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UJC's General Assembly Builds Solidarity With Israel

Des Moines Well Represented at International Leadership Gathering

In November, a high-profile delegation of six represented our Jewish Federation in Los Angeles at the 2006 United Jewish Communities General Assembly, the largest gathering of Federation leadership from around the world. Joining Federation President Toni Urban and former Board Member Tim Urban were Federation President-Elect and Campaign Chair Neil Salowitz, Board Secretary Jake Jacobs, and Judy Flapan (whose daughter Cheryl Lewis served as Vice Chair of the GA host community's organizing committee.) The delegation was staffed by Federation Assistant Director Steve Reitman.

The theme of the General Assembly, revised in light of Israel's war this summer, was "Together on the Front Lines: One People, One Destiny." Israel's need for solidarity and support has remained great in the months following the war and the Jewish Federation system continued to respond by raising over \$340 million to help Israelis in the north, hit hard by Hezbollah rockets, rebuild their lives and communities. Knowing especially that it was our own Israeli sister city, Acco, that suffered great damage, the Greater Des Moines community has raised, so far, over \$300,000 in emergency aid from over 200 donors.

It was clearly demonstrated to the delegates assembled that the proceeds of the Israel Emergency Campaign are being put to good use. As stated by Jake Jacobs, "At the conference, I listened intently as Ethiopian immigrants thanked us for our contributions. This money was turned into air conditioners for bomb shelters, diapers, toiletries and other needed supplies and delivered with remarkable speed and efficiency to communities near the Lebanese border hit by rocket attacks. They thanked us not just for the goods themselves but for maintaining the infrastructure that acquired and then delivered the goods."

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Project of ADL, Shoah Foundation and Yad Vashem

Beth Seldin Dotan Discusses the New Holocaust Curriculum



Beth Seldin Dotan is Executive Director of the Institute for Holocaust Education, founded in 2000 in Omaha and located in the Plain States Office of the Anti-Defamation League. She is involved in efforts to train teachers in using *Echoes and Reflections: A Multimedia Holocaust Curriculum**, which will be introduced to teachers in the Des Moines area next fall.

JEWISH PRESS: Beth, how did writing a new curriculum to teach about the Holocaust come about?

BETH SELDIN DOTAN: Well, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) had started writing curricular pieces and they realized that by partnering, a more meaningful product could be produced.

The Shoah Foundation** had the Spielberg collection of interviews with Holocaust survivors, visuals which would add to the educational materials, and Yad VaShem***, Israel's premier Holocaust institute, would be able to contribute valuable research to the project. So this was a perfect match, utilizing materials from educational institutions that people can trust.

JP: What was the impetus for doing this at this time?

BSD: ADL and the partners felt that the time to do this was now, as the survivors of the Holocaust and the liberators of the camps are, unfortunately, passing from the scene.

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IJHS and Caspe Programming MEDICAL ETHICS DIALOGUE FEB 18



Prof. Sinclair

The Jewish Community is invited to The Caspe Terrace, Sunday, February 18 at 2:30 PM, for a most engaging presentation and dialogue on "Genes and Levis: Jewish Wisdom for a Genetic Age" The program will feature

Daniel Sinclair, who is currently Professor of Jewish and Comparative Bio-Medical Law at the Law School of the College of Management Academic Studies, Roshon Lezion. The program is co-sponsored by The Caspe Terrace Programming Committee and the Iowa Jewish Historical Society.

Prior to the presentation, participants will have the opportunity to be guided through "The Iowa Jewish Medical Community: Heritage of Healing", exhibit in The Caspe Heritage Gallery. This exhibit highlights our proud medical tradition and features doctors, nurses and other medical staff from throughout the state.

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The Jewish Senior Life Center MEMORY CARE AT BOULEVARD PLACE NOW OPEN!

On November 1st, the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center opened Memory Care at Boulevard Place. This 14-bed, 2-neighborhood unit will enable individuals suffering with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias to achieve the highest possible levels of physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

Features of the unit include an Activity Boulevard and numerous interior design elements to assist individuals with "way-finding." According to Stephen Blend, Executive Director, "Everyone who has helped make this dream a reality should feel they have truly performed a mitzvah, and we are particularly pleased that Dr. Carol Kuhle will be joining The Life Center as Medical Director of Boulevard Place." (see article, Why Memory Care, on page 16 for further information).

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At The Caspe Terrace

Enjoy an Artistic Winter of Workshops and Classes at The Caspe Terrace!

The community is invited to join in art activities for all ages this winter at The Caspe Terrace. The Jewish Federation has joined in partnership with the Waukee Area Arts Council for one and two session Family Art Workshops and with the Des Moines Art Center for several six-session art classes in January and February. Offerings will include opportunities to design vivid pieces of glass art, decorative garden stepping-stones, a beautiful piece of art with calligraphy & paper marbling techniques, and beginning watercolor.

"These partnerships will enhance our mission to bring new and quality programming offerings to the entire community," said Judy Blank and Vicki Givant, co-chairs of The Caspe Terrace Programming Committee. The Sunday afternoon workshops will especially provide quality time for a whole family, parents and children, in designing memorable treasures. The six-week classes will offer opportunities for adults to explore various art mediums with exceptional teachers.

Family Art Workshops

Instructors: Shelly Carlson and Sarah Michaelson

Garden Stepping Stones Family Workshop

Sunday, January 14, 2007; 1:30-3:30 PM

Design and make a decorative stepping-stone to complement your garden. Work together on one stone, or make one for each member of the family. Using glass pieces, tile and other materials, let your imagination guide you. Ideas: Memorialize a family member, an occasion or a pet; preserve your child's handprints, outline a favorite symbol. Bring your ideas and you will be helped to design a functional piece of art.

Age group: Children ages 3 and up, accompanied by at least one adult per family.

Class Size: 6-12 families

Cost for family including one stone: \$40 (additional stones: \$25)

Cost includes all materials.

Special incentive: Jewish Federation members receive 10% discount off workshop prices.

Paper Marbling and Calligraphy Workshop

Sundays, January 21 and 28 (Two sessions); 1:30-3:30 PM

Marble your paper and learn simple calligraphy to create a beautiful piece suitable for framing. Students are encouraged to bring a favorite maxim, quotation, name, or word to inscribe on their paper. This class will be in two sessions to allow for marbling and drying the paper and creating the lettering. Sign up with your parent or bring a friend and have fun with paper and ink!

Age group: Adults and students in grades 5-12

Class Size: 6-18 participants

Cost for Class: \$45 includes 2 sessions and all materials.

Special incentive: Jewish Federation members receive 10% discount off workshop prices.

To register for the Family Art Workshops, contact Steve Reitman at the Jewish Federation, 277-6321 or on-line at www.jewishdesmoines.org.

Des Moines Art Center Classes

Chagall and Glass

Tuesdays, January 23, 30

February 6, 13, 20, 27; 6:30 PM-9 PM

Instructors: Jill Jensen and Cynthia Shulman

Learn the many techniques of glass fusion to create objects inspired by the colors and designs of Marc Chagall. A new project is introduced weekly to expand your skills at manipulating glass through various techniques as you learn more about Chagall's art. Over the course of the six weeks, students can complete at least one and perhaps up to six projects depending on level of difficulty and detail.

Tuition: \$73 (\$58 Des Moines Art Center and Federation members)

Material fee: \$40-50 per project, due at class.

Limit 12 Students; 16 years and older

Beginning Watercolor

Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28

March 7, 14; 6:30 PM-9 PM

Instructor: Kathy Glenn

Learn the foundations for making successful watercolor paintings, including color mixing, paper and brush selection. An introduction to composition and various techniques is presented.

Tuition: \$73 (\$58 Des Moines Art Center and Federation members)

Students furnish their own supplies.

Limit 12 students; 16 years and older

To register for the six-week classes or request a full class schedule, call the Des Moines Art Center at 271-0306 or on-line, www.desmoinesartcenter.org/education.

SUPER SUNDAY • JANUARY 7TH Take the Call

Sherrie relocated to Des Moines a few years ago after her husband suddenly found himself out of work due to outsourcing. It wasn't long after arriving that she decided to reach out to the Jewish community for assistance. Asking was not easy for her. With the help of the Federation, she received supportive and counseling services to help her find a job, and with immediate financial necessities like keeping her family fed and buying school supplies. Sherrie is now employed full-time and is pursuing a business degree. Her son is attending the Jewish Federation Community School and will soon become a Bar Mitzvah. According to Sherrie, "The Federation treated me with respect when I didn't have any more hope." She wants to give back to the community for all that has been done for her. Without the Federation, she does not know what she would have done or what would have happened.



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2007 All-In-One Campaign

A documentary that will challenge the way you look at the world

OBSESSION

RADICAL ISLAM'S WAR AGAINST THE WEST

Monday, January 22

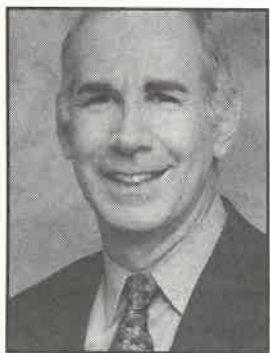
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm followed by discussion

**Olmsted Center,
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Using images from Arab TV, rarely seen in the West, *Obsession* reveals an 'insider's view' of the hatred that Radical Islamists are teaching, their incitement of global jihad, and their goal of world domination.

Sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Commission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines and the Drake Hillel. For more information, contact 277-6321 x 214 or jcrc@dmjfed.org

MEN'S EVENT SUPER BOWL PREVIEW



Michael Leiderman

The "All-In-One" Campaign invites all greater Des Moines Jewish men for a spirited networking event scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2007; 5 PM-7 PM at The Caspe Terrace. Dr. Alan Koslow serves as chair for this unique event, with the date especially chosen to fall the week prior to the NFL Super Bowl. Dr. Koslow invites participants to get into the Super Bowl spirit by coming to the event wearing their favorite team shirt or hat!

The program will include a hearty soup and bread supper, scotch tasting, scrumptious desserts and a presentation by Chicago award-winning journalist, producer and sportscaster, Michael Leiderman. As a speaker, Leiderman has entertained and inspired audiences on topics that include "Jews in American Sports: Not A Thin Book." Mike is equally at home in charge of an hour-long television newscast, in front of the cameras as a host and interviewer or behind the microphone calling play-by-play for sports events from the preps to the pros. Leiderman spent nearly three years as Executive Producer of *Chicago Tonight*, the only nightly newsmagazine hour in the U.S. Mike has also produced and written documentaries for A&E and The History Channel, and hosted talk and magazine shows and anchored TV sportscasts.

He has been true to his Jewish roots throughout his public career. He has hosted a weekly affairs program on NBC in Chicago for a decade. In addition, he produced and hosted videos and events for the Chicago Jewish Federation and its agencies and for other charitable non-profit organizations.

The covert for the event is \$18 which includes the supper, scotch tasting and speaker. For those who have not yet had the chance, a suggested minimum voluntary commitment of \$365 is requested for the 2007 "All-in-One" Campaign. Reservations can be made by calling the Federation office at 277-6321.

NEW MITZVAH DIVISION INAUGURATED FOR CAMPAIGN

Neil Salowitz, 2007 Campaign Chair has announced a new Mitzvah \$613 Division for the Campaign. Joining the Campaign Cabinet as Mitzvah Division Co-Chairs are Paulee Lipsman, and Dory and Andrew Goodman.

According to Salowitz: "We are very proud to announce that we have inaugurated a special, new campaign affinity group this year. We encourage members of the community to consider the number 613 and the special relevance in Jewish life. Our new Mitzvah Division will recognize donors who give a minimum annual gift of \$613 and we are pleased to invite members of the community to consider increasing their gifts and become charter members. A gift of \$613 will remind you of your connection to the Jewish community, and commitment to tikkun olam, the moral responsibility to repair the world and alleviate suffering wherever it exists."

A Mitzvah Division Event will be held this Spring. For further information, please contact Steve Reitman at the Jewish Federation, 277-6321 x230.

ANSWER THE CALL:

Super Week Phone-A-Thons to Continue Campaign Momentum

Neil Salowitz, Jewish Federation President-Elect and 2007 "All-In-One" Campaign Chairman is pleased to report that the campaign is building momentum toward a most successful community effort. Following the success of the Campaign Opening Gala and early solicitation results, over \$400,000 has been raised to-date with a 13% increase in contributions. Salowitz and his Campaign Vice-Chair Steven Altman have recruited a team of new leaders who will chair various divisions and events. Together, they have continued to focus on a full calendar of opportunities to share with the community the important work of the Jewish Federation. According to Altman, "We are very proud of our campaign which raises funds for essential Jewish programs and services. This year, in particular, we have the responsibility to continue to raise funds through our annual campaign to help Israelis in the aftermath of the war. Our Partnership 2000 friends in the Western Galilee are so appreciative of our efforts."

The annual Super Sunday 2007 Phone-A-Thon will be held on January 7th. On this one day, hundreds of phone calls will be made to Jewish community members to ask for their annual support of Federation's vital community programs and services that enhance Jewish lives. In addition, follow-up calls will be made during the evenings of Tuesday and Thursday, January 9th & 11th to those not reached on Sunday. This important event will be chaired by Mike Kuperman. Members of the Jewish community are invited to make a difference in someone's life by volunteering to make phone calls from Tifereth Israel on that Sunday with choices of calling sessions from 9:45 AM-Noon or 12:15 PM-2:30 PM and from the Federation offices during the weekday evenings between 7 PM and 9 PM. According to Kuperman: "It's not every day that you can improve lives around the world through a single phone call. Please join us. Bring your cell phone. We will provide food, orientation and a promise of a good time! And to all those who will be answering the phone, please answer the call, generously," said Kuperman.

To Salowitz, our current campaign statement helps make the case for increased giving this year: "The Federation has time and again shown how we as a people rise to so many occasions. We live generously, we groom future leaders, we invest in our children, we demand justice for people who cannot advocate for themselves, we fund programs and services and emergency responses, and we, by our example, create a spirit of giving and hope for ourselves and the world."

PIZZA PARLOR OWNERS SAY THE FUNNIEST THINGS...

The Holocaust? Get over it, says local vendor of the "Illinois Nazi" pizza.

Mark Nicola, owner of the two Angelo's Pizza restaurants in the Des Moines area, seems to be quite a character. After we were contacted by a community member, the Jewish Community Relations Commission in March 2006 called Mr. Nicola. We suggested that advertising an "Illinois Nazi" pizza - an item going into the ovens - might inadvertently convey a distasteful message to customers. Nicola indicated it was meant to be humorous. However, he committed to removing the item from his

menus and website. When, after almost six months, he failed to do so, we referred the matter to someone else who might find the item offensive. Iowa's Honorary Counsel of the Federal Republic of Germany, in September, wrote to Nicola. In Nicola's reply to the German Consul, the restaurant owner declines to make the changes promised and seems to have revealed some deeper feelings, indicating that it's been 60 years since the Holocaust and that it's time to "move on."

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Help low-income families and individuals receive free tax assistance. No prior tax experience is required. Free tax and software training for related positions. Flexible hours. The need is for intake coordinators, tax preparers, quality reviewers, site coordinators and site managers. For more information, call Mary Achelpohl at 283-0940 or apply online at www.isedventures.org

CORRECTION

Wendy Beckerman's new grandson, the son of Amy and Jamie Flugge Smith, is named James David, and not as stated in the Nov/Dec 06 edition. We're sorry for the error.

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“ The war against terrorism is like the war against malaria. It is not enough to hit the individual mosquitoes. You must also drain the swamp, but bear in mind that draining the swamp takes a long time, measured in generations, not in one prime minister's term ”

-Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak

JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL

JFCS ANNUAL BOOK FAIR was a big success. We sold over \$2,000 worth of books, which means we sold over 180 books. A big "thank you" to the volunteers who helped at the fair: Wendy Adato, Wendi Harris Oser and Krista Pearl.

Many of the books ordered were children's books. I believe the sale of these books relates to our new library program. At the beginning of our school year, JFCS kicked off a new reading program, which gives incentives to students for reading Jewish books. If students read just ten books by Jewish authors or about Jewish themes by November 19, they would receive a five dollar coupon to use at the JFCS Book Fair.



Above, two of our star readers

Krys Phillips is overseeing this program and Mara Eggherman is our librarian during the Sundays that we have library time. Mara reads a book and then they browse and check out books. Students were told they could check out books from any of the synagogues, their schools, the public library, or use books they may already have at home as long as it fulfilled the requirement.

The following students received a coupon: Ethan Adato (2nd), Michael Adato (2nd), Emma Baxter (2nd), Dahlia Callistein (2nd), Josh Dean (3rd), Cora Eggherman (4th), Zeke Eggherman (preK), Anna Feldstein (2nd), Rachael Jagiello (1st), Eli Jaskolka (preK), Shaynna Jaskolka (1st), Jack Ohringer (2nd), Elizabeth Oser (4th), AJ Pearl (1st), Sydney Pearl (preK), Sophie Phillips (2nd), Lydia Phillips (5th), Mitchell Shulman (1st) and Jennifer Shulman (6th). Mazel Tov! You are all Star readers!

A new reading program began in January. At the end of our school year, students who read 10 books will receive a certificate and a special surprise.

In January we will once again sell Barton's Chocolates for Passover. These chocolates will also be available at our March 11th Ohringer Family Education day that will be held at The Caspe Terrace.

All money raised from JFCS fund raisers will be used towards this year's 8th grade trip to Washington DC.

I would like to thank the Jewish community and those who support the All-In-One Campaign of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. Your pledge covers over 50% of our budget. Without your support, we would not be able to hire the certified teachers we have, order material that helps our teachers teach and students learn, and we would not be able to make learning fun for our students by offering extra special events. Your dollars are being used wisely towards the education of the next generation. When called upon for the 2007 All-In-One Campaign, please do your fair share and give generously.

- Lyanna Grund, Principal



Our preschoolers enjoying tasty sukkot that they made in Mrs. Shulman's preschool class

ENGMAN CAMP SHALOM REUNION

After the summer, I received a tremendous amount of positive feedback about camp from both campers and parents. I heard great things about the counselors, the trips, swimming sports, and arts and crafts. However, the thing I heard most was how much the camper appreciated that there were always so many things to do and always a surprise each day at Engman Camp Shalom.

In response to your feedback, I have spent the last few months planning ways to build in many more exciting activities into Summer 2007 at ECS. We are so excited about this summer, we can't wait to get started! We are going to, once again, have our Camp Reunion in February. I can't wait to see all of my campers, parents and staff - I'll be in town from Israel in honor of this exciting event!

In addition to inviting the whole camp to the reunion, we want you to invite and bring along all your friends and their parents so they can get a taste of how great ECS is and then decide to join us this summer. We will have a special presentation featuring pictures of campers and staff from last summer. We will also reveal the dates, special themes and trip for each week of camp.

I hope to see you at the reunion so we can continue planning ECS's 2007 summer together. Look for additional information about our reunion.

-Josh Goldsmith, Director, Engman Camp Shalom

SUMMER ALREADY!!!

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Engman Camp Shalom is now accepting applications for counselors for summer positions. For an application or more information, contact Lyanna Grund at 277-5566 or jcs1kg@aol.com

JANUARY THAW

SESSIONS EXAMINE SPIRITUAL ISSUES ON JANUARY 16 AND 23

Presented by the Des Moines Area Religious Council, the Jewish Federation and St. Joseph Educational Center, January Thaw offers a set of two-hour adult education classes. There will be a variety of classes to choose from on Tuesdays, January 16 and 23 at Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines. Come for one or both Tuesday sessions of your choice, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, for the price of \$20 each. Entertainment precedes the session at 6:30 pm, with the Java Jews Klezmer Band performing on January 23. (*Snow Dates Thursdays, January 18 and 25.)

There will be a range of classes pertaining to Judaism, Christianity and Islam, among other offerings. The classes with Jewish content include: On January 16, Rabbi David Kaufman will speak about "Creation and its Interpretations in Judaism." On January 23 Rabbi Beryl Padorr will be among the panelists discussing religious perspectives on end-of-life issues; Cantorial Soloist Laura Berkson will conduct a musical program featuring members of B'Yachad, the Temple Choir; and Mark Finkelstein will discuss aspects of the Mitzvot.

For a full schedule, contact the JCRC at 277-6321 x 214.

From the Jewish Encyclopedia of 1906

KAHIYA:

By: Richard Gottheil and

Mary W. Montgomery

Title of a political representative in Turkey. The word, pronounced kehya or kyahya, is Turkish and is a corruption of the Persian "ketkhoda." It means "head man" or representative in a small village where the people usually appoint the oldest and richest one among them to represent them in matters of state. He collects the taxes, entertains any government officials who may visit the village, and in return receives annually a certain part of the crops and livestock of the villagers. In every larger town and city of Turkey each nation has a kahiya in its own quarter. Under him are subordinate officials called "mukhtar"; and no police officer may enter a house unless he is accompanied by one of the latter. In addition every state in Turkey is represented at Constantinople by its kahiya, who receives a regular salary from the Porte and is known in official circles by his original name "ketkhoda." For example, the ketkhoda of Egypt receives £100 a month.

In connection with the Jews, the office is first heard of under Sulaiman the Magnificent. In his time, the kahiya was a person named Shealtiel. His position appears to have been an honorable one; he was a favorite at court, and had free entry to the palace. If an injury or injustice was done to Jews anywhere in the empire, no matter by whom, whether by government official, private citizen or foreigner, it was Shealtiel's duty to defend their rights. The office has been continued ever since the days of Sulaiman, but in a considerably modified form. At present, in Constantinople, the kahiya is little more than a guardian of the peace, the same office being found in the Jewish, Greek and Armenian quarters.

The Jewish Encyclopedia of 1906 is under public domain.

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I am writing to share some good news from Washington - a wonderful opportunity for you to use your IRA to accomplish your philanthropic goals. The new Pension Protection Act of 2006 presents a unique chance for you to make a gift to the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines from your IRA with no adverse tax consequences.

If you are 70 - 1/2 or older, for a limited time you can instruct the trustee of your IRA to make a direct distribution of as little as you wish up to \$100,000 per year to the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines or the Des Moines Jewish Foundation. A direct distribution counts toward your annual IRA distribution requirement.

Unlike a cash withdrawal from your IRA, your direct contribution will be excluded from income for federal purposes and not taxed. It will not be eligible for a charitable tax deduction, but it will not count toward the annual percentage limitation on your other deductible gifts. Your direct contribution cannot be made to donor advised funds, supporting organizations, charitable remainder trusts, or in exchange for gift annuities.

Do not delay. This charitable IRA rollover opportunity, as it is called, is only available for gifts made in 2006 and 2007. I encourage you to use these funds to:

- Make a gift to the Federation's Annual Campaign;
- Support Israel's rebuilding efforts with a gift to the Israel Crisis Fund; or
- Create a special fund in the Des Moines Jewish Foundation.

If you have any questions, please call me at the Federation: (515) 277-6321, x211. Of course, I encourage you to consult your own professional advisor before you make a charitable IRA rollover gift.

Sincerely,

Elaine Steinger

Executive Director

The views expressed in this letter are not intended, nor may they be relied upon, as legal, accounting or other professional advice. Before making a gift decision, you should consult your own professional advisor.

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Endowment Development

This is the time of year when all of us will be asked to renew our annual commitment to support our fellow Jews locally and around the world by making our pledge to the All-in-One Campaign. We acknowledge what we know in our hearts to be true, that the services provided by national and international Jewish agencies and the programs of our own local Jewish Federation are important and necessary. By supporting the work to meet Jewish needs with our gift, we continue efforts to enhance Jewish life and identity.

Many of us have been contributing annually for more years than we can count. How fortunate we are to be in the position to give rather than to be the one in need. Some of us continue to pledge the same amount year after year, while others increase their commitment from the prior year. All of us know that each year the needs become greater, and meeting last year's needs will cost more. Each of us also knows that our gift, no matter how large, is important, contributing to a total campaign effort that will significantly address the needs we recognize.

All of this begs the question: Will the Jewish Federation campaign miss my contribution when I am no longer able to make it? The answer is a definitive "YES."

That is why I would like to introduce you to a method by which you can assure that your support will always be here to meet the needs of our fellow Jews. It is called Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment, or "PACE." A PACE Account in your name will provide for the continuance of your annual gift in perpetuity. This is one of many legacies that we each can provide, and none of us are too old or too young to think about establishing one.

Let's say that your annual gift is \$100.00. By establishing a PACE Account with a balance of just \$2,000.00 you can assure that the Jewish Federation annual campaign will receive your \$100.00 gift forever. This \$2,000.00 PACE Account can be established with a one-time gift of \$2,000.00 or a series of incremental gifts, spread over several years, if desired, until such time that your account achieves a balance of at least \$2,000.00. Similarly, annual gifts of larger or smaller amounts may be equally assured to continue forever upon achieving a proportionate PACE Account balance.

This year, as you consider your gift to the All-in-One Campaign, think of the future and the important role that you can have in helping to shape it. Please consider establishing a PACE Account so that your annual gift will always be here.

I am pleased to assist you with questions that you may have about the PACE Account program or your desire to establish a PACE Account for you or a member of your family.

Our Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines will appropriately and permanently acknowledge the legacy created by each PACE Account.

PACE yourself! Call Elaine Steinger at the Jewish Federation: 277-6321 ext. 211.

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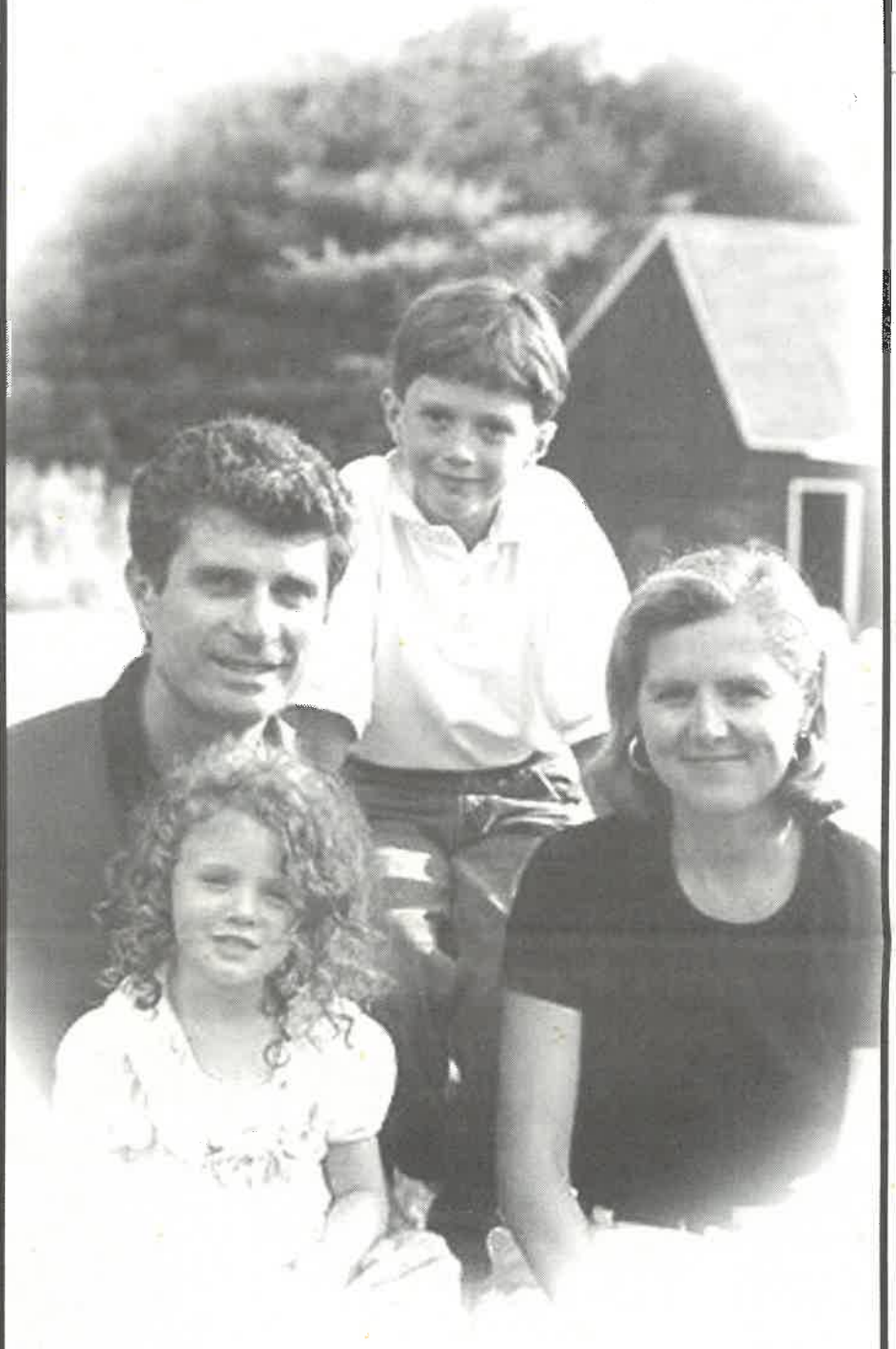
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The Ideal Jew by David Friedgood



How do we define perfection? What is the best we can be? The answer to these age-old questions is elusive. None of us are perfect. But, what is it that we

should aim for? Even this is hard to know. Perhaps our tradition can provide some help in answering these questions.

Our forefather Abraham was the first Jew, the spiritual father of all Jews. He has been referred to as: a giant among men, the 'ultimate Tzaddik' (Rabbi Artson), our tribal 'father figure' (Martin Buber). His memory is forever ingrained in our Jewish consciousness based on the stories we tell about him. These stories were preserved orally by our ancestors over the millennia and finally written down in the book of Genesis. During the conversion ceremony, new converts are welcomed into the Jewish family as children of Abraham and given new names - son or daughter of Abraham. We know Abraham as a humble man who trusted in God. He was a man of ultimate faith. God said go - Lekh Lekha "Go forth from your native land and from your father's house to the land I will show you." (Genesis 12:1) And, Abraham went: "Abram (he was not yet named Abraham) went forth as the LORD had commanded

him." (Genesis 12:4) No discussion, no argument. At age 75 Abraham sets off into the unknown to forge a new life for himself and his family.

Our patriarch was born into a world of confusion. Mankind had lost its way; people were not civilized. Evil was to have been destroyed with the great flood but the descendants of Noah were not the peaceful homogenous community envisioned by their creator. As did Cain, people preyed on their neighbors. After the Tower of Babel they could no longer even understand one another. They did not care for the homeless, the stranger, the less fortunate. People no longer worked together for the common good. They needed an example, a living demonstration, of how to live and behave in civilized society. Abraham was called and he went out. "I have singled him (Abraham) out, that he may instruct his children and his posterity to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is just and right... all the nations of the earth are to bless themselves by him." (Genesis 18:18-19) Our father Abraham started us on a path that led from his father's home in Ur of the Chaldeans, to the revelation on Mt. Sinai, to our homes and spirits today. But what manner of man is this Abraham? Is his an example for us to emulate today?

Abraham is known for his hospitality.

He would run out from his tent to greet strangers and see to their needs (Genesis 18). His was of ultimate faith. When God called, Abraham answered: "Here I am." (Genesis 22:1) Despite his abhorrence of injustice, Abraham was willing to make the ultimate sacrifice - more significant than his own life - the life of his son Isaac to his deity. Just as he knew with unquestioned faith that he was right to leave his home, he knew that the true God would not allow harm to come to Isaac. Abraham was a humble man, overly honest in his business affairs; but, mostly he is known as a seeker of truth and an advocate for justice. When God was about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham stood up and argued for saving human life. He had the chutzpah to fight with his deity, not relenting until God agreed to spare the cities if only ten good men could be found: "And he said, 'Let not my Lord be angry if I speak but this last time: What if ten should be found there?' And He answered, I will not destroy, for the sake of the ten." (Genesis 18:32) But his was not a perfect life. He made mistakes in his home life, was occasionally less than truthful about his marital status, and was estranged from his first-born son Ishmael. Still he was able to look back at the end of his days with a sense of happiness and accomplishment. "And Abraham breathed

his last, dying at a good ripe age, old and contented; and he was gathered to his kin." (Genesis 25:8)

Is Abraham then our example of perfection? Is his life the ultimate model for all of us today? I think not. Although Abraham is the embodiment of a good and righteous man, he was still a man, flesh and blood, with human imperfections. We have a tendency to look back on our ancestors as more perfect than they actually were. Just as Abraham passed on the mantle of Judaism to Isaac, and Isaac had to advance human knowledge before his passing; we have an obligation not only to learn from our past, but also to add to our civilization. Like Abraham, we sometimes have to leave our comfort zones if we are to expand our vision and look beyond our horizons. We owe this to the next generation. Our world should be better for us having been here, not stagnant. Ours is a growing, evolving tradition. It is by improving on Judaism that we truly honor our revered forefather Abraham - the first to truly see the wonderful potential of human kind.

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Reflections On the G.A.

ONE PEOPLE, ONE DESTINY - The theme of the Los Angeles G.A. I asked myself, during the three days of the convention, the in-gathering of Jews who were primarily from the United States, but also from Israel and other countries: Who are we? Where are we going? I searched for some of the answers as I attended the sessions both large and small and though clear answers continue to evade me, the questions are stimulating.

Who are we? We can't be described except in the most general terms. We are people of all ages who care about being Jewish, albeit in ways that may confound. We are people with a common identity to the rest of the world, but different in our belief system, our practice, our understanding, our education and our educational systems. I attended the plenary in which the President of the Yeshiva University, the Provost of Hebrew Union College and the Chancellor-elect of the Jewish Theological Seminary sat on a panel, which I was told was the first time together at such an event. I was impressed with all their dedication and their remarks. I had a simple answer to my question of who we are. We are a people - diverse and connected - who need to focus on our similarities, not our differences to achieve a common goal of keeping Judaism alive.

Where are we going? In the sessions I attended, I heard about Israeli-Palestinian relations; radical Islam; support and criticism of the United Nations; Israel's economic dependence on tourism; highlights of investing financially in Israel. In simple terms, we have much to be vigilant about, and much to be proud of. So where are we

going? The answer is that it is up to us to be more politically active, to educate ourselves and our children and to look to a future where Jews will continue to meet to discuss the issues facing us all.

In addition to attending meetings, I had the opportunity to visit with other attendees informally. Sometimes two or three of us would find a table, have a cup of coffee and immerse ourselves in "Jewish" conversation. "Where are you from? Do you know...? What is it like in...? Which sessions did you attend?" Before long, our table of three would increase to seven or eight. In this way I visited with the wife of the rabbi who performed my grandson's bris, a federation executive who knows the husband of another daughter, parents of a student of my son-in-law, and people who were just fun to talk to about life in Jewish communities in the U.S. The interpersonal relationships are the ones that help feed the organization as well as meeting our individual need to connect with others with similar interests. The General Assembly provided an opportunity for such engagement. On the day I was leaving, I saw a group meeting to organize the next year's General Assembly which will be held in Nashville. And so it goes!

It also gave me personal pleasure to see that my daughter, Cheryl Lewis, raised in Des Moines, had a leadership role as Co-Chair of the host city. So I publicly thank her Pre-School, Sunday School, and Hebrew School teachers, Rabbis, Cantors, Jewish Camps friends and classmates who helped instill in her the desire to continue a rich Jewish life.

-Judy Flapan

ADL: IRAN'S PRESIDENT MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD IN HIS OWN WORDS

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's anti-Semitic and anti-Israel views place him and the Iranian regime among the foremost threats to Jews and the state of Israel.

Ahmadinejad repeatedly demonizes the state of Israel and openly calls for its destruction at every opportunity. Most notoriously, he described Israel as a "fake regime" that "must be wiped off the map."

He termed Zionists "the most detested people in all humanity" and called the extermination of six million Jews during World War II "a myth," claiming that Jews have played up Nazi atrocities during the Holocaust in a bid to extort sympathy for Israel from European governments.

Ahmadinejad's virulently anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric and Holocaust denial are often matched by other Iranian leaders, and the Iranian regime itself has continued to sponsor anti-Zionism conferences and pseudo-academic lectures and exhibits questioning the fact of the Holocaust.

The following is an abridged compilation of Ahmadinejad's statements on Jews, the Holocaust and Israel in his own words:

On 26 October 2005, speaking at a seminar entitled "World without Zionism," President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said: "G-d willing, with the force of G-d behind it, we shall soon experience a world without the United States and Zionism." Echoing the words of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Ahmadinejad said "As the Imam said, Israel must be wiped off the map."

December 14, 2005: "Today, they [Europeans] have created a myth in the name of Holocaust and consider it to be above G-d,

religion and the prophets ... This is our proposal: give a part of your own land in Europe, the United States, Canada or Alaska to them [Jews] so that the Jews can establish their country." (Speaking to thousands of people in the Iranian city of Zahedan)

July 13, 2006: "The Zionists and their protectors are the most detested people in all of humanity, and the hatred is increasing every day." (as quoted by Iranian state television)

August 2, 2006: "Although the main solution is for the elimination of the Zionist regime, at this stage an immediate ceasefire must be implemented." (as quoted by Iranian TV) "Are they human beings?... They (Zionists) are a group of blood-thirsty savages putting all other criminals to shame." (as quoted by Iranian TV)

August 6, 2006: "They (Israel) kill women and children, young and old. And, behind closed doors, they make plans for the advancement of their evil goals." (as quoted by Khorasan Provincial TV)

November 29, 2006: "What have the Zionists done for the American people that the US administration considers itself obliged to blindly support these infamous aggressors? Is it not because they have imposed themselves on a substantial portion of the banking, financial, cultural and media sectors?" Letter to Americans <http://edition.cnn.com/2006/WORLD/meast/11/29/ahmadinejad.letter/>

Additional quotes may be found on the Anti-Defamation League's website at www.adl.org/main_Anti_Semitism_International/ahmadinejad_words.htm

110th Congress Is Remarkably Diverse

The latest electoral gains support the contention, as articulated by Bob Herbert in the New York Times, that "ethnic minorities and women holding office is becoming more common." Called a "watershed for women," women's representation in Congress will rise to 16 percent, a record high. Along with additional House seats won by African Americans, at least four black lawmakers will become committee chairmen and 17 will head sub-committees. Gains were made by Jewish American candidates, as well, with an increase from 11 to 13 seats in the Senate and from 26 to 30 in the House.

The following is a list of Jewish members of the 110th Congress.

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Howard Berman (D-CA)
Eric Cantor (R-VA)
Steve Cohen (D-TN)*
Susan Davis (D-CA)
Rahm Emanuel (D-IL)
Eliot Engel (D-NY)
Bob Filner (D-CA)
Barney Frank (D-MA)
Gabrielle Giffords (D-AZ)*
Jane Harman (D-CA)
Paul Hodes (D-NH)*
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Jerry Nadler (D-NY)
Steven Rothman (D-NJ)
Janice Schakowsky (D-IL)
Adam Schiff (D-CA)
Allyson Schwartz (D-PA)
Brad Sherman (D-CA)
Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL)
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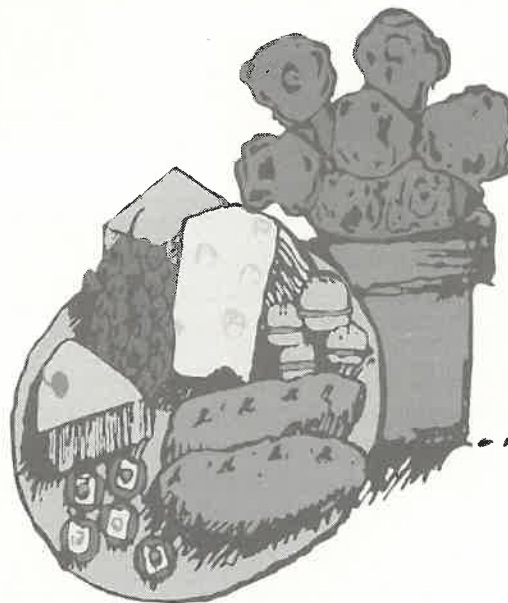
Senate

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Herb Kohl (D-WI)
Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ)
Carl Levin (D-MI)
Joseph Lieberman (Ind. - CT)
Bernie Sanders (Ind. - VT)*
Charles Schumer (D-NY)
Arlen Specter (R-PA)
Ron Wyden (D-OR)
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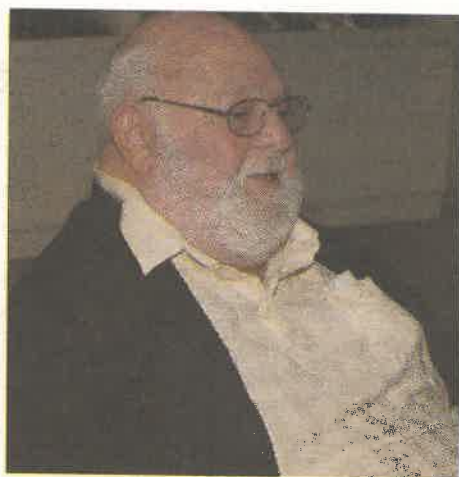
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Fall Event 2006

Making Medical History in Iowa:



The IJHS 10th Annual Fall Event was held on Sunday, October 29th, 2006 at Caspe Terrace in the Bookey Lodge. The keynote speaker for the evening was Dr. Steven Phillips, former cardiovascular transplant specialist and co-founder of the Iowa Heart Center. Dr. Phillips' brother-in-law and former partner, Dr. Robert Zeff, introduced him. Interestingly enough, both doctors have a long-time Iowa connection beyond their years in the Iowa Jewish medical community; Dr. Zeff's grandfather, Harris Zeff, was a Rebbe in Northern Iowa.

The two doctors presented a humorous, yet informative account of their 20-plus year history of saving lives in Central Iowa and around the globe. A little known fact that Dr. Phillips shared is that he was the doctor who actually performed the first heart transplant on a human baby. Unfortunately, the baby died, and Dr. Christian Barnard went on to make history by transplanting the first heart into a human who lived following the procedure.

A memorable evening was had by all. Thank you to our Lifetime members, Patrons, and Benefactors for another successful event! The IJHS also extends special thanks to Rick Leiserowitz, our fabulous Fall Event photographer, for providing the photographs shown in this issue.



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On Being Jewish in the UK

By Alex Galbinski in London

The *European Jewish Press* asked British Jews' views on how they feel being Jewish today in the United Kingdom.

Hilary Tammer, 58, an assistant tax consultant from Leeds, said: "Being Jewish is an integral part of who I am and how I conduct my life. I am extremely proud to be Jewish and as a British Jew regard myself as fortunate to have the freedom to practice my religion freely."

"I have observed a lot of unjustified bias against Jews and Israel in the media leading to much frustration on my part. This is particularly prevalent on certain TV discussion programs. However, from time to time, I have been uplifted to see and read unsolicited praise expressed towards matters Jewish and Israeli."

"On one or two occasions I have personally encountered antipathy directed towards Jews generally and Israel in particular. On these rare occasions I have always spoken up and made my feelings clear."

"Being tolerant is, of course, a two way street. We should all endeavor to learn something about other religions as ignorance leads to misunderstanding and misunderstanding leads to fear."

"Personally I am always happy to explain about our religious festivals and similarly I am keen to learn about the festivals of other faiths."

Frazer Lewis, 37, a company director from London, said: "I'm not religious so being Jewish is not important from that point of view. However, I recognize that the rest of the world regards the Jews as a separate race and as far as they are concerned, I'm a Jew."

"I don't feel any less safe than in the last few years. I feel as safe as anyone else in London - i.e. not very safe since 7 July. I've not noticed any bias for or against Jews."

"[I believe British Jewry], will dilute through inter-marriage and diminishing interest."

"I've got a mixed attitude towards being Jewish. Not being religious means that much of the ceremony and tradition is lost on me. I couldn't give my children a Jewish upbringing even if I wanted to - I

wouldn't know where to begin.

"Nevertheless, however non-Jewish I think I am, I'm still part of the culture whether I like it or not and Woody Allen will always make me laugh."

David Rosenberg, 30, a lawyer from London, said: "Being Jewish is very important to me. I believe in it - just the religious side of it. It's a way of life, it's a fundamentally good way of life for me. I would call myself observant, an halachic Jew."

"I think British Jewry has a viable and positive future, but there's a lack of knowledge [about Judaism] and a lack of education."

"I feel pretty comfortable [here]. I don't feel impending doom! Certainly in Europe, I couldn't think of anywhere else that I would feel more comfortable."

"We are very lucky to be here, as opposed to people from France, where there is more intolerance, or Scandinavia, where there is no viable Jewish community."

"It's a very active and dynamic community in Britain, but it's also very big and, generally speaking, it's relatively laissez-faire which is encouraging to people."

"I [do] fear anti-Semitism because we are all brought up with the fear of it, but it's not something I feel the whole time as a real and present danger."

"I don't have a problem ordering kosher food or taking Fridays off early [from work] or all the festivals, or walking outside with a kippa, and I'm a very obvious Jew."

"From speaking to other people [in Europe], I think we are easily the best off there. Maybe it's the environment in which I work, but I find people very accepting."

There are doors open to Jews, they are not pushed away and not generally discriminated against. [Jews] are capable people who can make a contribution to society."

"I'm not really scared of anti-Semitism, but although I recognize that you can be against the state of Israel and not be anti-Semitic, there [does] seem to be an increasing acceptance of anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism. The defining line between them gets thinner and thinner."

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Despite Official Ban, Henry VIII Employed Jewish Musicians

By Mark Finkelstein

"While the Jewish community in the UK is now celebrating the 350th year of their return after expulsion, historians know that not only did some Jews never leave, but others were quietly welcomed in." - Schelly Talalay Dardashti, on tracingthetribet.blogspot.com

Dardashti, in the above quote, alludes to research indicating that Jews were quietly welcomed as court musicians by Henry VIII (d. 1547.) After 1540, for whatever period of time, Jews were, apparently, the majority among foreign musicians.

It is commonly taught that Jews were banned from England between 1290 and 1655. So the presence of Jewish musicians - albeit in secret - because they would not have been permitted to practice Judaism, is both of historical and musical interest.

Musically, the interest lies in that Jewish string players from Italy were among the first to play and make instruments of the viol fam-

ily. In addition, it is interesting to trace the influence of the Jewish musicians during the Renaissance on the music of the Elizabethan composer William Byrd (c. 1539 - 1623).

Among the string players imported from Venice by Henry VIII, allegedly in preparation for his fourth wedding, were three brothers of the Lupo [de Almaliach El Maleh] family, including Ambrose Lupo (c. 1505-1591). The El Malehs had been expelled from Spain in 1492 by the Inquisition and found their way to Italy, to live as Marranos, outside the Jewish ghetto in Venice (established in 1516). It is possible that the family carried with them, from Spain, knowledge of a stringed instrument called the vihuela and applied that knowledge to playing the viol.

Light has been thrown on this topic in recent articles such as: www.forward.com/articles/jews-in-the-court.

he Kitchen With Susie Kimelman

Karen Engman



Susie Kimelman was born right here in Des Moines as Susan Hiersteiner, daughter of Shirley and Jack Gibbons and sister of Debby (Feintech) and Rob. She and her sis Debby only lives a block away and of them walk with a group of women every weekday morning at 6 am. Younger brother Rob lives in Winston Salem, NC, with his wife Jan and their three daughters. She was known as Susan until her sixth grade when Jack Gibbons started calling her Susie and that nickname has stuck ever since. After graduating from Roosevelt High School, Susie earned an education from the University of Missouri in Columbia. She taught in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, one year before meeting her future husband Josh Kimelman in Des Moines. She is now playing tennis at Waveland with

her friend Barb Mezvinsky (Friedman) when they met some nice, but married, medical students from the osteopathic college, now known as Des Moines University.

They said they had a friend for Susie. So that's how she met Josh. It all started with a friendly game of tennis next to the synagogue where they would attend with their three children.

Josh was from Philadelphia and is now an orthopedic surgeon. They spent five years in Staten Island while he completed his internship and residency. Susie taught nursery school there until she gave birth to Sarah. Sarah is married to Dan Schatz and they live in San Diego, CA and are expecting a baby December 30 (so maybe Susie & Josh will be grandparents as you read this!). Their second daughter Rebecca lives in New York City with her husband Howard Elgart. Youngest son Michael lives in NYC, too. The newest member of the Kimelman household is Oscar, a one year old silver standard poodle who loves to run with Josh or Susie.

Susie is currently working in sales for the Midwest Clothiers so she can help you assemble a smart outfit at Sartos,

Reichardt's or Mr B's. She also serves on numerous community boards including the Iowa Jewish Historical Society, I.R.I.S. (Iowa Radio Reading Information Service for the Blind and Print Handicapped) and as secretary of the Metro Opera.

Susie loves to play tennis, run, read, garden, cook and most of all entertain in her home. One of her favorite soups for the winter is Chicken Mulligatawny Soup. Since most of her guests, including me, request the recipe, it was a natural choice to share with our readers during the cold win-

ter months here in Des Moines. The type of chutney used will vary the taste and spice so experiment if you want. Susie recommends serving it with white rice, a green salad, and a crusty bread.

The JEWISH PRESS thanks Susie for sharing her favorite soup recipe. I have prepared it and Chicken Mulligatawny is now one of my husband Arny's most requested soups. Remember if YOU have a recipe you'd like to share with our readers just call (515-274-3300) or email (aengmandsm@yahoo.com) Karen Engman

Chicken Mulligatawny

A Recipe from Susie Kimelman

Meat

1 Tbsp vegetable oil (divided)

½ lb boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into bite-sized pieces

1 cup chopped, peeled Gala or Braeburn apple

¾ cup chopped onion

½ cup chopped carrot

½ cup chopped celery

½ cup chopped bell pepper

2 Tbsp flour

1 Tbsp curry

1 tsp ginger

½ tsp crushed red pepper

¼ tsp salt

2 (14.5 oz) cans chicken broth

1/3 cup hot mango chutney (Cross & Blackwell)

¼ cup tomato paste

Heat 1 tsp oil in Dutch oven, add chicken & sauté 3 minutes. Remove from pan & set aside.

Heat 2 tsp oil, add apple & next 4 ingredients, sauté 5 minutes.

Stir in flour & next 4 ingredients – cook 1 minute. Stir in broth, chutney, & tomato paste – bring to boil.

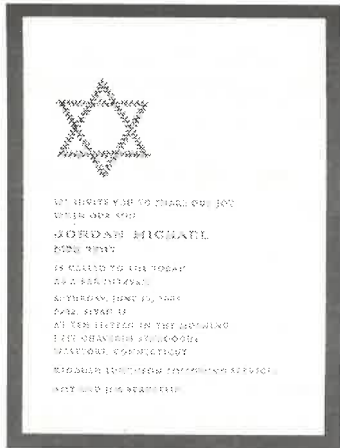
Reduce heat & simmer for 8 minutes. Return chicken to pan & cook 2 minutes.

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KOSHER DAIRY RESTAURANT OPENS IN URBANDALE

Kosher Express, a new dairy and vegetarian restaurant and grocery featuring kosher products opened on the former site of Piques Desserts at 2687 86th Street in Urbandale. The fare includes pizza, Eggplant Parmesan, and Breaded Tilapia. Hours are 11 am - 8 pm, Sunday through Thursday and 11 am

- 2:30 pm on Friday. For more information call 331-0544. The owner is Mayeer Schwarzbau.

As a dairy restaurant, Kosher Express complements Maccabee's Deli, at 1150 Polk Boulevard, which serves meat entrees. For hours, call the Maccabee Deli at 277-1718.

Book signing program 9:15 am Feb 4 at Temple B'nai Jeshurun

Ames Jewish Congregation's Rabbi Rosenbloom authors THE SECRET BIBLE

Dr. Joseph Rosenbloom, Rabbi at the Ames Jewish Congregation, Professor at Washington U and a Rabbi Emeritus of Temple Emanuel, has written many books and scores of articles. His latest work, about which he will speak Sunday, February 4, 9:15 am at Temple B'nai Jeshurun in Des Moines, is entitled *The Secret Bible*. The text was published September 2006 by Sts Jude imPress, St. Louis.

The thesis of *THE SECRET BIBLE* is that the Hebrew Bible (Torah, Prophets and Writings) was originally a secular history of the Jewish people and that God was introduced as the author of history to provide the Judean with an identity that would allow them to survive as a people.

His postulate is that the Prophet Amos of the 8th century BC, formulated the concept of an all-powerful, national God and that, after the destruction of Jerusalem in 586, the Prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah-of-the-Exile taught that he was the One God of all. Because the Judeans now were without their identity and thus would become as identifiably lost as the ten tribes conquered by Assyria, the prophets along

with Deuteronomic historians and the J, E and J-editors and priests added to the bible the person of The God who protected those who obeyed and punished those who disobeyed Him.

Thus Abraham was given Canaan, Moses freedom from Pharaoh, David the monarchy, Solomon wisdom, and the Judeans freedom from their Babylonian Captivity for obeying God, while the Jews were denied the Promised Land for forty years, Assyria conquered Israel, Babylon conquered Judaea for their disobedience.

This book presents a lively reading of Biblical history. Rabbi Rosenbloom is able to summarize the Hebrew Bible into a very readable and interestingly informative history of cause and effect. He points out that if God is removed from the Davidic passages in Judges, Samuel and Kings becomes a secular tale of humans. He finds Esther, Ruth and Ecclesiastes particularly agreeable. His detailed description of Kohelet [Ecclesiastes] almost reads as if he was writing his own biography.

You may email the writer, rabbijoe@testl.org or visit www.jrosenbloom.com for more information.

Book Authored by Adele Anolik Lauded by Holocaust Resource Center

Dr. Arthur Flug, Executive Director of the Holocaust Resource Center and Archives at the City University of New York's Queensborough Community College, has conveyed his appreciation of the book Adele Anolik wrote documenting the lives of the Holocaust survivors of Des Moines.

In a letter, Dr. Flug, who had met the Anoliks, characterized the book as having "a certain grace and elegance that immediately captures the reader's attention and takes him on a highly emotional journey enhancing what at one time had been causing him to struggle to retain those memories. I can see why the book has been incorporated into the local educational systems." He goes on to report that he showed the book to the group of Holocaust survivors that meet at the Center periodically, individuals who have been interviewed by the Center or

by Spielberg. "When I showed them your book," wrote Dr. Flug, "the first response was 'It's like a holy siddur.'"

The book was written in 1995 by Adele Anolik for the Jewish Community Relations Commission as a document to be distributed on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the liberation of the concentration camps. Profiling the fifteen survivors then residing in Des Moines and including additional information, the text was published with funds provided by the Mischkiet-Spieler Holocaust Education Fund, established in 1981 by Helen Mischkiet-Edell and Mark Edell and administered through the JCRC. A copy of the text may be obtained and contributions directed to the Mischkiet-Spieler Holocaust Education Fund by writing to JCRC, 910 Polk Boulevard, Des Moines, IA 50312.

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Mazel Tov

Toni and Tim Urban upon the birth of their grandson Beck Urban Holtzman. Beck's parents are Heather Urban Holtzman and Max Holtzman of Miami Beach.

Don Schoen on his recent election as chairman of the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society Electronic Health Record Vendors Association. Don is CEO of MediNotes Corp. and president of Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

Florence and Glenn Purnell



announce the wedding of their son Robert to Toni Ferraro on October 22, 2006 at the Marin Art and Garden Center in Ross, CA. Cantor David

Margules of Congregation Rodef Sholom officiated at the ceremony. The bride is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She received her Masters Degree from Eastern Washington University. She has a private psychotherapy practice serving Marin and San Francisco. She is the daughter of Elizabeth Ferraro and the late Salvatore Ferraro of Naples, Florida. Rob is a principal with the investment company Shepherd Capital, L.P. He received his MBA/MA from the Wharton School and the University of Pennsylvania. Toni & Rob live in Mill Valley, California.

[short takes]



• **At the Quad Cities Night for Israel, Iowa Chair for Christians United for Israel Tom McGovern, is pictured with QC Jewish Federation Director Allan Ross and Pastor Steve Stevens. McGovern spoke at our Federation's rally for Israel in July.**

• **Iowa-based entrepreneur and member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue Marvin Pomerantz was heralded in November at the release of his**

autobiography, *The Best I Can Do*. He is shown here signing a copy for community member Audrey Rosenberg.



In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the recent passing of

Morris Bassman

Deena Davidson Friedman

Sandra Emas

Yale Kramer

Ronald Rabinovitz

Melvin Swartz

A Day Long Celebration for All Things Passover, March 11

The entire community is welcome to attend a day-long celebration of all things Passover.

A Passover Expo is scheduled for The Caspe Terrace, Sunday, March 11, 2006 beginning at 9 AM. The extravaganza is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation Community School and its annual Ohringer Family Education Day and The Caspe Terrace Programming Committee. There will be special crafts and activities for children and families. Among the highlights will be an interactive Matzah Baking Factory. The day will proceed with wonderful adult workshops with our community's most respected and creative resources, the availability to purchase Passover ritual objects and 'Kosher for Passover' food prod-

ucts, recipe sharing, food tasting, and more. Vendors, workshops, demonstrations, and other activities will proceed until 3 PM.

The Passover Expo Planning Committee, to-date, include: Tammy Abdulghani, Wendy and Alan Adato, Laura Belin, Tracy Engman-Finkelshteyn, Rayma Jacoby, Janelle Jaskolka, Silvia Klein, Andi Lipman, Frank Levy, Beth Ohringer, Shari Reitman, Jami Schnobelen, Cynthia Shulman, and Laurie Wahlig.

A more detailed information and schedule will be sent in the mail. For further information, please contact Lyanna Grund at the JFCS, 277-5566 or Steve Reitman at the Federation office at 277-6321 x230.

DES MOINES PARTICIPATES IN OMAHA'S "GREAT PLAINS HANUKKAH CONCERT"

Seven students of the Jewish Federation Community School with Temple B'nai Jeshurun's Cantorial Soloist, Laura Berkson, participated in the Great Plains Hanukkah Concert on November 19, at Beth El Synagogue in Omaha. The concert raised \$5,595 to be donated to two children's charities: Child Saving Institute in Omaha and Wings: Preparation for Life, an organization that works with disabled teens in Israel.

The students, Havah Bernstein (Kindergarten); Abby Reitman (first grade); Dahlia Callistein, Hannah Cline and Isabel Baresh (second grade); Emma Bernstein



(third grade) and Sophie Baresh (fifth grade) devoted time both during and after Sunday school for four weeks to prepare for the concert. Over two hundred children from Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, and Des Moines and Sioux City, Iowa, sang in the concert, along with seven cantors and cantorial soloists.

Tom Friedman Honors U of Iowa Hillel and Matthew Bucksbaum

Alison Bream, University of Iowa student in Journalism and Political Science

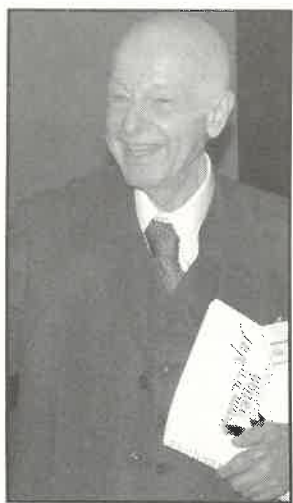
award winning journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner Thomas Friedman spoke at a gala dinner honoring his father-in-law's one million dollar contribution to the University of Iowa's Hillel on November 5th. Friedman's father-in-law, Matthew Bucksbaum, established the endowment in honor of an old friend and mentor, Lou Shulman.

Friedman arrived in Iowa City early on Friday afternoon to have a meet and greet with students and community members. He took questions from the audience of 50 people concerning world politics, the economy and globalization. Friedman is considered to be one of the premier experts in the field of globalization; he recently published *The World is Flat*, which focuses on the immense technology and communication changes all over the planet.

"More people in China have cell phones today than there are Americans," Friedman told the audience of students. He also gave university students the same advice that he gives to his kids. His advice was not typical, it was what parents often say about finishing their dinner because there are children starving in India, but rather to make sure to finish your homework every night because there is someone in India who wants to do it for you and take your job too.

At the gala dinner, Friedman opened with a funny note, explaining the three types of talks that people usually give: lectures at they do not care about, talks that they

give for organizations that they care about a lot, so much, that they do it for free, and those that are so important they get paid to do. After many laughs from the audience, the Minnesota native got down to what he really desired to talk about: what motivated him to write *The World is Flat* and the ten



Matthew Bucksbaum

The journalist noted that the current Middle East situation, along with the United States need for oil have both been important during the process of the flattening world. These issues are crucial and so Friedman believes that they will be focused upon during the 2008 Presidential Elections. More specifically, he thinks, the price of oil globally and getting the troops out of Iraq are going to be heavily discussed and debated.

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Time to Talk:

Dialog Program at Western Galilee College

Increased tension between Jews and Arabs in recent years prompted the college to initiate a course devoted to restoring the cooperation and coexistence that once prevailed, especially in this region. The multicultural nature of the Western Galilee campus provides an ideal forum for dialog between Jews and Arabs. The Jewish-Arabic Dialog Program, under the direction of the Dean of students, Dr. Yehuda Ben Simon and the psychologist Ms. Maya Gazit, brings students from different population groups together in an atmosphere of mutual respect to discuss fundamental issues related to coexistence in Israel in a frank and forthright manner. The semester course offers a framework for academic dialog in which students can gain an in-depth understanding of different cultures and develop tools to improve interpersonal relations.

In addition to required attendance at the weekly meetings, the students also go on field trips to enhance their knowledge about the cultures of their fellow students, visiting a synagogue, a mosque, a Druze village, and the Baha'i shrine of the Bab.

Situated on the north-west corner of Israel, Western Galilee College's campus is located within the municipal boundaries of the city of Akko just 25 km. (15 miles) north of Haifa. The college serves a region within a 20 km (12.5 miles) radius from the campus

stretching from the Lebanese border in the north to Haifa in the south, the city of Karmiel in the east to the Mediterranean coast in the west. The region includes the cities of Akko, Nahariya, Maalot, Shlomi, Karmiel and all of the northern suburbs of Haifa, as well as kibbutzim, moshavim, community settlements and Arab and Druze villages in the same area.

The college was established in the 1970's, as a central higher education institution in a peripheral area of the country. Western Galilee College strives to offer a large variety of choice in subjects studied. It is focused on enhancing the human potential of the region and responding to the needs of the local population. It endeavors to attract talent to the area and stop the out-flow of young people to the center of the country.

From its initial stages, the college's guiding principle was that opportunity for higher education be provided to all who met academic requirements. Today the college maintains a full support system for all of its applicants including: preparatory study programs for high school graduates who have not achieved college entrance levels, full counseling and guidance for its students; and financial support through scholarship programs.

Western Galilee College is online at www.wgalil.ac.il

From the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center Why Memory Care

Our new Alzheimer's unit, Memory Care at Boulevard Place, opened November 1. As I write today, we have already moved four of our current Life Center residents up to the Unit. At least two of those residents are of my long acquaintance. While I have a profound sense of sadness at the evident effects that the savager-of-memory has inflicted upon them, I am, at the same time, filled with a sense of joy when I visit them at Boulevard Place.

During the time previously spent by these friends of mine in our long-term care-unit downstairs, the progression of their dementing illnesses had led them to new, unintentional behaviors. Behaviors which impacted not only their quality of life but that of many of the other residents living around them. At Boulevard Place, these same individuals now show a sense of calm and peace which, daily, reassures me of the absolute worth of the often daunting effort to open this special care unit.

The sense of contentment on the residents' faces is heartwarming and incredibly gratifying - personally as well as professionally. I wish that all of you would come and visit the residents of Memory Care at Boulevard Place and experience for yourselves the same sense of delight that I have felt. Delight and satisfaction in knowing that together we have been part of performing a true "mitzvah," a good deed - might I even say a great deed - in realizing the dream of specialized dementia-care at The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center.

One dream has been realized. But our dreams are bigger yet and have more profound implications for the future of The Life Center and for our community.

We have been blessed with Capital Campaign donors who understood the importance of extending The Life Center's continuum of care. Donors who understood that the somewhat hackneyed description of The Senior Life Center as the "jewel" in the community's crown has meaning and importance beyond The Life Center's 72-beds of exceptional nursing care.

The Senior Life Center is also a touchpoint with the broader Des Moines community. A place where that community has direct, tangible experience with the values which brought The Iowa Jewish Home into being 75 years ago and which shape the organizational ethos of today's Life Center.

With your help, and dollars, we can all continue to dream of the possibilities which the future holds for services to our elders and their families. Resolve that today you will join with those who have had the vision to understand the importance of providing exceptional care in an exceptional environment. Boulevard Place is truly a physical manifestation of the biblical injunction, so succinctly and strongly stated, in the Fifth Commandment of the decalogue: Honor thy Father and Thy Mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord Thy God giveth thee.

Come and see the reality which our commitment to our elders has wrought. Come join us in continuing our daily journey to fulfillment of the mitzvah.

-Stephen P. Blend,
M.H.A., Executive Director
Reprinted from The Centerpiece, the quarterly newsletter of the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center.

From UJC.freethesoldiers.org

New Advocacy And Awareness Effort To Free Israeli Soldiers

We're pleased to announce that United Jewish Communities has launched an advocacy and awareness campaign on behalf of the captive Israeli soldiers, Gilad Shalit, Ehud "Udi" Goldwasser, and Eldad Regev.

The advocacy component is an online petition addressed to incoming U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, demanding that he take immediate action to secure the freedom of Udi, Eldad and Gilad. Our goal is to gather hundreds of thousands of signatures over the next few weeks and to make a high-profile announcement at a major community event in February.

To promote awareness, we're producing a set of dog tags bearing the names of each of the soldiers and the dates they were kidnapped. It is our hope that people all over the country will wear them as a sign of solidarity with both the soldiers and their families. The dog tags will be available at a nominal cost.

Both the petition (initiated by the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland) and the dog tags (initiated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles) were introduced at the recent 2006 GA. The petition can be found at www.freethesoldiers.org and the dog tags are now available to order on that site.

This site will soon exist outside of UJC's Web site, in order to make it univer-

sally appealing to federations across North America and to many other national Jewish organizations who will partner with us to promote the campaign to their members to reach a much wider audience.

Other plans include a vital marketing effort to drive traffic to freethesoldiers.org ongoing news updates, emails to members of Congress and video clips of Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Karnit Goldwasser, wife of Udi Goldwasser, who discussed the soldier while at the GA. The formal launch of the campaign began in mid-December and will be spearheaded by Bob Cutler, UJC national marketing chair.

Every person the outreach effort contacts is another person who will learn the story and be reached by our community. This is a chance to build kinship with three extraordinary families who have made incalculable sacrifices on behalf of Israel and the Jewish world. This is a moment to teach. And, this is a platform from which we can clearly demonstrate the power and reach of our federation system.

We eagerly look forward to hearing from you and to working together with you to meet and exceed our goal.

B'Shalom,
-Doron Krakow
Senior Vice-President,
UJC Israel & Overseas Pillar

ADL, AJC, Others, Challenge Iowa Faith-Based Prison Program

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and the American Jewish Committee (AJC) filed a joint brief in November supporting a federal judge's June 2006 ruling that an Iowa faith-based prison program, which uses state funds to promote Christianity, is unconstitutional. Judge Robert Pratt ruled last June, in a suit brought before the court by Americans United for Separation of Church and State (AU), that the InnerChange Freedom Initiative at the Newton Correctional Facility violates the First Amendment and must be shut down. The program's sponsor, Prison Fellowship Ministries, is challenging that ruling.

The brief challenges the conversionary intention of the program and the seeming sanctioning by the State of special benefits to prisoners who participate in the program. According to the brief, unlike other prisoners at Newton, participants are given more spacious cells, access to keys to their cells allowing them to leave at will. The program

has been in operation since 1999.

In a related matter, AU lauded the U.S. Justice Department's cancellation, in late October, of proposals for "single-faith" prison programs, such as described above. "The government" said AU's director, "should protect the free exercise rights of inmates, but it should never try to coerce prisoners on matters of faith. The separation of church and state forbids the use of public funds for religious indoctrination or proselytism."

AU argued that the solicitation for single-faith prison ministry programs would violate the First Amendment because promoted religious programs over secular ones, created preferences for instruction in single-faith over multi-faith programming, appeared to be tailored to elicit solicitation from a specific prison ministry program and contained no safeguards to ensure that government funds would not be used to support religious activity.

Material summarized by Mark Finkelstein

Omaha Considers Tri-Faith Campus

As reported in Omaha's Jewish Press in mid-November, discussions are going forward as to the future possibility of building a tri-faith campus in western Omaha. The complex would house Temple Israel, the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska and the American Institute of Islamic Studies and Culture (AIISC), which has been characterized as a recently formed community of reform-minded Muslims.

In a presentation to the Temple's Board of Trustees, the president of AIISC, Dr. Syed Mohiuddin, director of cardiology at Creighton University, said the effort to

co-locate would be "a symbolic gesture of the three Abrahamic faiths." Bishop John Burnett of the Episcopal Diocese described the initial talks as an invitation "to pursue a pilgrimage of trust that could have many exciting implications." In a letter to Temple members, Rabbi Aryeh Azriel wrote that "Co-locating a church, a mosque, and a synagogue within a campus-like atmosphere is an innovative approach nurturing interfaith dialogue, learning and collaboration."

The location being considered is a 3 acre site at 168th and Western, donated to Temple Israel.

General Assembly from page 1

The General Assembly featured major plenaries with keynotes by Israel Foreign Minister, Tzipi Livny and Jewish Agency Chair Zeev Bielski, Benjamin Netanyahu, and Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. Besides the great expression of appreciation for all the support during and after the war, combatting Islamic radicalism and threats from Iran were very much on the minds of the Israeli leaders. Netanyahu drew an ominous analogy that "it's 1938, and Iran is Germany and it is racing to arm itself with nuclear weapons." Livny said that the international community must confront Iran's nuclear ambitions and aggressive statements toward Israel. She warned: "We face a regime that denies and mocks the Holocaust while seeking the weapons to penetrate one." Olmert, who arrived at the GA after meetings with President Bush, said that Israel, the United States and the international community must unite to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons. "We have reached the pivotal moment of truth regarding Iran. It would be an unbearable sin to future generations to allow Iran to obtain nuclear weapons." Olmert closed his remarks by urging "each and every one of you to visit Israel. Join us. Participate in shaping our future, our heritage, strengthen the affinity between yourselves and your people. Not next year in Jerusalem, but this year in Jerusalem."

Also, in addition to the thought-provoking plenaries, invaluable workshops and forums, the General Assembly was the place that leaders from Jewish Federations engaged in a wide-ranging discussion about how the federation system can respond to challenges it faces, from addressing Jewish population changes to building financial resources. Several areas were targeted for focus by federations, including more efficient sharing of best-practices, a national database to track an increasingly mobile population, and an educational effort about the work of federations that would begin in pre-school and continue through college.

"I thought that the GA was wonderful," said Neil Salowitz. "I've never seen that many Jews in one place before and it was inspiring to see so many people dedicated to the support of Israel and to the growth and nurturing of Jewish communities here in the United States. It also showed me what is possible when Jews come together and help one another - a good lesson for our community."

Jake Jacobs, once back in Des Moines, thought back on his experience at the GA, saying that "our commitment to Israel requires more than just looking for spare dollars when the headlines go bad once again. Israelis reach out to us with pleas to help obtain the return of their captive soldiers - their husbands, fathers, and brothers. They ask us to visit, buy their wines, write our elected officials on their behalf, and to invest in their industries. We need to do all that and more to help protect the continuing existence of the State of Israel, threatened as it is by the intolerance of their neighbors."

Judy Flapan addressed the theme of the GA and the questions it called to mind, in her reflective essay on page 9.

Seldin Dotan from page 1

JP: From an educational perspective, what would make this curriculum different from others?

BSD: The developers of the curriculum were concerned that the topic of the Holocaust, involving six million Jewish victims that perished, is too abstract and that it was important to introduce into learning short, but focused segments of personal testimony given by individual survivors, liberators and bystanders and others - to enable students to connect personally to what they are learning about. In addition, the curriculum includes online materials which provide a wealth of information, accessible at will.

JP: Which age levels are most appropriate for this curriculum?

BSD: The curriculum was primarily written for high school. But there are pieces of it that are definitely adaptable and appropriate for middle school students from probably 7th and 8th grades. But it would not be appropriate for elementary school.

JP: And within which subject areas would teachers be working through these materials?

BSD: English language or language arts, social studies, humanities, and media.

JP: How is the curriculum organized?

BSD: There are ten lessons, with ready made lesson plans and study questions, handouts, maps, and visual segments, which are the primary resources.

The 10 lessons cover general topics, largely chronologically, but with branching materials that provide greater insight into sub-topics. For example, if we were talking about the period in which Jewish communities were forced to live within ghettos, lesson four talks about the ghetto in general and covers topics such as: the Judenrat (the Jewish councils,) and individuals writing about their particular experiences. This lesson also teaches about the Lodz ghetto, in particular. So within the lesson, you have information presented about the ghetto on the macro level and you also have more specifics of the ghetto covered. In addition, a teacher may find more information about the Warsaw ghetto in another chapter, which deals with uprising resistance during the war.

JP: So in some ways, the content spirals back on itself in places.

BSD: Yes, content and in the use of personal testimonies, as well. There are instances where a survivor, introduced in one lesson, will comment upon another aspect of his or her experience in a different lesson.

JP: How could teachers make use of the materials?

BSD: The curriculum could potentially be used as a semester's course, and we certainly encourage the use of *Echoes and Reflections* as much as possible, but our feeling is that at this point there are many, many Holocaust materials coming to teachers and so they can supplement their present curriculum with parts of ours or vice versa. Or they could decide to take a week and use this excellent curriculum to teach an overview of this period in history.

JP: How expert do teachers have to be to work with the materials in the formal curriculum?

BSD: We believe that some training is necessary. We offer training and prefer the teacher be trained in a six-hour workshop taught by people who really know this curriculum well.

JP: What do teachers learn in your workshops?

BSD: They learn about the objectives of

the curriculum, why it was written and how to measure what is being learned. They learn about the pedagogy: how one person, telling an aspect about their own life experience, will show the face of the Holocaust more vividly than only by having a teacher talking about the enormity of the Holocaust. During the workshop, they will experience two of the lessons in depth and will also learn about the online resources accessing a virtual encyclopedia and extensive archives from Yad Vashem. They can learn to locate by topic parts of the survivor testimonies indexed by the Shoah Foundation and see the testimonies in their entirety online. It is absolutely amazing how well indexed the testimonies are and how easily retrievable they are.

JP: How long has the curriculum been on the market?

BSD: For a little over a year. The project was a number of years in the making, having been piloted in four communities: Omaha, Houston, Seattle, and New York City.

JP: Have you worked with a good number of teachers yet?

BSD: I've trained more than 80 teachers in Omaha, plus Omaha was a focus group with 30 educators in the construction of the curriculum. In addition, we have trained 70 teachers in Lincoln and I'm just starting to hear from them, as they are getting ready to use the materials in their teaching. So it will be interesting to see the response from these teachers over the next year.

JP: How do you enable teachers to participate in training?

BSD: We are in contact with school districts and area contacts. Here in Omaha, the administration at Central High School sent 15 teachers to a training session. We were able to find grant subsidies for hiring of substitute teachers.

JP: So the administrators themselves have been supportive?

BSD: Yes. I can give you the example from the Lincoln Public Schools. Their workshops were organized by both their Social Studies and English Language department heads for their district. They were the ones who came to me and said, "We want to do this. We believe it fits into our curricular work and the needs of our teachers at the moment." This is all very positive.

JP: You're working here in the Midwest. Are they working on this in different parts of the country as well?

BSD: Yes. ADL and our partners had planned a week-long training for ADL's regional educators as well as for selected public school teachers. We were scheduled to go to Yad Vashem in Israel for a week last summer, but because of the conflict in Israel, the conference was moved to Rye, New York, for eight days of instruction and brain-storming. Representatives from all three partners presented and worked with the ADL staff and teachers.

One of the key questions we asked was: how do we get this out to the teachers? And we wrestled specifically with how to ensure that communities in rural areas and areas that are not in central cities are able to either have the training or to learn enough about the curriculum to use it appropriately. As a result, I've taken our materials to out-state Nebraska. I was accompanied by Beth Katz, Director of the Omaha ADL Malashock Project for Interfaith Affairs and Deborah Batiste,

Project Director of Echoes and Reflections from the National ADL office. We trained teachers in three areas in the state.

JP: I know that you are hoping to conduct teacher training here in the Des Moines area. When?

BDS: Along with Cathie Swift from the Des Moines Shoah Foundation project and with advice from your own highly regarded educational consultant, Carol Brown, who has co-authored the present Holocaust curriculum with JCRC and who has worked many years with the Teachers' Institute, we are presently building bridges and hope to conduct teacher training in Des Moines in October of 2007.

JP: Is there a possibility that the curriculum can be introduced into teacher education programs?

BDS: We would hope so. We have begun work on that in Nebraska already, through some of the smaller colleges, like Wayne State College and Doane College. They've asked me to do a workshop in the spring for pre-service teachers. And we had phone calls from the University of Northern Iowa and were contacted, with interest from Professor Warren Blumenfeld from Iowa State University.

JP: Is this a curriculum that will undergo changes over time?

BDS: I think that the project will continue to add materials to the online supplements, but the core lessons are so solid that the curriculum will stay pretty much the same.

JP: Does the project have an educator that you would identify as having taken a primary role in its formulation?

BSD: I would highlight, in this instance, our project director, Deborah Batiste. She is a curriculum writer, an English teacher by training and has done numerous curriculum materials for the ADL, including *A World of Difference*. She works out of Maryland. Deborah conducted our pilot testing with other educators from the partnership.

JP: Let me commend you for your own association with this important project and wish you continued success. If people wish to know more about the curriculum, can they contact you?

BSD: Yes, people may contact me at (402) 334-6575 or by e-mail at holocaust@jewishomaha.org.

JP: Thank you for the interview.

**For detailed information about the curriculum, along with access to the audio-visual testimonies, see www.echoesandreflections.org.*

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Friedman from page 15

The Midwest native had a lot to say to the crowd of more than 1,000 and not a lot of time to do it. He had to catch a plane immediately after the gala in order to give another lecture. However, that did not affect the tone of the event.

"I thought it was a really beautiful event. I really liked the food and I thought the talk from Thomas Friedman was very informative," said University of Iowa sophomore Deena Dubin.

Others agreed.

"I think it was a really good event for the students. I think the students had a really good treat. Everyone worked hard [for this event] and deserved it too," said Tali Ariav, Hillel's Jewish Student Life Coordinator.

THE STORY OF HOW I MET

Linda Fishman

by Claudia Holmes

The story of how I met Linda and came to Des Moines:

I was traveling home from Des Moines after a business meeting. When I got to the airport, I wanted to switch to an earlier flight, but it was too late to switch if I had luggage, which I did. So, I remained on my original flight. I boarded the plane and took my seat. A gentleman approached me and asked if I would be willing to switch seats. I was traveling alone, so I said "sure", and switched. I was reading the newspaper; it was the weekend of the formal opening of the World War Two Memorial in Washington DC. I had just been there a few weeks before on a school trip with my daughter, and we had seen the memorial. I was reading about it, remembering the trip and the monument.

The lady across the aisle from me (Linda) noticed the paper (as I recall it had a large picture and headline about the WW2 memorial) and asked if she could see the paper when I was through with it. I said sure - we got in a conversation and she told me she had lived through WW2 in the camps.

I can't describe what I felt at that moment - a whole range of emotions. On our trip to Washington DC, my daughter and I visited the Holocaust museum with our group. I had read about the Holocaust - as almost everyone had - but seeing the museum and experiencing the exhibits had a profound impact on me. When Linda told me she had been in the camps, I was amazed. I told her I would really like to hear her story, if she was willing to share it with me.

And so, for the next 45 minutes, Linda shared her story. I learned so much from her, but the time was too short. Soon we were getting close to landing in Minneapolis. My daughter Carolyn is studying to be a teacher at the elementary school level. She has studied World War Two and the Holocaust since elementary school, and has read many books about the Holocaust. I thought she would learn a great deal from Linda, and asked Linda if we could keep in touch, as I wanted Carolyn to talk to her, too. I really enjoyed talking to her; we parted in Minneapolis as friends. It's hard to explain, but I felt like circumstances put me in that place at that time, and gave me the opportunity to meet Linda and share that time with her.

Linda and I exchanged addresses; she gave me her daughter Ann's email address and her own home address. When I got home, I told Carolyn about meeting Linda and Carolyn definitely wanted to know more. I bought a card and was going to write a note to Linda; at about the same time, Ann emailed me (on behalf of her mom) and....the rest is history. Ann and I started emailing back and forth and realized we had things in common - so we had lots to talk about! One holiday season when Linda was visiting Ann, we arranged a phone call - and it's grown from there.

Our decision to fly to Des Moines was a slower process. I was in Des Moines last May for work and was hoping to see Linda again then. Unfortunately, she was in LA at the time. Both Carolyn and I really wanted to visit Linda, so we decided we needed to go. Some may think it strange for us to fly from Anchorage, Alaska to Des Moines, Iowa to visit someone I had met only once and spoken to on the phone a handful of times. But - again hard to explain - it just felt so right. We decided to follow our hearts and go. Ann was able to take time off work and she and her husband Rob drove from Ohio to Des Moines. It was the first time we had met. From the time Ann and Rob picked us up at the hotel and took us to Linda's for dinner, Carolyn and I felt like we had known them forever! We had a truly wonderful visit with Ann and Linda; they shared their time freely with us and we learned a great deal. I feel that we share a special friendship; I am blessed to have been on that plane that day so we could meet and become friends. They are both amazing women!

We truly enjoyed touring the Caspe Heritage Gallery during our visit; it was beautiful. We not only toured the museum, but the entire facility. The museum was awe-inspiring; Carolyn and I were very impressed by the content and the depth of the individual exhibits. Reading about the people impacted by the war and its many facets was truly enlightening. The displays were more than pictures and words; they brought individual stories to life with the personal touches in the exhibits, such as photos, uniforms, or letters. I also enjoyed reading about the tremendous contribution that the Jewish community has made to the commerce of Iowa. The museum is a tribute to survival and success. The center itself is a beautiful facility, educational, peaceful, and welcoming. I am grateful to Linda for arranging the tour, and to Krys for sharing her time and her knowledge with us. I feel very fortunate that we had the opportunity to visit the Caspe Center.

In August the Caspe Heritage Gallery was visited by a group of people which included local Holocaust survivor, Linda Fishman, her daughter, Des Moines native, Ann Baum, and two women from Alaska, Claudia and Carolyn Holmes. What follows is the story behind this visit to our museum, told by Claudia Holmes.



Carolyn Holmes, Linda Fishman, Ann Baum, and Claudia Holmes pose outside the ark at Caspe Terrace.

The Iowa Jewish Historical Society's Caspe Heritage Gallery's Current Exhibit:

The Iowa Jewish Medical Community: Heritage of Healing

Who was the first Jewish doctor in Iowa? Did you know that Keokuk was the home of a medical school? Why are many Jews drawn to the medical profession? For answers to these questions or to see photos, artifacts, and other Jewish medical memorabilia, visit the Caspe Heritage Gallery.

Or, if you have medical memorabilia or photos to share, please give us a call at (515) 277-6321 x217.

This coat belonged to Dr. Jack Spevak of Des Moines, who was known for his caring and gentle demeanor with his young patients. Dr. Spevak always wore a bow tie, and he always carried an ink pen in the pocket of his white coat. The case behind Dr. Spevak's coat contains other memorabilia from his medical career.



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Sun, January 7	9:45 AM	Super Sunday Telethon at Tifereth
Tue, January 9	7:00 PM	Evening Telethon at Federation Offices
Thu, January 11	7:00 PM	Evening Telethon at Federation Offices
Sun, January 14	1:30 PM	Garden Stepping-Stones Family Workshop at The Caspe Terrace
Mon, January 15	7:00 PM	JFed Board Meeting at The Caspe Terrace
Sun, January 21	1:30 PM	Paper Marbling and Calligraphy Workshop at The Caspe Terrace
Mon, January 22	7:00 PM	Documentary: Obsession at Drake University
Tue, January 23	6:30 PM	DM Art Center Class "Chagall and Glass" at The Caspe Terrace
Sun, January 28	1:30 PM	Paper Marbling and Calligraphy Workshop at The Caspe Terrace
	5:00 PM	All-In-One Campaign Men's Event at The Caspe Terrace
Tue, January 30	6:30 PM	DM Art Center Class "Chagall and Glass" at The Caspe Terrace
Sat, February 3	9:00 AM	Women's League Shabbat at Tifereth
Tue, February 6	6:30 PM	DM Art Center Class "Chagall and Glass" at The Caspe Terrace
Wed, February 7	6:30 PM	DM Art Center Class "Beginning Watercolor" at The Caspe Terrace
Tue, February 13	6:30 PM	DM Art Center Class "Chagall and Glass" at The Caspe Terrace
Wed, February 14	6:30 PM	DM Art Center Class "Beginning Watercolor" at The Caspe Terrace
Sun, February 18	2:30 PM	Genes and Levis: Jewish Wisdom for a Genetic Age at The Caspe Terrace
Mon, February 19	6:00 PM	JFed Exec. Committee Meeting at the Federation
Tue, February 20	6:30 PM	DM Art Center Class "Chagall and Glass" at The Caspe Terrace
Wed, February 21	6:30 PM	DM Art Center Class "Beginning Watercolor" at The Caspe Terrace
Sun, February 25	5:00 PM	International Dinner at Beth El Jacob Synagogue
Tue, February 27	6:30 PM	DM Art Center Class "Chagall and Glass" at The Caspe Terrace
Wed, February 28	6:30 PM	DM Art Center Class "Beginning Watercolor" at The Caspe Terrace

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On exhibit are photos, white coats, black bags, medical instruments, patents, devices, and many more interesting artifacts from the 1920's to present-day specialists from across Iowa.

In addition to his current appointment, our guest speaker, Professor Daniel Sinclair is a Visiting Professor in Comparative Bio-Medical Law at the Faculty of Law, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. He is a member of the Board of Editors of the *Jewish Law Annual*, and Academic Advisor to the *Jewish Law Publication Fund*. Professor Sinclair has published widely in the fields of Jewish law, the influence of Jewish law on the legal system of the State of Israel, the relationship between halacha and ethics, the jurisprudence of Jewish law, comparative and biomedical law, Jewish identity and Israeli family law. He has law degrees from London University, Monash University in Melbourne Australia and Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is also an ordained Rabbi. In the course of his doctoral studies at the Hebrew University, he was awarded the prestigious Jacob Herzog Memorial Prize in Jewish Law. During his career, he has held the portfolio for medical ethics in the Chief Rabbi of London's Cabinet. In that capacity, he drew up protocols on the Jewish law aspects of fetal tissue, organ donation, the treatment of the terminally ill, living wills, and artificial reproductive techniques.

Prior to the community event at The Caspe Terrace, Prof. Sinclair will also speak to the Jewish attorneys and health professionals. For further information or to make a reservation, please contact Steve Reitman, Federation Assistant Director at 277-6321 x230.



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