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Jule Goldstein Elected President of the Jewish Federation



Jule Goldstein has been elected president of the Jewish Federation at the 99th Annual Meeting held June 1. Jule succeeds Barb Hirsch-Giller in the position she held for three years, during the Federation's transition to a new executive director.

As outgoing president, Barb presented her final State of the Federation address. In it, she highlighted some of the extraordinary happenings of the past year. Included were the initiation of a new preschool, Gan Shalom, inauguration of the Iowa Holocaust Memorial at the Capitol courtesy of Judy Blank, the acquisition of a new van from the Variety

Club and Don and Margo Blumenthal, our brand new age-appropriate Gail and Stan Richards Playground at the Caspe Terrace. Barb noted, as well, new, expansive programming in each of our agencies, including a lecture/music series, the PJ Library, programs for parents and social action projects, a 30% increase in the number of students we educate, and the appointment of new agency directors, including "Dorf" as our new Engman Camp Shalom director. In addition, Barb lauded the Iowa Jewish Historical Society for having been awarded a prestigious certificate of recognition for outstanding contributions to community history.

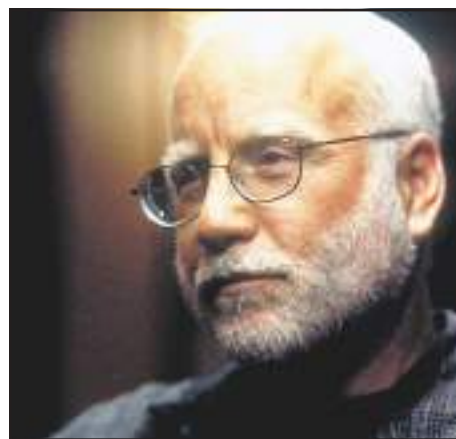
Past president Judy Deutch, in her remarks, noted with satisfaction that both incoming president Jule Goldstein and president-elect David Adelman are graduates of the Federation's leadership development program.

A report was presented by David Adelman, Chair of the Federation's Visioning Committee on the completion of the three-year Drucker Visioning Process. The text of David's important presentation is published in full within this edition beginning on page 8. *continued on page 21*

100th Anniversary Gala Set for August 24

You are cordially invited to join in the centennial celebration of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines for the 100th Anniversary Gala on Sunday, August 24. The event will feature **guest speaker Richard Dreyfuss at the Grand Ballroom of the Iowa Events Center** located at 833 5th Ave, Des Moines. Cocktails and dinner will be served.

For information about sponsorship opportunities and tickets, please call Gayle at the Federation Office at 515-987-0899 ext. 213. Look for your invitation in the mail!



THE TZOFIM FRIENDSHIP CARAVAN CONCERT JULY 23RD



The Tzofim Friendship Caravan, the Israel Scouts, will be arriving in the afternoon on Wednesday, July 23rd and putting on a concert for the community that evening at The Caspe Terrace. On the 24th during the day they will be running programming at both Gan Shalom Camp and Engman Camp Shalom as well as another performance for all of camp and the participants of the Senior Luncheon. The Tzofim Friendship Caravan is celebrating over 40 years of bringing excitement, energy and friendship to North America! Founded in 1973, the first Caravan came to the United States to bring a message of hope and peace for Israel. Since that first Caravan, the program has grown to four different Caravan travelling across North America, from New York to California to Wyoming and Toronto.

Each Caravan is made up of a group of five girls and five boys and their two leaders. They are chosen to be members of the Caravan based on their maturity, fluency in English, and of course their talent in the performing arts. After several rounds of competitive auditions and interviews, the scouts spend a year training and rehearsing for their exciting summer in North America.

RSVP to Gayle at 987-0899, ext. 213 or gayle@dmjfedorg by Monday, July 21.

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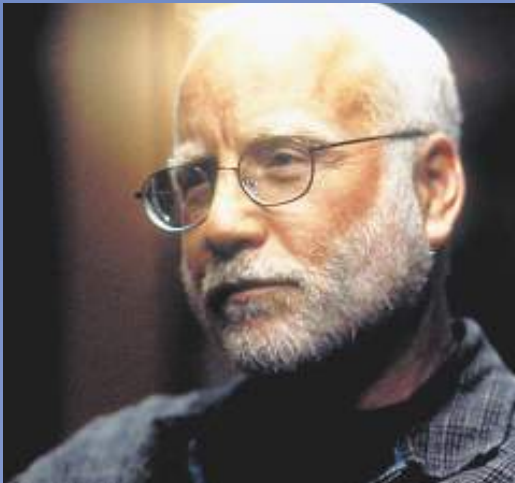
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We're Turning 100!

Join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Jewish Federation. To celebrate we're planning activities and events throughout the entire year. Save the date for all of the festivities!



August 24

100th Gala at the Iowa Event Center
Featuring Guest Speaker Richard Dreyfuss.
Cocktails and dinner will be served.



September 7

Torch Relay
Relay run from the original Jewish Federation location to the present site and then join us at The Caspe Terrace for food and fun!



October 22-23

Rabbi Joseph Telushkin
To speak in Ames and Des Moines. Telushkin's book, "Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History," is one of the best-selling books on Judaism of the past two decades.



November 2014

Maccabi Games-Style Basketball Tournament at Beth El Jacob
Team up with your friends to vie for the title of team of the year!



December 2014

Celebration of Israeli Innovation
details to come.

For ticket information or to make reservations for any of our 100th Anniversary upcoming events, please contact Gayle at gayle@dmjfed.org or 515.987.0899 ext. 213 or go to JewishDesMoines.org.

A Great Beginning!



Jule Goldstein, President

As I turn the pages of the Jewish Press every other month, I do so with such pride and excitement. The Press is a reflection of the growth and vibrancy in both our community and Federation. However it is just the ripple on the surface. Beyond all of the remarkable additions and changes we have implemented this year, we have managed to improve our services from our youngest community members to those at all stages of the lifecycle. What I have personally been most inspired by is the change in the dialogue within our community. I see respect and tolerance for different points of view. People remembering relationships that got lost in the rhetoric. There will always be different opinions because of course, we are Jews. It won't always be easy, but the best things in life never are. I see a change in our community, and it should make all of us so very proud.

The expectation that our communication with each other needed to change came in a ball of energy and wisdom named Barb Hirsch-Giller. She has made such a lasting legacy in our community, not only in the obvious changes in our schools, senior program, and Hillel, but also in the way that she leads. She showed me by example compassion, respect, and that sometimes, you need to be brave. I hope that in the next two years I can continue to inspire in others what she has inspired in me. She has made me stronger and hopefully, much wiser. The thanks that our community owes her cannot be captured in one article, but Barb, please know the difference you have made.

Jule Goldstein

Barb HG (as I like to refer to her) has been a true gift to me during my first year at the Federation. She is always available to listen, answer questions, and guide me in the correct direction. Her positive attitude and genuine concern for our community has set an incredible example for me. She always makes me feel important and loved. I will miss having her around Caspe, but am confident she will continue to be a presence in all of our lives! – Sophie Homonoff

If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never dream of. There is something of yourself you leave at every meeting with another person.-Fred Rogers
Thank you Barb! – The Ohringers

KOMEN TO OFFER ALTERNATIVE TO YOM KIPPUR RACE DATE

Due to an error, several affiliates of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure, including its Iowa affiliate, have inadvertently scheduled their Race for the Cure on October 4th, which is Yom Kippur. The Susan G. Komen Iowa Affiliate regrets the mistake and has offered to enable runners to participate in the race to be held in Omaha on Sunday, October 5th.

Those who wish to participate in the October 5th race in Omaha and who would need transportation to and from Omaha that day from Komen should inform the Jewish Federation via jcrc@dmjfed.org. Others wishing to participate in the Omaha race but who will not require transportation assistance can sign up directly through komeniowa.org. "Registration fees and any supplementary fund raising that is done for Komen will benefit the Iowa Affiliate and our grant projects," stated Roger E. Dahl, Executive Director of the Susan G. Komen Iowa Affiliate. For additional information, contact rdahl@komeniowa.org.

The goal of Susan G. Komen for the Cure is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research, education, screening and treatment.

RECENT GRADS - MAZEL TOV!

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GAN SHALOM

David Cohen, a music dramatist from our Israel Partnership District inspired our students at Gan Shalom with energetic music.



Now Enrolling For The 2014-15 School Year

Gan Shalom accepts children ages 2 years old through Pre-K for half and full day sessions. Gan Shalom offers the highest quality education available for our youngest community members. Children learn important independent skills, social skills, language skills and much more in a nurturing atmosphere with teachers who are committed to helping children grow at their own pace. The Gan Shalom program features healthy and Kosher snacks, daily outdoor play, integrated Hebrew and Judaics, and special activities every month. For enrollment information contact Director of Education, Sophie Homonoff at ganshalom@dmjfed.org.

Beit Sefer Shalom is a community-wide Judaic school serving the Greater Des Moines Jewish community. We look forward to continued growth in the 2014-2015 school year with several new and exciting additions to our school including online registration at: www.bunk1rollcall.com/en/i/934/login.

Gan Shaom Beit Sefer Shaom
The Jewish Center for Early Childhood Development we grow minds

Dear Barb,
Simply put, you get things done. Your energy and passion for the Federation is inspiring and the perseverance you displayed in navigating some difficult situations was always fueled by your desire to make the Federation better for the entire community. In your three “short” years as President you have helped set a course for the Federation that will benefit our community for years if not generations to follow.
Thank you!!! – Kent



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Gan Shalom

Gan Shalom has successfully completed its first year of preschool and is now offering an exciting camp program for children from 2 to 4 years of age. This year our preschool had two rooms offering a developmentally appropriate curriculum with many hands-on learning experiences. Next year we are pleased to announce that a third classroom will be added for pre-kindergarten age children.

“Gan Shalom in bathing suits” is how we refer to our camp program. Children spend the majority of their day outdoors enjoying the The Caspe Terrace grounds and also our new age appropriate playground. Three-day and five-day programs are available as well as half-day programs. The camp day is from 9:00 am -3:30, but there is an early drop off program and a Stay-and-Play program available for those parents who need a longer experience. Come for a week or all summer, or just stop by to see what’s happening.

Anissa Deay to Serve as Director of Gan Shalom



An expert in Child Development, Anissa Deay has been appointed director of the Gan Shalom at The Caspe Terrace. She will work under the guidance of the Federation’s Director of Education, Sophie Homonoff.

Among Anissa’s first tasks has been to become involved with the Iowa Quality Rating System, an initiative involving teacher training and program assessment leading to higher level accreditation of our preschool. As she explained, the initiative focuses on implementing creative curriculum, performing developmental assessment of students, building partnerships with families and translating learning from home to school and back to home.

Anissa has been involved in Early Childhood Development since 1987. Her degree is through the Des Moines Area Community College, and she had worked at Mercy Child Development Center for 17 years.

Anissa and her husband Michael have a 19 year old daughter, Keelie, who is a Certified Nurse’s Assistant.

We wish Anissa great success in her new and important position.



Julie Margolin and Orli Gubani with our 3-4-year old Gan Shalom class



Nicole Hayes and Karen Weberman with our 2-3-year old Gan Shalom class

Engman Camp Shalom Camp Highlights



Camp has had an excellent turnout so far. We’ve been doing some incredible and exciting things. There was a great trip out to Sleepy Hollow Sports Park. The kids got to make their own pieces of art with Kil’N Time Ceramics Studio, which look fantastic! We are midway through our first of two weeks of the Menace Soccer Camp and the kids are loving it.

It is not too late to register your children for more weeks of camp. We have a lot of fantastic trips and events coming up. The Engman Camp Shalom overnight is right around the corner. We’ll be taking the kids to SkyZone, to see an ICUBS game, Adventureland and more. The Israeli Friendship Caravan will be coming in and performing for the campers and community as well as running activities with the kids during the camp day. There is a lot of great things happening at Engman Camp Shalom and you really don’t want your children to miss out!

Register Via Bunk1

We are proud to announce that we have signed on with Bunk1. Bunk1 is a complete and all-inclusive camp management software. Using Bunk1 we will be able to register children for Engman Camp Shalom, Gan Shalom Camp, as well as Beit Sefer Shalom. The cloud database will store all personal information so that the next time you want to register your children for one our programs, you will only need to update the information that has changed. All camp pictures will also be stored securely on Bunk1 so they are not accessible to anybody who is not part of our community! To register or if your’re already registered and want to see what’s been going on, go to www.bunk1rollcall.com/en/i/934/login.

Camp Swag

For the first time ever, there is a way to truly show your love for Engman Camp Shalom with our brand new camp store! In an effort to raise money for our camp scholarship fund, Engman Camp Shalom has started a camp store with four items. We will be selling Hats, Frisbees, Cinch Pack backpacks, as well as a collectible Engman Camp Shalom Stuffed Animal. This year the stuffed animal is a Monkey with a purple Engman Camp Shalom T-Shirt and next year it will be a completely different animal and new colored shirt, so you do not want to miss the opportunity for the first in the series! Last but not least, for every item you purchase from the camp store, you will receive a ticket to a Des Moines Menace soccer game.



Teen Columnist

Different Perspectives by Sammi Sobel



Israel

Holy land, that is meant for us
Always attacked because no one likes us
Nice and small, but solid as can be
Many people who want us to flee
Nice try, but were not going to leave
We’ve been here for ages now
We can thank god and Moses on how this came to be
There is a purpose for us Jews here today
We just need to wait and see
Forever or never
We will always be together
Israel the home of thousands
And the land we should nickname
Strength forever

From the moment I made the decision to become the president of the Beit Sefer Shalom board Barb welcomed me with open arms. As a first-time volunteer for the Federation this meant the world to me. She has publicly and privately been one of my most devoted supporters and is a huge reason why the school has been so successful. Thanks for everything, Barb! I couldn’t have done it without you.
– Love, Gabrielle Callistein

Adult Services News

Upcoming Events:

July 24: Senior Luncheon with Engman Camp Shalom and Tsofim Friendship Caravan at The Caspe Terrace from 12:00-1:30

August 14: Senior Luncheon at Tifereth Israel Synagogue

August 24: Jewish Federation 100th Gala at the Iowa Events Center

VISIT TO THE BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS TEST GARDEN

On May 30, our seniors had a wonderful afternoon visit to the Better Homes and Gardens test garden site. The garden is located at 15th and Grand in downtown Des Moines and includes prairie, shade, and herb and vegetable gardens. The garden serves as a display garden, a testing ground for plants, and a place for Better Homes and Gardens to take pictures for many of their magazines. We participated in a tour and learned a lot about the planning and maintenance of the garden. The selection of plants is beautiful.

The space includes tables and chairs for a relaxing lunch and is open to the public every Friday from noon – 2:00 p.m., May through September. For a beautiful, relaxing lunch, plan to visit the garden soon!



SaraLee Sloven and Ethel Norman in the Better Homes and Gardens test garden with our tour guide.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE



A memorial service conducted by our rabbis was held at the memorial.



Prof. Harold Kasimow from Grinnell College spoke at the memorial and later at a program entitled, "Jewish Theological Responses to the Holocaust."

Barb, I want to thank you for all you have done for our community. We have come together as a stronger and more welcoming Jewish community. The Jewish Federation has grown in numbers and in respect. Thank you for your time, talents and friendship. I am richer for them. – Sharon Goldford

Meet Eva Pintus!



Eva is very active in the Jewish Family Services senior program and enjoys the lunches because she gets to visit with friends and enjoy the excellent food.

Eva was born in Germany and attended over ten schools while growing up; she went to nursing school in Berlin before moving to the United States with her husband in 1951. They originally moved to Kansas, where they farmed, and they also lived in Texas before moving to Des Moines in 1967.

In Des Moines, Eva worked at Mercy hospital for a few years and then stayed home with her five children. Eva's children now

live in Iowa, Colorado, Minnesota, and Missouri, and two of her daughters followed their mother into the nursing profession.

For many years, Eva served as a volunteer for the City of Des Moines, providing transportation for people to get to their medical appointments. She also volunteered at the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center. Eva continues to volunteer for Jewish Family Services, serving as a caller to other seniors.

Eva loves the outdoors, particularly her roses, and keeps busy working in her yard when the weather is nice. She has a "four-footed son" that she got at the Animal Rescue League, and they enjoy long walks together through Eva's neighborhood. Eva also enjoys socializing with friends and reading.

Eva is a very active member of our senior community; please make sure to greet her when you see her!

OUR SENIOR SENIOR BUS IS HERE



After months of planning we now have a new bus to take for our seniors trips and outreach project. With the ability to "kneel" to the sidewalk, everyone will be able to get on and enjoy our new bus!

"KIBITZ AND KIDS"

May 4th wrapped up the last Kibitz and Kids of the school year, and included a discussion with Eliad Eliahu about diversity in Israel. We have been overwhelmed with the amazing speakers we have had over the course of our inaugural year. From Marla Sobel's discussion on ways to encourage children to be respectful and responsible using the "Love & Logic" philosophy of parenting, to Dr. David Friedgood's infusion of Torah and families, we have really covered a diverse range of topics.

We would like to thank all of our speakers, and we look forward to creating more educational opportunities for parents throughout the next school year.



In addition, please watch out for a special summer version of Kibitz and Kids. Have a great summer!



Jubilee

by David Friedgood



"You shall proclaim liberty (release) throughout the land for all its inhabitants." (Leviticus 25:10) This quote from our Bible is proudly

displayed on the Liberty Bell, hanging in Independence Hall in Philadelphia. It is an enduring symbol of American Liberty; words, first written by a Hebrew scribe over 2000 years ago. It was in the Bible that Western Civilization's ideal of liberty and freedom was first developed. The words served as an inspiration for our Founding Fathers as they laid down the blueprint of American Democracy. Let us review the origin of these notions.

I will start with some definitions. The Hebrew word for release is *dror*, which is literally a free flowing stream, often translated as liberty. The next sentence in Leviticus is: "It shall be a Jubilee for you; each of you shall return to his holding and each of you shall return to his family." (ibid) The Hebrew word for jubilee is *yovel*, which refers to a ram's horn. The blowing of the horn (*shofar*) was historically done to proclaim a joyous occasion. Hence the word jubilee (through the Latin *jubilaeus*). The year of the Jubilee was a joyous year associated with liberty for the Israelites, a people only recently released from slavery in

Egypt. But, what exactly did this liberty entail, and what did it mean to be free?

Our ancestors in ancient Israel were a pastoral people. They lived off the land. Towns and cities were small and a minor part of the economy. When Moses brought his people to the Promised Land, the question of how to divide the land and its bounty was of major concern. Most of the world's economy at that time revolved around Feudal Lords who owned tracts of land. Their subjects lived on the land at their Lord's pleasure. Many Feudal Kingdoms are recorded in the Bible, including Edom, Moab, Canaan, and Philistia. Also noted are nomadic tribes, typically small groups of shepherds, who moved about the region to find pasturage for their herds. Examples are the Ishmaelites and Midianites. The main goal of these people was to accumulate property and power, as a means of security. Religion was often used as a tool to control the population. The Feudal Landlord had a direct connection with the god of that land and exerted absolute control over his people. The King decided who prospered and who was impoverished. Disputes amongst Feudal groups were common, and war was a frequent plague on the population. Land often changed hands as the victorious King took possession of his neighbor's property; including men, women, and children. There had to be a better way to organize society.

As a result of the redemption from slavery (Exodus), Moses taught that human life is of infinite value. Each individual, all of us, has the right to life associated with peace and security, and the right to fulfill our potential as human beings. We are all created in the image of the one God and we are all equal in the eyes of our Creator. These rights cannot be denied by mortal man. With these rights come obligations, and punishment for not following the rules. But, no monarch, no matter how powerful, can take away our God given rights. In order to function independently in a pastoral society people needed land. Property on which to grow crops, and pastureland for their livestock. In a sense, the land served to guarantee their liberty. Moses and the elders of Israel, under the supervision of God, divided the Land of Israel. They assigned a parcel to each of the 12 tribes (except the priestly tribe of Levites.) Each parcel was then subdivided so that each family clan (*mishpacha*) had a portion. In this way every individual was 'landed gentry' with their freedom stemming from their connection to the land granted to them by God. Over time, however, life interfered with this plan. Families had misfortunes, crops failed, people became ill or died. Some had to sell their land to pay debts. Some had to bond themselves to neighbors as indentured servants or slaves. Over the generations, the people of Israel were in danger of

becoming a two-class society – those who had possessions, and the have-nots. The Biblical ideal of liberty for all was in danger of falling apart. Our Bible had to develop unique solutions for this dilemma.

One answer to the problem was the Jubilee Year. The people were commanded to count seven years seven times. (Seven being an auspicious number.) At the end of this time – the 50th year – they were to proclaim the year of Jubilee. The horn was sounded on Yom Kippur announcing the Jubilee. In this year every individual was to return to his family. Property, which had previously been sold, was to revert back to its original clan. The land, through which Israelites are redeemed, is not theirs to own in perpetuity. The land belongs to Almighty God; that is to all of us, and is a gift from our Creator to His people. "But the land must not be sold beyond reclaim, for the land is Mine; you are but strangers resident with Me." (Leviticus 25:23) In addition the land was not to be worked for one year. The Israelites were to live off what grew naturally from the earth. It was by following these Holy dictates that Israel was guaranteed a life of peace and prosperity.

What an odd notion. Who will buy property knowing they will have to return it in a few years? How can people prosper on less?

The ideal of Jubilee, I believe, takes us to the roots of Jewish Religion. It is what God expects from us. *continued on page 21*



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The End of the World

by Joanne Brown

How might the world end? “Not with a bang but a whimper,” said T.S. Eliot in the last line of his poem “The Hollow Men.” Robert Frost hedged his bets in his poem “Fire and Ice” by first saying that “From what I’ve tasted of desire/ I hold with those who favor fire,” but in the next few lines declares that “...if it had to perish twice/ I think I know enough of hate / to say for destruction ice/ Is also great / And would suffice.” A bang, a whimper, fire, ice—take your pick. However, more people seem concerned with not how the world will end but when.

Many have attempted such a prophecy. Family Radio founder Harold Camping predicted the world would end on May 21, 2011, and he revised his forecast when his first prediction failed to materialize. Surely he was humiliated or chastened when nothing noteworthy happened even on the second date, especially because some of his followers had rid themselves of all their belongings in the expectation that they would have no use for material objects when the end came. Today I myself pay little attention to such prophecies, but many decades ago I succumbed to speechless fright at the prospect.

I was nine or ten years old, riding the bus after school to what my mother called “elocution” lessons. Our class was rehearsing for our fall semester play instead of just improvising as we usually did. Now we had a real script and lines to memorize. Miss Boynton, our teacher, had selected “The Little Match Girl” as the play and had

cast me in the leading role. The title role. I loved Miss Boynton. She wore sweaters the color of tulips, and when she narrowed her grey eyes and looked into the distance, I was sure she could see things visible only to her. She told our class how she had studied under the great Maria Ouspenskaya, who had been a student of the even greater Konstantin Stanislavski.

And she had given me this wonderful part. I even got to die at the end, my eyes cast heavenward, calling out to the grandmother—“Oh, Grandmother, please take me with you”—whose death (before the curtain opened) had left the little match girl alone in the world. That dramatic line compensated for my costume, a shapeless brown thing with a ragged hem, hardly the full-skirted, gauzy dress I had envisioned.

As I sat on the bus that day, bundled against the early Iowa winter, I reviewed my script, moving my lips silently in practice for what lay ahead. The woman sitting next to me in the window seat turned her head toward me, craning to see the mimeographed sheets I held. I could feel her warm breath on my cheek. “It’s a play I’m in,” I confided, sensing her interest. “I have the main part—twenty-one lines and two sobs at the end.” I added that I would have had more lines, but most of the play was in pantomime as the little match girl ran from one passerby to another trying to sell her matches to whomever hurried across the stage.

The lady made a disapproving clucking sound. “Child,” she said, making two words

out of the one so that it sounded as if she were saying, “Chy-ald.” Then she told me I ought not be thinking of what she called “worldly matters” and should concentrate instead on saving my soul because the end of the world was coming soon. “Do you believe in Christ, our Lord?” she demanded

I would have liked to believe in her Lord because then our family could have a Christmas tree, but we were Jewish, denied that enviable conifer. However, she looked so stern that I hesitated. “Maybe,” I hedged. “Sometimes.”

“Believe, child, believe. Soon. The End will be here soon.” Then she named the date of what she called The Rapture: December 15. December 15! That was the day the single performance of our play was scheduled. Was she sure about the date? She was, she said, and repeated her admonition to work on saving my soul. I knew that my soul sat in my throat behind a bumpy knob there, what my father called an Adam’s apple. When I felt very sad, my soul swelled up and made it hard to swallow. What did it mean to save that soul, protected as it was by its bony cage?

The bus stopped where I was to get off. Usually I eagerly jumped down the two steps from the bus to the curb, but today I moved slowly, as if in a dream. How would the world end? I tried to imagine it. A terrible war was raging across two oceans, and I knew that Jews were among its many victims. Each night during dinner we had to be very quiet while my father listened to the radio news. The war was

going badly for our side. “If the Nazis win this war,” he often said, snapping off the radio, “a Jew’s life won’t be worth a plug nickel.” Sometimes at the movies we saw newsreels—The Eyes of the World—that showed our fighting men in action while a deep, sober voice commented on their courage. Did the End of the World mean Hitler would win and kill us all?

Polio was another dreaded threat. During the summer if I complained of not feeling well, my mother would bend my chin toward my chest to test the flexibility of my neck. A stiff neck signaled the onset of the disease, and one of the boys in my class had gotten polio. Now he was in the hospital in something called an iron lung that breathed for him. I had seen pictures of the iron lung—a forbidding tubular machine—and the thought of spending even one day in such a thing horrified me. Perhaps the End of the World would doom everyone to an iron lung. I pictured my Aunt Ruthie and Uncle Bert, who lived down the street from us, lying on their backs in an iron lung. Aunt Ruthie’s tidy bun at the back of her neck would be undone, and Uncle Bert’s pleasant smile would be replaced by grimness.

Still, whether the world would end with a bang or a whimper was only a secondary concern. It was the predicted date itself that nearly paralyzed me. I moved stiffly through the rehearsal that afternoon, despite admonitions from Miss Boynton to “believe,” to see the snow coming down, to feel the cold. *continued on page 21*

The Visioning Committee

Completion of the Three-Year Drucker Visioning Process

A report by David Adelman, Chair of the Visioning Committee

For those of you who do not know me, my name is David Adelman. I am the Chair of the Visioning Committee and President-elect of the Federation. The Visioning committee was formed in December 2011 with the hope of forging a new direction for the Jewish Federation. Through the unparallel leadership, enthusiasm and optimism of Federation President Barb Hirsch Giller, the Committee was tasked with three objectives:

- 1) Creating a Mission and Value Statement better reflecting the new Federation of Greater Des Moines
- 2) Developing a plan how the Federation can more effectively and efficiently provide services
- 3) Hire a new Executive Director

As I stated in an early memo Barb, must be clairvoyant because in 2011 our group was created to address the changing demographics in the Des Moines Jewish Community, yet in 2013 the Pew Research Center released a study providing a portrait of American Jewry. Jewish communities around the country are only now trying to address the findings from the study while we are preparing our recommendations to counter these national challenging trends....more on this later.

To address these challenges I surrounded myself with people more insightful and more articulate than me.

Serving at the pleasure of the Federation Board Chair these thirteen members of the community were selected. Drawing from all corners of the community, the Committee resembles today’s Des Moines Jewish Community; age diversification, congregational affiliation, members from interfaith families, and future and past Federation leadership were selected in order to gain perspectives from all types of individuals who are the Federation’s base.

- 1) Alan Adato
- 2) David Adelman
- 3) Laura Bernstein
- 4) Judy Deutch
- 5) Tracy Finkelshteyn
- 6) Jule Goldstein
- 7) Barb Hirsch-Giller
- 8) David Lekowsky
- 9) Beth Ohringer
- 10) Stuart Oxer (who later removed himself after becoming a candidate for the ED position)
- 11) Kent Rosenberg
- 12) Bruce Sherman
- 13) Justin Schoen

Our intention was to complete our roadmap using the recognized Drucker approach prior to hiring a new Executive Director in June 2013. Circumstances arose when Elaine Steinger, the Federation Executive Director for the last 25 years retired in the fall of 2012. The Visioning Committee’s efforts froze for 6 months as the Committee was transformed in to the

Executive Director Search Committee. After conducting a national search, with the help of JFNA and an extensive interview process with a number of highly qualified candidates, we recommended to the Federation Board hire Stuart Oxer to replace Elaine Steinger. We could not be more thrilled of the results Stuart has accomplished in his short tenure as Executive Director.

Mission:

Working with non-profit consultant Connie Isaacson, we crafted a Mission and Value Statement that encompassed the feelings of the community and will help provide direction as we re-prioritize the services the Federation provides.

To enrich Jewish living through connection, education, and compassion
OUR PRIORITIES/VALUES: Why We Do What We Do

~ COMMUNITY

Committed to connecting our Jewish community to one another, Israel and the people of the world

~LOVING KINDNESS

Committed to caring for our Jewish elders and those among us who are least able to care for themselves

~L’DOR VA DOR/ GENERATION TO GENERATION

Committed to honoring all generations, remembering our Jewish past, while welcoming our Jewish future

~HATIKVAH/Hope

Committed to bringing hope and support to Israel and the world’s citizens who face disaster, oppression, and persecution

~INTEGRITY

Committed to transparent communication, ethical practices, and stewardship of our community’s trust

Roadmap for the Federation

The Visioning Committee met extensively with members of the community and clergy with the hope of identifying the opportunities and challenges existing within the Federation. Using the strategic planning questions formulated by Dr. Peter Drucker the Committee prepared recommendations of a roadmap tailored with the focus of our 2014 greater Des Moines Jewish Community.

1. What is our Mission?
2. Who is our customer?
3. What does the customer consider value?
4. What are our results?
5. What is our goal?

By pondering these questions we believe we can better serve the needs of our community...but what is our community. We are not the Federation of 20 years ago. The findings of the Pew study point to an increasingly diverse Jewish population—one that defies generalizations. This diversity stems from several sources, especially the recent history of intermarriage and assimilation. *continued on page 21*

Iowa Council for Holocaust Education

Organized by JCRC and Professor Stephen Gaies, Director of the University of Northern Iowa’s Center for Holocaust and Genocide Education, the Iowa Council for Holocaust Education has members from across the state of Iowa. Among its efforts, the Council, with funding from the Jewish Federation, has issued a set of essays intended to help orient visitors to the Iowa Holocaust Memorial at the State Capitol. This essay is authored by Professor Dorothy Pisarski of Drake University.

HOW SHOULD ONE VISIT THE IOWA HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL?

– Prof. Dorothy Pisarski, Drake University

There are so many messages, both obvious and subtle, at the Memorial site. I believe it is limiting to think about just one way to make the visit. Rather, I encourage visitors to be open to the multitude of possibilities.

Don’t ignore the location of the Memorial. Set on the hillside leading east toward the Capitol, it is inspiring to see the Memorial as a series of corridors that point walkers toward the gold dome atop the Capitol building. It reminds me that those we memorialize set their sights on a greater goal. We look upward, and we look eastward from the Memorial. Those directions help us focus on the sites of tragedies of the Holocaust in Europe, while also thinking about the eternal rest granted those who were victimized.

How do I walk through? If we can agree that a corridor is a path to get us from one place to another, then the Memorial is a series of corridors. But don’t hurry through. Each panel along the way provides something of interest, something to contemplate. Start at one end and wind your way through, slowly, contemplatively. I began and ended one walk steps away from the Memorial at the flagpole of the United States, thinking about our own freedoms here in America.

The Holocaust was a very sad time. Indeed, that is true. The Memorial speaks to the tragedies in words and pictures. Some are disturbing. There is a photo of young children in the Warsaw Ghetto in 1943 that will bring a tear to the eye of any parent. Another photo of barracks inside Buchenwald will stir stormy emotions.

But there are also stories of the liberators, especially those liberators who were lowans. There are stories of survivors, too. Some came to Des Moines. A different group was sent to a temporary hostel in West Branch, IA. You can read their stories at the Memorial, too. And when you do, stop and think about how far from home these survivors were, and how much they had been through. Think, also, about the hospitality of lowans and whisper a message of gratitude for the kindness of strangers that was a salve even in the most sad times.

Facts, details, and stories. Yes, you will find all three at the Memorial. In a compact space, you will find quotations about the tragedy of the Holocaust, lists of U.S. Army divisions that liberated concentration and work camps, narratives, and photos. If you linger, the facts start to become a piece of the fabric of the story of the millions who lived – and died – during the Holocaust.

And then? Take the story with you. Don’t let the experience simply close. Do a search through a book or a report, linking one place or one day or one person from the Memorial with some facet that has been written about or drawn or painted elsewhere. Think about current places around the world where oppression and violence did impact or are impacting civilians today. Resolve to live so differences between people don’t escalate into conflict.

AJC REGRETS SUPREME COURT DECISION IN TOWN OF GREECE CASE

May 5, 2014 – New York –The American Jewish Committee regrets the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Town of Greece v. Galloway. In a 5-4 decision, the court ruled that the town board may continue to begin its meetings with a prayer. Historically, those prayers have been almost exclusively Christian, a practice that prompted the lawsuit.

AJC, in an amicus brief, had urged that the court find unconstitutional the town’s use of prayers because they suggest that government prefers one faith, in violation of the Establishment Clause.

“Today’s Supreme Court decision is regrettable in not insisting that those prayers be required to reflect our nation’s religious diversity,” said AJC General Counsel Marc Stern.

Stern noted that the dissent in the Supreme Court decision “had it right when they said that the Town’s opening prayer practice, which favored the Town’s Christian majority, failed to comply with the ‘remarkable guarantee’ embodied in

the Constitution.”

“When the citizens of this country approach their government, they do so only as Americans, not as members of one faith or another,” wrote Justice Elena Kagan for the minority. “[T]hey should not confront government-sponsored worship that divides them along religious lines.”

The majority of the court, however, argued that since the Town did not intend to slight its non-Christian citizens, the Constitution was not violated. Citizens are more concerned with what government does than with what some anonymous bureaucrat intended, AJC observed. Despite our disappointment with the result, Stern noted, there is an important silver lining in the majority decision: “Those who would deliberately limit legislative prayers to those of the dominant religious group—or use legislative prayers to attack or proselytize others—have been told by the Court that they will find no solace in the Town of Greece decision,” said Stern.

ADL Poll Finds More Than One-Quarter Surveyed Reflect Anti-Semitic Attitudes

New York, NY, May 13, 2014 ... The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) today released the results of an unprecedented worldwide survey of anti-Semitic attitudes. The ADL Global 100: An Index of Anti-Semitism surveyed 53,100 adults in 102 countries and territories in an effort to establish, for the first time, a comprehensive data-based research survey of the level and intensity of anti-Jewish sentiment across the world.

The survey found that anti-Semitic attitudes are persistent and pervasive around the world. More than one-in-four adults, 26 percent of those surveyed, are deeply infected with anti-Semitic attitudes. This figure represents an estimated 1.09 billion people around the world.

The overall ADL Global 100 Index score represents the percentage of respondents who answered “probably true” to six or more of 11 negative stereotypes about Jews. An 11-question index has been used by ADL as a key metric in measuring anti-Semitic attitudes in the United States for the last 50 years.

“For the first time we have a real sense of how pervasive and persistent anti-Semitism is today around the world,” said Abraham H. Foxman, ADL National Director. “The data from the Global 100 Index enables us to look beyond anti-Semitic incidents and rhetoric and quantify the prevalence of anti-Semitic attitudes across the globe. We can now identify hotspots, as well as countries and regions of the world where hatred of Jews is essentially non-existent.”

Made possible by a generous grant from the New York philanthropist Leonard Stern, the ADL Global 100 Index constitutes the most comprehensive assessment ever of anti-Semitic attitudes globally, encompassing 102 countries and territories in seven major regions of the world and accounting for about 88 percent of the world’s total adult population.

Available through an interactive web site at <http://global100.adl.org>, the survey will give researchers, students, governments and members of the public direct access to a treasure trove of current data about anti-Semitic attitudes globally and how they vary widely along religious, ethnic, national and regional lines. The survey also ranks countries and territories in numerical order from the least anti-Semitic (Laos, at 0.2 percent of the adult population) to the most (West Bank and Gaza, where anti-Semitic attitudes, at 93 percent, are pervasive throughout society).

“The level of anti-Semitism in some countries and regions, even those where there are no Jews, is in many instances shocking,” said Barry Curtiss-Lusher, ADL National Chair. “We hope this unprecedented effort to measure and gauge anti-Semitic attitudes globally will serve as a wake-up call to governments, to international institutions and to people of conscience that anti-Semitism is not just a relic of history, but a current event.”

At the same time, there are highly encouraging notes in the ADL survey.

In majority English-speaking countries, the percentage of those with anti-Semitic attitudes is 13 percent, far lower than the overall average. Protestant majority countries in general have the lowest ratings of anti-Semitic attitudes, as compared to any

other majority religious country. And 28 percent of respondents around the world do not believe that any of the 11 anti-Semitic stereotypes tested are “probably true.”

ADL commissioned First International Resources to conduct the poll of attitudes and opinions toward Jews. Fieldwork and data collection were conducted and coordinated by Anzalone Liszt Grove Research. The data was culled from interviews conducted between July 2013 and February 2014 in 96 languages and dialects via landline telephones, mobile phones and face-to-face discussions. Respondents were selected at random and constituted a demographically representative sample of the adult populations.

Respondents were asked a series of 11 questions based on age-old stereotypes about Jews, including classical stereotypes about Jewish power, loyalty, money and behavior. Those who responded affirmatively to six or more negative statements about Jews are considered to hold anti-Semitic attitudes. The margin of error for most countries, where 500 respondents were selected, was +/- 4.4 percent. In various larger countries, where 1,000 interviews were conducted, the margin of error was +/- 3.2 percent.

- Among the major findings:
- More than one-quarter of those surveyed, 26 percent, harbor anti-Semitic attitudes, representing an estimated 1.09 billion adults around the world;
 - Only 54 percent of those polled globally have ever heard of the Holocaust. Two out of three people surveyed have either never heard of the Holocaust, or do not believe historical accounts to be accurate.
 - The most widely accepted anti-Semitic stereotype worldwide is: “Jews are more loyal to Israel than to this country/ the countries they live in.” Overall, 41 percent of those surveyed believe this statement to be “probably true.” This is the most widely accepted stereotype in five out of the seven regions surveyed.
 - The second most widely accepted stereotype worldwide is “Jews have too much power in the business world.” Overall, 35 percent of those surveyed believe this statement to be “probably true.” This is also the most widely held stereotype in Eastern Europe.
 - Among the 74 percent of those surveyed who indicated they had never met a Jewish person, 25 percent harbor anti-Semitic attitudes. Of the 26 percent overall who harbor anti-Semitic attitudes, 70 percent have never met a Jewish person.
 - Three out of 10 respondents, 30 percent, believe Jews make up between 1 to 10 percent of the world’s population. Another 18 percent believe Jews make up more than 10 percent of the world’s population. Sixteen percent (16%) responded less than 1 percent. (The actual number of Jewish people as a percentage of the world’s population is 0.19 percent). “Only 54 percent of those polled had heard of the Holocaust ~ a disturbingly low number ~ the numbers were far better in Western Europe, where 94 percent of those polled were aware of the history,” Mr. Foxman said.

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Mazel Tov To Our 2014 Graduates



Asher Bergman graduated from Ames High School in May. His parents are CLIFF BERGMAN AND MARILYN VAUGHAN, long-time members of Ames Jewish Congregation. Asher attended AJC's religious school since he was a small child and taught there during the 2013-2014 school year. Asher plays the clarinet and was active in the music program at Ames High along with model nations. He has a love of languages and went to Oman in March 2014 to study Arabic with his Arabic III class. Asher will attend the University of Iowa where he intends to major in international studies.



Samantha Blatt, daughter of LINDA BLATT, graduated from Pella High School on May 23, 2014. During high school she was involved in speech, the Gay-Straight Alliance and participated in golf and cross country. Samantha plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa next fall, majoring in business and double minoring in Spanish and Sociology.



Sam Feldstein, son of STUART AND SONDR FELDSTEIN, graduated with honors from Bondurant-Farrar High School on May 25, 2014. Sam has attended Central Academy of Des Moines throughout his high school career where he has especially enjoyed the film & broadcasting classes. Sam will be attending Iowa State University in the fall where he will participate in the Honors program.



Aden Raviv Finkelstein, son of JODY HRAMITS AND MARK FINKELSTEIN, graduated from Roosevelt High School May 27, 2014. He will be attending the University of Iowa this fall.



Josh Hjelmaas, son of JOEL AND RACHELE HJELMAAS, graduated from Johnston High School. Josh plans to attend the University of Iowa in the fall where he has been accepted into the Tippie College of Business. He plans to major in Finance and International Business with a minor in Spanish and an emphasis on Pre-Law studies. He was also selected for the Young Leaders of Character Program, National Honor Society, and the National Council on Youth Leadership (NCYL). Josh served as a Supreme Court Justice delegate to the American Legion Hawkeye Boys State and as Vice President of Social Action for the Temple's Youth Group.



Shirah Jacobs, daughter of JAKE JACOBS AND GAIL KLEARMAN, graduated from Roosevelt High School and plans to study Mechanical Engineering at the U of M – she is still undecided between Michigan and Minnesota. She has received an AP Scholar Award, Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, and three Academic Letter Awards. Shirah served as a member of Temple B'nai Jeshurun's Ritual Committee and was Religious Chair of the Temple Youth Group.



Leah Kitsis, daughter of DAVID AND RAYNAE KITSIS, graduated from Indianola High School where she has been involved in many activities. Some included show choir, debate, DECA and student council. In the fall, she will attend the University of Iowa where she plans on studying Communications.



Joshua Lacher, son of IRA AND LISA LACHER, recently graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with a Bachelor of Music degree with a jazz concentration. He continues to work at Tenor Madness in Waterloo and plans to substitute-teach in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area next year. He aims to find a high school teaching position for the 2015-16 academic year.



Barak Luban, son of MARSHALL AND PNINA LUBAN, graduated from Ames High School. Barak is planning on attending Iowa State University this fall as a business major.



Sarah Margolin, daughter of JEFFREY AND JULI MARGOLIN, graduated in May from Johnston High School. She swam for the Dragons all four years and was also on the tennis team. Sarah has been on the staff of the school's newspaper since her freshman year. She participated in a mock trial on a team that made it to the state competition all four years. In the fall, Sarah will be going to Clark University in Worcester, Mass.



Lydia Phillips, daughter of BRUCE AND KRYSTYNA PHILLIPS, will graduate from Roosevelt and Central High Schools. Lydia is a National Merit Scholar and a Valedictorian. Her future plans include studying International Business with a concentration in Japanese, which she has studied the last four years. At this time, she plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in Norman.



Molly Silverstein, daughter of LESLIE SILVERSTEIN, granddaughter of RUTHANNE AND JACK SILVERSTEIN, has graduated from Des Moines Roosevelt High School as one of the class valedictorians. Her grandfather Jack also attended Roosevelt, class of 1939. After graduation, Molly plans to attend Drake University's pre-pharmacy program and also study abroad. Molly would like to thank the Des Moines Jewish community for being a huge part of her life so far.

Iowa Jewish Historical Society Awarded Certificate of Recognition

For its "Honoring Iowa's Jewish Veterans" Project



Mary Cownie, Director of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds, Board Member Janice Rosenberg, Board President Melanie Sandler, Executive Director Sandi Yoder, Vice President of the Board Loretta Fingert, and Governor Terry Branstad



Presentation of the Certificate of Recognition for outstanding contribution to community history through research or publication to the Iowa Jewish Historical Society by Governor Terry Branstad.

On May 14, the Iowa Jewish Historical Society was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the State Historical Society of Iowa for its outstanding contribution to community history through research or publication for its "Honoring Iowa's Jewish Veterans" project. The Certificate was presented as part of the 2014 Loren Horton Community History Award program. Making the presentation were Governor Terry Branstad and Mary Cownie, Director of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs at the State Capitol.

The Loren Horton Community History Award program recognizes individuals, groups, or organizations that increase awareness of and participation in Iowa history on a local level. The 2014 awards recognize outstanding local history projects completed during calendar year 2013.



Mark Finkelstein, Jewish Community Relations Director; Melanie Sandler, President of the IJHS Board; Stuart Oxer, Executive Director of the Federation; Loretta Fingert, Vice President of the Board; Janice Rosenberg, IJHS Board Member; and Sarah Carlson, IJHS Collections Manager

The Iowa Jewish Historical Society's (IJHS) "Honoring Iowa's Jewish Veterans" project was a multi-faceted project—part research, part recognition event, part museum exhibit, and part community builder. From a humble list containing the names of only twenty-five veterans, today the list is both a computer searchable spreadsheet and a beautifully printed "Book of Honor," both of which contain the names, dates, military assignments, etc. of more than 1,320 Jewish veterans.

In 2013, this information became the backbone of the "Veterans Reference File," a comprehensive research collection containing all of the research, images,



An example of archival materials donated by the families of two veterans

archival donations and related materials available for each veteran. New names and updated information continue to be added to the spreadsheet almost every week and the IJHS continues to accession artifacts and archival materials associated with Iowa's Jewish veterans throughout the year. Without these files, the work done in preparation of the recognition event, exhibit, Book of Honor and publications, would be lost.

The IJHS is grateful to every veteran and/or their family members who contributed information and artifacts to this project and to all the members of the IJHS board, IJHS and Federation staff, and the many volunteers who worked so hard to make this such a meaningful statewide project.



David Arkovich reading a prayer from a WWII Jewish military prayer book at the Honoring Iowa's Jewish Veterans event. IJHS just received a donation of four Jewish military prayer books for our collection—one of the latest items to be added to the collection as a result of this project.

Israel Partnership News

In May, our Partnership (P2G) shared with us a musical dramatist, David (DuDu) Cohen and musician Eliad Eliyahu ben Shushan, who serves as community shaliach in Omaha, and an artist from the Des Moines Art Center, Michael Lane, traveled to the Western Galilee to participate in P2G's Artist-in-Residence program.

David (DuDu) Cohen thrilled students at Gan Shalom, engaging them in musical and rhythmic movement activities set to a story. Cohen, who works as a music therapist at hospitals and daycare centers for children with disabilities in Acco, Israel, has also been working with IsraAid, teaching social workers and teachers in Sudan and Kenya.

Eliyad Eliyahu, a major musical artist in Israel and a leader within Partnership2Gether, performed a beautiful set of songs at the Caspe Terrace of the community's Israel Independence Day program. In addition, he gave a

presentation about the ethnic and religious diversity in Israel. We look forward to having Eliyad visit again soon.

Michael Lane, creative artist and instructor at the Art Center, was in Israel to collaborate with American and Israeli artists in creating a public sculpture at Kibbutz Eilon. Michael was the second artist from Des Moines subsidized by the Jewish Federation to participate in this rewarding program conducted by our Partnership.

What is Partnership2Gether? PARTNERSHIP2GETHER is a program of the Jewish Agency and the Jewish Federations of North America, promoting people-to-people relationships through cultural, social, medical, educational and economic programs. Our community is part of the Central States consortium of 12 communities and Israel's Western Galilee.

JCRC NEWS



JCRC's Mark Finkelstein with Alan Potash, ADL Director in Omaha and father of the Potash twins.



P2G Chair Jacob Lederamn decorates The Caspe Terrace during the community's Israel Independence Day program.



A delegation from Des Moines visited the Omaha JCC recently and spent time with colleagues from Omaha Jewish Historical Society and ADL. Pictured: Melanie Sandler, Marilyn Vaughan, Jacob Lederman, Eliad Eliyahu (Omaha's Shaliach), Mark Finkelstein, and P2G performer David Cohen.



"Why the Holocaust matters today," a presentation at Des Moines University featured (from right) UNI's Prof. Stephen Gaies, Mr. David Wolnerman, a survivor of Auschwitz, Michael Wolnerman, Grinnell Prof. Daniel Reynolds, and Mark Finkelstein.

Hello From Israel



At the time this publication went to press, the Jewish Federation's Mission to Israel was in progress. Here is a picture sent to the Jewish Press from abroad. Coverage of the trip will be included in the next edition.

The Potash Twins Shine Onstage at the Caspe Terrace



It was so refreshing to have had two young and vibrant musical performers and their combo perform at The Caspe Terrace on May 21st. With ties to the Jewish community in Omaha and to Camp Herzl, Adeev (on trumpet) and Ezra (on bass trombone) brought their talents as developing jazz musicians to a concert of mostly their own compositions. Adeev

studies with Dizzy Gillespie's protégé Jon Faddis at the music conservatory at the State University of New York at Purchase, and Ezra studies with a veteran of the Thad Jones - Mel Lewis Jazz Orchestra and performer with stars including the Rolling Stones, Dave Taylor. At age twenty, they have a great future ahead of them!

Best wishes, Barb — as you step away from the President's chair. Thank you for your steady leadership, positivity, passion, flexibility, and tremendous sense of humor over the past three years. Under your guidance, the Federation is now well-positioned to stretch further in pursuing its mission and vision and to deepen its impact within the Jewish community and the community at large. On a personal note, thanks for your tireless efforts to champion the work of Jewish Family Services, too. Your steadfast support and wise counsel have been invaluable to me and to JFS — thank you! — Mark John Conley

Volunteer Dinner



Barb Hirsch-Giller



Jake Nagorner, Mollie Giller, Stephen and Gwenn Copple, Joy Talmon, Laurie Bishop, Mark John Conley



Jule Goldstein and Gabrielle Callistein



Marsha Miller, Ellen and Dave Arkovich



Marla and Phil Sobel



Tivon and Devorah Feeley



Jerry and Barbara Geller



Todd Jacklin, Harvey Giller, and Jody Jacklin



Annie and Ayal Naggar



Barb Leventhal Beckerman and Aaron Beckerman



Eva Pintus



Stuart Oxer and Melanie Sandler



Ron Herzog and Louise Kaufmann



Sally Luftman



Tifereth Israel Choir

photos by Laurie Wahlig



The Finkelstein family: Sheya, Jody Hramits, Mark, Mayim and Aden



**Professor Harold Kasimow and
Pastor Carlos Ortiz**



Jule Goldstein and Barb Hirsch-Giller



David Adelman and Stuart Oxer



Alan Zuckert and Mark Finkelstien



**Roselind Rabinowitz and
Jody Hramits**



Robbie and Marvin Winick



Jarad and Liliana Bernstein



**Dr. Wendi Harris and Ruthanne
Silverstein**



Don and Margo Blumenthal



Lou and Marilyn Hurwitz



Elias Rincon and Mark John Conley



David and Alice Friedgood



Dr. and Mrs. Henry Lejukole



Larry and Suzanne Engman



Dorothy and Bud Hockenberg



Dennis and Sharon Goldford



Judy and Larry Deutch



Pastor and Mrs. MD Eppright

Annual Meeting and JCRC Interfaith Event

photos by Laurie Wahlig



Krista Pearl, Beth Ohringer and Tracy Engman Finkelshteyn



Dr. Steve and Jule Goldstein

"I am honored to have served as one of the Jewish community's spokespersons for 18 years as Community Relations Director. It is a privilege to work with so many wonderful and creative people on a whole variety of important issues. I am thankful to members of our community for this special recognition!" said Mark Finkelstein



Gail and Stan Richards



Julie Margolin, Gabrielle Callistein and Raizel Small



David and Beth Adelman



Ted Block



Dr.s Kathy Elsner and Steve Adelman



Barb and Bruce Sherman



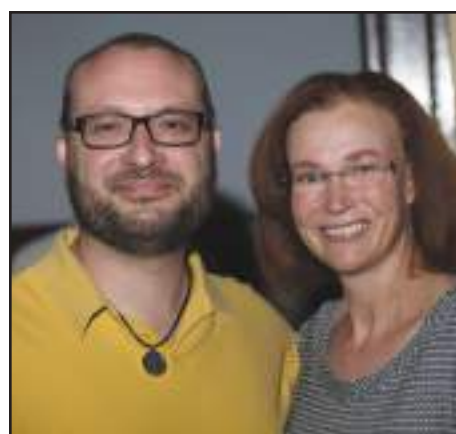
Jody Hramits and Mark Finkelstein



Kent Rosenberg and
Rabbi Steven Edelman-Blank



Rabbi Leib Bolel



Rabbi David and Julie Kaufman



Brenda Daisy and Gil Coosner



Jewish Federation Last Day of School



Community School And Israel's 66th Birthday



photos by Laurie Wahlig

Beit Sefer Shalom filled the Bucksbaum Auditorium on Sunday, May 4th to celebrate Israel's 66th birthday along with our last day of Sunday school. The older children entertained us with Hatikvah and Mi Chamocha and our younger friends sang the Aleph-Bet song, Hinei Ma Tov, and Tree of Life. It was a wonderful presentation by our students. Eliad Eliyahu (Shaliach from Omaha) joined us for several more Israeli favorites before finishing our day with a Tikkun Olam project and delicious Israeli lunch. Thank you to all our teachers for a very successful school year.

We ended our year on a high note with tremendous improvements in Hebrew, attendance, and a huge increase in enrollment. Our Tzedakah total of \$700 has been sent to: House of Wheels which is an Israeli organization that provides a range of services for children and adults with impaired mobility.

We look forward to continued growth in the 2014-2015 school year with several new and exciting additions including: 15 new laptops for our students, online Hebrew programs, a formalized madrichim program, Bunk1, and an enhanced website.



DES MOINES MENACE



June 28th

2:00 PM Iowa Women's High School All-Star Game
4:30 PM Menace Women vs Kansas City Courage
7:30 PM Menace Men vs Thunder Bay Chill

June 29th

5:00 PM Iowa Mens's High School All-Star Game
7:30 PM Menace Men vs Thunder Bay Chill

July 12th

4:30 PM Menace Women vs Fire and Ice SC
7:30 PM Menace Men vs St. Louis Lions

July 18th

7:30 PM Menace Men vs WSA Winnipeg

July 19th

7:30 PM Menace Men vs WSA Winnipeg
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Violin Maestro Perlman Mentors Young "Fiddlers"

By Ruthie Blum May 19, 2014

Shortly before a special rehearsal that was open to the public, several young musicians talked with reporters about what it's like to be taught, mentored and conducted by their maestro, world-famous violinist Itzhak Perlman, who spent his childhood in Tel Aviv.

In Israel for two-and-a-half weeks in April as part of the Perlman Music Program (PMP), the 13- to 19-year-old string players sit in a row next to Perlman and his wife, Toby – herself trained as a classical violinist – to discuss their experiences.

"He has helped me find what I want to say in music and to put my heart into it. He has always said that there are many, many ways to play a piece," says one participant.

Some are native Israelis; others have arrived at the Tel Aviv Conservatory from Australia, Canada, Hungary, Norway and the United States. All 37 were hand-picked by Perlman for their exceptional talent.

"For me, to be with the program in the country of my birth – and even in this neighborhood, not far from where I grew up – is quite special," Perlman tells ISRAEL21c.

"And it gives me the opportunity to see if I can teach in Hebrew," he quips.

Given the course of his history, teaching in his first language would seem to be a small challenge for the 69-year-old legend who began playing the violin when he was four. The same year, he fell ill with polio and nearly died. After a year of convalescing, his legs were left paralyzed.

This did not put a dent in the prodigy's focus on the "fiddle," however. Then, as now, he plays sitting down. The rest of the time he walks with crutches or drives around on an electric scooter. It is for this reason that he performs at benefit concerts for the eradication of polio and for people with disabilities.

At five, Perlman began studying at Tel Aviv's Shulamit Academy of Music, and by the age of 10 was performing in recitals. In 1958, when he was 13, his parents moved to New York City so that he could study at Juilliard, where he won a scholarship. A mere six years later, he debuted at Carnegie Hall.

He first became known by a foreign audience in 1959, when he performed on Ed Sullivan's Caravan of Stars, a TV talent show featuring young artists.

NURTURING YOUNG TALENT

His meteoric career as a soloist, a conductor of the world's leading orchestras and eclectic player of classical, jazz, film-score and klezmer music (using one of the finest Stradivarius violins, formerly owned by the late Yehudi Menuhin), has not waned since then.

Nor has his passion for cultivating fresh young talent, which he does through his teaching at Juilliard and the PMP.

"Mr. P. is unique in that he encourages students to be individual artists. And he keeps in them involved in the discussion about what they play and how they play," says a PMP participant who studied with Perlman at Juilliard and PMP.

"Here in Israel, we saw an example of this, when some of our violinists played the same piece on different nights. Each was completely different, but equally fantastic."

Toby Perlman, with whom the maestro has five children (three classical musicians, a rock musician and a lawyer) and eight grandchildren, concurs.

"The trick is to know when to shut up," she says, referring to her husband's ability to let gifted young musicians express themselves without being made to feel self-conscious "about playing Mozart like Brahms."

Asked whether anything was missing from his early training, Perlman pauses. His wife jumps in to provide an unexpected answer.

"What he missed growing up was going to high school," she says. "Once he got to New York, he was home-schooled. I think anybody who does that misses out on the socialization process, which is important for getting along in the world. You have to learn about authority, about boundaries, about getting your homework in on time. You have to be a part of the society. Even though he's done okay in life, this aspect is something that's hard to catch up on."

Perlman listens while she speaks, slightly grinning. And then he brings the conversation back to his comfort zone – music.

"Much of what a musician becomes is not about what he learns at 18," he says. "But what he continues to learn at 30, 40, 50 and so on. The important thing is to grow, not stand still, and never feel that it's boring. There always has to be a freshness to it. The key is always to be satisfied musically. And I don't know if that's something you can study."



In The Kitchen with Lois Fingerman by Karen Engman



Lois Fingerman's Mediterranean Salad is the perfect recipe for summer dining. She has no recollection of the source for what has now become known as her "signature salad." Even her nine grandkids request it when visiting her home.

Lois and her husband Louis have lived in Des Moines for 47 years but still haven't lost their Boston accents. She was born and raised in Brookline, MA. Lois and Lou met on a fix up date when she was 17 and attending Boston University studying to be a teacher and he was at Harvard. They were married on the first Tuesday after her graduation because her future mother-in-law insisted it was good luck to marry on a Tuesday! She soon was pregnant and preceded to give birth to four daughters in five years. She mentioned that in "those days" teachers were not allowed to teach while pregnant.

Her eldest daughter Darryl lives in West Des Moines with husband Greg Anderson. Rhonda also lives in Des Moines while Karen Fingerman lives in Austin, TX with husband John Yeazell. Youngest daughter Leslie is married to Joe Margarones and lives in Seattle, WA.

After moving to Des Moines for Lou to start his ophthalmology practice, Lois attended Drake University for her MS in Counseling. She worked at Planned Parenthood and then Children and Family Services of Iowa, where she was a program supervisor of the Family Violence Center. For 16 years Lois has been a member of the Child Death Review Team for the State of Iowa.

She and Lou are both very interested in art and traveling. She is currently on the boards of the Des Moines Art Center and the Public Art Commission. She is active in the Ray Society (Life Long Learning) at Drake University, and has been its President for the last five years.

Of course, spending time with her

grandchildren, who live near and far, tops the list of her favorite pastimes!

The Jewish Press thanks Lois for sharing her salad recipe with our readers. Remember, if you have a recipe to share or a cooking question I can research, please call (515-274-3300) or email (karen.engman@gmail.com)

Mediterranean Salad

A recipe from Lois Fingerman

Dairy

1 head Romaine lettuce, torn into bite sized pieces
1 cup cucumber, thinly sliced
1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved (can be mixed colors)
¾ cup feta cheese
¾ cup edamame (cooked then cooled)

Dressing:

¼ cup seasoned rice vinegar (Lois prefers the Marukan brand)
2 Tbsp olive oil
¼ tsp oregano leaves, dried
1/8 tsp pepper
1/8 tsp garlic powder

Optional: ½ cup red onion, thinly sliced

Combine dressing ingredients in a jar and shake to combine

Toss with salad ingredients and serve



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AMES JEWISH COMMUNITY



Ames Jewish Congregation students and adults celebrate Lag O’mer with a bonfire on the temple’s playground. Rabbi David Wirtshafter (pictured center in suit jacket) travels to AJC monthly from his home in the Twin Cities.

BETH EL JACOB SYNAGOGUE

Morning Minyan Times: Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Thursday: 6:45 a.m.
Monday: 6:45 a.m. Friday: 7:00 a.m.
Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. Shabbat: 9:00 a.m.
Daily after morning minyan: Two study groups to choose from that will cover a range of topics, from the Weekly Torah portion to Mishna & Talmud to Jewish Law.
Wednesdays: Lunch & Learn Parsha Class 12:30pm – An hour session we get to eat lunch as a group followed by insights into the week’s Torah portion. All are welcome but please RSVP if you will be joining for lunch.

July 12 - Services followed by Family Kiddush luncheon (babysitters provided)
August 8 - Shabbat Ruach - Full Shabbaton. 6:30 p.m. followed by family dinner.
August 9 - 9:30 a.m. services followed by Kiddush luncheon
August 9 - 9:15 p.m. Musical Havdalah at Rabbi’s house
July 15 - Fast of Tammuz - 6:45 a.m. services
August 4 - Reading of Eichah/Lamentations - 8:45 p.m.
August 5 - Tisha B’Av - 9:00 a.m. services
August 26 & 27 - Rosh Chodesh - 6:45 a.m. services
For more upcoming events check us out on our website calendar or facebook!

Craft Show June 29, 2014 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

JSOC - JEWISH STUDENTS ON CAMPUS



For me, Judaism has always been an important part of my life. Through growing up in a Jewish community and attending Hebrew school when I was younger, beginning at a young age I had a strong Jewish foundation with which to build my Jewish identity.
When the time came to pick which school I would be attending for college, I had an ardent desire to continue my Jewish journey regardless of where I wound up. Yet instead of attending a school with a large Jewish population, I chose to attend school at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. In Des Moines, the Jewish population is not a Jewish metropolitan like Chicago or New York City.

At Drake, I quickly learned about a program called JSOC (Jewish Students On Campus) and the great opportunities it provided Jewish students at Drake in addition to that of Drake Hillel. Run by Rabbi Leib Bolel of Beth El Jacob Synagogue in Des Moines, JSOC allows for students of all different Jewish backgrounds to foster the Jewishness within them and grow a better understanding of who they are and the purpose for their Jewish existence. In JSOC, we dialogue about current Jewish events, develop new knowledge about Jewish philosophy, and learn the importance of being Jewish. Yet universally, JSOC provides Jewish Students On Campus throughout the Des Moines metro to congregate and enjoy the company of other Jewish students. In a time when our lives are increasingly busy, when we barely have enough time in the day, JSOC allows Jewish students specifically at Drake the opportunity to take a step back and get back to the roots of who we are as a people and enhance our Jewish foundation.

Yet the JSOC program is much more than just weekly classes. Through JSOC, Jewish students at Drake have been to minor league hockey games, paintballing, a Matisyahu concert, dinners at the Bolel’s house, Shabbatons, trips to Israel, and even amazing internships across the globe in your chosen field-of-study.

The opportunities JSOC has provided Jewish students in Des Moines has allowed us to become the Jewish community I hoped for when I first came to Des Moines. Through Rabbi Bolel, the JSOC network, and Beth El Jacob Synagogue, the Jewish community at Drake has never been stronger.

Personally, without the JSOC program, my college experience would not be entirely fulfilled. I came to college with the expectation that I would get a world-class education at Drake, but at the same time, I hoped I would find myself in college and learn more about who I am. The opportunities JSOC has provided me and dozens of other students have been a crucial part of the development of who I am and strengthened my Jewish identity. JSOC just completed its third year servicing the Jewish student population in the Des Moines metro area. The annual Fellowship program, one of JSOC’s staple programs, just culminated in early May with a graduation banquet held at Beth El Jacob Synagogue.

– By Ethan Siegel

TEMPLE B’NAI JESHURUN

Hold the date! We’re having a 4th of July Party!
On Friday, July 4 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm the Temple will be having a 4th of July party on the lawn by the school wing. The program will be followed by a brief, child-friendly Shabbat service. Stay tuned for more details to come!

Pet K’tanim Shabbat Service
Saturday, July 26th at 10:00 a.m. will be our Pet K’tanim Shabbat Service outside on the Temple lawn. Bring your family pet and introduce him/her to everyone. “Horsing” around required!

Temple Youth Group
Hello All!

This is our last Youth Group bulletin article of the year, and therefore the last time I have a valid excuse to make a corny joke this year. The following joke would be good for Halloween Trick-or-Treating. I know that’s still pretty far away, but this gives you time to practice and perfect the delivery in time for Halloween.

Q: Why are ghosts good liars?
A: *Because you can see right through them!*

The Youth Group has finally reached the end of our 2013-2014 school year. We had our Senior Recognition Night on May 2nd, when we honored our graduating seniors Aden Finkelstein, Lydia Phillips, Leah Kitsis, Samantha Blatt, Sam Feldstein, Josh Hjelmaas, Shirah Jacobs, Sarah Margolin and Molly Silverstein. Congratulations to all! We look forward to seeing where you go in the future.

On May 18, Youth Groupers volunteered at the Jewish Food Fair. We helped with the drive through and to-go orders, cleaned and bused trays, ran food from the kitchen, sold hotdogs and chips, and did whatever else was needed. It is such a fun, cultural event. I even participated in a matzah ball-eating contest, which was actually a terrible idea now that I think about it, because I don’t know if I can eat matzah balls again after that. Youth Grouper Gabe Klein won the adult division of that contest by eating ten matzah balls fastest! I love the Jewish Food Fair. I’m just not sure if I love matzah balls anymore...

Because we have reached the end of the year, all of the Youth Group festivities begin again this summer! I have included a calendar of upcoming events. Make sure to mark these dates down. Also, more information on all of these events will be distributed as they come closer.

- July 3 - Clive Water Park
- July 4 - Celebration BBQ (Youth Group to help with games)
- August 17 - Baseball game in St. Louis
- Sept 14 - Kickoff event and election of Senior Youth Group officers
- October 4 - Yom Kippur Youth Group Aliyah
- October 5 - Sukkah Raising (Youth Group to help)
- October 8 - Sukkah Decorating (Youth Group to help with decorations)
- October 12 - Hunger Hike (Youth Group to Fundraise and walk)
- October 17 - Simchat Torah (Youth Group to help at services)
- November 21 - World Hello Day (Install new Senior Youth Group Board)
- Dec 6 Lock in and set up of Hanukkah Happenings
- Dec 7 Hanukkah Happenings (Youth Group to man the games)

Have a great summer,
Julia Anderson,
TBJ Youth Group President

TIFERETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

Lots happening at Tifereth. We hope you’ll join us.
www.tifereth.org

Recurring Events:		
Minyan:	Sundays	9:00 am
	Thursdays	7:00 am
Services:	Fridays	6:00 pm Shabbat Evening Services
	Saturdays	9:30 am Shabbat Morning Services

Special Events for July and August 2014
Friday, July 11th – Mishpacha Shabbat/Potluck
August 2014
Sunday, August 17 – Tikkum Olam – Shelter Dinner
Friday, Augst 22nd – Barbecue Shabbat & Play at Caspe

Adult Education:
Rabbi Edelman-Blank:
Conversion Class –
Contact the Tifereth office for more information 515-255-1137

President for page 1 Finally, prior to adjournment and the JCRC's interfaith event that followed, Mark Finkelstein, who was honored by the Federation for his 18 years of service, addressed the audience. Mark expressed his thanks to the many Federation leaders with whom he has worked. See photos on page 14 ■

Jubilee from page 7 True religion is not a ruler, sitting on a heavenly throne, and us mortals following His dictates. True religion is us living in harmony with our fellows and with our environment. It is caring for those in need, and uplifting the unfortunate amongst us. Our God does not want us to accumulate possessions. It is not money that distinguishes us. We are here to “unlock fetters of wickedness, and untie cords of the yoke. To let the oppressed go free... To share bread with the hungry, and to take the wretched poor into our homes...” (Isaiah 58:6-7) In the year of Jubilee, every 50 years, Jews were to have a year of rest and contemplation with their families. A time to harmonize with their neighbors, their environment, and a time to commune with their God. A time to share a piece of heaven, and glimpse at what it means to truly be free. “The earth is the Lord’s and all that it holds; the world and all its inhabitants. For He founded it upon the ocean, set it on the nether-streams.” (Psalms 24:1-2) ■

Drucker from page 8 The Pew Research Center’s “Portrait of Jewish Americans” has triggered much debate in the Jewish community. Its key findings — that younger Jews are not only less connected to, but are also less interested in, Jewish life — puts in sharp relief the challenge before us. If we go by numbers alone, the non-Orthodox American Jewish community is facing declining numbers however this is not the case in Des Moines. The Sunday school and Preschool are proof that the Jewish Community in Central Iowa is thriving.

However the Federation of the past will not survive in the future. We are not going to be able to change these trends pointed out in the study...nor do we want to. As the Federation let us embrace these shifting trends, learn from each other’s diverse backgrounds and share the values of Judaism that we cherish. Although I do not agree 100% with the Pew study I do agree there is no longer a “typical Jew.”

Intermarriage has changed the Jewish community globally and in Des Moines and the growth of unaffiliated Jews may be influenced by the rise of secularism, assimilation, and perceived acceptance into clubs and organizations where even 20 years ago we would have been shunned. We now have a cafeteria of choices to choose from...so why should the Federation still be relevant? The Federation is and will be the organization that provides, support compassion, refuge, education and community for Jews in Central Iowa. Every one of us identifies their Judaism differently but the Federation’s doors are open to everyone in the community.

Our leadership must seize upon opportunities to add value to the lives of Jews in Central Iowa with renewed vigor and focus. Our community has the capacity to address these issues by leveraging proven, effective programs that create Jewish community, and devising new models that sustain Jewish life in

Central Iowa. The Visioning Committee recognized this awesome task and we are ready to meet these challenges, but we must do this together...as a broader community. The Federation is the organization that will envelop the broad diversity of Jews in Iowa — Orthodox and non-Orthodox, Jews of patrilineal and matrilineal decent, gay or straight, Russians and Israelis.

In order to address the findings from the Drucker questions and strengthen the Federation for years to come we recommend the following be initiated by the Federation Board:

I. Need for a Census (All-In-One statistics 28/631 donors make-up 51% of the contributions)

- a. In order to best plan for the future we must know what our current community looks like.
- b. A census would benefit the entire Jewish Community to know where exactly we stand.
- c. It is critical at this juncture that we know who we are before we make erroneous assumptions.

II. Development of a regional PR strategy generating more exposure in Greater Des Moines - we can no longer be the community’s “best kept secret”

- a. Intention to bring in unaffiliated Jews from the greater Des Moines community
- b. Build a brand, goodwill awareness and education within broader non Jewish community. e.g. Holocaust Memorial on the West Terrace of the State Capitol.

III. Renewed focus on Jewish children will strengthen Jewish identity and increase parent and grandparent engagement

- a. Continue to build on the success of Gan Shalom and Beit Safer Shalom
 - i. Strengthen curriculum and communicate with parents
 - 1. Are scholarships being used? Can we provide more?
 - b. Promote the PJ Library program, which delivers 100,000 Jewish children’s books to families across the country.
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- c. Grow Engman Camp Shalom
- d. Engage in the community (birth gifts, meals of consolation, marriage gifts)

IV. Expand upon Adult Education/Develop future leaders

- a. Over the last six months much of the Federation’s resources focused on the children.
- b. Create a Leadership Institute as we want to recapture the young professionals w/o children and “empty nesters.”
- c. More senior outreach & social work programs.

V. Create a more efficient intra community communication medium.

- a. We need to better define the roll and relationship between the Federation and Synagogues; rise above institutional parochial agendas and interests. We do not work together as well as we should. The waste of time and resources that results from repetition in programs and services is overwhelmingly frustrating.
- b. Jewish Press should be sent to all Federation members
- c. The Pulse should be sent to all higher level donors
- d. Calendar/Event coordination with

- synagogues
- e. Website revamp

Conclusion

By no means are the recommendations set in stone but rather a consolidation of ideas and proposals discussed during committee meetings and feedback from members of the community. The Visioning Committee will turn these recommendations over to the Federation Board to prioritize, build upon or edit. This suggested roadmap is a living document and should act as a guide to lead the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines into the future. All of these initiatives will also require dedicated and long-term resources. In order for the Federation to grow we must not wait another 25 years to evaluate our programming and Mission. Continual oversight will ensure growth and sustainability in the future. Our collective history has proven that when faced with pivotal challenges, we rallied with bold solutions and we prevailed. We will be steadfast in driving this agenda, changing the direction in which we are heading, and ensuring that we not merely survive, but also thrive and grow as a exciting and meaningful community. Thank you for your time this Sunday afternoon as we shape a more vibrant future for the Jewish Community in central Iowa. ■

End from page 8 Marianne Haas, who sat across from me in art class at school, looked pleased. She was not a nice girl; she licked the paste from her fingers instead of washing her hands in the art sink as instructed. She had wanted to be the Little Match Girl, and when she was cast as a silent crowd member, she told some other girls at school that I was getting stuck up. Now she shivered in the imaginary cold as she crossed the stage, earning an accolade from Miss Boynton. The rest of us, Miss Boynton said in the disappointed voice I dreaded, might as well be sticks.

My mother sensed that something was wrong when she picked me up after rehearsal. At first she assumed that an incident at school that day had upset me, but when pressed, I told her about the End of the World and that we all needed to work on saving our souls. My mother was a pragmatist. She assured me that the world was definitely not going to end and that my soul would be better served if I kept my room cleaned up.

During the next couple of weeks, my worry about the End of the World receded into the background, overshadowed by the increased frequency of rehearsals and my mounting anticipation. What Miss Boynton called a “technical rehearsal” was magical. The stage lights created the look of falling snow, and the set consisted of flats painted to look like a Danish street because the author of the story was Hans Christian Anderson, a Dane.

The various characters the Little Match Girl imagined in her frozen delirium appeared in blue spotlights, the dead Grandmother the most touching as she reached for her granddaughter in a moment of extreme grief. I was onstage the entire time. At the very end I stood upstage center, facing the audience (an “open” position, Miss Boynton explained), as I pleaded tearfully with my grandmother to take me to heaven. The other cast members stood downstage, their backs to the audience, watching me

with expressions of sympathy, curiosity, or just plain boredom as I died. With my own face lifted to a white spotlight, I found if I stared long enough into the spot without blinking, my eyes would water, and if I blinked then, a tear or two rolled down my cheeks. I loved every second.

The night of the actual performance, the cast—the actors—were to be backstage an hour before curtain. In that delicious sixty minutes, we had our makeup applied by adults, the intoxicating smell of the greasepaint (a term new to my vocabulary) filling the air. As curtain time approached, I could hear, through the heavy velvet curtains, the murmur of audience members filing into the little theater. When no one was watching, I peeked out around the side of the curtain. The seats looked almost filled. Then I scurried away into the dressing room, and Miss Boynton said, “Places.”

The performance went as planned. I could almost hear the audience breathing in unison or holding its breath, struck by the power of the story. When the play reached its final moments, I stepped backwards up a set of wooden steps just as I had practiced, moving to my most dramatic moment.. But before I spoke, I caught a glimpse of Marianne Haas. She was sticking out her tongue. At me. I stood on the top step, gripping the railing, unable to make a sound.

Outside, the siren of an ambulance or police car wailed, the sound fading as it moved into the distance. The audience began to rustle, a warning that they were growing impatient, and the little crowd of costumed villagers turned to look at each other and off to the wings. Then, after several seconds of silence, the black velvet curtains swished closed, and I heard a ragged wave of applause.

In the years that have followed, more wars have exploded around the globe, movie stars have had their fifteen minutes (or more) of fame, millions of babies have been born, and dictators have risen and fallen. But for me at that moment, still immobilized on the top wooden step, the world had surely come to an end. ■

ADL from page 9

“At the same time, the results confirm a troubling gap between older adults who know their history and younger men and women who, more than 70 years after the events of World War II, are more likely to have never heard of or learned about what happened to the six million Jews who perished.”

ADL GLOBAL INDEX: ANTI-SEMITISM BY REGION

The highest concentration of respondents holding anti-Semitic attitudes was found in Middle East and North African countries (“MENA”), where nearly three-quarters of respondents, 74 percent of those polled, agreed with a majority of the anti-Semitic stereotypes that comprise the 11-question index. Non-MENA countries have an average index score of 23 percent.

Outside MENA, the index scores by region were as follows:

- Eastern Europe: 34 percent
- Western Europe: 24 percent
- Sub-Saharan Africa: 23 percent
- Asia: 22 percent
- The Americas: 19 percent
- Oceania: 14 percent ■

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Wedding dress worn in 1905 by Pearl Cohen Adler and 1940 by Diane Silver Adler.



Arthur Kagan at the Wailing Wall.



Orrie Becker in his Muscatine, Iowa baseball uniform.



Medal given to veterans at the Iowa Jewish Historical Society's Honoring Iowa's Jewish Veterans program in April 2012.

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July August

Friday, July 4

Wednesday, July 23 5:30 pm

Thursday, July 24 12:00 pm

Thursday, August 14 12:00 pm

Monday, August 18 9:00 am

Saturday, August 23 10:00 am

Sunday, August 24, 2014 3:00 pm

Saturday, August 30, 2014 4:30 pm

Sunday, August 31, 2014 12:00 pm

Independence Day – Federation Offices Closed

Tzofim Friendship Caravan and Dinner at The Caspe Terrace

Senior Luncheon with Camp at The Caspe Terrace

Senior Luncheon at Tifereth Israel Synagogue

First Day of Gan Shalom

Eliana Kaufman's Bat Mitzvah at Temple B'nai Jeshurun

Federation 100th Anniversary Gala at Iowa Events Center

Connor Bernstein's Bar Mitzvah at Temple B'nai Jeshurun

IJHS Gallery Open at Caspe Terrace



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B'nai Mitzvah



Our daughter, **Eliana Yael Kaufman**, will be marking her Bat Mitzvah on **Saturday, August 23, 2014**. Our family wishes to

extend a cordial invitation to the Jewish community to join us in our celebration of this milestone in Eliana's life. Shabbat morning services led by Eliana will begin at 10 am and a celebratory luncheon will follow. We hope to see you there.

Rabbi David & Julie Kaufman



Connor Jason Bernstein, the son of Jason and Kerrie Bernstein, will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on **Saturday August 30, 2014**. Connor

will proceed to fill all the requirements of his passage to manhood in his faith at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, 5101 Grand Ave. Des Moines, at 4:30pm. We are proud of our son who has worked with passion and diligence to achieve this right. We cordially invite you to share it with us.

Lorber Addressed Camp Dodge Command Retreat

Fred Lorber presented the keynote speech about his wartime experiences at the Iowa Adjutant General's Command Retreat held on May 22 at Camp Dodge. A teenager in Vienna when the Nazis annexed Austria, Lorber and his family fled to the United States in November 1939. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in March 1943 and saw combat in southern Italy with the 15th Army Group, 5th Army. After the surrender of Germany, Lorber was one of the first American soldiers to reenter Vienna. The Command Retreat is held annually at Camp Dodge as part of the Iowa National Guard's commemoration of Memorial Day.



Lieutenant Kim Reynolds with Fred Lober and General Orr

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the recent passing of

Jacob Farber
Alan Pearlman
Abe Rissman
Richard Roemer
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Barb, I appreciate the way you go out of your way not to hurt someone's feelings. Thank you.
– Mark Finkelstein

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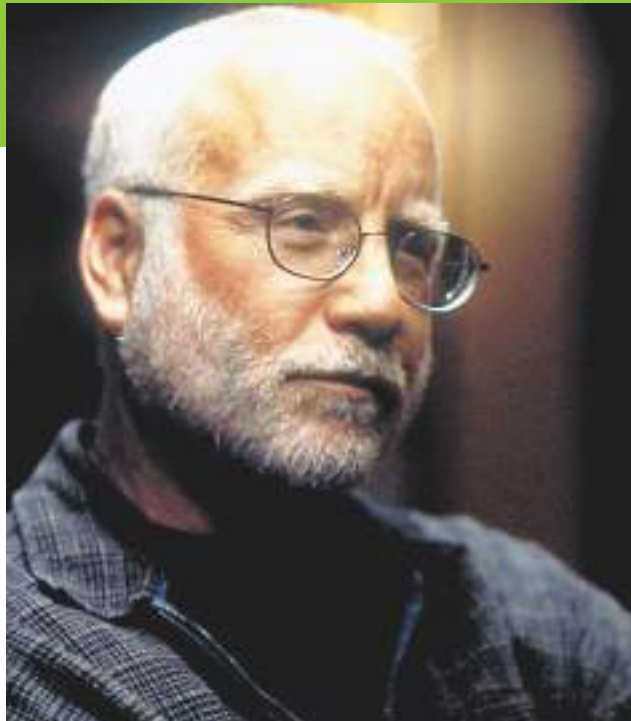
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Sunday, August 24, 2014

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Celebrate an Evening with Richard Dreyfuss

Richard Dreyfuss was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1947, raised in the New York City borough of Queens, and at age 9 moved with his family to Los Angeles, where he began acting in plays at the Beverly Hills Jewish Center. Twenty years later he became the youngest Best Leading Actor Oscar winner for *The Goodbye Girl* in 1977, following a Golden Globe-nominated role in *American Graffiti* (1973), and acclaim for his work in *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* (1974) and Steven Spielberg's *Jaws* (1975). Spielberg then tabbed him for the leading role in his *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977), one of the Seventies' highest-grossing films. After a battle with drug addiction, Dreyfuss reclaimed his mantle as one of Hollywood's most gifted actors in *Down and Out in Beverly Hills*, *Stakeout*, *Tin Men*, *What About Bob?* W., and *Mr. Holland's Opus*, for which he earned Best Leading Actor Oscar nomination in 1995.

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