000 are Donor Designated or Philanthropic Funds; and \$800,000 are held as audited promises to give. \$1,000,000 is for a "Tzedakah Fund" for residents at the Jewish Senior Life Center. The Board of Trustees is currently limited to \$1,300,000 undesignated funds for special projects. The Foundation also has commitments of future gifts totaling \$7.5 million.

The following are Designated Funds used for community-wide programs and services through the Federation: The Steven Blank Leadership Fund, The Nussbaum Adult Lecture Fund, The Abe Clayman Sports Fund, The David Tobis Tzedakah Fund, The Suzanne and Larry Engman Charitable Fund, Caspe Endowment including Bookey, Bucksbaum and Staroselsky Funds, The Belin Family Federation Outreach and Welcoming Fund, The David and Hannah Gradwohl Family Endowment for Public Programming on Iowa Jewish History, The Fred Lorber Charitable Fund, Shalom Home Fund, The Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment Fund (PACE), The Badower/Cohen Fund, The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center, The Iowa Jewish Historical Society. These funds are managed under stewardship of the Des Moines Jewish Foundation and its investment authority and restricted for uses as designated by their donors.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors responsible to determine policy, to raise, manage and distribute funds to ensure continued growth.

Foundation funds provide for Jewish programs for which monies may not otherwise be available. Within the Des Moines Jewish Foundation are hopes and dreams; security and strength – and, indeed, the future of the community. Don Blumenthal is Foundation President and Elaine Steinger is the Executive Director.

The Steven Blank Leadership Fund was established to continue Steve's commitment to the development of the young leadership in our Jewish community. In conjunction with the Belin Family Federation Outreach and Welcoming Funds, this year the Steven Blank Leadership Fund began a Leadership Forum with 44 members between the ages of 25-40, who will participate in eight programs over the next 18 months. These exciting and informative programs will include topics of social, historical and current events from a Jewish perspective. The members, to-date, are: David Adelman, Jenny and Phil Blumberg, Jennifer Jaskolka-Brown, Chris and Randi Carr, David and Valerie Cohen, David Copeland, Alison Donin, Braedi Gloschen, Brad and Tammy Goldman, Jule and Steven Goldstein, Danny Klass and Allison Wolf, Nicki and Warren Kruger, Rachel Kuperman, Emily and Terry Kruse, Jacob Lederman, Frank and Kerty Levy, Brian and Krista Pearl, Bruce and Krys Phillips, Hannah and Will Rogers, Danee and Marc Ross, Jami Schnobelen, Justin Schoen, Mike Siegel, George and Laura Sparks, Anna and Kirill Tuchin, Ken and Kim Waltman, Jeff and Mara White, Missy Wolnerman. We thank Judy Blank for directing estate money toward this fund in 2006.

Engman Camp Shalom Fund continues to enhance the growth of the 60 year tradition of summer day-camp of the Jewish Federation, by subsidizing the cost of the Israeli Camp Director and Shlichim, which brings their experience, knowledge, talent and love of Israel to our children. Engman Camp Shalom is an eight-week program located at The Caspe Terrace. Summer camp is a very special place for a child to relax, grow and flourish in a safe and spirited environment. The priceless summer season equips children with many social and physical skills. Engman Camp Shalom is a summer alternative that goes beyond recreation; it's where learning and life take place.



Jewish Education



The Jewish Federation Community School (JFCS) serves as the Sunday/Hebrew school for Temple B'nai Jeshurun and Tifereth Israel Synagogue. We have been able to offer Jewish education (formal and non-formal) and various community activities with the Federation's assistance through the All-In-One Campaign. We continue to offer our children a place to broaden their understanding of what it means to be Jewish in the modern world.

For the 2006-07 school year, there were 114 students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through 6th grade and 48 in the Junior/Senior High School program. The number of students has increased over the previous year in part due to a large pre-K class. Over the last two years, we have had 20 new families join our school.

Throughout the 2006-07 school year, our students were active in different projects and programs. In the fall, we inaugurated a new **JFCS Library Program**, offering reading incentives to students who completed 10 books on Jewish topics over the course of the school year. (Students were given the opportunity to check books out of our library featuring books by Jewish authors and on various Jewish topics including holidays, history, contemporary issues, and Israel.)

In addition to the library program, we had a successful **Jewish Book Fair**. We sold over \$2,000 in books and used the profits to start a Jewish library of our own. These new books can now be used during our reading program next year.

Our Jr/Sr High School students reached out to help the Jewish children of Argentina by making jewelry and selling these items to community members prior to Chanukah.

In February, our 10th grade confirmation class traveled to Washington DC to participate in the **L'taken Seminar** which teaches Jewish high school students how to advocate on important contemporary Jewish issues before members of congress. In addition to the tremendous learning opportunities provided, students had the opportunity to meet other Jewish students and explore other parts of Washington D.C. Rabbi Kaufman and Rabbi Padorr led the trip.

On Sunday, March 11, we held our fifth annual Ohringer Family Education day program at The Caspe Terrace, a **Passover Expo**. There were activities for everyone at this community-wide event. The adults spent the morning in different workshops while the children rotated among a variety of special crafts and activities. The most popular event for the children was actually making and baking their own matzah with the help and guidance from the Judaic Resource Center of Iowa.

Engman Camp Shalom is open to all children in the general community. Our program consists of swimming lessons, field trips, drama, arts, sports, games, Jewish camp songs, blessings, Jewish values and culture. As an added bonus, various guests from the community came in to bake challah, describe Kosher laws, and lead special activities such as yoga. Every year, two shlichim (Israeli Ambassadors) spend a summer at our camp sharing their knowledge and love of Israel. We are so fortunate that our 2006 shlichim are returning for another year with our camp. We see this as a great testament to our positive and growing camp community.

The Caspe Terrace

In addition to housing Engman Camp Shalom, The Iowa Jewish Historical Society and many private and community programming events, The Caspe Terrace continues to evolve as the cultural meeting place for the Jewish Federation.

The Des Moines Jewish Federation's Caspe Terrace Programming Committee has worked hard to expand the number of social and cultural arts programming on-site. The goals for programming are to strengthen Jewish identity of individuals and families and to ensure quality Jewish experiences for Jews of all ages and backgrounds. New this year were partnerships established with the Des Moines Art Center, Waukee Area Art Council, and the Attic Door Theatre Company for special classes and workshops.

The Caspe Program Committee was chaired by Judy Blank and Vicki Givant and staffed by Steve Reitman. The Facilities Committee was chaired by Sam Tobis and staffed by Tom Wolff.

This year we are grateful to have had the entrance road to our facility paved. The improvement was made possible from a gift from Jeff Caspe along with Des Moines Asphalt and Paving Company.

The Community Picnic continues to be a big hit. Over 100 adults and children braved a very hot August day to enjoy barbeque, relays, crafts, and games. The children especially enjoyed their water balloon toss and the dunk tank where they had a chance to take revenge on their Camp Shalom Counselors.

Live from the 92nd Street Y, now in its fifth year, uses satellite technology to simultaneously broadcast the Y's renowned educational and cultural programming to community organizations from North America. Last year's broadcasts included an "Evening with Joy Behar" and a conversation with Israeli former Prime Minister Shimon Peres and his biographer Michael Bar Zohar.

Des Moines Art Classes at The Caspe Terrace Several new winter art classes premiered at The Caspe Terrace in a unique and collaborative partnership with the Des Moines Art Center. The goal of this partnership is to enhance our mission to bring new and quality programming offerings to the entire greater Des Moines community. The first two six-week classes offered were Chagall and Glass where students learned the many techniques of glass fusion to create objects inspired by the colors and designs of Marc Chagall. and Beginning Watercolor where students learned the foundations for making successful watercolor paintings, including color mixing, paper, and brush selection.

Passover Expo Over 200 adults and children attended our community celebration for Passover at The Caspe Terrace. A spirited family assembly which included Passover songs and storytelling began the day. There were special children's crafts and activities, Passover workshops and demonstrations, wine tasting and the opportunity for all to conveniently purchase Kosher for Passover foods and gifts. A Model Matzah Factory was a huge hit where children explored the mitzvah of making, baking and tasting Matzah. It was a wonderful and special day for all who attended! The extravaganza was co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation Community School and its annual Ohringer Family Education Day, and The Caspe Terrace Programming Committee, in cooperation with area congregations.

Israel Independence Day What better way to celebrate Israel's 59th birthday than with some delicious Israeli food and colorful Israeli music. Ha-Ohr, a group of Israeli youth from Des Moines' partnership with the Western Galilee joined our community for an enjoyable concert of old favorites and new songs.



Iowa Jewish Historical Society



Iowa Jewish Historical Society and **Caspe Heritage Gallery** are part of The Caspe Terrace Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. The Caspe Heritage Gallery and archives are located in the Bucksbaum Fine Arts Wing at The Caspe Terrace. The IJHS's current Board of Directors is comprised of approximately 25 people, and the Board President is Joyce Swartz. The Director is Kryss Phillips.

The Iowa Jewish Historical Society's core objective is to collect, house, catalogue, and preserve the history of the Jewish people in the state of Iowa and to deepen community understanding of Jewish history and culture through educational programming and exhibitions. We are currently in the process of securing our archival collections, and are working with archivists and conservationists to evaluate ways to ensure that our precious archives are conserved under the highest standards. We are also developing means to share our archives with other institutions and the public through our website.

We serve as a resource to schools and other community organizations, both in the Jewish community and the people of the state of Iowa. Most recently, we have hosted 6 large groups of visitors, including teachers, administrators, and students from surrounding schools. Students explore the museum, meet with Holocaust survivors, and watch films in the Bucksbaum Auditorium. Our board members serve as docents for these events.

Each year the Historical Society sponsors a Fall Event dinner with a presentation by the guest speaker. This year's speakers were Dr. Steven Phillips, co-founder of the Iowa Heart Center, and Dr. Robert Zeff, cardiologist and now Director of the Vein Center at Mercy. Approximately 100 people attended the dinner and/or presentation.

Community Lecture on Bioethical Issues. Forty-five members of the Jewish community came to The Caspe Terrace to hear Professor Daniel Sinclair's presentation on Jewish ethical issues related to stem cell research and assisted reproduction. The program was co-sponsored by The Caspe Terrace Programming Committee and the Iowa Jewish Historical Society.

Prior to the presentation, participants had the opportunity to be guided through The Iowa Jewish Medical Community: Heritage of Healing exhibit in The Caspe Heritage Gallery. The exhibit highlights Iowa's proud medical tradition and features doctors, nurses, and other medical staff from throughout the state. Iowa Jewish Historical Society Board Member Melanie Sandler served as chair of the event.

Jewish Family Services

Jewish Family Services (JFS) is a multi-service agency, serving over 700 people per year throughout the State of Iowa, which works to preserve and develop family life in the Jewish community and the general population in greater Des Moines. Services include: case management, emergency financial assistance, immigrant support, advocacy services, a volunteer program and information and referral. We seek to ensure access to healthcare and employment, in addition to an emphasis on senior care for the fragile and homebound. Overall goals of the Senior Adult Services include keeping adults in their home and self-sufficient for as long as possible. JFS advocates on behalf of senior adults to attain and access services within the community that will fulfill basic living needs, i.e. transportation, legal, psychiatric and medical services, as well as facilitating opportunities for recreational, cultural, educational and social interaction with others.

Jewish Family Services is a United Way Agency. The Chair is Barb Hirsch-Giller, MSW. JFS is staffed by Federation Executive Director Elaine Steinger, OASIS Project Services Manager Pat Nawrocki, LBSW, Immigrant Support Coordinator Milla Verkhov-Karno, and Transportation Coordinator Lois Brown.

OASIS (Outreach, Activities and Services for Independent Seniors) - In the last two years our OASIS program has been creating innovative services. Funded by a federal grant to help 134 seniors remain independent and feel safe and secure in their own home, support services are individualized to assist and connect seniors. These services include: complete needs assessment, case management, information and referrals (in collaboration with 36 community agencies), a volunteer program, emergency response system, environmental modifications, nutritious luncheons, educational speakers, entertainment, bus trips and more. The federal grant will be ending in August, but OASIS and its services will continue on and bring to our seniors a peace of mind knowing that the Jewish community cares.

Transportation services continue to be among the greatest primary need of the seniors. As individuals age they experience physical health problems which may lead to the loss of being able to drive. They therefore become homebound and are unable to meet their needs of rides to doctor's offices, grocery stores, picking up medications, senior luncheons, etc. We thank all of the present volunteers for their time and dedication. Just remember you are the heart of the program, reaching out to others and making them feel loved and wanted.

Senior Adult Services Our luncheons and activities are consistently well attended. Activities have included musical programs, bus trips and speakers on Alzheimer's, in-home services, routine body maintenance, prescription medications, and living with chronic conditions. Our goal is to provide more activities especially during warmer seasons. We always enjoy seeing new faces. It's a great way to have fellowship, enjoy music, good food, listen to educational programs, make new friends and participate in community activities.

Immigrant Support Over the course of the last 25 years, JFS has relocated a few hundred families from the former Soviet Union. As the number of these refugees has dwindled significantly, our focus is to support the immigrants who are here, especially those who are ill or elderly. Our staff member is dedicated to providing for their needs in the areas of transportation, medical interpretation, deciphering the maze of local social service agencies and offices, as well as referrals to needed services.



Jewish Community Relations Commission



The Jewish Community Relations Commission (JCRC) helps educate our fellow Iowans about issues important to our community. We build bridges with a great diversity of people, enabling our community to work on mutually beneficial projects, to have input when decisions that affect our community are being made, and to help solve problems when they arise.

Our efforts are on-going, as new projects are regularly undertaken and new people assume positions of importance in the community-at-large. JCRC's work is important not only because, as Jews, we remain a minority in society, often with special needs, but also because through the contacts we build, our community members can reach out to others and help make society better for everyone.

Polly Oxley is Chair of the JCRC. Mark Finkelstein is the JCRC Director.

Outreach & Advocacy In the last year JCRC presented programs with noted author, Holocaust survivor Gerda Klein, Middle East experts Barry Jacobs and Ken Stein, and foreign affairs veteran Ambassador Peter Rosenblatt. JCRC members spoke at breakfast clubs, college classes, church groups, and presented mini-courses at January Thaw. We also held screenings and discussions of the documentary about the threat of radical Islamic intolerance six times, including at two campuses. In each instance, messages about our community were conveyed. An increasingly important avenue of JCRC work has been our communication with elected officials on issues related to care for the elderly and in support of security legislation affecting both the United States and Israel. Coalition work involving JCRC led to the passage of a Darfur bill by the Iowa State legislature. Work on state-wide issues is facilitated through JCRC's networking with Jewish leadership across Iowa, a project that enables communication between leaders in the Iowa Jewish communities.

Teachers' Institute 2007 One hundred teachers participated in the 28th Teachers' Institute, learning about Holocaust Denial, as taught by Covenant Foundation Fellow Krys Phillips, and about how to evaluate media coverage of the Middle East, with Dr. Alex Safian, from CAMERA, an independent media watchdog agency. Dr. Safian also presented a public lecture at Drake University, analyzing current anti-Israel propaganda.

Connections with Israel JCRC maintains close communication with the Israel Consulate in Chicago and participates in the Des Moines/ Israel Partnership (P2K) which serves as a cultural, educational, social, and economic-development bridge with our partner region, the Western Galilee. Our ties were particularly close this past year, as our region had been bombarded heavily during last summer's Hezbollah war. Most recently, JCRC escorted Israeli P2K leaders to meetings in Des Moines with members from the Governor's Office and with leaders of Iowa Homeland Security at the Iowa Emergency Center. JCRC also helped arrange the visit of Israeli musicians for the community's Israel Independence Day program.

Holocaust Remembrance Day JCRC assists with programs educating about the Holocaust. In addition to the Holocaust Memorial Service held at Jewish Glendale Cemetery, this year's Yom HaShoah commemoration featured the showing of "The Rape of Europa," a documentary about the pillaging of art by the Third Reich. The film was screened at the Des Moines Art Center in co-sponsorship with the Art Center and the Jewish Federation.

Communication Projects Computer networking is enhanced through the Weekly Updates, and use of the Federation's website, jewishdesmoines.org, which includes updated news and program information and links to Jewish resources internationally. Information about community activities and news is published in the Jewish Press, produced six times a year and distributed free of charge to our community.

All-In-One Campaign



The "All-In-One" Campaign is the engine that drives the work of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. According to Jewish tradition, the highest form of tzedakah or charity is giving to a central campaign or community fund. Your annual gift is a noble expression of devotion to the entire Jewish people. It demonstrates a love of community which is without limitation – a proud statement of commitment to every individual Jew.

More Jews than ever before have the freedom, time, wealth, health, exposure, and confidence to seriously address local, national and global issues. And for many of us, focusing our resources on these issues has become a sacred opportunity to improve social, economic and cultural conditions for our families, our neighbors and our world. An extraordinary opportunity to live a valuable and generous life!

The 2007 All-In-One Campaign has now surpassed \$900,000, with more than half the donors increasing their gifts this year. As the campaign winds down, community members who have not had the chance to make their pledges are asked to do so at their earliest convenience and to be counted among the hundreds in Central Iowa who seek to enhance Jewish life locally, in Israel and around the world.

The Federation thanks board members, community leaders, staff and all others who have solicited countless contributions and attended numerous events and meetings.

Thank you to the Jewish community. Your values inspire us. Your strength empowers us. You are the Jewish Federation.

2007 Campaign Opening Gala. The Greater Des Moines Jewish community came out in force to greet each other in time for Rosh HaShanah 5767 at the 2007 All-In-One Campaign Opening Gala. Over 350 members of the Jewish community enjoyed a memorable evening to celebrate the work of the Jewish Federation, hear how lives have been positively impacted because of the generosity of community members and to be entertained by actor, producer, director and humanitarian Henry Winkler. As a result of the event, \$384,699 was raised representing an incredible 14% overall increase in giving. There were 20 new gifts.

Prior to the community Gala dinner, Event Chairs Margo and Don Blumenthal hosted a leadership gifts reception for individuals who give annually over \$1250 or couples \$2500. The cost of the entire program was covered by private donations from sponsors and patrons.

Israel Emergency Campaign. Last summer, the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines joined Jewish communities around the world by launching an emergency campaign to assist Israel as a result of the violence wreaked upon it by Hizbollah, the Islamist terrorist organization. The war had a devastating effect on some of the country's most vulnerable individuals, including the aged, the disabled, recent immigrants, and terror victims. Thousands of recent immigrants had been forced to spend hours upon hours in bomb shelters seeking protection from hundreds of katyusha rockets that were launched. Many elderly in Israel's north were stranded without proper food and medical services. Greater Des Moines has a partnership with the Western Galilee and Acco which was hit hard. Of the over \$300,000 raised locally for the emergency campaign, we have dedicated \$125,000 to our partnership for recovery.

Lions and Pomegranates. Inspired by 3,000 years of tradition, Jewish women are setting the standards for creative philanthropic giving and commitment to future generations. Our Women's Division has continued to assume an increasingly significant role in raising funds for the "All-In-One" Campaign. We are proud that today we have 14 Lions of Judah who each make an annual gift of at least \$5000 and 32 Pomegranates who make a minimum annual gift of \$1500 or more. Additionally, we are fortunate that 3 have endowed their Lions and 4 have endowed their Pomegranates.

Community leader Gail Richards was honored among the 2006 Kipnis-Wilson/Friedland Award recipients at the International Lion of Judah Conference in Washington D.C. This award recognizes extraordinary women who have set a high standard for philanthropy and volunteerism in their communities. Gail Richards, a Lion of Judah for 12 years, has been active in the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines for more than 40 years. She has been a board member, campaign worker, and major gifts chair.

Iowa's former First Lady Christie Vilsack spoke to the Lions and Pomegranates at a tea hosted by Federation President Toni Urban. Mrs. Vilsack reminisced about her and the Governor's trip to Israel.

Naomi Harris Rosenblatt spoke on May 1 to the Lions of Judah and Pomegranates and later to the entire community. A well-known author and psychotherapist, Naomi authored the two books, "After the Apple" and "Wrestling with Angels." Naomi is also aunt to Ron Rosenblatt of Des Moines.

Health Professional and Attorney Brunch. Forty-five Greater Des Moines Jewish health professionals and attorneys gathered at the Clive home of Dr. Jeff and Jan Farber for a special brunch and presentation on ethical issues in biomedical law on Sunday, February 18. The presenter was Israeli Prof. Daniel Sinclair who served this winter as a visiting faculty member at Fordham University in New York. The program, co-chaired by David Adelman, Esq. and Dr. David Friedgood was sponsored by the Federation's "All-In-One" Campaign.

Super Week 2007 was a wonderful success! Over \$50,000 of commitments were pledged with an incredible 12% increase during this one week of community outreach. The Greater Des Moines Jewish Community was once again generous in its support of the vital programs and services of the Jewish Federation.



Honor Roll 2007

Major Gifts Division/Ruby Lions of Judah \$10,000+

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Margo Blumenthal
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Martin Brody
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Gail Richards
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Stanley Seidler
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Toni Urban
Alan Zuckert
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Lions of Judah \$5,000-\$9,999

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Shelley Brody
Suzanne Engman
Debbie Gitchell
Leticia Gordon
Marilyn Hurwitz
Elana Schneider
Elaine Steinger

Major Gifts Division \$5,000-\$9,999

Stanley Engman
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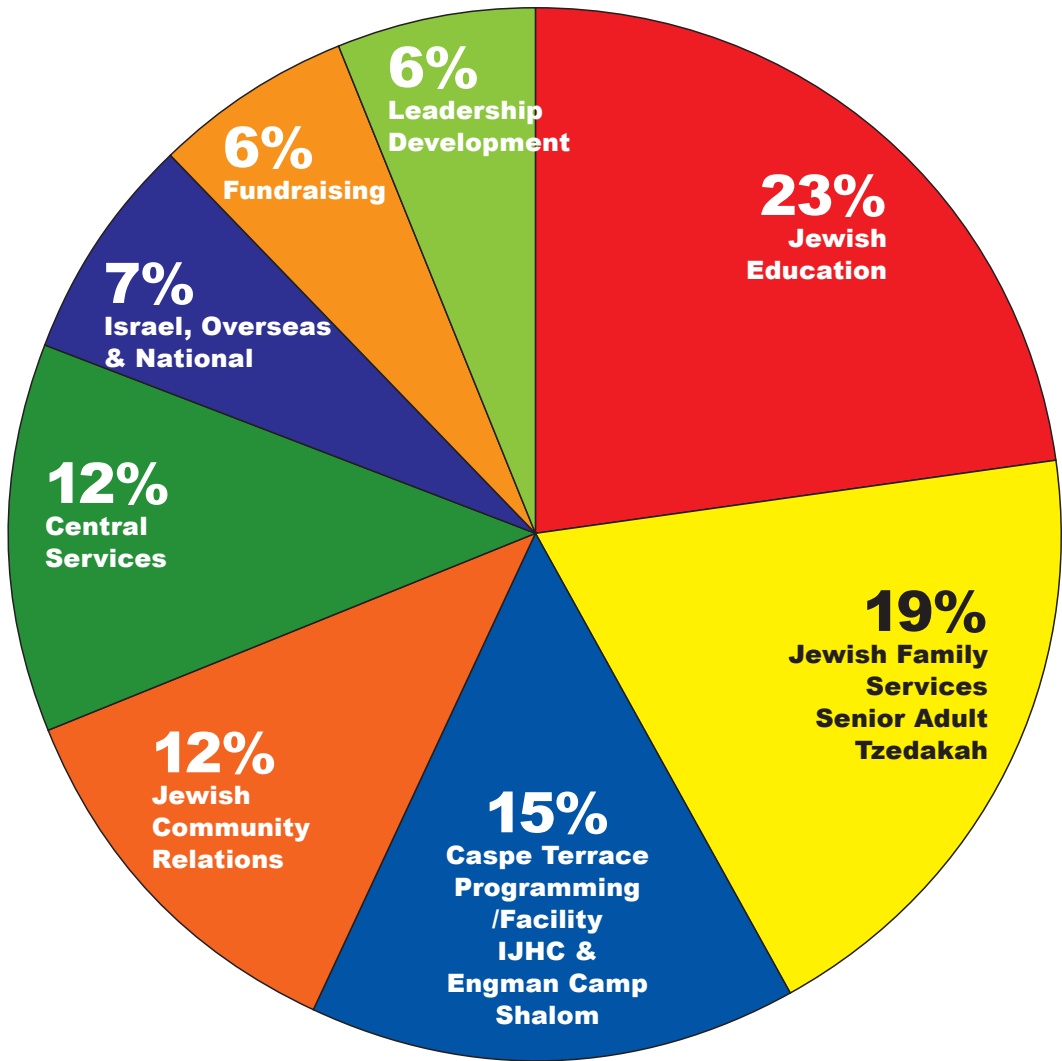
Mission Statement

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines is to further the continuity and welfare of the Des Moines, Ames and other Central Iowa Jewish communities, and to enable these Jewish communities to maximize their resources by facilitating the coordination of the philanthropic, educational and cultural activities of the congregations, Federation committees, donors and volunteers; and to support financially the requisite programs to fulfill its responsibility to Israel and world Jewry.

The Jewish Federation Budget In Perspective

The Jewish Federation completed fiscal year 2006-2007 within its planned budget. The Federation's revenue of \$1,702,174 consists primarily of income from the "All-In-One" Camapign, Federation-designated and Des Moines Jewish Foundation funds, and United Way. It also includes tuition, fees, membership and advertising income.

The Federation allocates funds for programs and human services within its major committees: Jewish Education, Jewish Family Services, Resource Development, The Caspe Terrace Facility and Programming, Jewish Community Relations and Central Services/Administration



For 2006-2007, allocations were:

- Jewish Education 23%
- Jewish Family Services, Senior Adult Tzedakah 19%
- Caspe Terrace Programming/Facility, Iowa Jewish Historical Society & Engman Camp Shalom 15%
- Jewish Community Relations 12%
- Central Services 12%
- Israel, Overseas & National Organizations 7%
- Fundraising 6%
- Leadership Development 6%

For 2007-2008, the approved budgeted-projection is \$1,594,528

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In the Kitchen With
Kim Cain

by Karen Engman



Kim Cain is as sweet and smart as she is pretty. Of course I may be prejudiced since she's my husband Army's cousin. Her parents are Shari and Stanley Engman. She has

one older brother Randy who lives in the Chicago area with his wife Desiree and their darling daughters Sophie and Talie.

Kim has been married to Randy Cain for 8 years. They are both interested in cooking. Randy loves to grill out on their deck which overlooks a beautiful wooded backyard. In fact, he has a special smoker called the Big Green Egg. It's great for smoking turkey or ribeye roasts. Kim is a great cook with many recipes to share that range in variety from marinated flank steaks to bruschetta appetizer but my personal favorite is her Special K bars. Some may know this recipe as "Scotcheroos" but they are made with Rice Krispies cereal. Kim wants our readers to know that this recipe originated from her friend Kelly's mother though Kim uses more chips in the frosting. Truthfully, don't most of our best recipes come from our family and friends?

Kim has a 17 year old son Drew Rosenberg who plays on the Valley High School tennis team, so Kim can often be

found watching his matches all over the state. Actually, he won all his matches this year in the state tournament. His doubles partner is Alex Pomerantz.

She also has three stepsons; Tanner (28), Christopher (18) and Taylor (16) and one stepdaughter Keeley (31). Keeley is an attorney who resides in New York City with her husband Howard Wettan and their one year old daughter Stella. So that means Kim is a grandmother!!! Stella is too young to choose a name for her yet but Kim likes the sound of "glam-ma."

Kim is sweet to share this recipe with us but as I mentioned she's smart too. She graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She started her career working with Dr. Denton Cooley at the Texas Heart Institute. After she returned to Des Moines in 1987, Kim was the team leader for open heart surgery at Iowa Methodist. Then she worked several years for Urology Associates and five years for Mid-Iowa Fertility Clinic.

She then earned a Masters degree in nursing from Drake University and became certified as a nurse practitioner. From 1999-2002, Kim worked

for the McFarland Clinic as nurse practitioner and in cardio-thoracic and vascular surgery. Next she owned a business called Kim Cain Cosmetic Care until she became employed by Heartland Dermatology, where she sees medical and dermatology patients. Cosmetic dermatology is her specialty. I can vouch for her steady hand, since she applied my permanent eye liner five years ago.

Kim was a diver and cheerleader in high school so it's no surprise she loves to exercise and workout. She's also a devotee to the food channel, especially the recipes

of Barefoot Contessa, Ina Garten.

She likes to try new recipes that she finds on the internet too. Even with work, exercising and cooking, she still finds time for flower and herb gardening.

The JEWISH PRESS thanks Kim for sharing this sweet treat recipe with us because we know our readers will enjoy preparing it year round. If you have a recipe to share or if you want the PRESS to find a particular recipe, call Karen Engman at 515-274-3300 or email: aengmandsm@yahoo.com. I do welcome suggestions!!!

Kim's Special K Bars

a recipe from Kim Cain

Dairy

- 1 cup light Karo syrup
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup creamy peanut butter (not organic variety)
- 6 cups Special K cereal
- 1-2 cups semi sweet chocolate chips
- ½ - 1 cup butterscotch chips

Bring syrup and sugar to a boil, then remove from heat and add peanut butter and Special K

Spread this mixture in 9 X 13 pan

Top with Frosting:

Melt chips in microwave or top of double boiler, then spread on top

Chill then cut into squares

Freezes nicely

[next generation]

Jordan Shkolnick by Robin Bear



Jordan Shkolnick was a recent favorite at the Valley High School Honors Evening held this past May where awards and scholarships were presented for the 2006-2007 scholastic year. Each time she returned to her seat during the two and a half hour program her name was recalled and she returned to the stage to receive another award.

During the evening, Jordan was presented with the coveted Connie Belin Memorial Scholarship presented for her outstanding achievement and great potential in the field of Computer Science. She was also one of two Valley High students honored with the Prairie Meadows Scholarship, as well as the President's Education Award and a Dollars for Scholars Foundation Scholarship for the Clive Elementary School she attended. Jordan was also presented with her Silver Cord, which she earned by accumulating 160 hours of community service during her four years in high school. Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity, the World Food Festival, science day camp and Clive Elementary School helped earn Jordan the hours she needed to earn her Silver Cord.

Jordan has progressed through all the ranks of the Girl Scouts, beginning with Daisies in kindergarten and maintaining strong friendships with the girls throughout the years. She is still an active scout and she and her friends are currently putting together a summer program for their Gold Award Project to attract young Girl Scouts in the fourth and fifth grades and keep them involved in scouting.

Jordan's excitement is evident when she mentions attending Grinnell College this fall, the college she first fell in love with after visiting the school when she was still in junior high. She says Grinnell has a great liberal atmosphere and a nice Jewish population for its size and she loves that all fifty states will be represented in the student enrollment of about 1,500.

Jordan plans to study Spanish and Chemistry for a double major at Grinnell and work towards a degree in Pharmacy. For the past two years she has worked part-time at the Target in West Des Moines and hopes to work there as a pharmacy tech after she begins the pharmacy program at school.

Last summer, Jordan spent ten days in Peru with her Spanish teacher and other students from Valley High school. She loved the Inca ruins of Machu Picchu as well as the city of Lima. Jordan is fluent in Spanish, which made her travels to Peru all the more exciting. Jordan loves to read and she is currently reading the first book in the Harry Potter series, in Spanish.

Jordan lives with her parents, Judy and Stuart Shkolnick, and Jill, her younger sister in Clive. Her older brother, Jake, attends school at the University of Iowa where he has just completed his freshman year. The Shkolnicks are members of Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

Good luck to Jordan as she begins her exciting experience at Grinnell in the fall.



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Iran Continues Bid To Develop Nuclear Weapons

Background: Since August 2002, when an Iranian opposition group revealed the existence of two undeclared nuclear facilities in Iran, international focus has intensified on the country's nuclear ambitions.

As a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), Iran has insisted—pursuant to its NPT obligations—that it maintains only a civil nuclear program. However, Iran's revealed clandestine nuclear activity, the sophisticated nature of its known nuclear program, its barely disguised regional ambitions, and its repeated call to "wipe Israel off the map," have led the world's major powers to suspect that, in fact, Iran seeks to develop a nuclear weapons capability.

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the United Nations nuclear energy watchdog, is the central interface on nuclear activity between Iran and the international community. It is this organization that monitors whether countries that are party to the NPT, including Iran,

uphold the treaty, particularly the restriction on military nuclear programs. As we will discuss, after Iran frustrated the agency's previous efforts to verify a peaceful nuclear program, the IAEA referred the Iran dossier to the UN Security Council in February 2006.

Dec '06 UNSC passes Resolution 1747. The resolution imposes sanctions on Iran under Chapter VII <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2006/sc8928.doc.htm>

May 30 The Group of Eight leading industrialized nations reported the G8 "will support adopting further measures, should Iran refuse to comply with its obligations under UNSC Resolutions 1696, 1737 and 1747...to suspend all its enrichment-related activities..."

May 31 Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini says Tehran will not suspend uranium enrichment, a process the West fears could be used to make nuclear weapons. Iran says the program is only for the peaceful production of nuclear power.

The Iran Counter-Proliferation Act of 2007

With Iran continuing to defy the international community's demands to suspend its nuclear activities, members of the House and Senate have introduced comprehensive legislation aimed at increasing economic and political pressure on Iran to persuade Tehran to end its nuclear program.

Urge Congress to deter Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

This bi-partisan legislation is intended to exhaust economic and political means to persuade Iran to stop its nuclear program before military action may be required. For information see www.aipac.org or contact egurwitz@aipac.org

Contact your Congressman to support H.R. 1400 and your Senators to support S. 970. Links to members of the Iowa delegation are on jewishdesmoines.org on JCRC's page. For information, contact [jcrcc@dmjfed.org](mailto:jcrc@dmjfed.org) or call 277-6321 x 214.

A Nuclear Iran: The Threat Realized

Iran's possession of nuclear weapons would threaten the region in a number of ways, including the following possible scenarios.

Firing a Nuclear Warhead

Currently, Iran is attempting to become a regional superpower. However, the regime, although a keen political actor, also is motivated by other considerations.

While there are believed to be nuanced differences within the regime about Iran's political direction, Tehran's ruling elite embraces a Shiite fundamentalism that is acutely eschatological in nature, and harbors a bitter enmity towards the West, particularly the U.S. and Israel. It is believed that Ahmadinejad and other officials seek the return of the so-called "hidden" 12th

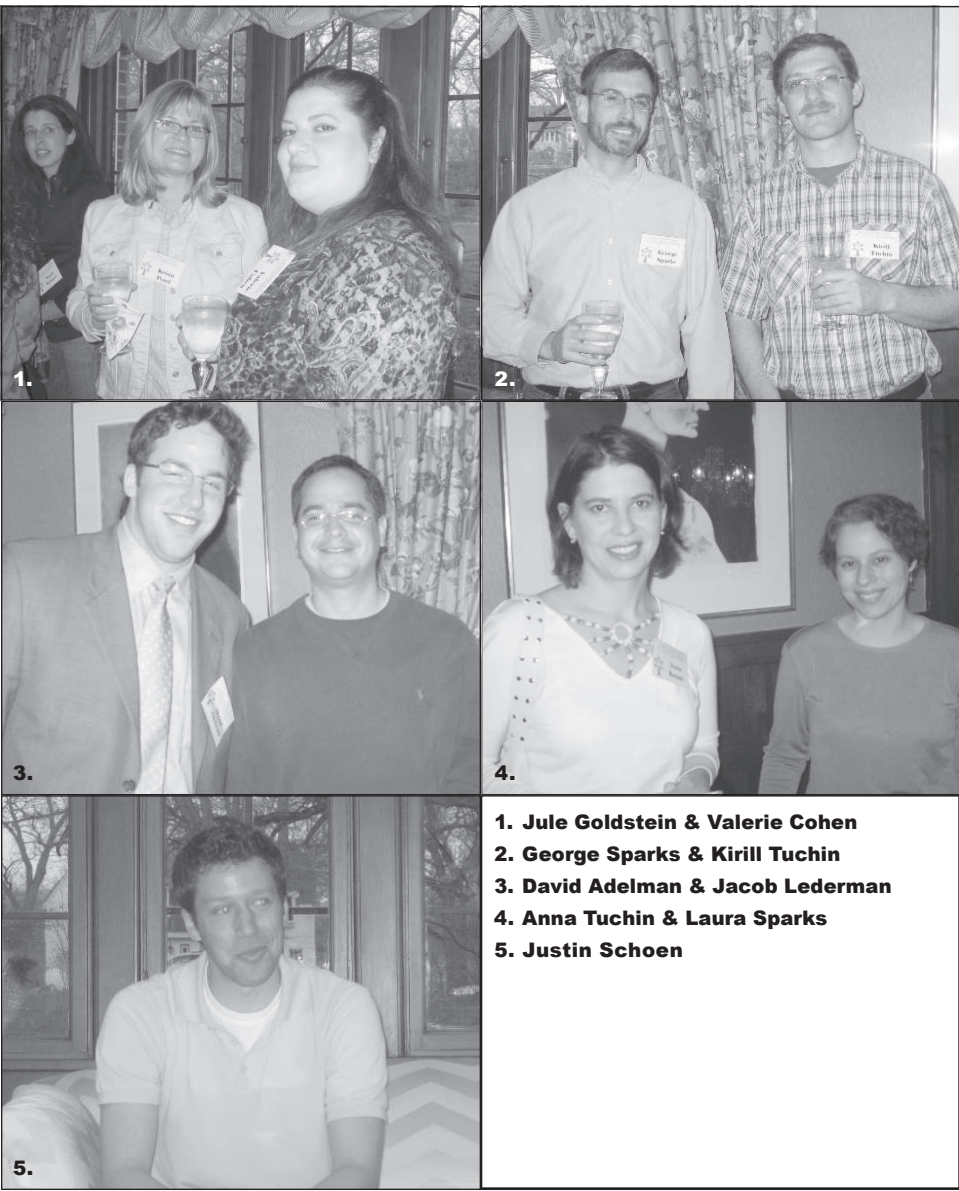
imam, whose arrival on earth is supposed to be preceded by global chaos, war and bloodshed. Against such a backdrop, not least the regime's desire to hasten the "end of days," an Ahmadinejad-led Iran could use nuclear weapons against multiple regional targets.

Political Blackmail

Iran could use its nuclear deterrent as economic and political leverage. A nuclear-armed Iran, for example, could wield tremendous influence over the region's vital energy resources, manipulating energy prices to exorbitant levels with the knowledge that regional governments would be intimidated into acquiescence, or shape the political behavior of neighboring countries.

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President from page 1 the fabulous programs of the Lions and Pomegranates, the impact made through speakers brought to Des Moines by the Jewish Community Relations Commission including Professor Ken Stein, Ambassador Peter Rosenblatt, and Dr. Alex Safian for the Teachers' Institute, in addition to the Jewish commemorations of Israel Independence Day, showcasing an Israeli band from our Israel Partnership Region, and the screening of a notable documentary at the Art Center on Holocaust Remembrance Day. ...And we were asked not to forget the wonderful time we had at the Campaign kick-off event with "The Fonz," Henry Winkler. Toni bid us to work hard on two special issues: efforts to stop the genocide in Darfur and efforts to turn Iran away from its quest to acquire nuclear weapons.

Incoming president Neil Salowitz inspired us three ways: through his optimism in hopes of building upon greater Des Moines as "a vibrant, loving, caring, Jewish community, with all flavors of Judaism," through the clarity of his vision, defining four main goals for us to work on; and by clothing the work of the Federation, Jewish family life and congregational participation in the language and ethos of Torah.

"Because we're a relatively small community, we need to focus our volunteer efforts and our funds on those areas where we can have the greatest impact," said Neil. "I intend that the Federation will continue to focus on four main goals: caring for our seniors, educating our children, supporting Israel and combating anti-Semitism in this community, in our state and beyond."

In discussing Senior Care, Neil celebrated the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center, which we help support, and the work of Jewish Family Services, which provides a range of services to our elderly, including in-reach in the Russian language to members of our community from the former Soviet Union.

Holding up our Federation Community School for praise, Neil also cited the Federation's support for Judaic studies at The Academy and for Engman Camp Shalom.

Expressing support for Israel, Neil said, was as natural as our support for our own country. "Both countries," he said, "represent freedom from oppression, enfranchise democratic institutions and offer all the opportunity for a better life." He pointed to our partnership program with the Western Galilee, in Israel, as the personal means with which we maintain close ties with the people and institutions of Israel and our need to continue to defend and support the people of Israel in its continuing struggle for peace.

Recognizing the corrosive growth of anti-Semitism and the continuing genocide in Darfur, Neil expressed support for the intergroup work done by the Jewish Community Relations Committee. The work entails education and advocacy in areas related to the security and well-being of our community as well as others.

Neil invited all who have the desire to help develop the potential of our community to volunteer for service with the Federation.

Neil will be profiled in the September edition of the Jewish Press.

Protesting Genocide in Darfur



Jewish community leadership participated in the 24-hour multi-faith vigil held at Nollen Plaza in May to bring attention to the plight of the Darfurian people of Sudan.



Future from page 2 With liberal Jews often not having children until their late 30's or even early 40's, they will have spent in many cases as much as three times or more as long away from organized Jewish life (Age 14 - Age 35 = 21 years) as they did within it (Age 6 - Age 13 = 7 years)!!!

Youth programs, youth groups, Hillels for college students, summer camps, trips to Israel and other ways in which parents may encourage Jewish involvement for their children are absolutely vital in preserving Judaism for the generations to come.

We have to put all Three E's in the lives of our children if we are going to expect them to grow into well functioning members of the Jewish community: Education, Experience, and Enjoyment. The first one does not end with Confirmation or B'nai Mitzvah and the latter two cannot be solely comprised of life cycle events at which presents are given and received.

Jewish Experience and Enjoyment must include living Jewishly: celebrating the holidays or at least knowing what holidays are occurring, attending Shabbat worship services on a regular basis (even if "regular" is only a few more times a year than "very irregular" would be), seeking out opportunities to do Jewish things - youth group, Jewish camps, social action and Jewish community events, and it must include the sad and troubling as well as the happy and comforting.

Judaism teaches that mourning for loss is a good thing, that introspection in which you think about and atone for wrongs that may be terribly painful to

face is essential, and that understanding that the world is broken and in need of fixing is the lens through which we examine our world. It commands us to be thankful for whatever we have in life, to cherish our families, and to live in the present, even as we continually remember the past and long for a better future for all of humanity.

In the words of the prophet Joel, "The old shall dream dreams and the youth shall see visions." May we strive not simply to dream, to envision, and to imagine a better Jewish future, but labor to make that future a reality.

-Hag Shavuot Sameach and Shabbat Shalom. Rabbi David Jay Kaufman

Iran from page 18

Transfer of WMD to Terrorists Iran could pass nuclear weapons to a terrorist proxy, such as Hizbollah, Hamas, or Islamic Jihad, groups with which it already has active ties, for use against moderate Arab and Muslim states or Western targets. Iran has recently been caught transmitting weapons to the Taliban in Afghanistan.

A Nuclear Arms Race A nuclear Iran will almost certainly inspire an arms race in the region, which could include countries such as Turkey, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia, nations with Sunni majorities that fear an ascendant Shiite Iran. More countries with nuclear weapons in a volatile region increase the chances of a catastrophic event occurring—intentional or otherwise.

Materials modified from the American Jewish Committee (www.ajc.org) have been used in the articles about Iran.

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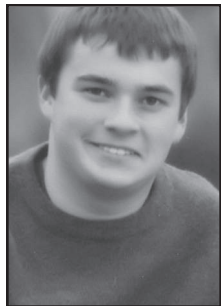
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Graduates



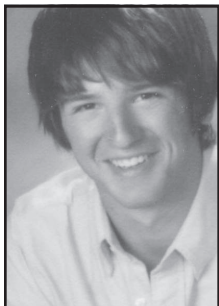
Elliot Harris Bear son of Philip and Robin Bear and grandson of David and Jeanette Bear, graduated this spring from Valley High School and will attend the University of Iowa next fall.



Julie Klein daughter of Marc and Pattie Klein, graduated from Valley High School this spring and will attend the University of Michigan next fall.

Joshua Buchsbaum

son of Bruce and Mary Kay Buchsbaum, has graduated from Valley High School and will be attending the University of Iowa in the fall.



Katie Rosenblatt

daughter of Ron and Susy Rosenblatt, graduated from Roosevelt High School May 26, 2007. Katie, State of Iowa Scholar, graduated with top honors and will attend Tufts University in Boston.



Stefanie Fausel graduated May 12, 2007 Summa Cum Laude from the University of Iowa with a degree in Health Science and Sport Studies. She is the daughter of Cathy Fausel and the granddaughter of Arlene Freeder.



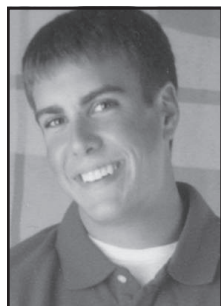
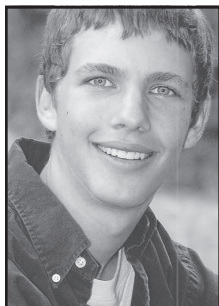
Jordan Shkolnick daughter of Stuart and Judy Shkolnick, graduated this year from Valley High School. Jordan will be attending Grinnell College next year.

Langen Goldstien

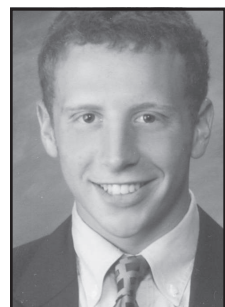
Abe Goldstien and Jackie Garnett are pleased to announce the graduation of Langen Goldstien from Waukee High School. Langen will be attending McNally Smith College of Music in St. Paul, MN, where she will study music business (in hopes of managing The Java Jews).



Dan Weiss son of Karen and Steve Weiss of West Des Moines. He is graduating from Valley High School and will be attending Washington University in St. Louis in the fall.



Gregory Alan Stern son of John and Randi Stern graduated from Valley High School this spring. He will be furthering his education this fall at Miami University in Ohio.



Jake Kuperman son of Marcie and Jay Morrison, and Mike Kuperman, graduated from Valley High School this spring and will attend the University of Iowa next fall.

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Anniversaries



Mazel Tov to Heidi and David Moskowitz, parents of Michael and Adam, as they celebrate thier 25th wedding anniversary June 13, 1982-June 13, 2007. The Moskowitz's are members of Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

Mazel Tov to Lisa & Ira Lacher on celebrating their 20th Wedding Anniversary.

Share the good news! A photo and announcement can be submitted by July 23, for publication in the Sept/Oct '07 edition of the Jewish Press. Send to: Jewish Press, 910 Polk Blvd, Des Moines, IA 50312 or by e-mail to [jrcrc@dmjfed.org](mailto:jcrc@dmjfed.org)

Births



Mazel tov to **Wendy and Martin Edelson** on the birth of their granddaughter, Kyra Elaine Edelson on May 15. Kyra's

parents Steven and Amy Edelson reside in San Francisco.

To **Elana & Phil Schneider**, proud grandparents of Zachary and Tyler Hodges, born February 24, 2005 in Chicago. Staci and Chris Hodges are the proud parents, along with big sister Riley.

Honors

Mazel Tov to Don Blumenthal on his induction into Roosevelt HS's prestigious "Hall of Fame." Don, one of our state's most creative entrepreneurs, is President of the Des Moines Jewish Foundation.

To **Jeffrey Loeb**, son of Anne & Edward Loeb on graduating in the top 1% of his class at Roosevelt High School. Jeffrey will be attending the University of Texas at Austin.

MANSFIELD SELECTED FOR PRESTIGIOUS HOLOCAUST SEMINAR

Cathy Lesser Mansfield, Drake University professor of law, was one of 20 law professors nationwide selected to participate in the 2007 Silberman Seminar, which was funded and conducted by the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

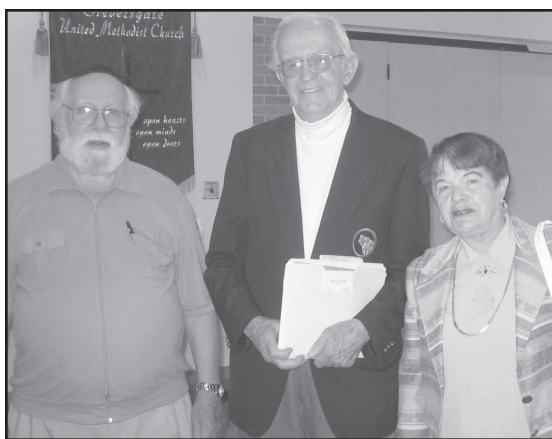
The seminar, which took place June 4-15, examined the impact and legacy of the Holocaust on the law. It was designed for law school faculty endeavoring to strengthen their knowledge of the ways in which the

Holocaust has affected the development of domestic and international law.

Mansfield is the composer of an opera that takes place during the Holocaust titled "The Sparks Fly Upward," which will premiere in Des Moines in 2008. She is currently developing a course for the law school relating to law and the Holocaust.

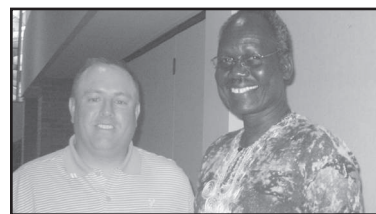
"I feel very honored and privileged to have been selected," Mansfield said. "I know from conducting research at the museum for the opera that it is filled with dedicated and invigorated Holocaust scholars."

FORMER WWII US SOLDIER DESCRIBED LIBERATION OF CONCENTRATION CAMP



Rev. Forrest Robinson described the horrors of the Holocaust in May at a program co-sponsored by JCRC. Pictured with Rev. Robinson (c) is Peter Pintus and Linda Fishman.

Below, North HS teacher Kory Dannmeier and Rev. Goanar Chol.



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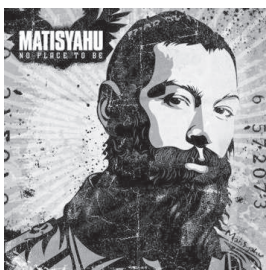
The 2007 B'nai B'rith Sports Hall of Fame: Kiersten Pauling-Hathaway, Dale Schreurs, Sandy Hatfield-Clubb, Gail Ahrenholtz-Hartigan, Irv Kawarsky, Jeanette Cleven-Steinfeldt, Dr. Steve Eckstat

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TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUN

Outdoor Shabbat Service

Friday, July 20, 6:00 p.m. Outdoor Shabbat Service at the Temple

Outdoor Pet Shabbat Morning Service

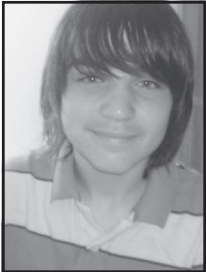
Saturday, August 25, 10:00 a.m. Outdoor Pet Shabbat Morning Service at the Temple

The Sweet Sounds of Summer

Ira Lacher sang the National Anthem at the Iowa Cubs game on Tuesday, May 1. So... the Temple choir moved from its regular Tuesday rehearsal to a night at Principal Park. Members of Kol B'yachad, along with friends and family, joined in cheering Ira and the Cubs!



Bar Mitzvah



David Allison
Saturday, August 25
Temple B'nai Jeshurun
Mike & Jill Sudak Allison invite you to join them when their son, David, is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 25, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the recent passing of
Dr. Marvin Dubansky
Robert Hirsch
Marcella Leibow
Evelyn Lieberman
Charles Lipson
Rose Silverstein
Gloria Taffae
Louis Yazman

Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center
You Missed Something Special

If your schedule precluded your joining us at the May 6 Dedication Ceremony and Donor-Recognition Event at The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center, you really missed something special.
A hundred members of the community joined together to not only formally dedicate the new Alzheimer's care unit Memory Care at Boulevard Place and to thank all of the donors to that project and to The Life Center's Endowment Fund, but also to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening of "The Home" on Polk Boulevard.
The warmth of the feelings permeating the crowd were so genuine and so positive. And with our very special guests Kay and Matt Bucksbaum, who so graciously joined us for the day in attendance, it isn't hyperbole to say that the afternoon celebration was one of the most "hamish" events that The Life Center has seen in a long time.

It's difficult to describe the feelings running through the crowd that afternoon, more like a homecoming or reunion of old friends rather than just another "event." More importantly was the chance for everyone there to gain a better understanding of the true meaning of their mitzvah of giving.
Being the 20th anniversary of the opening of The Life Center, we were able to reflect on the many community members who have been served - both residents and family members. It was an opportunity to see both the immediate and long-term impact of communal tzedakah. A time to reflect on the many who have passed through The Life

Center's residential care/assisted living unit, those who found a renewed vigor for life because of the outstanding rehabilitation care they received, and those who were comforted with dignity and respect in their last days.
As Memory Care at Boulevard Place continues to make a name for itself as a unique and truly miraculous environment for those suffering with cognitive impairment, May 6th gave us all pause to recognize that the generosity and caring of today is not a transitory thing, but a commitment to our obligation from one generation to another to honor our fathers and mothers.



Life Center Campaign Co-Chairs Ben Swartz and Dr. Bob Gitchell are honored by Larry Kirsner (center), incoming Life Center Board President

For those who were there and to all those who could not be with us, but whose generosity made possible the reality we proudly call Memory Care at Boulevard Place, know that your magnanimity will have meaning beyond the present. Meaning that will keep alive the heritage which binds us together in fulfillment of our duty to honor and care for those whose needs bring them to our door.

[short takes]



Israel Independence Day was celebrated with a concert with the Israeli group Ha Ohr at the Caspe Terrace in April. The group, from our partnership region the Western Galilee, performing with the Java Jews Klezmer Band. The event opened with a commemoration of Israel Memorial Day led by Rabbi Meir Klein. A reception, pictured left, followed the concert.



At a JCRC breakfast in April, Ambassador Peter Rosenblatt, at right, explained how U.S. foreign policy on Israel is formulated. From right: Amb. Rosenblatt, his nephew Ron Rosenblatt, David Goldman, Elaine Steinger, and Amb. Kenneth Quinn, now Executive Dir. of the World Food Prize, here in Des Moines.



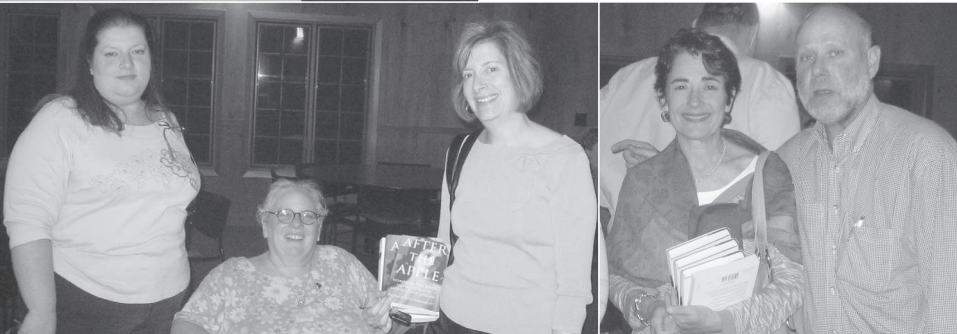
Keynote speaker at the JCRC Teachers' Institute, Dr. Alex Safian, from CAMERA, spoke, as well, to an audience at Drake University on media coverage of the Middle East. At Drake, from right: Dr. Safian, Rabbi David Kaufman, Dr. David Drake, and JCRC Chair Polly Oxley.



Holocaust Remembrance Day was commemorated at a service conducted by our clergy (shown at right) at the Holocaust memorial at Glendale Cemetery. Later that day, many attended a screening of a documentary at the Des Moines Art Center about the pillaging of art by the Third Reich, called "The Rape of Europa." The event was co-sponsored by the Art Center and the Jewish Federation.



Acclaimed author Naomi Harris Rosenblatt signs copies of her latest book, "After the Apple: Women in the Bible," after speaking at The Caspe Terrace. A reception followed. Among the attendees: from left: Valerie Cohen, Elyse Weiss, and Judy Deutch; Susie and Dr. Josh Kimmelman; Judy Blank and Elana Schneider; Sylvia Klein; Ron Rosenblatt and Toni Urban.



A Brief History of Holocaust Denial

By Krys Phillips, IJHS Director, excerpt from her presentation at the Teachers' Institute

Holocaust denial (called Holocaust revisionism by its supporters) is the belief that the genocide of Jews and other minority groups during World War II — the Holocaust — did not occur, or if it did occur, then not to the extent most people believe.

Many Holocaust deniers do not accept “denier” as an appropriate term to describe their point of view, using the term “Holocaust revisionists” instead. Nevertheless, they are labeled “Holocaust deniers” to differentiate them from historical revisionists who consider their goal to be historical inquiry using evidence and established methodology. Holocaust deniers try to prove that the Holocaust did not occur, regardless of historical evidence. Holocaust denial is anti-Semitism at its extreme. According to American author and attorney, Deborah Lipstadt, deniers are “extreme anti-Semites who have increasingly managed, under the guise of scholarship, to camouflage their hateful ideology.”

Anti-Semitism has been an important part of the denial philosophy since the very beginnings of the movement.

The first Holocaust deniers were the Nazis themselves: Heinrich Himmler instructed his camp commandants to destroy records, crematoria and other signs of mass extermination of human beings, as Germany's defeat became imminent and the Nazi leaders realized they would most likely be captured and brought to trial. Following the end of World War II, many of the former leaders of the SS left Germany and began using their propaganda skills to defend their actions (or, their critics contended, to rewrite history). Denial materials began to appear shortly after the war.

After the Nazis, the first noted Holocaust denier was Harry Elmer Barnes, a mainstream historian with liberal credentials who eventually took a Holocaust-denial stance in the later years of his life. Barnes' name has since been appropriated by some modern Holocaust deniers in an attempt to lend credibility to their cause.

In the 1960s, public challenges to the Holocaust as a historical account begin to appear, with French Socialist historian and Buchenwald concentration camp survivor Paul Rassinier publishing “The Drama of the European Jews” in 1964. Modern-day revisionists continue to cite his works as scholarly research that questions the accepted facts of the Holocaust.

In the US, historian David Hoggan wrote one of the first books denying the Holocaust in 1969 entitled “The Myth of the Six Million.” Hoggan became one of the early stars of the Holocaust denial movement, because he had numerous professorships at prestigious universities.

The Holocaust denial movement grew into full force in the 1970s with the publication of Arthur Butz' “The Hoax of the Twentieth Century: The case against the presumed extermination of European Jewry” in 1976 and David Irving's “Hitler's War” in 1977. Then, in December 1978 and January 1979, Robert Faurisson, a French professor of literature at the University of Lyon, published two letters in Le Monde claiming that the gas chambers used by the Nazis to exterminate the Jews did not exist.

Then in 1979 the Institute for Historical Review (IHR) was founded by Willis Carto as an organization dedicated to publicly challenging the “myth of the Holocaust.” The IHR sought from the beginning to attempt to establish itself by soliciting token supporters who were not from a neo-Nazi background. The IHR brought most of Barnes' writings, which had been out of print since his death, back into print. However, most of IHR's supporters were neo-Nazis and anti-Semites, and the vast majority of material published and distributed by IHR was devoted to questioning the facts surrounding the Holocaust.

Accordingly, Holocaust denial groups, such as the IHR, have had difficulty finding supporters (and especially financial sponsors) in the United States. As a result, spokespersons for the IHR and other denial groups have been traveling to the Middle East in an attempt to forge closer ties with extremist groups there. IHR spokespersons have been reported to have met with persons suspected of involvement with terrorist groups.

In recent times, Holocaust denial has grown rapidly in Middle Eastern countries, where individuals from the Syrian and the Iranian government, as well as the Palestinian political group Hamas have published and promoted Holocaust denial statements. Denials of the Holocaust have been regularly promoted.

In addition, since 1960s, the Soviet Union has promoted the allegation of secret ties between the Nazis and the Zionist leadership. The thesis of 1982 doctoral dissertation of Mahmoud Abbas, a co-founder of Fatah and one of the leaders of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, who earned his Ph.D. in history at the Moscow State Institute of Oriental Studies was “The Secret Connection between the Nazis and the Leaders of the Zionist Movement.”

Abbas stated: It seems that the interest of the Zionist movement, however, is to inflate this figure [of Holocaust deaths] so that their gains will be greater. This led them to emphasize this figure [six million] in order to gain the solidarity of international public opinion with Zionism. Many scholars have debated the figure of six million and reached stunning conclusions—fixing the number of Jewish victims at only a few hundred thousand.

Holocaust denial is illegal in a number of European countries and when prosecuted the committee must pay a penalty and/or serve time.

In regard to this point, perhaps the most important decision in recent times began in 1998, when then best-selling British self-taught historical author David Irving filed suit against Deborah Lipstadt and her publisher Penguin Books, claiming that Lipstadt had libeled him as a denier in her book “Denying the Holocaust.” The statements made by Lipstadt included the accusation that Irving deliberately twisted and misrepresented evidence to conform to his ideological viewpoint. Under English libel law, which seeks primarily to protect the reputation of an individual, Lipstadt and her publisher bore the full burden of demonstrating not only that they had not shown “reckless disregard” for the truth (as

would be the case in America), but also that the statements made were true (that Irving had denied the Holocaust, and that the Holocaust had, in fact, happened).

Lipstadt and Penguin hired British lawyer Anthony Julius and Cambridge historian Richard J. Evans to present her case. Evans spent two years examining Irving's work, and presented evidence of Irving's misrepresentations, including that Irving had knowingly used forged documents as a source. The judge, Mr. Justice Gray, was persuaded by the evidence presented by Evans and others and wrote a long and decisive verdict in favor of Lipstadt, calling Irving a “right-wing, pro-Nazi, polemicist,” and confirming the accusations of Lipstadt and Evans.

About her “victory,” Deborah Lipstadt stated, “I had to constantly avoid being inadvertently sucked into a debate that is no debate and an argument that is no argument.” (Denying the Holocaust: The Growing Assault on Truth and Memory).

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has mixed the two approaches: In a December 2005 speech, Ahmadinejad said that the Holocaust was a “fairy tale” that had been promoted to protect Israel, ramping up his rhetoric and triggering a fresh wave of international denunciation.

Ahmadinejad has also called for Israel to be relocated to Germany, or Austria, arguing it was these nations that persecuted the Jews, so they ought to bear the responsibility, not Palestinians forsaking their land to form a nation of Israel. He has also suggested relocating Israeli Jews to the United States.

Hamas political leader Khaled Mashaal described Ahmadinejad's comments as “courageous” and stated that Muslim people will defend Iran because it voices what they have in their hearts, in particular the Palestinian people.

In 2006, Ahmadinejad demanded a free evaluation of the real extent of the Holocaust “in order to find the ultimate truth.” Then in a May 30, 2006 interview with Der Spiegel Ahmadinejad again questioned the Holocaust several times, insisting

there were “two opinions” on it and stating, “I will only accept something as truth if I am actually convinced of it.”

A few months later, the Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi stated: “The Holocaust is not a sacred issue that one can't touch. I have visited the Nazi camps in Eastern Europe. I think it is exaggerated.”

Then on December 11, 2006 the by-now famous “International Conference to Review the Global Vision of the Holocaust” was held in Iran to widespread condemnation. Widely described as a “Holocaust denial conference” or a “meeting of Holocaust deniers” and held at the behest of Ahmadinejad, Iran itself insisted it was not a Holocaust denial conference.

In conclusion, Iran is a looming threat to Israel. Until this time, Holocaust deniers have wanted to revise the past. Today they want to shape the future and prepare the way for the next Holocaust. The purpose of denying is to undermine the central motive for the establishment of the state of Israel. Aushchwitz is delegitimized in order to legitimize the elimination of Israel – a second genocide.

As time passes and few people can personally challenge deniers' claims, their campaigns will only grow in intensity. The success deniers have had in convincing good-hearted people that Holocaust denial is “the other” side of history by camouflaging their hateful ideology and hiding under the guise of scholarship has increasingly grown. And in so doing, they are convincing people that the Jews are lying, not only lying, but persecuting the rest of the world.

No one who accuses Jews of such treachery can sincerely regret the Nazis' Final Solution. Every denial of the Holocaust contains an appeal to repeat it.

IJHS Summer Hours:

During Camp Shalom, June 17 – August 10, the Iowa Jewish Historical Society's Caspe Heritage Gallery will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 on Fridays. If this time is not convenient, and you would like to tour our gallery, please call Krys at 515-277-6321 to schedule a visit.



IJHS Mystery Photo: This photo was taken at the Shalom Preschool in 1963.

We have identified some of the children, but are missing many names. Please call Krys at 515-277-6321 x 217 or email ijhs@dmjfed.org if you can help identify any of the participants.

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Friday, July 20,	6:00 pm	Outdoor Shabbat Service at the Temple
Sunday, August 12	3-7:00 pm	Annual Federation Picnic at The Caspe Terrace
Saturday, August 18	9:00 am	Shaye Metrick-Chen Bat Mitzvah at Tifereth
Sunday, August 19	12:00 Noon	Family Lunch at Tifereth & Bus Trip to new Library
Thursday, August 23	12:00 Noon	Senior Adult Luncheon at the Temple
Saturday, August 25	10:00 am	David Allison Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
Saturday, August 25	10:00 am	Outdoor Pet Shabbat Morning Service at the Temple
Thursday, Sept. 6	12:00 Noon	Senior Adult Luncheon at Tifereth
Caspe Heritage Gallery Summer Hours 1:00 – 3:00 pm every Friday through August 10		

Camp from page 1

Our camp is open to all children in our community. The program consists of swimming lessons, field trips, drama, arts, sports, games, Jewish camp songs, blessings, Jewish values and a concentration on Israeli culture.

Liat Dahan and Omri Tzanani, our shlichim from last summer, have returned this year. They serve as Israeli Ambassadors and share their own individual skills and experiences as well as sharing their knowledge and love of Israel.

Our themes this summer are: Teamwork, Children's Garden, Money Makes the World Go-Round, Maccabee Games, Fitness, Story Week, Architecture and Design, and Fashion.

Some of our field trips include: Camp Dodge, Prairie Life, Adventureland or Sleepy Hollow Sports Park, Botanical Center or Great Ape Escape, and one of our local history museums.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about Engman Camp Shalom, please contact our office – 277-5566.

Forum from page 1 Each person will be expected to accept a Jewish community board or committee placement within two years of their completion of the 18-month Leadership Forum.

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–Judy Deutch & Bruce Sherman, Advisory Committee Mentors

PARTNERSHIP 2000 MEETS WITH DES MOINES OFFICIALS



Israeli visitors meet with the Governor's Staff and Homeland Security Officials. JCRC introduced members of our Israel Partnership Project, Damon Rose (Jewish Agency regional manager) and Beth Zuriel (Partnership 2000 Staff person for our Consortium) to the Policy Advisor for Governor Culver and top officials from Iowa Homeland Security in April. Pictured, from left: Tim Urban, Rose, Erin Andrew, Zuriel, Paulee Lipsman and JCRC Director Mark Finkelstein.



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Lions and Pomegranates



Lions and Pomegranates Welcome Best-Selling Author Naomi Rosenblatt

- 1. Toni Urban (Federation President)
- 2. Naomi Harris Rosenblatt (left) author of "After the Apple: Women in the Bible," was guest speaker at a Lions and Pomegranates luncheon hosted by Jeanne Levitt in May.
- 3. Debbie Gitchell, Pam Bookey
- 4. The Lions gathered for a photo from left: Jeanne Levitt, Debbie Gitchell, Marilyn Hurwitz, Toni Urban, Pam Bookey, Margo Blumenthal, Elana Schneider, Elaine Steinger (Federation Director).
- 5. Julie Kaufman, Margo Blumenthal, Elaine Steinger, Tracy Engman Finkelshteyn
- 6. Audrey Rosenberg, Heidi Moskowitz, Patsy Tobis
- 7. Molly Sandler, Janice Zuckert
- 8. Margo Blumenthal, Alice Daniels
- 9. Audrey Rosenberg, Maddie Levitt
- 10. Molly Sandler, Lea DeLong, Charlotte Elmets, Suzy Robinette (Naomi's niece)
- 11. Dorothy Kirsner, Toni Urban, Susy Robinette, Lea DeLong, Debbie Gitchell
- 12. Julie Kaufman, Barbara Hirsch-Giller, Polly Oxley and Roselind Rabinowitz