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## Operation Promise

Partnership to bring Ethiopian Jews home, bolster Jewish life in the FSU

Our Jewish story begins with a promise, passed from generation to generation like a golden chain, etched in our collective memories and recorded in our books. This promise represents our hope to be a free people, to return to our historic homeland and to create a better future; it represents our dream to be a compassionate people, whose purpose it is to make the world a better place.

The federations of North America accept this promise as our legacy and our opportunity. We are, together, responsible for one another's safety, health and quality of life. And Operation Promise reminds us of our commitment to a rich tradition of generosity and justice that are the hallmarks of the Jewish people.

Operation Promise is a collaborative partnership effort of the United Jewish

Communities, Jewish Federations, the Jewish Agency for Israel, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Ethiopian National Project.

*We are proud to announce that Harry Simon, President-Elect of the Jewish Federation, will be leading Operation Promise in Des Moines, the campaign to fulfill our responsibilities to our people in need.*

Operation Promise has been launched to continue and expand the already extraordinary achievements of the federation movement: caring for hundreds of thousands of needy elderly and building and supporting the next generation of Jewish life in the former Soviet Union; and bringing the Ethiopian Jewish community home to Israel and helping them to take their rightful place in Israeli society. *continued on page 21*

## OASIS – a NORC Project Begins



**Pat Nawrocki**

OASIS – Outreach Activities for Independent Seniors / N.O.R.C. – Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities Jewish Family Services' OASIS – a N.O.R.C. Demonstration Project - is now underway.

The almost \$400,000 project, primarily funded by a federal grant of \$300,000, began in September. As reported in previous news articles, the project will target three small groups of seniors (under 100 participants) to facilitate these seniors' access to local services whether in their homes, or at these agency facilities, with the goal of reducing isolation of seniors and keeping them independent in their homes and out of nursing care facilities.

OASIS-NORC has hired Pat Nawrocki as the project's case manager. Her responsibilities will include screening of clients; assessment of individual needs, and case managing frail and older residents in our designated areas. She will be working closely

with the project director, Rabbi Berel Simpser, and assisted by a case worker/senior service coordinator and an activities director.

Pat is an LBSW who comes to Jewish Family services with twenty five years of experience in the senior adult care field. Some of her past positions have been: At Home First Coordinator and Senior Companion Coordinator with Visiting Nurse Services, and Eldercare Supervisor and Coordinator of Eldercare with Lutheran Services of Iowa.

Pat is well known throughout the Des Moines community due to her continued networking over the years with other agencies providing elderly services. This networking will be an asset to help our OASIS-NORC project start off with a skilled, caring individual who is very informed about the community resources. Pat's knowledge will enhance her ability to perform a professional client care assessment, make proper referrals and coordinate supportive services that will meet the needs of the clients and empower the clients to maintain the highest level of independence.

## Hurricane Relief Efforts Involve The Federated Jewish Community

Both on the local and national levels, Jewish Federation and the congregations are involved in hurricane relief efforts.

On Thursday evening, September 1, Temple B'nai Jeshurun, with assistance from the Jewish Community Relations Commission, organized a community program to focus attention on the situation affecting the residents of the Gulf states in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The program featured speakers from Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities, Des Moines Mayor Frank Cownie, and representatives of the American Red Cross, the Iowa National Guard, the Governor's Office, the Office of Senator Harkin and the NAACP. The Red Cross conducted fundraising after the program, held at the Temple.

Throughout the crisis, the Federation has been encouraging contributions to United Jewish Community's relief effort, which to date (in late September) has raised more than \$7.5 million to help victims in the Jewish and general communities affected by Hurricane Katrina. To contribute to UJC's hurricane relief hotline, call toll-free, at (877) 277-2477. The congregations have helped publicize UJC's relief fund and have also informed congregants on how to contribute via their own particular affiliates.

Representatives of the Federation are monitoring local relief efforts being organized by United Way, the American Red Cross, Polk County Emergency Management Agency, and others, to best advise on ways our community members may be involved.

Also in response to the crisis, the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines has volunteered to participate, if called upon, in a long-term evacuee resettlement program being organized by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) and the United Jewish Communities (UJC.)

As noted, a major effort to assist in hurricane relief has been launched by the umbrella group of Jewish Federations, the United Jewish Communities. ([www.ujc.org](http://www.ujc.org))

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**Kent Sovern** appears on stage infrequently these days but has performed roles at most of the Metro's theaters over the years. Notable among Kent's roles were Henry in Tom Stoppard's *The Real Thing* at the Drama Workshop and Juan Perón in the Des Moines Playhouse 1986 production of *Evita*. He and Phyllis also performed together in *Sylvia*, the story of a dog and the man who loved her. The role that changed Kent's life, however, was performed opposite Phyllis in George Kaufman and Edna Ferber's *The Royal Family*. Phyllis has been Kent's leading lady since they appeared in that show in 1981. Phyllis and Kent have appeared in *Love Letters* several times and love doing the show.

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# REMARKS BY PRESIDENT BUSH AT THE NATIONAL DINNER CELEBRATING 350 YEARS OF JEWISH LIFE IN AMERICA [excerpts]

**National Building Museum, Washington, D.C.**

THE PRESIDENT: ...I'm honored to accept this medal commemorating three and a half centuries of Jewish life in America. I consider it a high honor to have been invited to celebrate with you.

Back in 1790, the Jewish congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, wrote to congratulate George Washington on his election as the country's first President. Some say he was the first George W. In his reply, President Washington thanked the congregation and pledged to defend vigorously the principle of religious liberty for all. Here's what he said. He said, the United States "gives bigotry no sanction; to persecution, no assistance." And he expressed his hope that the "stock of Abraham" would thrive in America.

In the centuries that followed, the stock of Abraham has thrived here like nowhere else. We're better and stronger, and we're a better and stronger and freer nation because so many Jews from countries all over the world have chosen to become American citizens.

The story of the Jewish people in America is a story of America, itself. The pilgrims considered this nation a new Israel, a refuge from persecution in Europe. Early Americans named many of their cities after places in Hebrew Scripture: Bethel and New Canaan, Shiloh and Salem. And when the first Jews arrived here, the children of Israel saw America as the land of promise, a golden land where they could practice their faith in freedom and live in liberty.

When the first Jewish settlers came to our shores 350 years ago, they were not immediately welcomed. Yet, from the onset, the Jews who arrived here demonstrated a deep commitment to their new land. An immigrant named Asser Levy volunteered to serve in the New Amsterdam Citizens Guard, which, unfortunately, had a policy of refusing to admit Jews. That didn't bother Levy. He was determined, like many others who have followed him, to break down the barriers of discrimination. Within two years, he took his rightful spot alongside his fellow citizens in the Guard. He was the first of many Jewish Americans who have proudly worn the uniform of the United States.

And one of the greatest Jewish soldiers America has ever known is Tibor Rubin. After surviving the Holocaust and the Nazi death camp, this young man came to America. He enlisted in the United States Army and fought in the Korean War. He was severely wounded and was later captured by the enemy. For two-and-a-half years, he survived in a POW camp. He risked his life for his fellow soldiers nearly every night by smuggling extra food for those who were ill -- it was a skill he had learned in the Nazi camps -- and because of his daring, as many as 40 American lives were saved.

This evening, I'm happy to announce that next week, I will bestow upon this great patriot our nation's highest award for bravery, the Medal of Honor.

Jewish Americans have made countless contributions to our land. The prophet Jeremiah once called out to this -- to his nation, "...seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf." For 350 years, American Jews have heeded these words, and you've prayed and worked for peace and freedom in America. Freedom to worship is why Jews came to America three-and-a-half centuries ago; it's why the Jews settled in Israel over five decades ago.

Our two nations have a lot in common, when you think about it. We were both founded by immigrants escaping religious persecution in other lands. We both have built vibrant democracies. Both our countries are founded on certain basic beliefs, that there is an Almighty God who watches over the affairs of men and values every life. These ties have made us natural allies, and these ties will never be broken.

Religious freedom is more than the freedom to practice one's faith. It is also the obligation to respect the faith of others. So to stand for religious freedom, we must expose and confront the ancient hatred of anti-Semitism, wherever it is found. When we find anti-Semitism at home, we will confront it. When we find anti-Semitism abroad, we will condemn it. And we condemn the desecration of synagogues in Gaza that followed Israel's withdrawal.

Under America's system of religious freedom, church and state are separate. Still, we have learned that faith is not solely a private matter. Men and women throughout our history have acted on the words of Scripture and they have made America a better, more hopeful place. When Rabbi Abraham Heschel marched with Martin Luther King, we saw modern-day prophets calling on America to honor its promises. We must allow people of faith to act on their convictions without facing discrimination.

All of America is grateful to the Jewish people for the treasures you have given us over the past 350 years. ...

*The above remarks are excerpted from an address on September 14, 2005 to the dinner organized by the Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History. Prior to attending the dinner, President Bush had visited the Sixth & I Historic Synagogue in Washington, D.C..*

## LETTERS

### Thanks for Israel ID Subsidy

I wish to thank you for the generous scholarship which you awarded me, allowing me to study at the Conservative Yeshiva in Yerushalayim. Studying at the Yeshiva was a tremendous experience for me; it was also the first time I had the opportunity to study Talmud and other traditional texts (aside from Tanakh), which is something I had been wanting to but was never able to do. Living in Yerushalayim for five weeks, surrounded by other committed Jews and engaging in intensive traditional Jewish learning, reinforced my spiritual connection to, and enormously expanded my knowledge and understanding of Judaism. All this was made possible through your generosity, and I cannot thank you enough. Entering my sophomore year at Brandeis University, I look forward to using what I have learned and continuing my Talmud study at the on-campus Bet Midrash.

Sincerely, **Aviv Luban**

### Appreciates Holocaust Education

I wanted to convey to the JCRC how much I appreciate their efforts in furthering Holocaust education, both in schools and in the community.

—**Sandra S. Miliakovich**, Holocaust Resource Consultant, Davenport IA

### Lauds Press and Community

Just a quick note to tell you how much I enjoyed reading the latest issue of the Jewish Press. The Jewish community of Des Moines and what it accomplishes never ceases to amaze me. The community really seems to be able to maximize the use of its resources for the betterment of everyone who chooses to participate. Yishar Kochecha!

**Rabbi Neil Sandler**, Ahavath Achim Synagogue, Atlanta

### Thanks for Israel ID Subsidy

I would like to personally thank you for making it possible for me to spend an amazing summer in the Jewish homeland. For five weeks I made new friends, saw the country and truly began to understand why it is so important for a Jewish state to exist. In short it was the best five weeks of my life. This summer will be one that I will never forget; it has offered me a new outlook on my faith and a deeper connection to the people who share it with me.

Being from the small town of Ames, Iowa where we can pretty much name every Jew here, it was unbelievable to be surrounded by not only 600 other Jewish American teens, but a whole country of them. At camp each summer I spend a month with my very best friends learning about Judaism and how essential Israel is for the Jewish people. This summer I got a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to not only spend it with my camp friends, but build amazing bonds with new "Israel" friends from across the map. We flew on 12 hour plane rides together, camped in the Negev, snorkeled in the Red Sea, floated in the Dead Sea, rode on camels, and spent four days hiking from the Sea of Galilee to the Mediterranean with no showers! There were countless adventures I was able to be a part of and I am so thankful for the opportunity to be involved with such an amazing program.

I still can't believe how fortunate I was to be a part of that trip. And I thank you so very much for helping me make that journey possible. I have a lifetime of memories, 44 new best friends, and a whole new face on my religion and faith. Thank you for everything, I appreciate it more than anyone could know.

Most Sincerely, **Jessica Svec**

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## JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

### Elementary

Our first day of Religious School / Hebrew School classes was Wednesday, August 31. By now, we have gotten into the swing of attending classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Students have buckled down to continue their Hebrew and Judaic studies.

Our Sunday School students learned some fascinating information about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. They learned about the Jewish calendar and that Rosh Hashanah starts our New Year. Rosh Hashanah means "Head of the Year." Yom Kippur is a thinking time; a period of reflection and review about the past year. If we have hurt or wronged someone, we need to ask for his/her forgiveness. If there are things we want to change, this period of times gives us a fresh start.

Our students have also learned about Sukkot and Simchat Torah. They learned that Sukkot is an autumn holiday and it is a reminder that God protected the Israelites while they wandered in the Sinai Desert, living in temporary huts as they made their way from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land of Israel.

Simchat Torah is when we take out all of the Torah scrolls from the Ark and march with them around the synagogue seven times. Each parade is called a hakafah. During each hakafah, we pray, sing, dance and wave flags. On Simchat Torah we read the last words and the first words of the Torah. For Jews, the Torah is a book that has no end.

Our Sunday Religious School classes, grades Prek - 5th, meet in the school wing at Tifereth Israel Synagogue from 9am - Noon. On Wednesdays, grades 3rd - 6th, meet in the school wing at Tifereth from 4:00 - 6:15 pm.

### Jr/Sr High School

Wednesday, August 31, was our first day of Jr/Sr High School. Students and parents met in the Temple's social hall to hear from our staff what their child's religious school experience will consist of. After a quick introduction to our program for this year, staff was introduced and each teacher gave a synopsis for their class.

Our students are spending the year exploring a variety of ethical issues with the aid of traditional texts. We are allowing time to discuss the issues along with their own personal views. Throughout the year, several local Jewish community members will be visiting our classrooms to share some of their experiences with our students.

Through Krys Phillips, our 7th grade students will study the rites, rituals, and customs of Eastern European Shtetls with a concentration on early adolescents' roles. At the end of the year, students will hold a "Cultural Fair," during which they will share what they have learned.

"Coming of Age during the Holocaust" is the theme for our 8th grade class. This class will be covering Anti-Semitism, Kristallnacht, The Kindertransport, and The Warsaw Ghetto. This class will also look at children's art, music, and poetry.

Jody Hramits will be teaching ethics and values to our 7th and 8th grades students. During classes will learn about Teshuvah, Pekuach Nefesh, La Shon Horah, Comparative Religion, Art and Judaism, Medical Ethics, Rituals of Death and Mourning and Am Yisrael.

Throughout the year, the 9th grade class, taught by Stacie Franklin, will review the basic geography of Israel and become familiar with several of its major cities. They will discuss the various political views and key political leaders starting with the creation of Israel through our current times; learn about the major historical events of each decade since the 1940's; learn about Israel's culture through music, food, art and people; review and discuss current events impacting Israel today; and develop a personal connection to Israel through "Partnership 2000" with students in a Western Galilee school through e-Pals.

For 10th graders, this is an exciting time in their lives as they go through Confirmation and confirm their Jewish identity and beliefs. Rabbis HaLevi and Kaufman will be teaching this class. Some of the topics that will be discussed are: Jewish ID, What is Judaism?, Denominations, Life Issues, Race and Religious Relations, Body Ethics and Israel. There are several speakers planned throughout the year as well as four social action projects.

Eleventh and twelfth grade students will meet every Wednesday evening to discuss, attend or volunteer with a variety of different topics that involve our youth today. We will have social events, social action projects, speakers relating to pertinent issues you may face and a little bit of Jewish cooking.

Rabbi Berel Simpsen will be coordinating the 11th - 12th grade program, teaching the 6th grade each week, as well as making presentations to the 9th & 10th grades during the year.

The following trips for our 7th - 12th grade students:

- 7th - 9th grades - Feb. 24, 25 & 26 - Washington, DC with Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Hramits.

- 10th graders - Feb. 10, 11 & 12 - L'Taken with Rabbi Kaufman (open to 11th & 12th if spots are available).

- 10th - 12th graders - March 31, April 1 & 2 - New York with Rabbi HaLevi.

In order to help support these trips, during the year, we will hold the following fundraisers: Nov. 13 and Nov. 20 - Jewish Book Fair; Jan. 18 - Spaghetti Dinner; Feb/March - Barton's Passover candy.

Additional information will be sent out to the community as each date draws nearer.

We will again offer dinner to all Jr/Sr High School students every Wednesday before each class between 6:30 - 7:00 pm. Classes will run from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Jr/Sr High School classes are held in the school wing at Temple B'nai Jeshurun - 51st and Grand / Des Moines.

JFCS is looking forward to another great year with our students and staff. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 277-5566. - Lyanna Grund, Principal

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## AMES RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

### What a Day!

We kicked off our first day with plenty of activities! Hebrew Dalet, Hey and Teen Hebrew classes began the morning. Teen Hebrew is new to our school this year. We have 7 students enrolled and they are learning conversational Hebrew. Won't this be a wonderful skill when they travel to Israel!

Rabbi Rosenbloom led an all-school assembly in addition to John leading us in song. The Rabbi spoke to the students about 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. There was good discussion about what we can learn from these experiences and how helping others is so important. Rabbi Rosenbloom will also be visiting classrooms each month he is at AJC. He is wonderful at contributing towards the class's current curriculum and leading discussions with the students.

We ended our morning with some very special guests.

### Java Jews at AJC, by James Steadham

The band plays "highly-caffeinated klezmer." The Java Jews play at area coffee shops and bar mitzvahs but on Sunday, September 11 at the AJC, Abe Goldstein (accordion) and Mark Finkelstein (coronet) of the Java Jews came and played a few Yiddish songs. Mark and Abe for the first part told corny jokes. Near the middle of the show Abe and Mark were telling us about the difference between minor and major keys and had us identifying if the song they played was in minor or major.

At the end of the show the two Java Jews told us how people were joining the band at ages 14 and 15, which seemed to lead to something called the Java Juveniles, something where kids could play their songs too. So before Sunday Adah and Robyn asked everyone who played an instrument to bring it to school. At the end of the assembly the Java Jews had everyone who brought an instrument come up on the bima and play some of the sheet music they brought with them. We ended up with two keyboards, a flute and a violin. I took a keyboard. It was weird being on the bimah because I didn't know what to do, so I basically pretended to know what I was doing at first until I got the sheet music. In my opinion it was a good assembly.

### Upcoming Religious School events:

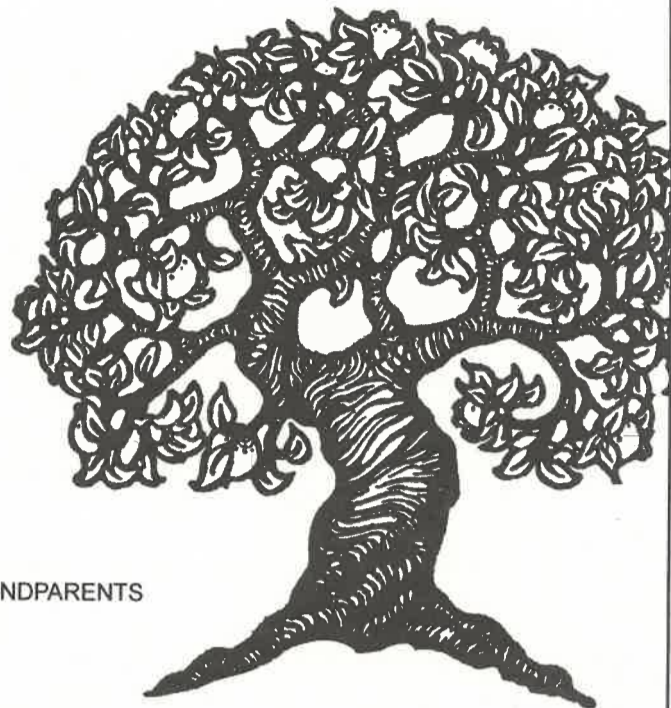
October 9: Making Rosh Hashanah Cards

October 16th: Decorate the Sukkah

December 11th: Dreidel making

—Shalom, Adah and Robyn

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## Richard Friedman

New Orleanian, formerly of Des Moines, coped with Katrina by Mark Finkelstein

Richard and his sister Margo, the children of the late Abe J. Friedman and Harriet A. Friedman, grew up in Des Moines and attended Roosevelt High School. Their family was a member of Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Here is Richard's account of how he, his wife Linda, their son Brian, Richard's mother, and their two dogs survived the disaster accompanying Hurricane Katrina.

"I thought maybe the levee would either hold or could be quickly repaired," said Richard Friedman, from the place in which his family found refuge in Jackson, Mississippi. "From our vantage point of safety, we actually thought that New Orleans had 'dodged the bullet' and were really feeling relieved. But ten minutes later we heard the news that the levee had broken and then things turned sour, into the great catastrophe..."

Richard's family was safe, their immediate ordeal at an end. But it wasn't easy.

"The storm, a week earlier, went ashore in Florida but then it went back out to sea. So we were keeping our eyes on it," he said. "As usual in case of bad weather, I went out and augmented the supplies we would need in an emergency – our Hurricane Box – but the gravity of the situation still caught people by surprise."

"We had never evacuated before," he said, "even in response to Hurricane Ivan, a year or so ago – a situation in which we learned that the evacuation process had to

be improved upon." "That Saturday night, however, when I went to bed, I was thinking of asking my son and wife to do so, and I was going to stay behind. Somehow I knew that by hook or crook, I would be OK in the interior of our house. And we were sure that both my mother, who has lived in New Orleans for the last 9 years and Linda's mother, a long time resident of the area, were in secure locations, in local homes for the aging, with sitters."

"At 5 am, Sunday morning, I surveyed some of the news and determined that evacuation was going to be necessary. My wife and son, and one of our dogs, left first, at about 9 am, heading west and north, not knowing where they would reach or where they would stay, and by then lots of people were leaving, so traffic was slow and reservations were probably difficult to make. I left several hours later – with our second dog – after looking in on my mother-in-law and moving some furniture in our house. By noon, I could only go east and north, and it took me six hours in bumper-to-bumper traffic to get to Slidell, Louisiana – some 26 miles east of New Orleans."

"My wife and I kept in touch by cell phone, calling each other every hour on the hour, and then turning off our phones to conserve the batteries."

"When I got to Slidell, I was running low on gas, and no gas was to be found anywhere in the vicinity. So instead of wast-

ing more time and gas in search of gas, I decided to head north to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, where I thought I would either find a hotel or would park in a safe place over night."

"Everything related to this experience has been a miracle – but one of the most significant, incredible acts of kindness happened to me in Hattiesburg," said Richard. "I pulled into Hattiesburg with my gas tank on empty and found a convenience store with a gas station, the station had apparently just closed for the night. The owner, who saw my plight, however, turned on the gas pump and enabled me to fill up. I was able then to drive to Jackson, Mississippi and to reunite with my wife and son – who had called our nephew in Connecticut, who made a hotel reservation for them by Internet."

"My wife, son, and dog got to Jackson at 7 pm that Sunday evening, and I got there 2 am Monday morning. Katrina went ashore in southeast Louisiana early Monday morning. Hattiesburg, by the way, got hammered, and there were even strong winds felt in Jackson, where 99% of the cars in the hotel parking lot, were by then, from Louisiana."

And their parents? "My mother's nursing home was evacuated to Houston, and my wife's mother went to Natchez, Mississippi. My sister Margo (who is married to Des Moines-born Sidney Friedman) took my mother up to Boston where they

live, to a nursing home there. And my wife's sister-in-law came and brought back their mother to the Philadelphia area. In addition, we have cousins from New Orleans who are now safe in Ohio."

And the dogs apparently have company in their hotel in Jackson. "This fine hotel, which would not normally house animals, extended themselves. The lobby looks at times like they are hosting an international dog show." Richard chuckles but turns serious again when he discusses the "incredible acts of kindness" – as he puts it – that have been showered upon his family and others by complete strangers.

He recounts one instance in which strangers came up to his family and offered them use of their shower facilities. Others befriended the Friedmans in various ways. They are linked up now with the Jewish community in Jackson. "I went to services Friday night at the local reform congregation. If I live to 97," he said, "I will never forget services that night." "They had a beautiful service. People from New Orleans were called up to the bimah, the Vice President of the Reform Movement spoke, as did a woman rabbi, a specialist in social services who had come from up north. The Jewish community of Jackson has gone out of their way. And in addition, the rabbi and some people from the Jewish Federation of Nashville even came to call upon me at the hotel to be of help."

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## Lions of Judah, Pomegranates Senior Chessed Project

This summer, Lion and Pomegranate members, under the guidance of co-chairs Shelley Brody and Debbie Gitchell, have initiated a program that will focus on assisting the senior adults of our community. Rabbi Berel Simpson, Director of Jewish Family Services, will coordinate the program and provide names of seniors who are most in need of being contacted.

The project's focus is on doing Chessed – acts of loving-kindness – which is the bedrock of the Jewish faith.

Each Lion and Pomegranate member who chooses to participate is being asked to call a designated senior once a week. This will go a long way to help our seniors feel less isolated and recognize that the community cares about them and hopefully engen-

In addition, the Tobis Fund Committee has made available subsidies for seniors who need in-home adult care through a gift to Wesley At Home Health Services. Wesley is one of the leading companies who provide a comprehensive array of services to seniors in their home. To avail yourself of their services, you can call Wesley directly at 515-271-6768 for more information or to schedule a visit.

der a greater sense of connection to the entire community. If a senior asks for any assistance, Jewish Family Services' new NORC-OASIS will be contacted and then help the senior adult with his or her needs.

Some optional involvement on the part of Lions and Pomegranates would be to occasionally make a home visit to their senior partner, escorting their partner to a local senior adult social or cultural event, and providing an occasional meal to them.

"Yasher Koach" – great job ladies. Jewish Family Services hopes this will be the beginning of many other volunteer opportunities for all members of our community to help our elderly. If you would like to volunteer in any way, please call Rabbi Simpson at 277-6321 x 213.

## Senior News

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The meals will be available with a 24-hour notice. Lunches will be \$7.00 and dinners will be \$10.00 each. Food is carryout from the Life Center and will be paid for at pick up. Jewish Family Services can arrange for delivery at \$5.00 per trip.

Call Dorothea at the Federation, 277-6321 x 218, for more information.

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## Project Elijah

# "Kids To Kids"

## Art Connects Buenos Aires, Kansas and Iowa Youth

By Kimberly Shadur, President Project Elijah Foundation

Leo, Floriana, Paula and others at Ieladeinu, a refuge for Jewish children in Buenos Aires, Argentina chose to draw, paint and sequin their self-portraits in the hope of receiving in return the same

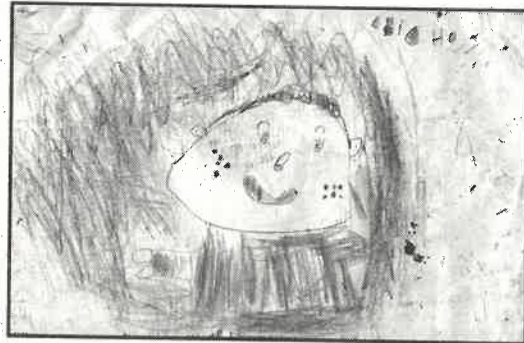
from children and teens in Kansas City and Des Moines. They seek a connection with youth around the world and an understanding of how their lives compare.

The stories that accompany their self-portraits describe their dreams, their preferences, including what they like most about themselves, their favorite foods, favorite Jewish festivities, TV shows and even the subjects they like least in school.

Sunday, September 18th, Project Elijah Foundation volunteers, Peter and Betty Mond, joined me at the Jewish Art Festival in Overland, Kansas, to "show and tell" nearly 150 children and their parents the art work and stories created by the children at Ieladeinu.

Peter and Betty moved to Des Moines, Iowa from Buenos Aires four years ago with their sons, Alan and Kevin. Their first-hand knowledge of Jewish life in Argentina and an understanding of the similarities and differences in the cultures positioned them to vividly and accurately interpret the stories of the children at Ieladeinu for the children and parents in Kansas City.

Over 130 children and teens attend-



ing the Festival sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Kansas City, some with the help of their parents, documented their dreams, their preferences, their portraits as well as their curiosities

about life in Argentina.

The dialogue between the youth has begun and will continue thanks to the enthusiasm of the parents, teachers and youth in Kansas City and Lyanna Grund and Rabbi Berel Simpser of The Jewish Federation Community School in Des Moines, Iowa.

Lyanna and Rabbi Simpser are initiating a program with the 6th grade class at JFCS. The class will reach out to the children at Ieladeinu through their art work, story telling, photographs and social action efforts.

With the help of the juniors and seniors who have participated in "Kids to Kids" or have traveled to Argentina with Alan Zuckert, Mara White and Laura Berkson, the 6th grade class will gain a good understanding of Jewish life in Argentina and the beauty of being youth philanthropists.

Soon the children and teens will have in hand the art work, stories and questions from the youth in Kansas City. They will know more about their world, feel a greater sense of self and have an important connection to people who care about them.

## Chicho Age 7 interviewed by Project Elijah

¿C\mo te llamas?

**Miguel**

What is your name?

**Miguel**

¿C\mo te gusta que te llamen?

**Chicho**

What do you like to be called?

**Chicho**

Mi sueZo es

**Estar en mi casa**

My dream is...

**To be in my home**

Lo que m<s me gusta

**Como a rato a la gente**

What I like most about myself

**My ability to get along with others**

Mi comida preferida

**Hamburguesa**

My favorite food

**Hamburgers**

Lo que m<s me gusta del colegio

**El recreo**

What I like best about school

**P.E.**

La material que m<s me gusta

**Biblioteca**

My favorite subject

**Library**

La que menos me gusta

**Tecnologia**

My least favorite subject

**Technology**

Mi programa de TV favorita

**Power Ranger**

My favorite TV show

**Power Rangers**

El grupo de musica que m<s escucho

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**La mancha**

Fiesta Judia preferida

**Purim**

My favorite Jewish holiday

**Purim**

[history]

## Max Schlossberg (1873-1936)

From the Shtetl to the NY Philharmonic by Mark Finkelstein

Did you know that from the mid-19th Century until World War I, rehearsals of American symphony orchestras were conducted in German? The conductors and orchestral players were German- or Viennese-born and the repertoire: heavy on Beethoven and Brahms. With the wave of the largely Eastern European Jewish immigration of the 1880s, upper class Jewish immigrants of Germanic culture began to find employment in the symphonic world. Records indicate that between 1908 and 1914, at the New York Philharmonic, one of the principal trumpet players apparently was a Samuel Finkelstein, about whom I have no additional information. But another member of the Philharmonic's trumpet section, whose career with America's oldest and most famous orchestra spanned a quarter of a century, was Max Schlossberg. Schlossberg, who lived from 1873-1936, is considered a founder of the American school of trumpet playing in the twentieth century. He played with the New York Philharmonic from 1910 until his death.

In the twilight of his career, Schlossberg was reputed to have played fourth or fifth trumpet in the Philharmonic, his students - among them the extremely talented Harry (Hersh) Glantz (1896-1982) - occupying the other chairs in the section. Schlossberg's reputation today is as the author of a popular text of technical exercises. Unfortunately, due to the primi-

tive recording techniques at the time, it is virtually impossible for aficionados to identify his playing on contemporary recordings made with the Philharmonic on 78s. [Remember the old, thick 78 rpm recordings that would last 4 minutes per side?]

Nonetheless, we know that if he performed with the NY Philharmonic Orchestra for the 1910 season, he played under the baton of the acclaimed composer-conductor (almost cult-figure) Gustav Mahler, who led the NYPO in 1909 until his death in 1911. And Schlossberg concluded his career under Arturo Toscanini, Music Director (of the then termed New York Philharmonic Society Orchestra) from 1928-1936. He must have, as well, played under a number of famous guest conductors, including the composer Richard Strauss and Bruno Walter (whom as we will see, Max encountered in Estonia.)

Prior to 1997 when André M. Smith published an extended research paper about Schlossberg's life and genealogy, few details were available. Here, now, is what is known.

A photo (ca. 1885) exists of Kalman Schlossberg, Max's paternal grandfather, who lived in Latvia, one of the Baltic states. The family was from western Kurland, an area in the Czarist Pale of Settlement in which Jews were invited to live since the 17th Century. Kalman was the shammos (sexton) of the Jewish cemetery in Aizpute (Hozenpott, in Yiddish; Rabbit's Foot, in English).

Max was born in the port city known in German as Libau (or Liepja in Latvian), Kurland in 1873 to parents Nathan and Dora. He was one of seven children. Thus began a life and musical career that spanned from the shtetl in Latvia (the town was estimated to have had a minority of 10,000 Jews), to major cities in Czarist Russia, to Germany, and eventually to the United States. In the process, Max transcended (or circumvented) the Russian restrictions usually placed on members of the Jewish community.

Max's slightly older brother Joseph was already skilled enough (and with apparently a broad enough orientation to classical music) to gain admission as a brass player to the prestigious Imperial Conservatory of Music in Moscow. Because Joseph was already enrolled, members of his family could re-locate to Moscow, "an advantage otherwise forbidden to Jews." It was Joseph who had started Max on trumpet at age 9. Three years later, Max, too, matriculated at the Conservatory. But when Joseph died from tuberculosis, Max, then 16 at the time and suffering from an undisclosed malady, withdrew from the Conservatory. Somewhat later, however, he resurfaced at the St. Petersburg Conservatory. Technically (as Smith states) Jews were not permitted to live in St. Petersburg, although "more than half of the... Conservatory students were Jewish." After studying in St. Petersburg, Max went to study his instrument in Berlin and subsequently established a reputation as a trumpet soloist in orchestras of prominent German conductors.

In 1894, probably hoping to scope out the possibilities of a career, Max came to

the States to visit his father, a shoemaker, who had emigrated to Brooklyn and then to Cohoes, NY. But Max, it is said, had to return to Russia to serve in the military (for the compulsory 25 years) as the authorities were holding his 89 year-old grandfather in prison as assurance of his return. (The grandfather had died in the interim, unbeknownst to Max, who would not otherwise have returned.)

While in the service, Max was sent to a relatively large city, Riga, where he conducted a military band and a theater orchestra in addition to performing on trumpet. He is said to have known there the conductor Bruno Walter (1876-1982), who himself was Jewish.

In 1902, Max married, deserted the army and took a steamer back to the United States. There, in the Bronx, he raised a family of four children. Max and his wife Jennie apparently spoke Yiddish and German at home; the children only spoke English. According to Smith, "the family was not religiously observant, although Jennie kept a kosher home, with which Max complied."

Max began to make a living for himself, playing for the Yiddish theaters on Second Avenue, and weddings, and apparently he made some recordings. The noted bandmaster Edwin Franko Goldman (d. 1956) engaged him to teach at the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in Manhattan and to play in the Goldman Band.

He won his position with the Philharmonic in 1910 and performed, as well, with local hotel chamber orchestras, such as the one that served the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. *continued on page 19*

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# Suzanne and Larry Engman B'nai Tzedek Youth Philanthropy Program



Jewish Foundation. At the time of his or her Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a young person initiates the creation of his or her B'nai Tzedek fund with a contribution of \$150. This amount is then augmented with a generous grant from the Suzanne and Larry Engman B'nai Tzedek Fund, so that each teen's fund is started with \$500. Teens may increase the amounts in their private funds through contributions on special occasions and through their own personal initiatives. B'nai Tzedek aims to help teens discover the value and rewards of Jewish philanthropy while developing skills and knowledge in the area of financial literacy. Every year the teens will donate a percentage of their private funds to a Jewish

**A** national program that teaches Jewish teens how to engage in the mitzvah of tzedakah and Jewish giving has been developing in the Greater Des Moines area, encouraging students at the time of their Bar or Bat Mitzvah to become informed and committed Jewish philanthropists.

B'nai Tzedek, Hebrew for "children of Righteousness," offers young people the unique opportunity to start their own private philanthropic funds of the Des Moines

organization or fund in Greater Des Moines. As they get older, the scope of their giving will expand beyond our local area.

B'nai Tzedek has a two-tiered approach to Jewish giving that is meant to offer the entire community a chance to participate. A B'nai Tzedek General Fund, to which anyone may make a contribution and for which the teens may develop fundraisers, will give the members of B'nai Tzedek experience in making annual group decisions about allocations.

Members of B'nai Tzedek will partici-

pate in special workshops with community leaders and professionals; attend a B'nai Tzedek retreat; develop skills in fundraising and philanthropy; and present a special certificate to new members of B'nai Tzedek at their Bar or Bat Mitzvah services. In addition, participants will be eligible to represent our local community at a national conference of "Jewish Youth Funders."

Greater Des Moines already has two pioneers in this unique program. Alex Garland, daughter of Cheryl and Terry Garland, and Jacob Grund, son of Lyanna Grund and Bill Grund, made commitments to B'nai Tzedek while the program was in its initial stages. The program is currently aimed at students who are preparing to become Bar or Bat Mitzvah in 2005, 2006 and 2007. However, those who have become Bar or Bat Mitzvah from August 2004 to the present have a special window of opportunity to also join B'nai Tzedek and receive the special grant from the Suzanne and Larry Engman B'nai Tzedek Fund.

Des Moines is one of twenty eight communities in North America currently offering B'nai Tzedek to its Jewish teens. The program was originally started by Harold Grinspoon of Springfield, Massachusetts. Through the initiative of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, an effort was generated that has since sparked interest in communities across the continent.

The Greater Des Moines area's B'nai Tzedek program will be coordinated by Laura Berkson, who is also Cantorial Soloist and Youth Director at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Working with Lyanna Grund,

Principal of the Jewish Federation Community School, Ms. Berkson will develop B'nai Tzedek programming throughout the year, and will assist in developing a new tzedakah curriculum for the Jewish Federation Community School.

Participation in B'nai Tzedek is accessible to those in all economic circumstances, through scholarships which are available at the request of a young person's rabbi. As stated in the B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy segment of the Harold Grinspoon Foundation website, "The B'nai Tzedek Teen Philanthropy Program is opening up new possibilities for how young people can create a more just society... [as well as] redefining what it means to be a philanthropist - that one does not have to be wealthy to have a personal and engaged relationship to life-long giving."

The B'nai Tzedek program in Greater Des Moines is made possible thanks to the vision and generosity of Suzanne and Larry Engman. Anyone interested in more information about participation in B'nai Tzedek should please call the Jewish Federation.



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# Palestinian Student Spreads Good Will

By Louise Shalev

As a Tel Aviv University master's student specializing in the teaching of English as a foreign language, Sobhi Bahloul has to engage in some mental gymnastics while taking notes in class. The language of instruction is Hebrew, the subject being taught is English, but Bahloul's native language is Arabic. Moreover, for Bahloul, there is the added challenge of being the only Palestinian student to attend TAU from the Gaza Strip.

His enrollment in the university's Constantiner School of Education was made possible due to the dedication of a group of faculty members, and through scholarships granted by the TAU President's Office and the Dean of Humanities.

Three days a week Bahloul makes the arduous journey from his hometown of Rafiah to Tel Aviv. Even though he has the required permits to enter Israel, arranged for him by the university, the checkpoint crossing can take hours. It all depends on the situation that day, he says.

Bahloul is not complaining, however. He savors every minute of his time studying at TAU. He does not worry what people might say about him either in Gaza or in Israel. Bahloul is a well known Hebrew teacher in Gaza and one of only five authorized notaries in Hebrew in the entire Strip. "People know me as the 'Hebrew expert,'" he says. "They recognize my special status as a teacher and educator and respect me for it."

Bahloul's enrollment at TAU was ini-

tiated by Professors Anat Biletzki and Anat Matar of the Department of Philosophy, well-known peace and human rights activists, as well as Prof. Elana Shohamy of the Constantiner School. Once accepted at the school, it took nearly a year to obtain the required permits from the Israel Defense Forces for him to study in Israel.

Bahloul's love of foreign languages comes from his home. He began learning English as a young child and has always been curious about foreign cultures and languages. His sister is an English teacher and one of his five children is studying to become an English teacher at Khan Yunis University in Gaza.

Bahloul first met Biletzki and Matar in the late 1990s when a delegation of students and faculty from TAU and other universities traveled to Gaza to engage in joint encounters. He used to teach the group Arabic.

He is a strong supporter of inter-group dialogue and teaches Arabic and Hebrew at the Ibrahim Center in Gaza - an institution that aims to promote Palestinian-Israeli understanding. "I believe that language learning is a tool for strengthening ties between the two peoples and spreading peace," says Bahloul.

Biletzki says the "importance and value of Sobhi's studies at TAU cannot be overstated - for both partners. He is a teacher, student and a colleague, but more importantly, he is a friend. Such unique friendships and collaborations can only multiply with progress in the peace process."

Bahloul feels completely at home in

Tel Aviv. He fondly remembers bringing his family to Tel Aviv for a three-day holiday by the beach in 1997. "I am attracted to Israelis and have a lot of friends here. I understand the language, culture and mentality," he says. "We have much more in common than not."

Of course switching back and forth between both worlds - Gaza and Israel - is not easy. "I have to constantly make an instant adjustment to two completely different worlds," he says.

With Israel's disengagement from Gaza completed, Bahloul is optimistic for the future of Gaza and the peace process. "The situation has calmed down; people are now breathing a sigh of relief on both sides," he says.

"Whatever happens, we will remain economically dependent on Israel so we need to maintain good relations. There must be cooperation. We will need a lot of help to stand on our own feet."

Bahloul believes that he has a major part to play in the future scheme of things. "Here at the university they call me 'the Palestinian Ambassador,'" he says.

The label has stuck and even the soldiers at the checkpoint jokingly call him the 'The Ambassador' he says. Joking aside, Bahloul's ambitions for the future include becoming the first Palestinian Ambassador to Israel. Until then, he is concentrating on finishing his master's degree and then wants to move straight on to his PhD studies.

This article originally appeared in TA Notes of Tel Aviv University. [www.Israel21c.org](http://www.Israel21c.org)

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In Jerusalem, Consul General Barukh Binah served as the Spokesman of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director of the Press Division (1991-1992). Between 1999 and 2001, he served as Director of North American Affairs (Division II - Congressional Affairs and Consulates in the United States). He also held a variety of research and policy planning positions, including Comptroller of Research Quality. From 2001 - 2005, he has served as the Head of the International Affairs Bureau in the Center for Political Research of the Foreign Ministry.

Consul General Barukh Binah holds degrees, with honors, from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Haifa University. In 1998 he graduated from Israel's National Defense College, where he wrote his dissertation, Israel and the American Jewish Community: a Brotherhood in Distress. He had served as the Secretary of the Israel Oriental Society and contributed to literary periodicals.

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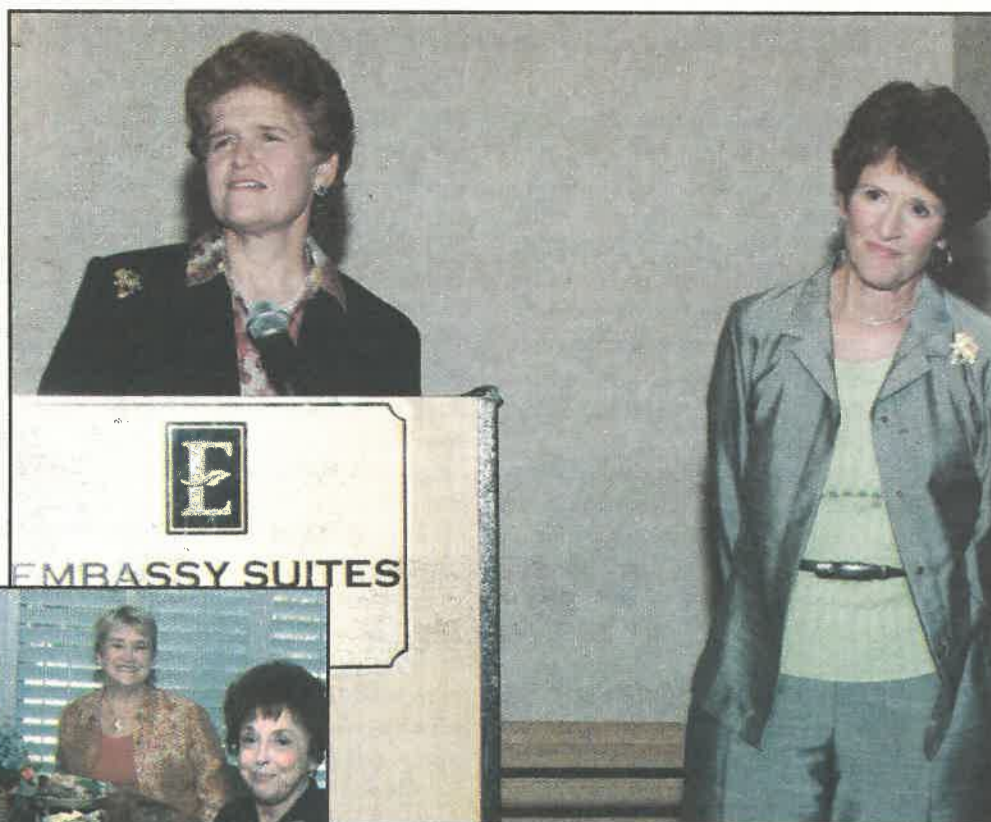
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**Dr. Deborah**



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# ipstadt

n audience of over 300 was held in rapt attention by noted scholar and author Dr. Deborah Lipstadt on September 21, as she addressed the topic: Holocaust Denial as False History. The program, celebrating the kick-off of the 2006 All-In-One Campaign, enabled Dr. Lipstadt to discuss some of the more interesting aspects of the trial in England in which she was named defendant by an author who – after five years of litigation – was found by the court to have purposefully misconstrued historical documents to undermine the standard interpretation of what happened during the Holocaust.

The evening program began with a welcome by Toni Urban, President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. Professor Lipstadt was introduced by Lion of Judah Debbie Gitchell, Past President of the Federation. Earlier that day, our guest speaker was hosted by Margalo Blumenthal, a new Ruby Lion of Judah, at a luncheon for members of the Lions of Judah and Pomegranates. Dr. Lipstadt also attended a dinner, chaired by Shelley Brody and Debbie Gitchell, with major donors to the All-In-One Campaign.

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# My Trip to Israel

By Aviv Luban

I spent the bulk of this summer in Israel, first touring the country on a ten-day Birthright trip, and then studying for five weeks at the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem. Both programs were very enriching experiences, and I highly recommend them to all those who wish to increase their knowledge of and appreciation for the Jewish people and Judaism. Since a very young age, I have gone numerous times with my family to Israel, touring various parts of the country. Thus, when I landed at Ben-Gurion airport on an NCSY-sponsored Birthright-Israel trip, it felt like coming home.

Yet viewing the landscapes of Eretz Israel through the windows of a tour bus, and seeing the sites on guided tours in the company of 40-odd 20- to 26-year-olds (as well as two armed guards) made Israel a totally different experience. As many of the other Birthright participants had had limited contact with Judaism over the years, the tour leaders made a point to emphasize the significance in Jewish history of everything we saw.

Our first destination was Jerusalem. Upon entering the city, Naomi Shemer's "Jerusalem of Gold" was played on the bus speakers; it was a very emotional experience. At the Haas promenade overlooking the Old City, we said Kiddush and Sh'hecheyanu over a glass of wine. The next four or five days were spent in and around Jerusalem: excavating at an archeological dig at Tel Maresha; climbing Massada, floating in the Dead Sea, and hiking in Ein Gedi; visiting

the Old City, and the new Holocaust memorial/museum at Yad Vashem; and celebrating a spirited Kabbalat Shabbat at the Kotel (Western Wall).

In Tel-Aviv, we visited the old Jaffa port, Rabin Square (where the late Prime Minister was assassinated), Independence Hall, and the beach and promenade. From there we drove up to the Galilee, where we stayed at a beautiful hotel on the shores of the Kinneret. The next few days, we hiked in the Golan, took jeeps up to the ruins of an ancient hilltop synagogue, rappelled down a mountain-side, rode donkeys in a kibbutz, and explored the mystical city of Zefat. One night near the end of the trip, we had a bonfire along the shores of the Kinneret, and celebrated Bar Mitzvahs for two on the trip who had never had the opportunity. We concluded the trip with a late-night party on a wooden ship on the Kinneret.

In all, it was a fantastic trip; I made many good friends, learned and saw much, and increased my appreciation for Israel and the Jewish people. After the rest of the group flew back home, I stayed on in Jerusalem for five weeks, studying at the Conservative Yeshiva.

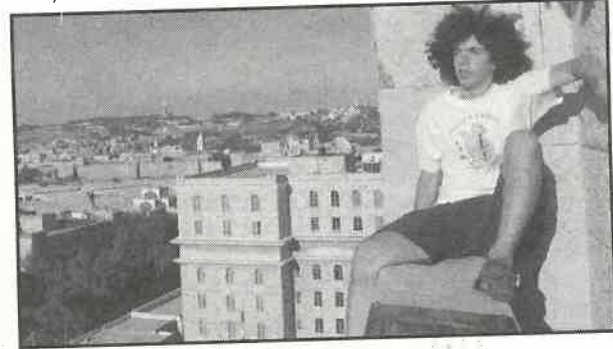
At first I was apprehensive about learning at a yeshiva, having never studied traditional texts besides Tanach. But on arrival, my anxieties were quickly assuaged. In the morning I studied Talmud, which was a first for me. Being a beginner, I was placed in a group of students with similar degrees of experience. Together in chevru-ta (learning partners group) we slogged

through portions of Massekhet Makot, with the help of a Talmud Aramaic-Hebrew-English dictionary. It was a very challenging experience, yet a rewarding one. In the afternoon, we studied Jewish philosophy, Mishnah, Nevi'im, siddur liturgy, Psalms and Halacha. Here too, as on Birthright, I made many good friends, and of all different ages. Ages of students ranged from 19 to 60-something; in fact, the bulk of the student body was well past college-age. Despite its small size, the Yeshiva was a fantastic place to learn, accepting of all religious orientations and backgrounds, and accommodating to all levels of knowledge and experience. Many lectures and programs were offered. On Fridays, a group of students visited a nearby retirement home and sang Shabbat songs; this was one of several different mitzvah/tzedakah projects at the Yeshiva.

This summer was a special time to be at the Yeshiva and in Israel. We witnessed the inauguration of a beautiful new Bet Midrash, part of large-scale construction and growth on the Yeshiva's campus. Also, my time in Israel coincided with the preparation for the highly controversial Gaza disengagement. Thus, I was thrust into the wrenching debate over disengagement; the subject was always on everyone's lips, and the orange and blue ribbons (anti- and pro-disengagement, respectively) became ubiquitous.

One particularly meaningful aspect of

my time in Jerusalem was the Shabbatot. There is truly no parallel to the experience of Shabbat in Jerusalem: the spirit of the day pervades the whole city, as traffic thins (or stops entirely in certain neighborhoods), and the roads fill with families strolling. Friday nights and Saturday afternoons, I had festive meals with students from the Yeshiva, and when I was unable to find accommodations, the Yeshiva helped arrange something. Every Shabbat night I attended a different synagogue, allowing



me to experience many different minyanim of varying sizes, customs and styles.

On my last Erev Shabbat, I went with a friend to a Carlebach minyan in an underground bomb shelter. In the cramped quarters of the bunker, we welcomed Shabbat with spirited singing and dancing.

In all, learning at the Yeshiva, making strong friendships with other students, and living and praying in Jerusalem made the whole experience tremendously rewarding and inspirational. Through it, I learned much, and my Jewish identity was strengthened.

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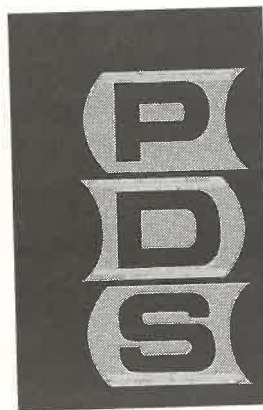
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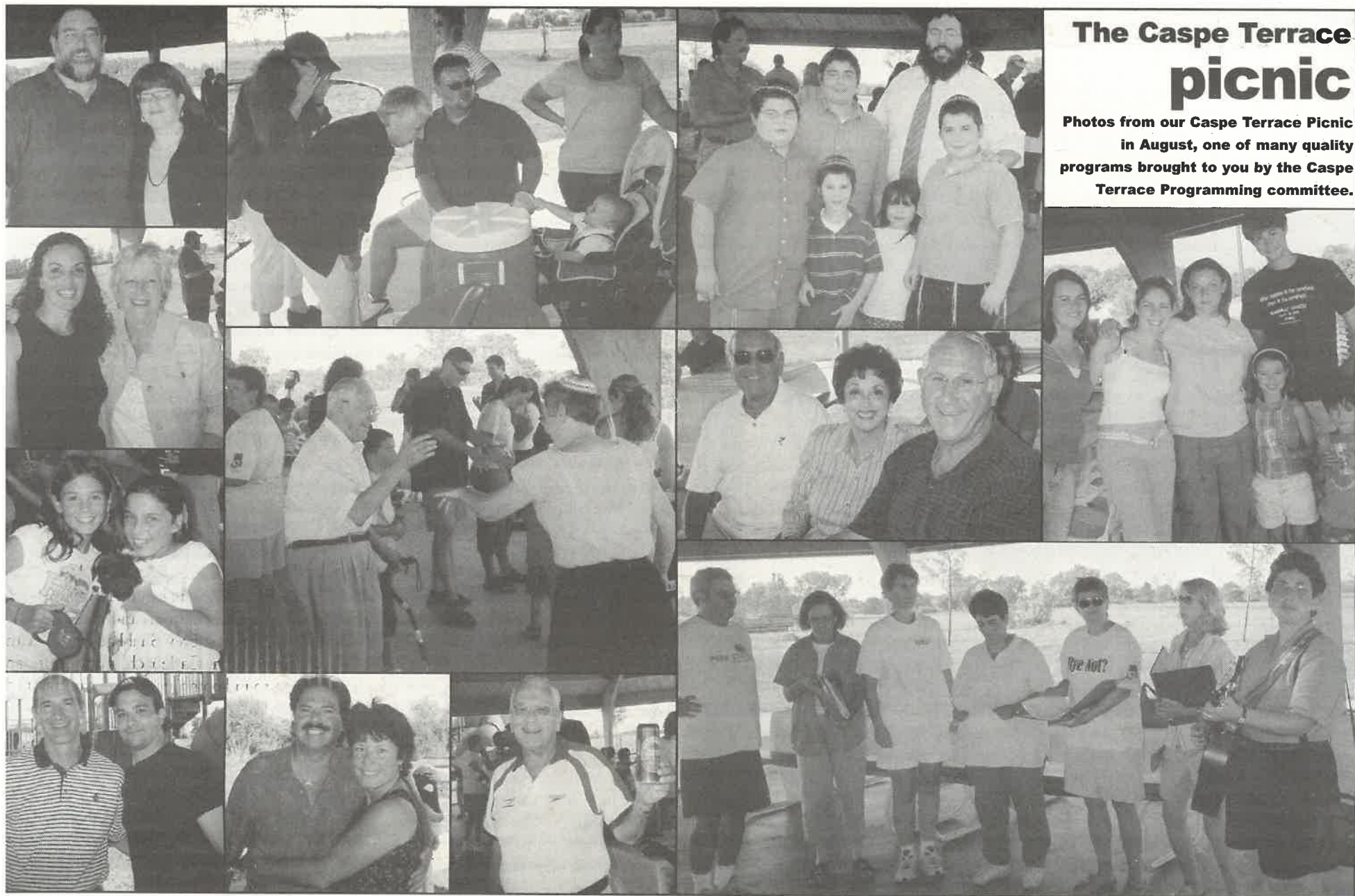
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## [view from Israel]

### 10th Anniversary of Rabin's Assassination:

By former Areiva to Des Moines, Ayelet Kleinman



Shalom Friends,

This November the State of Israel commemorates the 10-year anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

The life story of Yitzhak Rabin is intimately linked with the history of modern Israel from the time of the Yishuv – the Jewish community in pre-state Palestine. Like others of his generation who dedicated their lives to the establishment of a Jewish homeland, from a young age Yitzhak Rabin accepted the challenge of doing his part in establishing the Jewish state, maintaining its security and promoting its prosperity. In all of the positions that he filled, from the day he first volunteered for the Hagana as a student at Kadoorie Agricultural High School to the day of his death as prime minister and defense minister, he was deeply involved in many of the critical decisions that shaped the country. Born in Jerusalem, he was raised in Tel Aviv, the city that grew from a small settlement into a bustling metropolis. His biography tracks the progress of the man who in his final years attempted to lead Israeli society into an era of peace and the reordering of its priorities.

On November 4, 1995, on leaving a mass rally for peace whose theme was "Yes to Peace, No to Violence," Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by a Jewish right-wing extremist. Age 73 at his death, he was laid to rest before a shocked and grieving nation, in a state funeral on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem, attended by leaders from around the world.

The new generation, at the time, became what has been called The Generation of Candles. Many were young people from all over the country who gathered the following nights of the assassination on the very spot where Rabin's life was taken. They were city kids and kibbutzniks, religious and secular, politically involved and heretofore apathetic. But they all had one thing in common: they were in shock and angry following Israel's first political assassination, in disbelief that something like that could happen here, in our small country. They were outraged that internal political differences could lead to such an unthinkable act of violence, against our leader, against our nation. So this generation vowed to change the world. They promised to resolve internal, Israeli political differences through quiet confrontation and civil argument. (Just as Israel has affirmed its desire to negotiate with the Palestinians.) They agreed that such an act must never repeat itself, no matter how great the gap between the political beliefs. The hope of people in Israel was that members of "Candle Generation" would become Israel's future leaders—leaders whose light they brought to Rabin's square in Tel Aviv would endure.

For those of us who observed the event at the time, it is hard to believe that it has been 10 years since the assassination. Of those who are now 13 or 14, most are likely to know something about the loss of Rabin, but I doubt that they would know much about the man himself and his hopes for Israel and for a peaceful Middle East.

I am sure that if Rabin were asked what he wanted people to remember about him, he would prefer to be remembered for his common humanity. It was in such terms that he expressed himself in a program for wounded tank crews at Latrun (the armored corps memorial site, close to Jerusalem), on May 2, 1994:

Man is not made of steel / He has a heart and soul  
He cries and laughs / He loves and hurts  
He charges / He is wounded and cries out  
He is flesh and blood.

If you would like to learn more about Rabin's legacy, go to the following websites (and, of course, there are many more): <http://www.rabincenter.org.il/site/en/homepage.asp>; <http://www.knesset.gov.il/rabin/emain.htm>  
Till next time, Yours, Ayelet klayelet@hotmail.com

## [next generation]

### Scott Koslow

By Robin Bear



Scott Koslow is modest about his accomplishments. He won't tell you, for instance, that he was recently selected as one of 12 Merit Scholarship semifinalists in the Valley High School senior class for 2006.

At Valley High School, Scott participates in Philosophy Club and works on the fledgling satirical newspaper, The Stoplight, but most of his attention is directed toward debate. "I started with debate because I love to argue with people", Scott says with a smile. Currently, Scott's topics include immigration rights and democratic ideals. His studies in debate give him a keen insight into various cultures.

Debating as part of the national circuit, Scott has traveled to Chicago, Dallas and San Francisco. He has also taken part in a mission trip to Israel several years ago with his family, and last summer Scott traveled to Germany with other Jewish youth through a program called Bridge of Understanding. He loved the amazing architecture, especially in Berlin, and the feeling that, day or night, there was always something to see or do.

Scott was born in upstate New York. He lived in California for six years before moving to West Des Moines with his parents, Alan and Margie Koslow and his sisters, Chris and Liz.

When he finds time, Scott works at Piques, a family-owned and operated nutritional center and health food market.

This past summer Scott studied at the University of Chicago, taking classes in logic and anthropology of media. He enjoyed the experience so much that he is considering applying to the University of Chicago with hopes of attending full time next fall. Whatever choices Scott makes concerning colleges and career, it's clear his love for learning will continue.

## In the Kitchen With Elaine Steinger

by Toni Urban



*And so they say that Federation directors can't cook! Well, if you have had a Shabbat dinner at Elaine Steinger's home you will know that is not the case! Elaine*

*acquired her cooking expertise from her mother who cooked in the old European style and Elaine's cooking only improved during the years she lived and entertained in England.*

Elaine was born in Des Moines, Iowa. Her parents, Jack and Mildred Ladin, who were both European. When their families left Europe both Jack and Mildred's families independently immigrated to Minneapolis and Jack and Mildred met at the Jewish Community Center gathering there. Jack owned a rug company in Minneapolis, and after a short stint living in Toronto in the 30's, Jack and Mildred, with their two children, Larry and Mary Jane, moved to Des Moines and acquired the Capital City Woolen Mill from the Schuermans.

Elaine was born after the family moved to Des Moines and enjoyed life in an orthodox home of parents who belonged to the Temple. Her brother, Larry Ladin, lives today in Aspen, Colorado and Mary Jane Liebman lives in Manhattan. Elaine attended Roosevelt High School and the University of Colorado. As a teenager Elaine was active-

ly involved in the Temple youth group and through the youth group Elaine became friends with Stan Steinger from St. Louis. Stan attended the University of Colorado also and as a sophomore in college Elaine began to date her old friend, Stan. Elaine received her BA in American Intellectual and Social History from the University of Colorado and shortly after graduation Elaine and Stan wed.

Elaine and Stan moved to Columbus, Ohio and the University of Ohio where Stan received his PhD in 19th C. Eastern European History and Elaine worked at the Ohio State Historical Museum. For a year Elaine and Stan lived in Europe while Stan completed research on his PhD. Stan was hired then by Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to teach Russian History and Elaine received a master's degree in psychology at Southeast Missouri State while they lived there. Daughter, Shayna Rebecca was born and the Steinger family moved to London where Stan was Senior History Editor for the McMillan Publishing Co. for five years. Elaine pursued her post master's degree in psychology from the

University of Reading while living in England where daughter, Jessica, was born. Elaine worked as a copy editor for McMillan while working on her degree.

Elaine's family wanted them to return to Des Moines and Jack wanted Stan to become part of the family business. After their move back, however, Stan enrolled in Drake Law School and simultaneously the University of London and received his law degree and became a solicitor in England.

Elaine, befriended by Roselind Rabinowitz in 1978 in Des Moines, was

asked to answer the phone at the newly established Federation Jewish Community Relations Commission; Elaine shortly became its director.

Stan joined the Davis Law Firm and opened a London branch for them, commuting to London frequently. He eventually took the office over and remained in London on a more permanent basis. Elaine lived in Des Moines and frequently commuted to London to be with Stan. Stan died in 1999 after a short illness.

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## Shabbat Honey & Pecan-Crusted Chicken With Apricot Chutney

A Recipe from Elaine Steinger  
Apricot Chutney:

1 (16 ounce) jar duck sauce

Meat

1 cup dried apricots, chopped

Pecan-Crusted Chicken:

1/2 cup honey

2 teaspoons garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

1 1/2 cups corn flake crumbs

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

3/4 cup chopped pecans

1/2 teaspoon paprika

6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, pounded flat to an even thickness

Combine the duck sauce with the chopped apricots. Let the chutney sit for at least an hour.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly spray a cookie sheet with nonstick cooking spray.

In a medium bowl, combine the honey, salt, pepper, paprika, and garlic powder. Whisk to combine.

In a shallow dish, combine the corn flake crumbs with pecans.

Soak chicken breasts in cold water for two hours to remove salt.

Brush the chicken cutlets with the honey mixture and then dredge in the pecan mixture. Place in a single layer in the prepared pan; spray the tops with cooking spray. Bake for 20 minutes.

Serve the chicken with the apricot chutney.

Yield: 6 servings

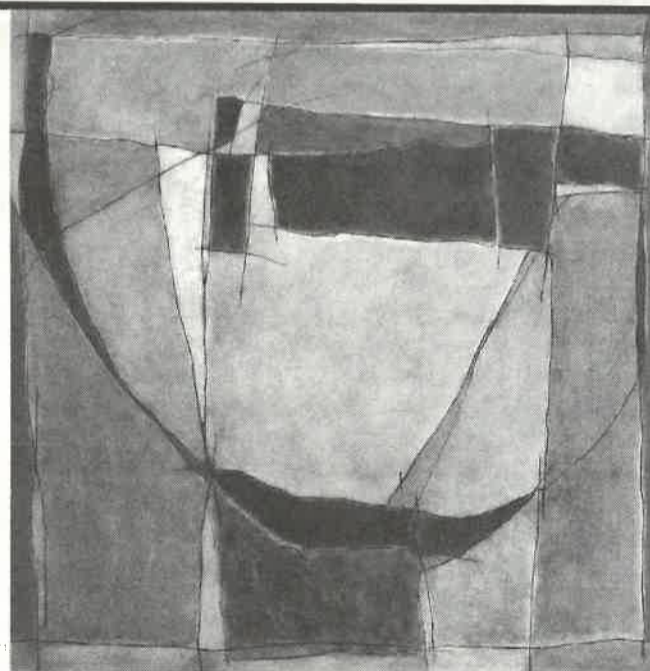
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## AIPAC IOWA News



**AIPAC Event Co-chairs Bud Hockenberg, Marvin Pomerantz and Paulee Lipsman flank Maj. Gen. Amos Yadlin.**

Major General Amos Yadlin, IDF Defense and Armed Services Attaché with the Israeli Embassy, was the featured speaker at the annual American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) Dinner. The dinner, held at the Caspe Terrace on September 14th, was the annual community event hosted by the Iowa AIPAC Council. It was a truly unique evening as the Major General gave one of his very last public speeches in the United States

before he returns to Israel to assume his new duties as Israel's next Chief of Military Intelligence.

Major General Yadlin provided a private, off-the-record briefing on the threats facing Israel, especially the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran. Yadlin is a command pilot with approximately 5,000 flight hours. He participated in the Yom Kippur War, the Peace for Galilee war, and the operation which resulted in the destruction of the nuclear reactor in Iraq.

The event co-chairs were Bud Hockenberg, Paulee Lipsman and Marvin Pomerantz. In addition, the following individuals served on the event committee: David Adelman, David Bear, Ed Bell, Marcie Berkson, Stan Engman, Debbie Gitchell, Alan Koslow, Fred Lorber, Glenn Purnell, Marty Rosenfeld, Marvin Winick, and Steve Schoenebaum.

AIPAC is the only American organization whose principal mission is to lobby the United States Government about legislation that strengthens the relationship between the United States and Israel. It is a bipartisan organization. It does not rate, endorse or contribute to candidates. If you are interested in joining AIPAC or helping to strengthen the pro-Israel community's relationships with its elected leaders, please contact Paulee Lipsman at 515-284-5754 or Rick Woolman in the Midwest AIPAC office at 312-236-8550 ext. 44 or email [rwoolman@aipac.org](mailto:rwoolman@aipac.org).



**Rabbi Baruch HaLevi with JCRC Chairman Sheldon Rabinowitz; Iowa City's Jewish Federation president Dr. José Assouline, U Iowa Hillel Director Dr. Jerry Sorokin, and Rabbi David Kaufman; Rabbi Yossi Jacobson with Will Rogers.**

## DM Public Library and Shoah Foundation Educational Initiative Launched

Members of the public, including Des Moines Public Schools administrators, teachers, representatives of the Jewish Federation and congregations, and our local community of Holocaust survivors, attended the official launch of the Des Moines Visual History Collection and the Testimony to Tolerance Initiative, a joint project of the Des Moines Public Library and Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation on Sept. 15, at the Central Library. The Des Moines-based initiative is only one of two that have been established to date.

At the center of the project is the Des Moines Visual History Collection, seventeen personal testimonies of Holocaust survivors and other witnesses from the Shoah Foundation's visual history archive. The English-language testimonies were videotaped in Iowa with Iowa Holocaust survivors and other witnesses born in countries across Europe. Ranging in length from one to three hours, each is a unique life story including personal memories of pre-war life, the struggle to survive and the aftermath of the war. The collection is available to the public.

Kathie Swift, educational site coordinator, is working with Des Moines middle and high schools, encouraging the use of visual history testimony as the cornerstone of innovative teaching programs. It is hoped that student-run Foundation-sponsored diversity

clubs can be implemented in the spring.

The Iowa Holocaust Interviewees on tape are: Charles Anolik, Henry Davis Fishel, Linda Fishman, Ingrid Maizie, Peter Pintus, Rosalyn Szneler, Francis Shnurman and Meyer Shnurman of Des Moines; Irene Friedlieb of Bettendorf; Sam Goldstein and Ruth Goldstein of Sioux City; Richard Jacobs of Iowa City; Katherine Williams of Council Bluffs; Samuel Shindler of Denver. Bennett Gordon, Dave Korter and Hans Neter are deceased.



**Linda Fishman interviewed**

The Testimony to Tolerance Initiative and the Des Moines Visual History Collection were generously funded by James and Andrea Gordon in memory of their fathers, Ben Schwartz and Bennett Gordon. Thanks are extended to Jan Kaiser, Director of Marketing at the Des Moines Public Library, for her assistance with this project.

For more information about this project contact Kathie Swift at 515-237-1333.



**Peter Pintus and Phyllis Jagiello**



**Adele & Charles Anolik flank Frank Leiserowitz**

## "Holly and Ivy Tour" Features Home of Karen & Arnold Engman

The "Holly and Ivy Tour," holiday tradition organized by Salisbury House and Terrace Hill selected the home of Karen and Arnold Engman this year, which will be decorated for Hanukkah.

Tours will be given Dec. 2-4, 10:00am-4:00pm on Fri. and Sat. noon - 4:00pm on Sun. Tickets are available through Salisbury House (274-1777) or Terrace Hill. \$12 per adult; Children ages 12 and under, \$6. Groups of 20 or more, \$10 each.

The Engmans invite community members to loan them beautiful and unique dreidls and menorahs for the occasion. Contact Karen at 274-3300.

## FBL Financial Group Donates Picnic Tables to Caspe Terrace

The FBL Financial group, whose subsidiaries include the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, has undertaken a project to contribute something to the community at large to add a little more happiness to everybody's life. So, FBL's employees built and painted 37 picnic tables to be donated to non-profit affiliates of United Way. We are proud to announce that two of the tables will find a new home on the Federation's Caspe Terrace. Thank you FBL, for caring!

## Hurricane Relief Effort Spurred by Local Youth



Talía Leman, age 10, from Waukee, backed by one of the largest private grocery store chains in the world, endeavored to make a million dollars for hurricane relief on Halloween.

Her idea was called T.L.C. - "Trick or Treating for the Levee Catastrophe". She envisioned kids all over America trick-or-treating for quarters this year and calculated the possibility of 100,000 children nationwide raising \$10 each for the cause. Talía put pen to paper, wrote out her plan and shared it with others. Sure enough, it caught the attention of a corporate sponsor.

Hy-Vee, a grocery chain with 221 stores in 7 states, ran with her idea. They reportedly printed 8.5 million orange gro-

cery bags with her message on it for distribution at all their locations.

As reported in her interview with the Register, Talía was moved by the new reports about how Hurricane Katrina devastated the lives of many people. "I saw water and a big disaster and people on cots everywhere," she said. "We can go home and sleep in a comfy bed, and they're on these cots and all their stuff is on these little cots."

Talía is a student at the Academy and the daughter of Dana and Dr. Bernard Leman, and the granddaughter of Evelyn and Dr. Albert Mintzer. Contributions to the effort can be dropped off at your local Hy-Vee, designated to the TLC Project, which benefits the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, or sent to Talía at 725 Southford Drive, Waukee, IA 50263.



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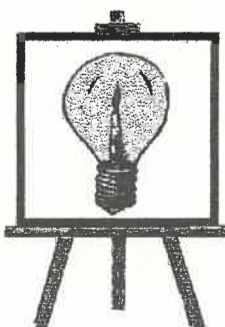
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As to the future? As Richard phrased it: "The days have tended to run together. But all of a sudden, I felt an optimism." And he added: "We are optimistic – not only about our own lives (although it may take a few months to return to our house, which, fortunately was not significantly damaged), but we're also optimistic about the community's life. In some respects, New Orleans will become a better city."

"At a certain level," Richard mused, this entire ordeal has been a spiritual experience." Referring to all his fellow New Orleanians, and going beyond his own family's commitment of returning and helping people, he said: "We were all decent people before this. But we're even better people since the catastrophe."

Richard's attitude may perhaps be best illustrated by how he imparts information about the situation these days. Pick up the phone and call Richard and you'll likely hear him say, first off: "Everything I'm going to tell you is good news..." How much more positive can a person be, who has experienced similar tribulations?

We wish the Friedman family and all the families affected by Katrina a speedy recovery of their personal situations, and good fortune in the future.

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Thereafter he was appointed to teach at the Institute of Musical Arts (which was later re-named the Julliard School.)

Mr. Schlossberg has been characterized as "confident, but modest and endlessly considerate of others," and as "hard-working." His last years, during which he continued to play and teach, were plagued

by poor health. He was survived by his wife, a son, Charles [Kalman], who was a bassist at one time for the Minneapolis Symphony, and two daughters.

Photos of Max Schlossberg may be found online, along with the informative article by Andre' M. Smith, at [www.trumpetguild.org/pdf/9705smit.pdf](http://www.trumpetguild.org/pdf/9705smit.pdf). Smith's article, Max Schlossberg: Founder of the American School of Trumpet Playing in the Twentieth Century, was published originally in the May, 1997 edition of the International Trumpet Guild Journal, pages 23-48.

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Jessica Steinger grew up in Des Moines, but attended Queen's Gate School for Girls in London graduating from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines. She attended St. John's University and the University of New Mexico where she majored in Opera. Jessie, as she is known by her friends, has played in bands and plays the cello, piano, drums and guitar and sang with the regional opera in the southwest. Jessie sings opera in three different languages. She is a very talented young lady with a beautiful voice. After years in Albuquerque, Jessie has recently returned to Des Moines with Miles, her Jack Russell Terrier, and is involved with redecorating a home she has recently purchased.

Daughter, Shayna, attended elementary school in London at St. Catherine's, graduated from Roosevelt High School in Des Moines and went to the University of Iowa graduating summa cum laude. Shayna received her Master's degree from Columbia University in International Relations. Shayna was a political analyst for the Manned Space Flights at NASA

and at the age of 22 became the defense spokesperson for Secretary of State, James Baker, under President George Bush, Sr. Having learned Hebrew during a year abroad while at the University of Iowa, Shayna became a Foreign Service Officer and a Middle East specialist speaking both Hebrew and Arabic. She was posted to Saudi Arabia, Beirut, Tunisia and Yemen and has recently returned to Washington, D.C. As a foreign service specialist Shayna was involved with working with ambassadors and foreign diplomats on such sensitive issues as treaties and foreign trade relations. She met Sam Haider, an architect and engineer in 2000 in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia when he worked for US AID. They married in 2002.

While Stan worked in London, Elaine was Jewish Community Relations Commission director at the Des Moines Jewish Federation until 1989 when she was asked to become Federation Director, a job she still holds today. In 1992, the Des Moines Jewish Foundation was organized, although it had been in existence since 1974 under various individual's leadership. Elaine became its first director at that time as well, a position she still holds.

Elaine has been a very active participant in the Des Moines community. She has participated on numerous community boards and commissions and has earned many honors along the way. She presently sits on the Anawim Board and is a member of the Nexus Breakfast Club. She is on the executive committee of the Association of Jewish Community Organization Professionals. She led the YWCA's audit on racism, participated on the Chamber of Commerce 2000

Leadership Institute, was a participant on the State Historical Foundation when their new building was constructed and was a member of the Junior League of Des Moines. Elaine has been on the Civil Rights Commission, the Mayor's Select Committee on Substance Abuse and the Des Moines Diversity Committee just to name a few. Elaine was a recipient of the "Women of Influence" award, was an NCCJ award recipient and won a coveted Governor's award.

Elaine has a constant thirst for knowledge and has been taking Hebrew lessons, courses in Financial and Business Management and nonprofit law and takes on-line classes in Torah study. Elaine's professional development has been her priority but she admits to a desire to take the time to pursue classes in fine arts both in art history and music.

Elaine is well traveled, recently visiting Yemen where daughter Shayna worked and she is a knowledgeable voice on historical issues and current events. Her depth of knowledge has commanded the respect of many dignitaries and she is often seen lunching with powerful and influential individuals who want her expertise.

Cooking classes are also a part of Elaine's life and she has been known to have individuals to her home to teach her to make such items as challah. Her beautiful new kitchen lends itself to elegant entertaining and she enjoys cooking for guests. So, Elaine may be Federation Director, but her passion for cooking made her the perfect individual to be Chef du Jour! From one of Elaine's Shabbat dinners she shares a chicken recipe perfect for company or the family.

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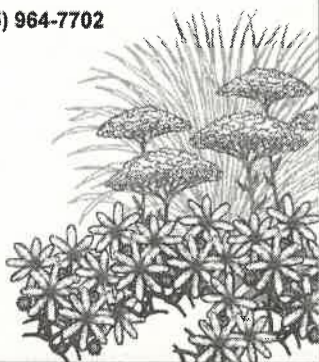
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Saturday, December 3rd	10:00 a.m. Shabbat morning service with Torah Study

### Adult Education

with Rabbi Rosenbloom is Saturday afternoons from 2:00-3:30 when he is in town. Topics vary and are usually contained to the single session.

### Other Shabbat services:

Most Friday evenings are lay led when Rabbi Rosenbloom is not in town. Services usually begin at 8:00 p.m.

### Chanukah celebrations:

There will be a study of the book of Maccabees in preparation for Chanukah in December led by Ellen Wool, an AJC member. The tentative date for our annual Chanukah party is New Years Day.

### Hillel:

Has several students active this fall semester. For more information about activities contact Ron or Susan Jackson 515-233-6244 or email: doctorj@iastate.edu

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November 4	6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service
	7:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner, RSVP to the Temple office, 274-4679
November 5	9:00 a.m. Sacred Text Study
	10:00 a.m. Shabbat Service
	10:00 a.m. Keo Corak Bat Mitzvah
	11:45 a.m. Kiddush Lunch
November 8	12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn with the Rabbi
	4:30 p.m. Executive Committee meeting
	5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
November 24	Office Closed
November 25	Office Closed
November 29	5:00 p.m. Homeless Meal
December 2	6:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service
	7:00 p.m. Potluck Dinner, RSVP to the Temple Office, 274-4679
December 6	12:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
December 11	12:00 p.m. Hanukkah Happening
December 13	12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn with the Rabbi
	4:30 p.m. Executive Board Meeting
	5:30 p.m. Board Meeting
December 17	11:00 a.m. Tot Shabbat Service
December 25	Hanukkah 1st Night
	3:30 p.m. Brotherhood Chinese Dinner & Movie
December 26	Office Closed

## TIFERETH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

### Our New Shabbat Format is as Follows:

9:00 am - 11:00 am	Services (Bookey Chapel)
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Kabbalah/Torah Conversations (Atrium)
10:45 am - 11:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze - Kids/Family service and play.
11:45 am	Shabbat Café!

### Calendar Items for Tifereth Israel Synagogue

November 5	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
November 6	7:00 pm	Sisterhood Program - "Not Just Another Musical"
November 12	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
November 19	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
November 20	10:00 am	Investment Club Meeting
November 26	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
December 3	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
December 10	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
December 17	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
December 18	10:00 am	Investment Club Meeting
December 24	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
December 31	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
January 7	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
January 14	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!
January 15	10:00 am	Investment Club Meeting
January 21	9:00 am	Shabbat Morning Services - Sisterhood Shabbat
	10:45 am	Shabbat Schmooze
	11:00 am	Kabbalah / Torah Conversations with the Rabbi
	11:45 am	Shabbat Café!

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November 5 at 10:00 a.m., Temple B'nai Jeshurun. The community is cordially invited to a Kiddush luncheon after the service.

## Mazel Tov

### Birth Announcement

Temple B'nai Jeshurun is pleased to announce the birth of William Philip Remer born Sunday, Sept 18. He weighed in at 5 lbs. 3 oz and is 18 in long. Parents are Carrie & Gene Remer. Proud grandparents are Herbert & Maryanne Remer.

### In Memoriam

We note with sorrow  
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### Operation Promise from page 1

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- \$37 million towards critical initiatives to improve the educational opportunities for all Ethiopians, who, without these opportunities, are in danger of becoming part of a permanent underclass.
- \$30 million for needy elderly Jews in the FSU who live in poverty, with virtually no government safety net.
- \$30 million for programs to connect to a generation of young Jews in the FSU, with no roots in Jewish life. Falling short means that we may lose them forever.

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# The Brownsville Public School Boycott: 1905

Just before the 1905 Christmas school recess at Public School 144 in Brownsville, Brooklyn, principal Fred. F. Harding told an assembly of children words very much like the following: "Now, boys and girls, at this time of the year especially, I want you all to have the feeling of Christ in you. Have more pleasure in giving than in taking; be like Christ." Augusta Herman, a 13-year-old student otherwise lost to history, boldly requested permission to speak. She asked Harding whether he "did not think such teaching more appropriate in a Sunday school or a church?" Harding replied, "Christ loves all but the hypocrites and the hypocrites are those who do not believe in him." There is no record of the young Ms. Herman's response, but there is one of the Jewish community protest that Harding's remarks precipitated.

Historian Leonard Bloom notes that, "by the turn of the twentieth century, the separation of church and state in the [public] school setting was well established in law." This did not stop Harding and other evangelical Christians from testing the limits that the doctrine imposes. By 1905, Brownsville was a densely populated neighborhood of small shops and factories whose population was at least 80% Jewish. Its mix of impoverished Orthodox and militantly socialist Jews made it in many ways indistinguishable from its more fabled neighbor, Manhattan's Lower East Side.

When news reached the Jewish leadership of Brownsville of principal Harding's exhortation and Augusta Herman's firm response, it touched a sensitive nerve. Almost 95% of the Jewish children of Brownsville attended public school. While the community supported a handful of cheders, the overwhelming majority of Jewish parents wanted their children to be Americanized through the public schools. Historian Arthur Goren argues that, for Jewish immigrants of this era, the public schools were "the great democratic institution, the bridge to the new society and the key to self-improvement." Brownsville's Jewish parents entrusted the public schools to make their children bicultural Americans – Jewish Americans – not American Christians.

A broad based alliance of Jewish activists insisted that Brownsville's – and New York's – Jewish public school children not be proselytized during any season.

Although not all spoke or read English, the Jewish parents of P.S. 144 took the lead. More than 100 of them petitioned the local board of education to protest Harding's lecture. To their disappointment, the local board upheld Harding. The American Hebrew, a voice for Reform Judaism, called the local board's action at the least "a technical violation of the school law." The paper described the local board's failure to "assert the supremacy of the law over lawful practice" a far more serious offense than the original one committed by Harding.

The Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations, led by its director, Albert Lucas, appealed the local ruling to the New York City Board of Education. The Board referred the petition to its Committee on Elementary Education, which took almost 6 months to review the local ruling. Principal Harding declined to appear personally, sending the committee his home telephone number should they wish to reach him. To what must have been Harding's surprise, the Committee overturned the local board's decision and described Harding's behavior as, "to say the least, indiscrete." The Committee noted, "We cannot impress too strongly upon principals and teachers the fact that unusual care and discretion be used on all occasions in their school work not to do aught that may be liable to the construction of teaching sectarian doctrines." In simpler English, the Committee told the principals to make sure that they were not teaching their students Christianity.

As Leonard Bloom notes, "Though the highest school authorities sustained the complaint against Harding, the case was still not over." In the fall of 1906, the Union of Orthodox Hebrew Congregations called upon the Board of Education to ban all future Christmas observance of any kind in the New York public schools. Once again, they referred this request to the Committee on Elementary Education. Its chair, Mr. A. Stern, wrote in response that modified Christmas observances would be allowed – Santa Clauses and Christmas trees would still be permitted – so long as "sectarian views" were not introduced. Mr. Stern expressed the opinion that "the more intelligent Jews of this city" echoed his position.

Displeased by Stern's response, on the weekend of December 22-23, 1906, the Yiddishes Tageblatt newspaper called for a Jewish student boycott of Brownsville's public schools on Monday, December 24th, a day devoted strictly to closing exercises before the Christmas vacation. The Tageblatt called the proposed boycott a "battle for civil rights." The New York Times reported that between 20,000 and 25,000 children, one third of the school population of Brownsville, missed school that Monday. The Tageblatt's headline triumphantly proclaimed, "Empty Schools: Tens of Thousands of Jewish Children Shun the Christmas Tree." The boycott succeeded.

Two weeks later, the citywide Elementary School Committee issued a report recommending that the schools ban the singing of hymns and the assignment of essays on sectarian themes during Christmas. They did not, however, exclude Christmas trees or Santa Claus from the schools. The battle over a more secularized, folklore representation of Christmas festivities, like the debate over crèches and Chanukah lights on the vernal green, continues to vex communities across America.

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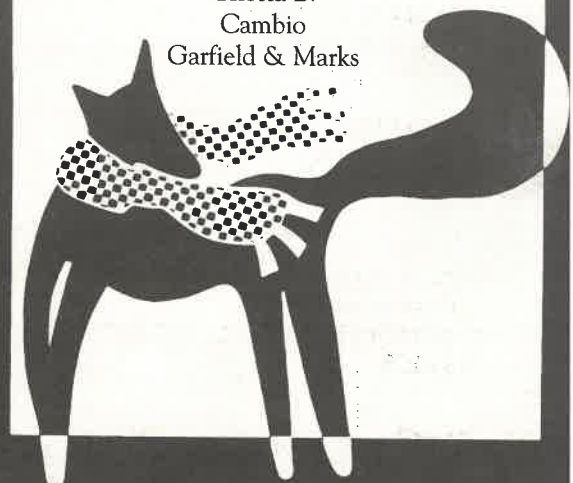
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**Tuesday, November 8** 12:00pm - 1:00pm  
4:30pm - 5:30pm  
7:00pm - 9:00pm  
  
**Sunday, November 13** 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
**Monday, November 14 -16** 12:30pm - 2:30pm  
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**Thursday, November 17** 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
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**Tuesday, November 29** 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
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**Friday, December 2** 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
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**Sunday, December 18** 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
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**Monday, December 19** 7:00pm - 9:00pm  
**Sunday, December 25** 3:30pm - 4:30pm  
5:30pm - 7:30pm  
**Monday, December 26**  
**Tuesday, December 27 through January 2, 2006**

**Temple - Worship Committee Meeting**  
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**Temple - Executive Committee Meeting**  
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**92nd St Y Broadcast: Elie Wiesel**  
**Temple - Potluck Dinner**  
**Caspe Heritage Museum Open**  
**Temple - Worship Committee Meeting**  
**Temple - Hannukah Happening**  
**Caspe Heritage Museum Open**  
**Temple - Lunch & Learn with the Rabbi**  
**Temple - Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Caspe Heritage Museum Open**  
**92nd St Y Broadcast: Barbara Walters**  
**Federation Israel Mission till 12/28**  
**Fed. Exec. Committee Meeting**  
**Temple - Brotherhood Chinese Dinner**  
**BEJ Sisterhood: Hanukkah Dinner**  
**NATIONAL HOLIDAY**  
**HANUKKAH**

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UJC, on behalf of Jewish Federations, is a member of NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster). It partners with national and local agencies in the impacted and evacuee communities to deliver service both to the Jewish and general community.

The first priority of UJC's relief efforts is to provide storm victims with access to water, food and temporary shelter. After that, UJC will be looking to provide emergency cash, financial assistance for medicines and healthcare not covered by insurance and mental health counseling. For those who don't anticipate returning to their homes in the near future, UJC will try to provide home hospitality and assist families to relocate. We're also looking to establish a program of grants and loans to help people get on their feet again.

An initial allocation of up to \$1 million was approved by UJC to help an interfaith effort to feed hurricane evacuees in the Houston area. A second allocation of up to \$1 million was approved to help the Jewish federations of Greater Baton Rouge and Greater New Orleans provide emergency aid such as food and short-term housing, counseling, senior medical and transportation needs and longer-term needs such as Jewish education aid for evacuees and developing social services.

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The Des Moines Jewish Foundation, in existence since 1974, has been very active this past year through its designated funds and supporting Federation and community programs.

- The Steven Blank Memorial Fund, was created with the intention of being used for the development of young leadership. To date the net earnings have been used to pay for registration for increasing leadership at the General Assembly and other national meetings and missions. The future intent is to use this fund for the development of a complete Young Leadership Development Program.
- The Nussbaum Adult Lecture Fund was created by Rebecca Nussbaum in memory of her husband, Lou, for programming at Caspe Terrace.
- The Abe Clayman Sports Fund, after making a PACE gift endowment of his annual gift, additionally created a fund to be used for sports programming at Camp Shalom.
- The David Tobis Fund. This Tzedakah fund created by David Tobis has the intent to serve the needs of people and families in distress in central Iowa. Currently, the money supports the Tzedakah fund of Jewish Family Services and some independent funding by the Tobis sub-committee.
- The Suzanne and Larry Engman Fund has been committed in part to the unrestricted endowment fund, but the principal community commitment has been to endow Engman Camp Shalom and the B'nai Tzedek Program/Youth Philanthropy Project.
- Three endowment funds are held for 100% maintenance and improvements of the Martin Bucksbaum Building. Those are the Martin Bucksbaum Building Endowment, the Morton and Lois Bookey Building Endowment and the Ksenia Staroselsky Building Endowment. No community funds are used to maintain the buildings at The Caspe Terrace.
- The Belin Family Federation Outreach and Welcoming Fund was created as an opportunity for non-Jewish partners in inter faith marriages to benefit from Israel mission experience and other travel programs that offer historical perspectives on Judaism and enrich one's understanding of Jewish life.
- The David and Hannah Gradwohl Family Endowment was created in 2004 for public programming in Iowa Jewish history. The major purpose of this fund is to further the goal of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society in telling the story of Jews who have taken up residence in the State of Iowa and have contributed to Iowa's history since early settlement of Euro-Americans in Iowa in the 1930's. The fund also holds the endowment known as Shalom Home Funds. The purpose of the fund is to give financial assistance to Jewish mentally and physically disabled people living in the greater Des Moines community.
- The Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment Fund (PACE). The Fund to which many people leave bequests to perpetuate their annual campaign gift and to continue the important and life saving work of the Federation into the future.
- The Badower/Cohen Fund. A Fund set up by Ann and Fred Badower for scholarships at Camp Shalom in memory of Ann's sister.
- The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center.
- The Iowa Jewish Historical Society.

All of these **Designated Funds** are managed under the stewardship of the Des Moines Jewish Foundation and its investment authority. They are restricted for the uses as designated by the givers. The annual net interest is available only for donor purposes and cannot be used by the Foundation in any other way.

The Foundation holds three million dollars in what is termed **"Unrestricted Endowment Funds"**. The net assets on an annual basis are available for programming at the request of the Federation for projects in the past such as Melton adult education subsidies, missions Israel for high schoolers and adults, gifts to projects in Israel, special on time Holocaust program or special speakers such as Dennis Ross for the community. This Endowment Fund is the smallest fund held by the Foundation. After the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center receives set-aside fund for "Tzedakah" for residents in need at the Center, the Trustees will manage less than \$2,000,000 undesignated dollars.

The **Philanthropic Fund** is operated by the Foundation to facilitate donor tax and charitable planning benefits in a simple form. The Foundation will consider donor's recommendations to disbursements to be made in support of charitable programs and organizations. Such suggested donations must be IRS-approved organizations.

We have always enjoyed a vibrant Jewish community which serves as model across the United States. We have met the challenges of Jewish life and will continue to follow our predecessor examples and precepts in living essential Jewish values; to act justly; to love mercy; to behave without arrogance; to be charitable to those less fortunate; to respect learning, and to be a participant in the fabric of Israel. Jews strive to live by these principles. We are recognized and respected for these ideals.

The Des Moines Jewish Foundation makes it possible for individuals to enrich their lives by enriching the entire community. The Foundation is a responsible and intelligent vehicle for Tzedakah. Purposeful giving embraces the best of Jewish values and heritage. Fundraising and sustaining Jewish commitment are not separate. Only through charitable giving will we preserve the tradition of our forefathers, providing our children a Jewish life to perpetuate to their children.

Faced with the serious challenge of the changing demographics of our community, the Foundation is taking a leadership role to ensure that we invest as generously in our future as we have in our past.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors and concerned members of the Jewish community. It is the responsibility of the Directors to determine policy and raise, manage and distribute funds to ensure continued growth.

Foundation funds provide Jewish programs and activities for which monies may not otherwise be available. New and creative projects to meet the needs of the Jewish community will be initiated by Foundation grants. Within the Des Moines Jewish Foundation are the hopes and dreams; our security and our strength – and, indeed, the future of the community.

For more information call Elaine Steinger at the Des Moines Jewish Foundation at 515-277-6321.



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