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Rosh HaShanah 5763

Rosh Hashanah (literally: "head of the year"), one of the few solemn days in the Jewish calendar, is also referred to as: Yom Teruah - the Day of the Blowing (of the trumpets); Yom Hazikaron - the Day of Remembrance; Zihron Teruah - Tribute to the Blowing (of the trumpets); and Yom Hadin - The Day of Judgment.

Rosh Hashanah is observed in the beginning of the seventh Hebrew month, Tishri, for two days by Orthodox and Conservative Jews, and for one by Reform Jews. While Nissan is declared in the Bible to be the first month of the year, Tishrei has come to be regarded as the beginning of the civil year, for this was the month of Creation and it was in this month that the jubilee year commenced, when slaves were freed and all property was restored to its original owners.

Origin

Rosh Hashanah is fixed in the following biblical verse: "In the seventh month, in the first day of the month shall be a solemn rest unto you, a memorial proclaimed with the blast of horns, a holy convocation...." In contrast to the other festivals, Rosh Hashanah has a basis in neither history nor agriculture.

The concept of the New Year as "Yom Hadin" or "the Day of Judgment", when all mankind is judged by its Creator and the fate of each individual finds its place in the Book of Life, is of rabbinic origin, based upon the following verses: *Blow the horn at the new moon, at the full moon of our feast-day. For it is a statute of Israel, A (day of) judgment of the God of Jacob.* (Psalm 81:4,5)



Observance

Throughout the month of Elul that immediately precedes Rosh Hashanah, many Jews engage in various spiritual preparations for the High Holy Days. The Shofar is blown every weekday at the morning service to arouse worshippers to serious contemplation. From the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah, penitential prayers (Selihot) are recited daily sometime between midnight and dawn. When the New Year occurs on a Monday or Tuesday, Selihot are begun on the Sunday of the previous week.

New Year's cards, expressing wishes for a good and sweet year, are sent to relatives and friends. It is also customary for worshippers to greet each other after the service on the eve of Rosh Hashanah with the Hebrew expression, "Leshanah Tovah Tikatev Vetihatem" (literally: "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year"), the person addressed responding "Gam Atah" (The same to you).

At Home

The customs and ceremonies of the home also reflect concern over the auspiciousness of the coming year. In addition to the recitation of Kiddush (the sanctification prayer said over wine) and the kindling of the festive lights on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, a piece of apple is dipped in honey.

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Rabbi Stiel to Serve Ames Congregation

The Ames Jewish Congregation has announced the appointment of Rabbi Debbie Stiel. Rabbi Stiel, who served eight years as Associate Rabbi at Temple Israel in Omaha, will conduct services at Ames Jewish Congregation one weekend a month.

Jewish Community 9-11 Remembrance Service
Wednesday, September 11
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm at Temple B'nai Jeshurun

JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL School Starts!

- Wednesday, Sept 4:
Grades 3-6 and JHS/Senior HS
- Sunday, October 6:
Pre-K-2nd Grades
- Details on page 6.
For information call JFCS at 277-5566

Iowa Reaches Out

E-Mail High Holiday Greetings Go Out To Families In The Western Galilee

In a show of support and friendship, members of the Iowa Jewish community are sending New Years greetings by e-mail to people in our Israel Partnership region, the Western Galilee. All you need to do -- and it is still not too late for you to do this -- is send a written message to the Jewish Federation to be transmitted to our counterparts in the Western Galilee who will then distribute our messages to families and individuals within the region. Please write out your message for us to transmit.

If you have access to e-mail, send your message to jrcr@dmjfed.org. Otherwise, you may mail your message to: JCRC, 910 Polk Blvd, Des Moines, IA 50312.

We have a variety of friends in the Western Galilee. Some are school teachers, others work for the hospital, in the business sector, or for the municipality. We can transmit your message from teen-to-teen, from senior-to-senior. And all the greetings will be very much appreciated, we guarantee!

This project is being undertaken by the synagogues, Jewish Federation Community School, Des Moines Jewish Academy, Senior Adult Services, the Des Moines Kollel, the University of Iowa Hillel, and the Jewish Community Relations Commission of the Jewish Federation.

We look forward to receiving your message of greeting soon!

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Meet Ariela HaLevi, New Federation Staff Member

New Staff Member Helps Reinvigorate Jewish Family Services



Ariela works part-time for the Federation's Jewish Community Services pillar. She will be involved with Senior Adult Services, Family Services, and Operation Good

Mensch. As part of her job, Ariela, who holds an MSW degree, will also offer counseling for community members. Ariela and her husband Rabbi Baruch HaLevi, came to Des Moines this summer, when Rabbi assumed his position as spiritual leader of Tifereth Israel Synagogue. The couple is expecting their first child, this fall.

In the following interview, Ariela HaLevi says that Jewish Family Services is here to enhance the whole Jewish family, from youth to seniors.

Jewish Press: Ariela, it is a pleasure to have you with us. Would you tell us a little about yourself?

Ariela HaLevi: I have lived most of my life in Los Angeles, where I was born. As an undergraduate I attended college in San Luis Obispo and majored in Animal Science. I wanted to be a veterinarian. My career changed direction, however, and I earned my Masters Degree in Social Work.

JP: You are a spiritual person. How did Judaism become important to you?

AH: I had moved back to Los Angeles after Grad School, at age 23, and made some basic decisions about my life. It was my mom, actually, who introduced me to the rabbi whose shul I started to attend. Three years later, I met Baruch, who was serving as a rabbinic intern at the shul. He introduced me to Israel and Conservative Judaism. We moved to Israel the first year of our marriage. Living there made a tremendous impression on my identity.

JP: What are some of your thoughts

about coming here to Des Moines?

AH: Actually, I pushed for it more than my husband did. (Chuckling.) I wanted to raise children outside of Los Angeles. And I knew that he grew up in Omaha, NE. I saw the way he was raised in the community and how wonderful the Midwestern Jewish community was. And so when we came here for the interview, I "knew" that we were going to stay.

JP: What do you look forward to in terms of your work with Jewish Community Services?

AH: I am glad that we're trying to strengthen our Senior Adult programming. We're starting up our Senior luncheons again and we'll build from there in programming to meet additional needs. And then through Jewish Family Services, we are going to make counseling available for seniors, individuals, families, and children.

JP: Where would you like this to develop? What do you see as The Big Picture?

AH: We have an increasing number of seniors in our community. I think that, in addition to our important programs -- Good Mensch, Senior Day, luncheons -- we'll likely need to start doing home visits, and case management. It would be beneficial to do more preventative education and to work more closely with families caring for elderly family members.

JP: What Family Services programs might be introduced in the near future?

AH: In the future we will be holding workshops for women who have converted, extending their knowledge of Jewish practices. We also plan to offer workshops for non-Jewish women raising their children Jewish.

JP: Those sound like very valuable programs, indeed. When are you available at the Federation?

AH: I work Tuesdays and Thursdays.

JP: So people should phone ahead of time, to see you.

AH: Yes, that would be helpful. People may contact me at 277-6321.

JP: Thank you, Ariela, and mazal tov to you.

From the United Jewish Communities

COMMUNITY PROVIDERS RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS TO ADVANCE INNOVATIONS IN SENIOR SERVICES

Philadelphia, August 2, 2002 The U.S. Administration on Aging today announced the award of millions of dollars in new grant money to five Jewish community-based health and social service providers to test innovative models of service delivery to senior citizens.

The grants, totaling \$3.68 million, create the first national demonstration to develop services for some of the approximately 15 million Americans who have "aged in place" in certain neighborhoods, commonly known as Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs). United Jewish Communities (UJC) helped to obtain the funding for the five communities.

Josefina G. Carbonell, Assistant Secretary of Aging in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Diana Aviv, UJC Vice President for Public Policy, elected officials and community leaders were present in Philadelphia to unveil this new national demonstration project.

It was through the combined efforts of UJC's Washington Action Office and grant recipients located in Philadelphia, St. Louis, Baltimore, Cleveland and Pittsburgh, that the NORC concept was brought to the attention of the federal government.

"We are very excited to be involved

in this public/private partnership, which for the first time sees the federal government recognize and devote resources to the innovative work of these NORC projects that will deliver services to seniors living in their communities," said Aviv. "This NORC initiative comes at a time when the federal government and community-based providers are searching for solutions to the rising pressures the burgeoning senior population will place on the nation's health and social services delivery systems."

United Jewish Communities (UJC) represents 156 Jewish Federations and 400 independent communities across North America. Through the UJA Federation Campaign, UJC provides life-saving and life-enhancing humanitarian assistance to those in need and translates Jewish values into social action on behalf of millions of Jews in hundreds of communities in North America, in towns and villages throughout Israel, in the former Soviet Union, and 60 countries around the world. Through the Israel Emergency Campaign, UJC and the Jewish Federations of North America are providing economic, social, human welfare and other types of support to Israelis and victims of terror as they strive to lead normal lives during a period of extreme difficulty.

YOU HELP US CHANGE LIVES...

We are your Jewish Community Services and you are our partner in preserving and strengthening the Jewish family.

What services do we offer?

- Jewish Family Services Counseling - Individuals, families, seniors and children
- Senior Adult Programs - Senior Adult luncheons and case management
- Resettlement Program - Case management and health services to new émigré
- Jewish Family Life Education - Operation Good Mensch
- Outreach- Baby baskets, welcoming newcomers
- Volunteer Opportunities - Numerous volunteer projects

How you can help!

- Donate today! Your gift will directly help individuals in need.
- Volunteer today! You are an essential part of our program.
- Use our services! We are here to provide services to strengthen the Jewish family, which will strengthen our Jewish Community.



Jewish Community Services is a Pillar within the Jewish Federation.

JCS programs include those offered by Jewish Family Services, Senior Adult Services, Resettlement and other various committees.

For more information please call Ariela HaLevi, Director of JCS at 515-277-6321

Senior Adult Services Luncheon Schedule

Thursday, September 19

noon: Temple B'nai Jeshurun with
music by Laura Berkson, Cantorial Soloist.

Coordinator: Lauri Grossman

Tuesday, October 15

noon: Beth El Jacob Synagogue

To RSVP, call the Federation at least 5 days prior to the luncheon date.
Indicate if you require transportation. Call 277-6321.

The Senior Adult Luncheons are a project of the Federation's **Jewish Community Services** Pillar.

We're Back On Track with Fall 2002 Operation Good Mensch!

Sunday, October 20

Our community's popular Mitzvah Day – Operation Good Mensch – starts the New Year off right, on Sunday, October 20, at The Caspe Terrace. This is an opportunity for everyone to come together and volunteer a few hours to help others!

We have two hands-on projects
with which you can get involved!
Take your choice!

- **Assist senior adults with Fall Clean-Up**, such as leaf raking and lighter outdoor yard work. You can provide the 'people power' to help make someone's life just a little easier, going into winter.

11am–4pm

- **Help prepare meals to be delivered to the homebound and disabled.**

We'll be pre-cooking meals to be frozen. You can lend a hand and know that your efforts will provide a hot meal for someone on a cold day.

11am–4pm

Either way, by participating in either the Fall Clean-Up or in the Homebound Meal Preparation, you'll be helping someone in need. And your help will be appreciated!

This opportunity to join in the spirit of Tzedakah is being organized by the Operation Good Mensch Committee of the Jewish Community Services (JCS) Pillar, chaired by Barb Leventhal and Scott Stricker. Co-chairs of the Federation's Jewish Community Services Pillar are Michael Kuperman and Dr. Vera Aginsky.

RSVP today!

**Count me/us in! I/we will help
Sunday, October 20 with**

☐ Fall Cleanup in assistance to Senior Adults (11 am – 4pm)

☐ Cooking Meals to be delivered at a later date to Seniors and the Disabled. (11am–4 pm)

Registration at The Caspe Terrace, 11 am

- Reserve _____ adult lunch(es) for me/us @ \$5 per person
_____ children(s) lunch(es) @ \$3 per person.

Lunch will be 11:30 am – 1 pm at The Caspe Terrace

Name(s): _____

Phone number: _____

Return this form by October 17 to Jewish Community Services, 910 Polk Blvd, Des Moines, IA 50312

Here's what you
need to do:

1. Fill out and return the form below, or call Jill at Jewish Community Services at 277-6321, to register to help on Sunday, October 20th.
2. Sign in, at The Caspe Terrace, 11 am on Sunday, October 20th.
3. 11:00 am – Begin cooking meals in Blumenthal Kitchen.
4. Join us for lunch: 11:30 am – 1 pm at The Terrace
Lunch: \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids
5. Pick up bags and gloves for leaf raking or other fall help.

Operation Good Mensch is an opportunity for us to give to others with our hands and our hearts. The work we will be doing could be done by others, but it is important to teach the younger members of our community that tzedakah can be, and often is, more important if it is a direct result of our sweat and muscle.

I personally encourage everyone to sign up now and plan to be with us in October. I also think this is a wonderful opportunity for families to do a community service project as a family.....we encourage families to show up together. Grandparents, children, grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews -- there truly is room for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Mike Kuperman, Co-chair
Jewish Community Services Pillar

TEN WAYS WE CAN HELP ISRAEL :

The Ten Commandments Revisited

In times of crisis, we must do everything we can to help our Israeli brothers and sisters. Here are some ways to help. As our tradition states: "You do not have to complete the work, but you are not permitted to desist from participating in it."

1. Join the Des Moines/Israel Partnership 2000 effort, where we get to know individual families and help develop the potential of the Western Galilee. See www.westerngalilee.org.il
2. Volunteer to host an Israeli student coming to visit December 10 and 11. The high school students are coming to perform in their musical ensembles.
3. Buy Israeli products online at such sites as www.shopinIsrael.com. Help out Israel's economy.
4. Learn more about Israeli history. Read books. Attend lectures. See www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org
5. Study Hebrew. Take a class with Ayelet Kleinman, shlichah from Areivim, being brought to our community by Jewish Federation.
6. Visit Israel. Join a Solidarity Mission, November 10-15, or December 8-13 with Federation subsidy available under certain conditions. For basic information, see www.ujc.org, select Travel. A Des Moines community Mission is being planned by our rabbis for Spring 2003.
7. Help in efforts to build American support for Israel.

- Add your name in support of Iowans for a Secure Israel
- Join AIPAC Iowa. See www.aipac.org
- Network with other pro-Israel advocates via the Federation's e-network
- College students: plug into www.hillel.org
- Monitor media coverage to ensure fairness and accuracy. And advocate for your cause. Write letters to the media expressing your viewpoints.
- 8. Send a High Holiday greeting to someone in Israel. We have an e-mail project to do just this!
- 9. Study in Israel or participate in a professionals exchange. Physicians are needed to train for emergency hospital service.
- 10. Contribute to Federation's Israel Emergency Funds
 - Send a check to help purchase an armor-plated ambulance for Western Galilee Hospital
 - Donate via our Federation to the UJC's Israel Humanitarian Fund to provide guards for Israeli pre-schools, help to the injured victims of terrorism, and enable Argentinean Jewish emigration to Israel. See www.ujc.org for background information.

For information about any of the above activities or others, contact the Jewish Federation's Jewish Community Relations Commission at 277-6321

Reflections on September 11, 2001

By Murray Lee Kaplan, Ames, Iowa

September 11, 2001. No one can forget it. New York City's World Trade Center, the Pentagon in Virginia, and the airplane flight from Pittsburgh. The United States of America was attacked. We are at war, but with whom? We viewed it all on television and watched in horror as over three thousand people perished before our eyes. This was not a make-believe motion picture. It was real and difficult to absorb. I got a late start that day and viewed the second airplane strike the World Trade Center. It was live television and beyond belief.

Everyone here in Iowa was sympathetic and felt the pain of the victims' families. But how many of us here in central Iowa, 1200 miles from New York City and Washington, D.C. were personally touched by this attack? I thought about this question and I soon realized that the attack in New York City did personally touch numerous Ames residents. Many of us have friends, family, and children who reside in New York City or engage in business there. After counting up the Ames connections of which I am aware, I assume that many others here in central Iowa were also personally touched. I just do not know about these other incidents. The following are just a few connections between Ames, Iowa and New York City that occurred on that fateful September day.

My oldest daughter was on King George Street in Jerusalem on business when a terrorist murderer bombed the pizza parlor. She came away unharmed but was shaken. She short her post-Israel European vacation to return to the supposed safety of New York City. Her sister, who left Seattle on September 10 to vacation in New York City met her. On the morning of September 11, my youngest daughter visited a friend and her friend's family, when a telephone call was received from the friend's dad who was in the World Trade Center. The television was promptly turned on and they all watched in horror as their dad and husband went

down with the collapse of the building. They searched hospitals and morgues in an attempt to find him either dead or critically wounded. His body was recovered weeks later. We later learned that a former Ames resident and son of present residents also died that day in the World Trade Center. My neighbor's son-in-law stepped off a ferry from New Jersey and saw the building topple. He went back home, but was unable to go to work for several weeks. The daughter of another Ames resident, who usually travels from New Jersey by train to the World Trade Center, did not go to work that day. She was spared. The daughter of a third Ames resident traveled from Philadelphia to New York that day to conduct business, only to be confronted by the chaos as she emerged from the subway, but thankfully she too was unharmed. The sister of another Ames resident was displaced from her apartment in the neighborhood of the World Trade Center.

I know of many other stories with an Ames, Iowa to World Trade Center connection on that day. Fear gripped many Iowans from all over the state when we could not immediately communicate with our adult children, relatives and friends. Yes, 1200 miles from New York City, many of us were directly affected.

To me, it means that all Americans are connected to each other in some way when we analyze the facts. At first glance, one would not think so. But, if our friends had a direct connection to New York, Virginia or Pennsylvania on that day, then each of us did too. Therefore, we help our friends sustain their personal losses, because these are our losses too. We help others rejoice in the saving of their children and loved-ones because these are our celebrations too. In the days since September 11, many of us and other Americans have started to re-dedicate ourselves to the high priority areas of life that we may have neglected. Among these are compassionate relationships with family and friends and the renewed respect for the principles that have made our country a land of personal liberty with cultural and religious diversity and freedom for all.



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"Stop trying to kill me. I take it personally."

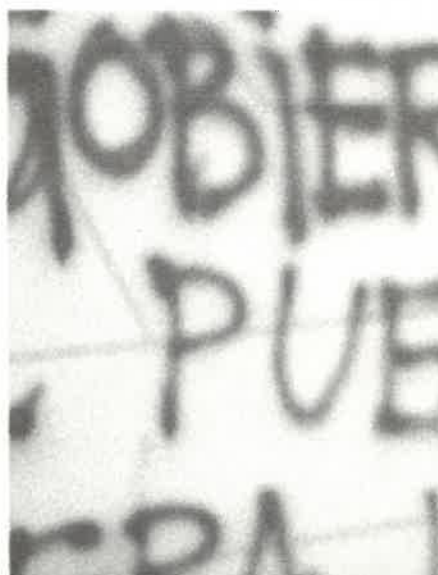
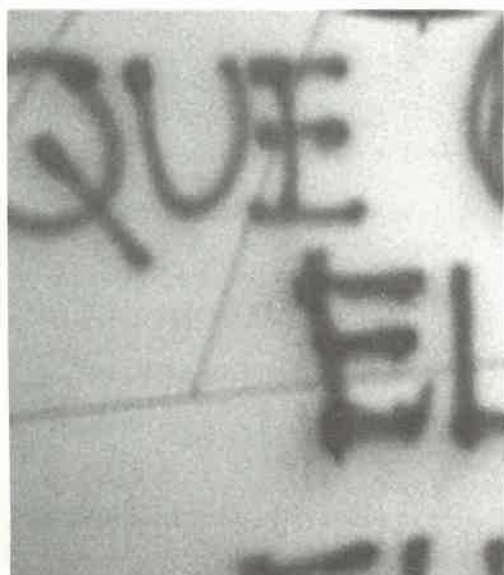
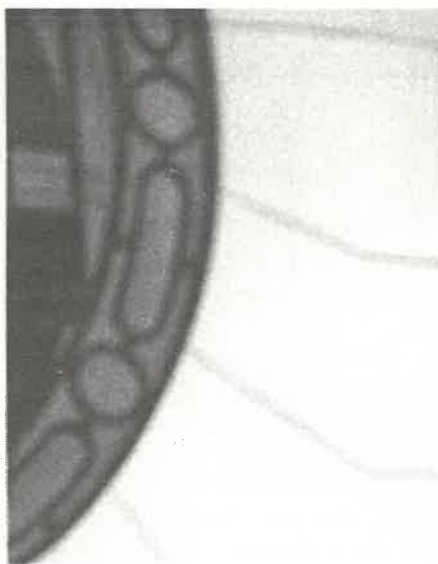
— Among the advice offered by Margolis, a Jewish resident of the Bank, to militant Palestinians target Jews who reside in the West Bank

"Nobody benefits from this intifada. It's past time for the Palestinians to call it if they still can."

— From an editorial from Economist, 8/10/02

"In my Boston speech, I was quite categorical in my condemnation, first, of the Arab stupidity in refusing to recognize Israel and commit the Arab nations to her destruction, secondly, the awfulness of suicide bombings, and thirdly, the poisoning of children's minds if it was true that Palestinian children were being taught to hate Jews. — Bishop Desmond Tutu, in remarks claiming of his being morally hypocritical in failing to condemn Palestinian terrorism while propounding their cause"

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These are extraordinarily difficult times for the Jewish people. The Jews of Argentina are in crisis; anti-Semitism is surfacing all across Europe and an unprecedented wave of violence is sweeping the Middle East and threatening Israel's very survival. Over and above your increased gift to the annual campaign, your gift to the Israel Emergency Campaign will give hope to Jews in Argentina, in Israel and around the world. Give generously. And give NOW.



JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER DES MOINES

JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWS

WELCOME! We are excited to begin our 2002-2003 new school year. JFCS is about making friends and making memories, learning about our culture and heritage, and learning about what makes each of our students special.

By now, those of you planning to enroll your child(ren) in religious school have received our parent handbook and have registered. If not, or for additional information about any of the programs described below, please contact us 277-5566.

Elementary School

For this year, the elementary school staff is: PreK – Cynthia Shulman, Kindergarten – Yedidah Schochet, 1st – Juli Margolin, 2nd – Daryl Anderson, 3rd – Pat Johnson, 4th – Jane Abrams, 5th – Rachele Hjelmaas, Hebrew – Wendy Beckerman and Ben Kaufmann, 6th – Robin Karney. A special letter is being sent out to our new preschoolers.

Classes for Kindergarten through 2nd grade will begin on Sunday, October 6th and will meet from 9am – Noon. Third through Sixth grades will begin on Wednesday, September 4th and meet from 4:00 pm – 6:15 pm. These grades will also not meet on Sundays until October 6th. This year, all classes will meet at Temple B'nai Jeshurun – 5101 Grand Avenue in Des Moines. Classes will be held in the school wing. If you have not done so already, all sixth grade families need to contact their respective synagogue/temple to receive information about the other half of the sixth grade program.

Junior/Senior High School

The Junior/Senior High School program will once again be under the auspices of the Jewish Federation Community School. Many hours have been spent this summer developing curriculum. The curriculum is designed to address the questions: "Why Be Jewish?" and "How Do I Make Judaism Part of My Life." We are very excited about the classes we have developed and look forward to sharing these with our students and parents.

Our staff for the 2002-2003 school year is: Jane Abrams, Rabbi HaLevi, Robin Karney, Ayelet Kleinman, Krys Phillips, and Penney Weishaar. Laura Berkson and Joe Michaels are the

youth directors and will be in charge of the youth group meetings that are being offered once a month.

We are offering to our Jr/Sr High School students the following classes:

- 7th grade – History – this class is a general overview of 1800 years of Jewish history;
- 8th grade – Holocaust – this course focuses on the rise of anti-semitism in Europe, the chronology of the Holocaust and the roles assumed by Jews during this period;
- 9th grade – Israel – this class will explore modern Israel and her history, people, culture, institutions and sites;
- 10th grade – Immigration – this course looks at the development of Judaism in America beginning with post WW II immigration through the present day;
- 11th & 12th grades – College: Being Jewish Away from Home – students will explore and discuss how to stay Jewish and survive during college or just living away from home.

Conversational Hebrew is being offered to any student 7th through 12th grades.

We are also offering to all grades Ethics & Values where students will be provided tools to continue their quest in answering "Why Be Jewish?" and "What does it mean to live a Jewish life?"

The opportunity for Youth Groups to meet is being offered once a month through our youth directors. Youth Groups will be divided into Junior and Senior youth groups. While one group is meeting, the other group will attend a Current Events class. This class is designed for students to discuss and explore, from a Jewish perspective, various issues of current Jewish concerns locally, nationally, and internationally.

Junior/Senior High classes will begin on Wednesday, September 4th. Regular classes will begin at 7pm and end at 9pm. Those students enrolling in conversational Hebrew will begin classes at 6:30pm. All classes will meet at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, 924 Polk Boulevard in Des Moines.

Lyana Grund, JFCS Coordinator

MELTON BEGINS 5TH YEAR OF ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION IN DES MOINES

The Florence Melton Adult Mini School is a unique program of adult Jewish education which is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines.

Classes meet for thirty weeks during the year on Thursday nights at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, from 7 pm - 9:15pm. Dr. David Friedgood will be teaching the class titled Purposes of Jewish Life and Rabbi Berel Simpsen will be teaching the class titled Rhythms of Jewish Life.

The members of the in-coming class are: Vera Aginsky, Pamela Book, Harry Booke, Linda Bremen, Gary Bremen, Kathy Eckhouse, Herb Eckhouse, Kathy Elsner, Steve Adelman, Karen Engman, Arny Engman, Ava Feldman, Bernie Feldman, Barb Hirsch-Gil, Harvey Giller, Julia Goodin, Jan Hockenberg, Louis Hockenberg, Julie Howald, Anne Loeb, Edward Toni Urban, Tim Urban, Alice Wolf, and Steve Wolf.

This class is our largest first year class and we look forward to a wonderful year of learning and friendship.

For further information about the Florence Melton Adult Mini School, please contact Alice Friedgood at 223-0086 or at alidav@aol.com.

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community peace, joy and

prosperity in the new year.



From the DMJA

The Des Moines Jewish Academy Begins Its Twenty-Sixth Year

The DMJA is off to another exciting school year. School began on August 20 with the exciting addition of an eighth grade. The DMJA is now fully accredited in grades K-8. The DMJA is proud to boast that their secular teachers, with an average tenure of 16 years, are all returning for the academic year. Students are already busy in their studies and are preparing for the upcoming Jewish New Year.

We celebrated the new academic year in August, where fun was had by all, at the DMJA's Back to School Barbecue. This fund-raising event was open to the entire community. The community, friends and family celebrated at Living History Farms by enjoying horse-and-wagon rides, games and food. The event was a huge success.

The next big fund-raising event for the DMJA is the school's annual dinner and auction. This exciting event is scheduled for November 3. The entire community is invited to attend. Mark your calendars now. The annual auction is one of the most popular events at the

DMJA. Attendees bid in silent and live auctions on various donated goods, including works of art, sporting event tickets and memorabilia, restaurant packages and much more. All proceeds benefit the DMJA. For information on attending the auction or donating new merchandise, contact the DMJA at 274-0453.

With twenty-five years under its belt, educational excellence is still a top priority at the DMJA. According to the results of the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, the DMJA ranks in the top first percentile of all schools in Iowa. The DMJA also exceeds the standards distributed by the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education. With small class sizes, full day kindergarten, dedicated teachers and a caring family atmosphere, the DMJA should be a top choice when considering educational options for your child. Plan a visit to the school at 924 Polk Boulevard. Or call us at 274-0453.

The DMJA wishes you and your family a happy and healthy New Year. L'Shana Tovah.

*If you often feel tired,
it could be anemia.*

*If you're Jewish,
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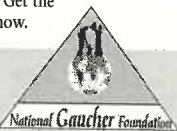


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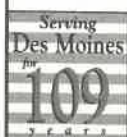
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CYNTHIA SHULMAN, MASTER GARDENER

Cynthia Shulman, an active member of the Greater Des Moines Jewish community, has an interesting avocation: she's a certified Master Gardener. What is a Master Gardener? How did she become one? The Jewish Press spoke with her recently about her hobby. Here's what she had to say.



Jewish Press: Cynthia, how did you get into gardening?

Cynthia Shulman: I got into gardening because of [local community member] Debbie Gitchell. We had just moved into our house in Ames, did some landscaping, but hadn't planted any flowers yet in our front yard. Unfortunately there was a torrential downpour and all my soil spread onto the sidewalk. A neighbor, with whom I was chatting, suggested I call Debbie Gitchell, who also lives in Ames; she's a Master Gardener. So she came over, took one look at the situation and in short order suggested that we put in several specific types of plants to hold the soil. So I asked her: how do you know all this? She said she had taken an ISU Extension course leading to her certification. I was so

impressed I took the course.

JP: Tell us about the course.

CS: It was a 40-hour course: 40 classroom hours plus 40 hours of internship during the first year. And after that, the requirement is to take 6 hours of Continuing Education classes a year plus 6 hours volunteer work in the community to maintain one's certification. Some of our studies included turf management, annuals, perennials, vegetables, ornamental trees and shrubs, plant disease, tree disease, and entomology.

JP: What was the most relevant thing you used from the course?

CS: Actually, it was turf management, the very first thing we studied. We had our yard over-seeded and aerated in the fall. I had taken the course and came home and said: Dear, we have to have the yard done!

JP: You must have had some prior background putting around in the yard?

CS: Umm, not really. I actually despise doing yard work; I grew up with a huge yard in Massachusetts that shed leaves. But at least now I love gardening.

JP: I understand that you planted the garden at Tifereth Israel.

CS: Yes, I did. And, in fact, my garden at home is not doing as well as the Tifereth garden, in my opinion. I don't know what I did. Maybe I put too much love – I don't know if that's possible – into the Tifereth Garden.

JP: What is it that you particularly love about gardening?

CS: The flower beds are my specialty. My husband planted the vegetable garden and said, "Oh yeah, it's mine; I'll take care

of it." So I do the flowers – and the vegetable garden (chuckling).

JP: What sort of flowers did you put in?

CS: Well I recently planted some more Day Lilies (I'm going to add more bulbs in the fall; they will bloom in the spring), border plants and the summer annuals; I put in a lot of petunias.

JP: Are these labor intensive – caring for the plants?

CS: No, I plant hardy plants in flower beds and they look good (chuckling). Actually, it's hard to care for plants when you have a two-year old. That's why my vegetable garden is somewhat neglected. I think that, with the Tifereth garden, it was all the volunteers that helped make that garden more successful.

JP: But you have results in your own garden?

CS: Well yes, but the vegetables are just not as bountiful.

JP: Cynthia, what are you most proud of, in terms of your green thumb ability?

CS: I would have to say that, in the springtime when the bulbs come up, people come up to me and say: "you have the prettiest yard in the neighborhood." I attribute that to the 500 bulbs that continue to grow every year.

JP: You need to take courses every year to maintain your certification.

CS: Yes, you have to take at least 6 hours of continuing education every year. I just finished a seminar for 8 hours on herbs and herb gardening and everything, you wanted to know about herb plants that provide flavoring for food. Just between you and me, if I make a cake for the synagogue after I get some of these scented gerani-

ums ... someone is going to be have to take the plants out of the cake. I'm just kidding, you don't leave the plants in the cake. And, as part of my continuing education requirement, I also assist in teaching the garden camp in Ames. It's a Parks and Recreation program for children first-through sixth-grade. The course is about "Value added agriculture." We teach them: when you plant, you can use seed, sets or transplants; what the seed needs to grow; when it grows, what it becomes, what it takes to care for that plant, and when you harvest that plant, how it becomes your favorite jar of salsa, corn chips, potato chips – something in the grocery store: how it gets to the grocery store from the garden. The course is offered June – July, every Monday night for an hour and a half.

JP: You are really invested in this whole thing of planting and growing.

CS: I am, actually. Aside from the green thumb, I like to teach children about gardening.

JP: So you owe this all to Debbie Gitchell.

CS: I do; I honestly do.

JP: Thank you very much for the interview, Cynthia. Lots of good luck in both gardening and teaching children about gardening.

Cynthia and her family are residents of Ames and members of Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Marc, her husband, is Team Physician for ISU and Chief of Staff of the Student Health Center. Cynthia is originally from Sturbridge, MA, and Marc from West Bloomfield, MI. The Shulmans have two children: Jennifer, 7, and Mitchell, 2-1/2.

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A New Age for Jewish Day Schools?

THE U.S. SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF SCHOOL VOUCHERS

A report from the World Jewish Congress,
Policy Dispatch #82, July 2002.

At issue: The U.S. Supreme Court's decision upholding Cleveland's school voucher program is already being described as a landmark American case concerning the always contentious question of the proper degree of separation between church and state. Its full significance will be seen in the years to come, as local authorities expand or create school voucher programs and tuition tax credit plans in reliance on the high court's new ruling. Whether or not the Court's decision ultimately leads to a situation in which Jewish school students in the United States can rely on significant assistance from the local and federal governments, it is certain that the Cleveland decision will come to be seen as a turning point in the development of American attitudes towards government support for parochial schools.

Background:

As Jewish schools throughout the United States continue to grow both in absolute numbers and in the size of their student bodies, Jewish communities are dealing with serious issues regarding their funding. Individual families are facing growing tuition expenses at these schools, and for many of them, the cost of Jewish education has become prohibitive. American Jewish communities do not benefit from the type of significant government financial support which has helped Jewish day schools to survive in many Western countries, such as Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada. These other countries are not constrained by the constitutional limitations imposed on the American government with respect to the financing of religious institutions.

But because of the tremendous financial pressure now faced by the Jewish schools in the United States, American Jews have recently been revisiting an old internal ideological debate about the value of government support for Jewish education. Traditionally, mainstream American Jewish advocacy groups have opposed both direct and indirect government funding for religious schools on the ground that it violates the constitutionally mandated separation of church and state. However, some Jewish organizations, especially those affiliated with the Orthodox community, have consistently favored and lobbied for a variety of government measures that provide some financial support for Jewish day schools. And as the Conservative movement's day schools have grown in size and numbers, there have been more voices raised within that community in support of vouchers and other government aid programs.

Several state and local governments in different parts of the United States (such as Florida and the city of Milwaukee in Wisconsin) have established tuition voucher programs in order to help parents who turn to private schools because of the deficiencies of the public schools in the area. Practical opposition to these programs has come generally from groups who claim that the money used to finance the vouchers would be better spent on improving public schools. Furthermore, the constitutional argument against vouchers has

been that they allow government money to be directed to parochial schools, in violation of the American constitutional prohibition against the government's "establishment" of religion. Jewish groups have supported both sides of the debate, but in recent years there has been more movement towards support for vouchers and other forms of government support for parochial schools.

The voucher case

On June 27, 2002, the United States Supreme Court issued its first ruling on the constitutionality of such vouchers, in the case of *Zelman v. Simmons-Harris*. In its landmark decision, the Court held that a government aid program will not violate the American Constitution even if the majority of its indirect beneficiaries are religious institutions. The *Zelman* case dealt with a program aimed at children living in a Cleveland school district whose public schools were performing dismally. The voucher program was created in response to this crisis, and provided – among other things – for direct tuition aid to be paid to parents who chose to send their children to private schools in the same school district. The Court held that since the program gave parents equal opportunities to send their children to religious or non-religious schools, it involved no impermissible government support for religion – even though as a factual matter 96% of the participants in the program used the vouchers to attend private parochial schools.

Opponents had argued that the high percentage of participating students who were using the vouchers so as to attend private parochial schools showed that the program was, in effect, primarily aiding religion. The Court's rejection of this argument was based on the principle that the constitutionality of government aid does not depend on a particular statistical makeup of the beneficiaries. In other words, the courts will not strike down a voucher program only because – or even if – the vast majority of those schools that ultimately receive the financial support are parochial schools. Many see this principle as having a wider implication – namely, that voucher programs which provide assistance to parents of parochial school students do not necessarily violate the constitutional ban on the government's establishment of religion.

What happens now?

In the American federal system, most aspects of education are controlled by the states. Thus, individual states will now decide whether to continue or initiate voucher or other school aid programs – the Court's decision does not require that such programs be established. As noted above, several states already have voucher programs in place and others are entertaining various proposals to create or expand them. Because the Court's decision only provides guidelines regarding these other existing and proposed programs, its most immediate impact is to be found in what it did not do. Had the decision gone the other way and the Court had declared vouchers to be unconstitutional, the states that run such programs would probably have cancelled them in anticipation of their being eventually struck down. For the same reason, many of the proposed programs would have been permanently shelved. So the most immediate effect of the decision is that it does not "kill" existing and future voucher programs.

The decision will also shape future programs, as well as the expansion of the existing programs. States will now try to design voucher programs that conform to the principles enunciated in the *Zelman* decision –

namely, that the programs must be religiously neutral, and must allow the parents themselves to choose whether the funds are to be used in religious or non-religious educational environments. Obviously, any such program would have to have a secular purpose; it could not be created for the express purpose of benefiting parochial schools or for easing the financial burden on parochial school parents, specifically.

The battle lines are drawn

The demographics of those who support or oppose school voucher programs are unusual. It is generally perceived as a "conservative" issue, because it involves a "free market" approach to education, as well as government support of private institutions and indirect support of religious schools, including those affiliated with generally conservative Christian and Jewish religious groups. But in practice, much of the support for school voucher programs comes from precisely those groups that are generally associated with liberal politics – namely, inner city minority groups, who are the most disadvantaged by poor quality public schools. On the other hand, some conservative suburbanites are unenthusiastic about programs that benefit private and parochial schools because they themselves have chosen to live in the neighborhoods they live in precisely because of the high quality of their public schools, and pay high property taxes for this privilege.

Thus, former New York Democratic senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan is a strong supporter of school vouchers and of the *Zelman* decision specifically. In an article in the *Washington Post*, Moynihan noted with satisfaction that "the Democratic Party can claim to be prophetic and support school vouchers." Writing in the *New York Times*, Jeffrey Rosen, the legal affairs editor of *The New Republic*, described the decision as "embrac[ing] a healthy vision of religious neutrality." Nevertheless, many analysts warn that the enactment of new voucher programs would depend on voucher proponents being able to drum up support from uninterested conservative suburbanites. They will also have to overcome opposition from powerful teachers' unions who continue to oppose vouchers because they fear the negative impact such programs could have for public school funding.

The implications

The immediate reactions to the *Zelman* decision from the various Jewish groups who are involved in the issue have been the predicted ones – the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations and Agudath Israel have hailed the decision, and groups such as the American Jewish Congress have indicated their disappointment. However, both sides do acknowl-

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edge that, on the one hand, the constitutionality of the measure will no longer be a significant issue, while on the other hand it will still be quite some time before many Jewish schools are receiving any kind of significant government support.

On the other hand, there are already tax credit programs for private school parents in place in some states (albeit, not many with large Jewish populations) – programs which are not directed specifically at lower income families, and they have already been upheld by the Supreme Court. The *Zelman* decision certainly strengthens the argument for the constitutionality of those plans as well as that of the voucher programs, and will hopefully encourage their expansion and their adoption in more states where they are likely to have an impact on the Jewish educational systems. If the main principle enunciated in *Zelman* was that ensuring parental choice in education is a legitimate governmental goal, then such programs are likely to withstand constitutional challenges and may very well herald the beginning of a new era for Jewish education in the United States.

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(WASHINGTON, D.C., August 20) Hillel's Joseph Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Learning has published a program for use by campus groups and others to memorialize the victims of September 11 and other terrorist attacks. The booklet, "For the Parchments May Burn but the Letters are Flying Free," includes new prayers drawn from ancient Jewish texts, short biographies of terrorist victims, poetry, patriotic songs, and traditional Jewish liturgy.

The central theme of the booklet is derived from the story of Rabbi Chanina Ben Tradyon, who was martyred by the Romans around the year 135 CE for illegally teaching Torah. The Romans wrapped Rabbi Chanina in a Torah scroll before lighting him on fire. When his students asked what he saw as the flames engulfed his body, the rabbi answered "The parchments are burning but the letters are flying free."

The booklet includes thumbnail biographies of victims of September 11 reprinted with permission from The New York Times, and letters from two victims of the bombing at Hebrew University who were Hillel leaders.

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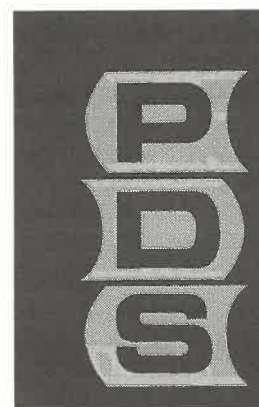


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Gil Mann's Jewish E-mail Column

On America Online, there is a popular feature called *Judaism Today: Where Do I Fit?* (keywords: *Judaism Today - Non-AOL members:www.jewish.com/news/gilemail.shtml*.) People anonymously send in E-Mail to the author of the feature, Gil Mann, and he selects one for a public response in his Jewish E-Mail column. This column is now syndicated internationally in Jewish papers and websites. Here is this week's edited E-Mail and Gil's response:

WHAT IS ZIONISM ANYWAY?

Dear Gil:

I am a Christian and support Israel from my perspective of Biblical history, personal experiences in Israel and what I read in Israeli and international media. I'm perplexed by why some in the Orthodox or Ultra-Orthodox community are extremely anti-Zionist. I hope you can help clarify the following for me:

What is your definition of Zionism?

How does Zionism compare with patriotism?

Why are some Israelis so opposed to Zionism?

In search of understanding,

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Shalom P:

Your questions are most appropriate given the current situation in Israel. I know that your questions are shared by others and deserve clarification.

The definition of Zionism is simple: Zionism is the movement to support a homeland for the Jewish people.

The movement began in the mid to late 1800s as a result of the vicious anti-Semitism of Europe. The pivotal leader was a non-religious Jewish journalist named Theodor Herzl. A turning point for Herzl occurred when he covered the trial of a French Army officer, Alfred Dreyfus, who was falsely convicted of treason. (He was later pardoned.) The biased trial greatly disturbed Herzl. He concluded that the anti-Semitism of France and Europe was so deeply ingrained and widespread that the only hope for Jews to live in safety was if they had their own state. (Sadly, I suspect, Herzl would not be surprised to see today's anti-Semitism in France and other places in Europe.)

The word Zionism comes from the word Zion -- a reference to Jerusalem, the city of King David. Jews longed and prayed for a return to Zion for 2000 years and some are Zionists for religious and Biblical reasons. In spite of this, early Zionists were so desperate for a safe haven for Jews, that locations other than the land of ancient Israel were considered (like Uganda!). A number of options were pursued and in 1917 the British

issued the famous Balfour Declaration stating that "His Majesty's Government" viewed with favor the establishment of a Jewish homeland in the area that today is Israel and was then a British Mandate.

Ultimately, in 1948, the establishment of the state of Israel became the fulfillment of the Zionist dream to have a Jewish homeland. Since then millions of Jews from all over the world have immigrated to Israel. Many were Holocaust survivors and W.W.II refugees; many others fled anti-Semitism in their home country that Zionism anticipated and was formed to address. Many people do not realize that about 600,000 Jews who immigrated to Israel were refugees who were forced to flee -- often empty handed -- from Arab countries where they were persecuted.

A quick but important aside: Israel is the only country in the world where Judaism is the official state religion. Yet many other religions are freely practiced in Israel. I'll never forget being in Israel one December and seeing an ad in the paper for Christians to receive free Christmas trees from the Israeli government!

Notwithstanding, Israel is primarily a Jewish State, so I think you can safely say that to be a Zionist is in a sense being a patriot to the Jewish State. The highest level of dedication or patriotism would probably be to live in Israel, but a person does not need to live in Israel to be a Zionist or in favor of a Jewish State. Nor

does a person need to be Jewish to be a Zionist. In fact many non-Jews (like you) are supportive of the state of Israel and I think they could consider themselves to be Zionists.

While there are many non-Jews who are supportive of Israel, there is a tiny fringe group of Jews who are anti-Zionists. These Jews are religious fundamentalists who object to the establishment of Israel from a theological point of view. They believe, that according to Jewish tradition, God will establish a Jewish State to coincide with the coming of the Messiah. Since the Messiah has not arrived, they believe Israel is an artificial work of man, not God.

This group represents very few people, but enemies of the state of Israel love to "parade" these oddball Jews out during anti-Israel demonstrations. Almost all Jews, from very religious to secular strongly disagree with these anti-Israel Jews. Including me, because I definitely consider myself to be a Zionist.

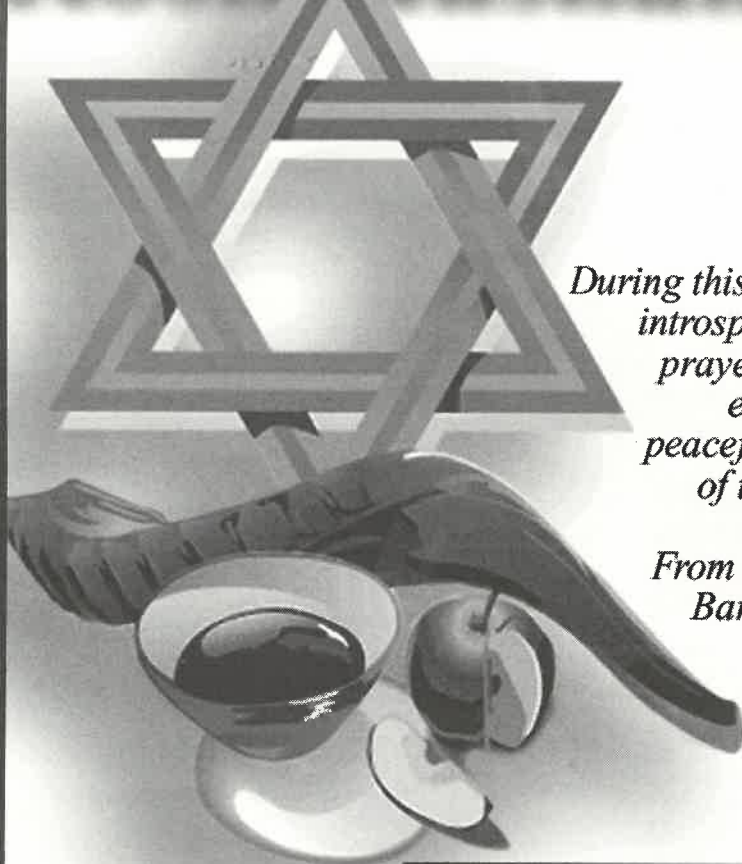
I'll add a personal note in closing, that as a Zionist, I pray for a day, when the Jewish State has warm relations with all nations, her Arab neighbors and a peaceful, prosperous future Palestinian State.

Thanks for writing!

Gil

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Bin Laden, Columbus, and the Jews

By Reuven Koret

"Let the whole world know that we shall never accept that the tragedy of Andalusia be repeated in Palestine," Osama bin Laden said in his taped cave-side address. "We cannot accept that Palestine will become Jewish."

The allusion to Andalusia evidently refers to the Christian re-conquest of Spain from Muslims in 1492, when Ferdinand and Isabella led the Spanish forces in seizing control of the glorious Moorish palace of Alhambra, a turning point in the drive to expel the Moors from the European continent.

It was not a good year for the Jews either, as it marked the royal edict expelling them from Spain. It was in this year, too, that Christopher Columbus departed Europe, bound to find what would come to be called America.

In bin Laden's remark we see the extent to which historical humiliations inform his thinking. He seeks to avenge the defeat of the Muslims at Granada by the Catholics, and the defeat of the Muslims by the Jews in Palestine. We see, too, how he thinks in symbols: Andalusia 1492 is being repeated in modern-day Israel.

"History unfortunately recognizes and accords visibility to power and not to weakness. Therefore, visibility has been accorded historically to dominant groups. In our time, the time that began with this day, Columbus Day."

Columbus Day, October 12, commemorates the European "discovery" of America in 1492, and 1492 represents the year in which Islam began to be pushed out of Spain. In bin Laden's mind, these two events are inextricably linked.

On October 12, 2000, the USS Cole was attacked at sea by two suicide bombers on a speedboat. Exactly one year earlier, on October 12, 1999, a covert operation to send 60 Pakistani commandos to Afghanistan to capture or kill bin Laden was aborted when a military coup overthrew Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif.

Exactly one year before that, on October 12, 1998, the late Eqbal Ahmad, a follower of bin Laden and a Professor at Hampshire College, gave a presentation at the University of Colorado in Boulder. He said: "History unfortunately recognizes and accords visibility to power and not to weakness. Therefore, visibility has been accorded historically to dominant groups. In our time, the time that began with this day, Columbus Day."

Professor Ahmad explained: "The time that begins with Columbus Day is a time of extraordinary unrecorded holocausts. Great civilizations have been wiped out. The Mayas, the Incas, the Aztecs, the American Indians, the Canadian Indians were all wiped out. Their voices have not been heard, even to this day fully. Now they are beginning to be heard, but not fully. They are heard, yes, but only when the dominant power suffers, only when resistance has a semblance of costing, of exacting a price. When a Custer is killed? that's when you know that there were Indians fighting."

I have no clue whether the FBI warning that a major attack by bin Laden's al-Qaeda this weekend has anything to do with the historical significance of October 12. But for him and his followers, this is considered a holy day of revolution, when the weak communicate through terror to the strong, when the tribes strive to overturn the colonial powers. The fact that an assassination attempt against him was thwarted on that very day by virtue of a revolution must have appeared to him as a divine validation.

Columbus Day, October 12, is a dangerous day for the enemies of bin Laden, and I pray that it passes without serious event. But even if the present FBI alert proves to a false alarm, the legacy of the war against Columbus and what he stands for, will continue to animate bin Laden and his allies.

And yet, in bin Laden's historical and symbolic reduction of the world into a war of the oppressed against the oppressor, there is a self-contradiction that betrays the weakness of his moral argument. For 1492, year of the Jewish expulsion from

Spain, is also a tragic watershed for another tribe, forced to flee from country to country after being forced into exile from its native land.

The wandering tribe of Israelites is the world archetype for the freedom fighter, emerging from slavery and exile and Holocaust to return at last to its native land.

By contrast, unlike native Americans and other native peoples, the Palestinians are a pseudo-nation, impostor tag-alongs who largely came to Palestine only after the Jews began to make it flourish. Originally an indistinguished part of the larger Arab nation, they assumed the name of the unrelated Philistines to stake a claim to a land they never owned. Indeed, Palestina was the name the Romans slapped on to the Holy Land after expelling the Jews with the express purpose of obscuring the original name of Judea.

History has known many tragedies, and the world should work to assist peoples displaced from their native lands. The Jews, more than perhaps any other people, have known dispersion. The state of Israel absorbed hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees, from the ruins of Europe and from the Arab and Muslim lands where they "enjoyed" second-class dhimmi status.

Israel is a nation of immigrants, and part of its mission is rescuing Jews from faraway lands in which they are trapped or persecuted. In the last decade, that includes the Russian remnant and the Ethiopian "House of Israel." The real tragedy of the Middle East is that the Arab States have kept Palestinian refugees in camps, fostering a culture of hatred and resentment and revenge, rather than resettling them or encouraging them to do something constructive with their lives.

This is not to say that there are no displaced or suffering Arabs, or that the phoniness of Palestinian claims and propaganda means that the human rights of individual Arabs should be ignored. But it does mean that the burden of resettling Arab refugees should fall primarily on the Arab States. And it also suggests that self-identified Palestinians should concentrate on building their own nation on part of the land, rather than denying the Jews their fair share of what was originally theirs before they were forcibly dispersed.

Osama bin Laden represents the failure of true revolution, and a disaster in the making for the Palestinians in particular: his message is only endless destruction. By the same token, Israel--a nation of returning natives from the four corners of the Earth--is the truly revolutionary country, while those who, like bin Laden, "cannot accept that Palestine will become Jewish," are the ones who literally missed the boat. And so, as even the Palestinians say with genuine dismay, he is "hijacking" their cause, at their great peril. They are aboard his jet, and he holds the box-cutter.

"Palestine" is the name given by the imperialists, colonialists, and terrorists--from Rome to Great Britain to Arafat and bin Laden--to conceal the Holy Land's original and rightful ownership. Sorry, Osama, too late: "Palestine" is again a Jewish State. The Jews have returned to Judea, never to leave again.

The historical legacy of the Holy Land is enshrined in the Bible and verified by archaeology, all the more reason why the Arabs seek to distort the Biblical record and destroy Jewish antiquities. The Biblical legacy of the "promised land" also represents an implicit bond between America and Israel--one more reason why bin Laden feels so terribly frustrated on Columbus Day.

And it is why he, like a rebellious brat who cannot get his way by constructive work, threatens to throw another destructive tantrum. If he makes enough noise and wreaks enough havoc, maybe people won't notice that he is, morally and historically, a fraud and a failure.

Postscript, added October 13th: On October 12 2001, just before midnight, a powerful car-bomb exploded in an underground parking lot in Madrid's Plaza Colon, named for Christopher Columbus and the site of a monument in his honor. The car had been towed to the lot after being illegally parked near the crowded site where the former King of Spain, Juan Carlos, appeared earlier in the day. As a result, no one was seriously injured. No terrorist group has yet claimed responsibility for the blast.

Israel Insider (www.israelinsider.com), Israel's daily newsmagazine....

Rosh HaShanah

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The person performing this symbolic act implores, "May it be God's will to grant us a good and sweet year." The person dips bread in the honey as well, in the hopes that just as the bread is sweet, so may the experiences of the coming year be only the most pleasant. On the second night, a fruit that has not yet been eaten during the year is tasted and an appropriate benediction is recited. Sefardic Jews have a complete Seder of Rosh Hashana, reminiscent of the Passover Seder and of the Tu B'shvat Seder.

Prayer

On Rosh Hashanah, Jews generally refrain from their daily occupations and activities and instead participate in communal worship. The prayer service primarily concerns itself with the lives and general welfare of individuals and the peace of all mankind. Unetane Tokef ("We will celebrate the holiness of this awesome day") is one of the day's most important prayers. It discusses the themes of this Day of Judgment, and concludes with the well-known phrase, "But penitence, prayer and charity avert the evil decree." Malhiot, Zihronot and Shofrot are prayers implying the acceptance of God's kingship: (Malhiot), a plea for Divine providence by remembering (Zihronot) the merits of our ancestors, and the hope that life and peace will descend upon the entire world as proclaimed by the SHOFAR - ram's horn (Shofrot). The Shofar blasts that call the congregants to repent occur before, during, as well as following the Additional (Mussaf) Service, except when Rosh Hashanah falls on the Sabbath. The Shofar is sounded a hundred times, at specific intervals in the service, to complete silence in the standing congregation.

The sounds are of three kinds: **Tekiah** - A long, deep note that ends abruptly; **Shevarim** - Three short blasts; and **Teruah** - nine short blasts. The last sound, a prolonged Tekiah, is called "**Tekiah Gedolah**."

Private Meditation

In the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, many Jews go to the banks of a river and recite verses from the prophets and other appropriate sources. This ceremony is symbolic of a person's casting (TASHLICH) his sins into the water's depths.

The Ten Days of Penitence

Rosh Hashanah inaugurates the Ten Days of Penitence (Asseret Yemey Teshuvah), the most solemn period of the Jewish calendar, a time set aside for sincere contemplation and repentance. The Sabbath that falls during these ten days is called "the Sabbath of Repentance" (Shabbat Shuvah), because the prophetic portion (Haftarah) read at the morning service opens with the word, "Shuvah" (literally: "Return") -- an exhortation for Israel to return to God.

These materials were adapted by the Jewish Agency's Department for Jewish Zionist Education from "New Year and Day of Atonement: Program Material for Youth and Adults", published by the Jewish Center Division, National Jewish Welfare Board, New York, 1952.

ON CAMERA:

NPR's Biased Corrections

by Alex Safian Associate Director CAMERA
August 13, 2002 www.camera.org

National Public Radio, the taxpayer-supported public radio network, has earned an unenviable reputation as the most anti-Israel news source in the mainstream U.S. media. In an effort to help NPR improve its coverage, CAMERA had repeatedly suggested in meetings with senior network officials that they follow the print media practice of correcting inaccurate or biased reports. Not only would this set the record straight, it would also encourage reporters to do better work, thereby sparing themselves the embarrassment of a correction.

For years the network resisted, claiming that its radio format made this difficult or impossible. Finally, with the rise of the internet, we suggested that NPR at least post corrections on its web page, and we were hopeful when the network finally adopted this policy around the fall of 2001.

Unfortunately, however, it seems that NPR's anti-Israel bias runs so deep that even its corrections are tilted against Israel. Thus, as of August 12, 2002, NPR had posted 34 corrections on its web page, with most -- 31 -- also broadcast on the air. However, there were only four corrections related to the Arab-Israeli conflict (there could have easily been 40 during this time period), and only two of these were also on-air corrections.

While systematically neglecting serious errors, NPR's corrections instead tended to dwell on the truly trivial. For example, on June 13, 2002 the network broadcast an admission that three days earlier it had incorrectly reported that the 1990 World Cup-winning German soccer team had represented a unified Germany. In fact, it had represented just West Germany. And on April 18th NPR promptly corrected the name of a test pilot who had first flown the B-52 bomber 50 years ago. It was Tex Johnston, not Tex Johnson.

Another prompt on-air correction pointed out that in an essay read by an Israeli teenager her hometown of Efrat "was not identified as an Israeli settlement, land occupied by the Israelis in the 1967 war. Of course, if NPR wants to get technical about this sort of thing, why not also note that Israel is present in the West Bank because, as the late King Hussein admitted, Jordan attacked Israel during the 1967 war? Why not add, as also admitted by the King, that Jordan's attack came after Israel had promised to leave Jordan alone if Jordan would leave Israel alone? Or that Jordan's possession of the West Bank was illegal and the result of aggression against Israel in 1948? One would wait in vain, however, to ever hear such facts on NPR.

Unfortunately, one does not wait in vain for NPR to mangle the statements of Israeli

officials. For example, after virtually every Palestinian attack, an NPR reporter or anchor can be counted on to utter the phrase, "Israeli officials say a Palestinian militant ...", or something similar. Well, in fact, the Israeli official probably said terrorist rather than "militant" or "gunman" or "activist," or any other of NPR's preferred euphemisms.

Sometimes this instant revisionism is taken to absurd lengths, as in a June 21 newscast reporting a Palestinian home invasion and murder of an Israeli mother and her two children. According to NPR, Israeli officials had attributed the attack to "Palestinian commandos." Commandos, of course, usually rescue hostages rather than murdering them.

Interestingly enough, though NPR claims to post on its website transcripts of all its Middle East coverage, this "commando" transcript was omitted, and the network ombudsman Jeffrey Dvorkin flatly denied that there had even been such a broadcast. Finally, almost a week later, the network posted a correction on its website claiming that a "newscaster misspoke." This correction, however, was never broadcast.

Indeed, besides the inane Efrat "correction," only one other report concerning Israel has been corrected on air -- a November 24, 2001 segment which claimed that Israeli settlers had shot and killed a Palestinian girl as she worked in her family's olive grove. Two days after this broadcast CAMERA contacted NPR President Kevin Klose privately, informing him that according to independent press accounts the girl had died after armed Palestinians hiding in the olive grove shot at Israeli soldiers, who then returned fire. Settlers had nothing to do with the girl's tragic death, and if anyone was to blame, it was the Palestinians who launched an attack despite the presence of nearby civilians.

While the Efrat story was corrected within a day, it took a full seven weeks, and much private pressure, for NPR to finally address the clear-cut, material error in its November 24th story. But rather than broadcast a forthright correction, NPR instead effectively informed listeners that, while Israeli settlers hadn't murdered the Palestinian girl, Israeli soldiers had. In what seems to have been a malicious omission, there was no mention whatsoever of the Palestinian ambush that led to the girl's death:

"A correction on a story that aired on this show last November. In the introduction to a story about Palestinian farmers and the frictions between them and Israeli settlers, we stated that 'a Palestinian girl was shot dead by settlers as she picked olives.' Reports by other news organizations attributed the shooting to Israeli soldiers. We have been unable to verify that settlers did the shooting and should not have stated that as fact." (Aired January 12, 2002)

How could anyone believe NPR would report honestly when, given seven weeks, it can't even correct honestly?

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THE JEWISH FEDERATION'S SUMMER DAY CAMP ON THE CASPE TERRACE

What Is It Like At Camp Shalom?

By Christy Bender

Director of Camp Shalom, pictured below, center.



Good morning! It's nine a.m. and another beautiful day at Camp Shalom on The Caspe Terrace. So you want to see the camp? Let me show you! Let's step outside the Bucksbaum Center and see what is happening.

You walk outside to a very large group of children screaming with excitement. They're running around on the playground with their friends, playing Israeli's most popular ball game gaga, swinging on the swings, and telling their counselors about their previous night's activities. For nine weeks, children had the opportunity to be with the wonderful staff at Camp Shalom. Did you miss out on this opportunity? Don't worry; although it is too late to join us this summer, here is a look back at what you missed.

Camp Shalom could not have asked for a better summer. Overall, we had very few days when the rain slowed us down and many days when the sun kept us wet with perspiration. The Caspe Terrace was a perfect place for us to be when both the sun and rain were at their extremes. It was so nice having the capability to go inside to a beautiful building when the staff felt it was needed. The Bucksbaum Center really benefited our youngest campers, in what we termed Camp Kibbutz.

Camp Kibbutz is for campers who are entering kindergarten up through second grade. Every morning, five days a week, these campers would have their programming on site at The Caspe Terrace. They would participate in a whole variety of activities rotated around a theme for the week. Some themes for this summer were Observing Shabbat, Being Kind to Animals, Esteeming the Elderly, and the Ten Commandments. Each week, the staff would plan arts and crafts, science and nature, drama, and tons of games that would go along with the weekly theme. Some weeks the campers would be fortunate enough to have a special guest come and visit.

For the older children, those entering third grade up through sixth grade, there was what we called Camp Maccabim. These children had the opportunity to sign up for three, four, or five-day programs, within each week of camp. While the Kibbutz campers enjoyed activities geared around a theme, the Maccabim campers participated in activities related to a sport or hobby. Some of these activities were horseback riding, cooking, soccer, baseball, chess, solar science, and fishing. After our daily morning announcements, the Maccabim campers would either get onto the bus and drive to a certain location or go to a specific spot on The Caspe Terrace grounds to engage in their activities. All morning, experts would help teach the Maccabim campers how to perfect their skills in the given sport or hobby.

In the afternoon the two camps would generally come together for a brief moment at The Caspe Terrace so campers could eat lunch together. The camps would then part again. Usually the Kibbutz campers would head off to Valley High School for swimming. While at the pool, the staff would split the campers up into groups according to the campers swimming abilities and then teach each group swimming techniques according to the group's level. These lessons would last about 25 minutes. The remainder of the time spent in the pool is for free swim.



While Kibbutz campers are at the pool, the Maccabim campers are enjoying learning about Israeli culture with native Israelis Hen and Sigal, specifically brought to Des Moines by the Federation to work at Camp Shalom. Hen and Sigal help lead fun games and activities for the campers to participate in that help educate the campers about

Israel. Once Kibbutz is done with swimming, they go back to camp and partake in the fun with Hen and Sigal and the Maccabim campers swim.

And that concludes our brief tour. But now for a few words of thanks:

This summer would not have been so successful without the help of parents, campers, and certain community members. I want to thank you all for everything you have done. I could not have run this camp without all of your help. I had the hardest-working staff around – and they really deserve many thanks. When all the campers had gone home for the day, we gathered to have meetings and to get more work done. All of my staff did far more than what was expected, and their dedication is greatly appreciated. Please congratulate them, when you see them on the streets, for concluding a successful summer with the children of our future.

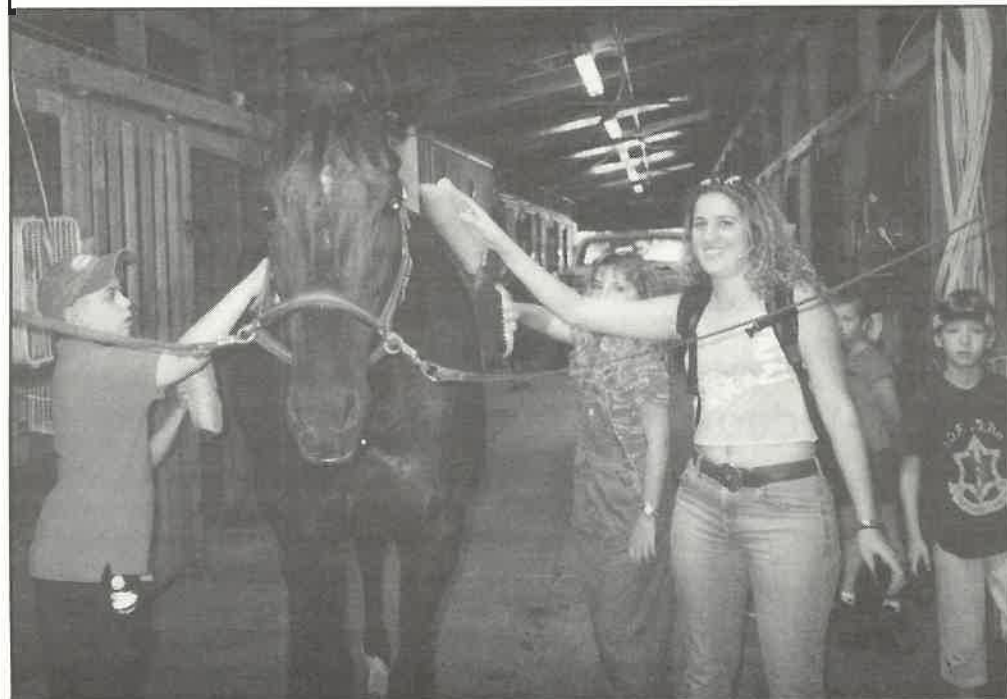


Here are our Counselors: Steve Beckerman, Jenny Khalastchi, Nina Givan, Luba Aginsky, Emily Engman, Molly Foss, Justin Schoen, Cara Stein, Joe Tripp, Stan Tsirulnikov and our two Israeli Cultural Specialists Hen Alaluf and Sigal Mazor. And our delightful Counselors-In-Training: Tegan Isleman, Sarah Cramer, Emily Kreamer, Natalie Mirsky, Gene Pusin and Andrew Rosenfeld.



If you have any questions about the camp, please feel free to call me at 371-0667 or e-mail me at cebender@aol.com.

A final note: Do not worry kids; if you missed the fun this summer, there is another summer just around the corner! Hope to see everyone at Camp Shalom in 2003!



'Iowans For A Secure Israel' Circulates Position-Statement Statewide Iowans Asked To Endorse Pro-Israel Statement

Iowans for a Secure Israel continues to attract signatories from around the state in support of its pro-Israel position statement, below. Members of the independent, non-partisan, ad hoc organization hope to increase awareness in Iowa of the terrible situation faced by Israel and to build additional support among Iowans for Israel's continuing efforts to defend itself against Palestinian terrorism.

Signatures endorsing the statement are welcome from any Iowan who agrees to lend their name to public disclosure of their support. There is no financial commitment required.

The group's position statement was adopted at a meeting of over fifty Jewish community members on April 7, 2002. The initiative was introduced by Bud Hockenberg and Mark Finkelstein.

The position statement from Iowans for a Secure Israel reads as follows:

We support the right of the State of Israel to exist and to protect her citizens within secure and defensible boundaries.

Supporting Statements

- America and Israel are allies in the war against terrorism.
- Most Arab nations have used military, economic, and political means to try to destroy Israel over the past 54 years.
- After rejecting Israel's unprecedented concessions presented in 2000, including the offer of Palestinian statehood, Chairman Arafat planned and launched an effort to destroy Israel through use of homicide bombers, educated by Palestinian school-books to hate and destroy Israel.
- After more than 400 murders of innocent Israeli civilians, the equivalent of 24,000 Americans in proportional terms, Israel must eliminate the military infrastructure created by Chairman Arafat, in flagrant violation of all the peace process agreements he signed.

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To endorse the above statement, simply sign and return to us. To obtain additional copies to circulate, contact Iowans for a Secure Israel c/o 910 Polk Blvd, Des Moines, IA 50322. Fax: 515 277-4069. E-mail: jrcrc@dmjfed.org.

On Language

When Goldy is not Gordy

By Mark Finkelstein

Ever wonder what it would feel like to speak another language without an accent? As someone with a slight Brooklyn accent - whose name is often pronounced as Mawk (aw as in 'for') in those quarters -- I often wonder what it would feel like to speak Walter Cronkite English. But that's another story.

The question, however, is essentially: what makes one language sound different from another? The answer: each language has its own sound vocabulary, and the sounds that are unique to each language are called allophones. Now I understand that an infant is born with the ability to produce the full spectrum of vocal sounds, but at some early stage the sounds in our language are reinforced while we somehow lose the ability to mimic other sounds as easily. A pity, isn't it?

Imagine the different ways, for example, you can pronounce the letter "R." A speech therapist would be able to name the different regions of the tongue, palate, lips and throat that can work together in creating different variants of the R sound - I can't. Suffice it to say that most people can distinguish between three R sounds: the common American R (as in the word 'red'), a crisply rolled R, where the tongue flutters up and down multiple times (recall, if you can, the 'r-r-ruffles' commercial), and a guttural R, a gurgling

sound (as they pronounce the word 'France' in the movie Casablanca.)

On a recent visit to Israel, I had an experience that relates to all of this.

Upon arrival in the country, several Israelis informed me, in conversation, that someone named Goldy would be joining us and asked if I knew Goldy. To my knowledge, I knew no Goldy. Time passed and in the group I was with, there were a number of people - but no Goldy.

Only then did I realize -- aha! -- that the Israelis were not referring to a Goldy, but to a Gordy. The fellow's name was Gordon, abbreviated to Gordy. Imagine Shimon Peres, for example, trying to say the name Gordy, and you'll see what I mean. They were pronouncing the R in his name with something that sounded like an L to me. It certainly wasn't the American R sound that we would use.

So in addition to my finding out who they were talking about, this gave me some insight into how Israeli's pronounce one type of their Rs.

Try it. Say "Goldy," think "Gordy." Can you hear it? If so, see if you can identify the instant in which the L turns into an R, and if you can feel the shape your throat has to make in order to blur the distinction between these sounds.

If you can do this, then maybe, just maybe, you'll have a clearer understanding of Shimon Peres the next time he speaks on TV.



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Don and Margo Blumenthal build Kosher Kitchen

Blumenthal Kitchen to Broaden Use of The Caspe Terrace



Margo and Don Blumenthal

A gift from Margo and Don Blumenthal, in the name of their family, has funded construction of the kitchen on The Caspe Terrace. This signals an additional and significant step forward for use of the facilities. On behalf of the community, the Jewish Federation thanks the Blumenthals for their timely and generous gift, which will furnish the kitchen with the necessary appliances and cabinetry.

The Blumenthal Kitchen is one of two kitchens within the Bookey Lodge in the Martin Bucksbaum Center. It will be used by the congregations, community organizations, and the Federation for events held in the Bucksbaum Center and will be maintained under kashruth standards. Up until now, we have been unable to schedule events with kosher meals

requiring on-site preparation at the Bucksbaum Center. The Blumenthal Kitchen will complement the Bookey Kitchen used without formal kashruth supervision. Together, both kitchens, located right across from each other in the Bookey Lodge, meet our community's needs, and both are valuable contributions to the Caspe Terrace.

The project means a great deal to both Don and Margo, who also donated funds in 1978 to establish a kitchen in the new wing at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. When interviewed, they both remarked how pleased they are to have the opportunity to endow the kosher kitchen as it allows so many events to take place within the Center. "It expands the way our entire community can use the facilities on The Caspe Terrace and encourages our congregations to plan events there," said Margo.

We look forward to all the wonderful programs made possible through use of the Blumenthal Kitchen. Thank you, Margo and Don!

About the Blumenthals

Margo and Don Blumenthal have been involved in the business and charitable communities of Des Moines for over 30 years. Don is a native of Des Moines, graduating from Roosevelt High School and the University of Oklahoma. He founded Steel Warehousing in 1965 and sold the business in 1995. He is now the principal owner of Laser Resources, Shred All and Budget Storage. Margo was raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma and has a bachelor's degree from UCLA and a master in education from Drake University. They were married in 1967 and have one daughter, Joscelyn, who lives in San Jose, California.

Both Margo and Don are serious athletes. Margo was a ranked tennis singles player and Don has run multiple marathons. They bicycle or run regularly and ski, golf and kayak when the opportunity arises. Don has discovered the joys (and dangers) of motorcycling. He has made it to Sturgis on his Harley twice out of three attempts. The two of them travel extensively and particularly enjoy visiting less-developed nations. Within the last few years, they have climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, trekked through Bhutan, and cruised on the rivers of Egypt, India and Burma.

Margo and Don's involvement in the community is so extensive that we can only provide highlights. Together, they were honorary chairs of the Variety Club Telethon in 1995 and headed the Jewish Federation's All-In-One Campaign for several years. They are currently co-chairs for the Convalescent Home for Children Capital Campaign. The Central Iowa Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives recognized them as "outstanding volunteer fundraisers". The pair was honored by the NCCJ in 2000 and by the Des Moines Jewish Academy in 2002 for their many contributions to the community.

Don serves on the boards of Bankers Trust, Variety Club of Iowa, Grandview College, and Greater Des Moines YMCA and the Des Moines Jewish Foundation. He is also a member of the board of Youth Emergency Services and Shelter for whom he chaired a \$2.5 million capital campaign. In recognition of his work, Y.E.S.S. named their 24-hour shelter for young children The Blumenthal Crisis Nursery. Within the Jewish community, in addition to serving on the Jewish Foundation, he has served on the boards of the Jewish Federation, Tifereth Israel Synagogue Board, and the Iowa Jewish Life Center.

Margo serves on the board of the Greater Des Moines Community Board and the Blank Park Zoo. In the past, she has been a member of the boards of the Children Habilitation Center, Children and Families of Iowa, Des Moines Symphony and the Iowa Games. In 2000, she was given the "Woman of Influence" award for her volunteer efforts in the community. She has chaired the Golden Ball, served on the boards of the Jewish Federation and Tifereth Israel Women's League.

Message from the Federation President

Don Schoen



NEW YEARS IS A TIME OF CHOICES, CHOSE TO GET INVOLVED!

Despite the challenges that have faced our country over the past year, we continue to grow closer together both as Americans and as members of the Jewish community. If anything, the events of the past year have emphasized how important our Federation is in providing for the needs of our community members.

As a result of the work we have been doing in light of our potential, many people in our community have begun to realize that our cup is half empty, but half full. And in fact, much more than half full. We are very fortunate, indeed.

We now enter a new year, 5763. Each year our faith celebrates a new year, a new beginning for each of us, if we make the effort. With the passing into a new year, new options are always available to each of us. It is my hope, as your president, that within the coming year each member of the community take it upon himself or herself to do something for this community through either their synagogue or through the federation.

By taking a more active role in these organizations, you can help make our community a more dynamic, responsive, and enjoyable place to live.

It is not exclusively up to a friend, relative or a member of an organization to engage you in an activity. Take the initiative! I know it is hard for some, for whatever reason. But it is through everyone's actions that Greater Des Moines will not only become "greater" for those who live here, but will become attractive to those who are seeking to relocate.

Thank you, and Shanah tovah.

President of the Judaic Resource Center

Jim Christiansen



"With our people under fire more than at any time since the 1930s and '40s, it is more important than ever that we put aside our differences and come together. Temporary conflicts, differences in personalities or level of observance, cannot be allowed to divide us; either here or in Israel."

Jim is Professor of Biology at Drake University. He earned a Ph.D. at the University of New Mexico, an M.S. from the University of Utah, and a B.A. from Buena Vista College (as it was then called), in Storm Lake, Iowa, where he graduated Valedictorian. He has published over fifty scientific articles and one book and has presented many professional papers on topics including the aging process in mammals, and reptiles. In 1997, he was elected president of the Iowa Academy of Science.

Among his business interests, Jim is involved in the re-exploration of abandoned oil fields in the region and oil exploration in Iowa.

Jim and his wife Dr. Sarah Christiansen live in Wildwood, about two miles north of Van Meter. They have two children. A son, Isaac, and a daughter Rebecca.

As president of the Judaic Resource Center, Jim has a seat on the Jewish Federation's Board of Directors.

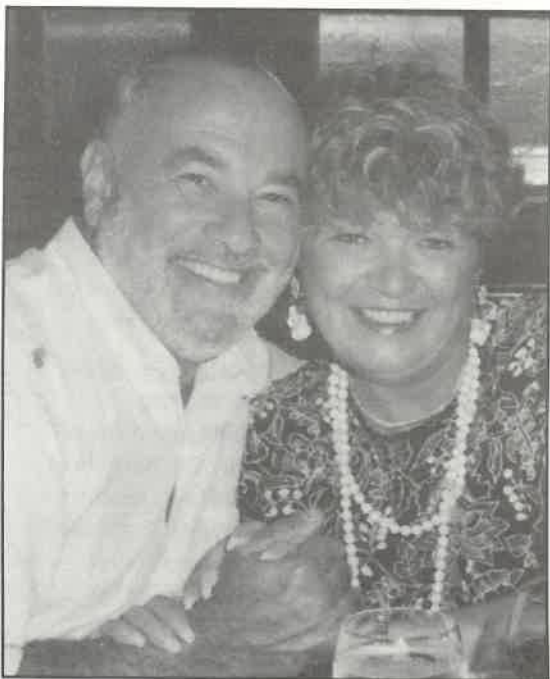
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Suzanne and Larry Engman Endow the Future of Camp Shalom



Suzanne and Larry Engman

The Federation is delighted to announce that Suzanne and Larry Engman have generously created an endowment fund to support the Jewish Federation's summer day camp, Camp Shalom. The Camp, which will now bear their names, has been a hallmark of our community for over forty years. Especially over the past few years, it has attained a very high level of excellence and has increased its student enrollment. This year, for the first time, camp was held at its new home, The Caspe Terrace.

When interviewed about their decision to endow the camp, Suzanne and Larry are quick to point out that Camp Shalom is something that they see as being essential to the lives of young, Jewish children. The camp must be alive and vital, they say, and in

conversation they touch upon both the past and the future.

Camp Shalom is a means of giving our children additional Jewish content within their every-day lives. In the past, the Jewish community lived in close proximity. "We were lucky," said Suzanne. "We lived in a neighborhood where our children went to school, played and car-pooled with children from many Jewish congregations. They also went to Camp Shalom where they met Jewish children from other neighborhoods. It was very important to their development as Jews."

Currently, Camp Shalom brings young Israelis to Des Moines each year as counselors and Israeli cultural specialists. "It is still bringing all of our young children together so they get to know each other while engaging in sports, arts and crafts, and other creative activities within a Jewish context," said Larry, "— and how wonderful to have such a beautiful new home." Larry added, "What better place to leave an endowment than to the children — to the future."

Camp Shalom is very much about the future of our community. As Suzanne summed it up: "Anything we can do to nurture our children within our faith is nurturing our faith for the future."

The Federation thanks Suzanne and Larry Engman for helping our community build a future through the continuing development of Camp Shalom. We are now proud to title it Engman Camp Shalom in their honor.

About the Engmans

The Engman family traces its roots in Des Moines back to the early 1900s when Nathan and Sarah Engman emigrated from Russia with their five children. In 1921, Sam Engman, their second son, married Rebecca Beckerman. Together, the couple raised five sons and later welcomed five daughters-in-law into the family, matching Milton with Eskie, Gerald with Ruth, Norman with Betty Lou, Stanley with Shari, and Larry with Suzanne.

Larry and Suzanne have six grown children: David and Luz Engman, Tracy and Lenny Finkelshteyn, Rob and Stacy Engman, and two grandchildren: Rebecca and Anya Finkelshteyn.

The family business, EMCO Enterprises, was started by Sam and "Becky" in 1932 and each of their sons joined as they were able to contribute to the growth of the company which manufactured auto parts and household goods. Larry eventually served as CEO. Suzanne is an attorney.

Many generations of the Engman family have served in leadership roles on the boards and committees of the Jewish Federation and Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Larry served as President of the Jewish Federation 1993-1995, was on the National Board of HIAS, and is currently on the Board of the Des Moines Jewish Foundation. Suzanne is Past President of the Jewish Community Relations Commission and also served on the National Board of the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

Their participation in Jewish life goes way beyond the boundaries of our own community. Both Suzanne and Larry have demonstrated their deep and abiding commitment to caring for Jews worldwide. Suzanne is a Lion of Judah and Larry is a member of the King David Society, both of which are internationally recognized as being our community's foremost means of conveying tzedakah.

(Text adapted from the Engman entry in the Jewish Foundation's Book of Life.)

WOMEN'S CONSTITUENCY

International Lion of Judah Conference October 13-15

Save the Date for the International Lion of Judah Conference: October 13-15, 2002 at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C.

We will be honoring Dr. Deborah Lipstadt, outspoken fighter against Holocaust deniers, at this year's conference.

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What is the Lion of Judah?

While every dollar counts, there has been extraordinary movement in women's giving. It is called the Lion of Judah. And it is roaring.

Introduced in 1972 for the Miami Women's Division campaign, the Lion of Judah pin has firmly established itself as a symbol of commitment to the worldwide Jewish community.

The diamond inset 14-karat gold pin was created for the woman making a personal pledge to the annual campaign of \$5,000 or more. When the program started, there were 16 women who qualified; by the end of the 1970s, there were more than 400 women in Miami who proudly wore their Lion of Judah pins.

In 1980, guidelines developed by leaders of the Miami and UJA National Women's Campaigns enabled other communities to participate in the program by adding their individual logo designs to the copyrighted pin. This is the only variance permitted except for Or L'Atid — symbol of the Lion of Judah Endowment.

In 1983, a national logo was created for the pin. Communities have a choice of contracting with Miami for their local versions, or of ordering the National version. Regional and National Lion of Judah events have helped expand the program, which also has been adapted by

Joel, Robert G. Kaiser, Naomi Levine, Limor Livnat, Dr. John Ruskay, Linda Scherzer, and Linda Kaplan Thaler.

Workshops and breakout sessions will be focused in these five areas:

- Israel/Global Jewish community
- Domestic Agenda
- Community Relations
- Renaissance and Renewal
- Women and Money

To register for the conference, contact the Jewish Federation at 277-6321.

Keren Hayesod.

In 1985, a Lion of Judah pin with a RUBY inset was established in recognition of an individual woman's personal commitment of \$10,000 or more to the annual campaign.

As the decade of the 1980s ended, the program was extended to recognize even higher levels of women's giving. A SAPPHIRE inset acknowledges contributors of a minimum \$18,000, and an EMERALD inset those women who contribute \$25,000 or more.

In 1992, to mark the 20th Anniversary of the pin, a new \$50,000 level was established with a CANARY DIAMOND inset; the stone and the category it represents are known as the ZAHAV (golden) DIAMOND.

Women's Campaigns have assumed an increasingly significant role in raising funds for the UJA Federation Campaign. Today, there are nearly 12,000 Lions of Judah in the U.S.; 900 in Canada; and more than 13,000 worldwide.

The Annual Federation Campaign alone cannot secure the future of our Jewish community. Your Lion of Judah Endowment can, by endowing your annual gift to the All-In-One. We'd be happy to provide additional information about this important program. Please give us a call at 277-6321.

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Author of: *Niagara Falls All Over Again*

Visiting Associate Professor, Writers Workshop, University of Iowa

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Elizabeth McCracken

is the recipient of the Harold Vursell Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and has received grants from the Guggenheim Foundation,

the Michener Foundation, the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, and the National Endowment for the Arts. She was also honored as one of Granta's 20 Best American Writers Under 40. In addition to The Giant's House, a Barnes & Noble Discover Award winner, she is the author of Here's Your Hat, What's Your Hurry.

Ms. McCracken's roots play an essential role in the creation of her leading character Mose Sharp born into a Jewish family in small-town Iowa. Set partly in Valley Junction, the site of her maternal grandparents' Ruth and Harry Jacobsons', business, McCracken's novel includes references to everything from George the Chili King and Johnnie's Vets Club to Temple B'nai Jeshurun and the old Jewish Community Center.

Spanning the waning years of vaudeville and the golden age of Hollywood, *Niagara Falls All Over Again* chronicles a flawed, passionate friendship over thirty years, weaving a powerful story of family and love, grief and loss. An elegiac and uniquely American novel, *Niagara Falls All Over Again* is storytelling at its finest — powerful proof that Elizabeth McCracken is one of the most dynamic and wholly original voices of her generation.

Chapters in American Jewish History

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How Wyatt Earp Got Buried in a Jewish Cemetery

In 1867, six-year old Josephine Sarah Marcus moved with her observant immigrant German-Jewish parents from Brooklyn, NY, to San Francisco. There, Josie was given the rudiments of a Jewish education, including saying her prayers at home, but she was also exposed to the romance of San Francisco's Gold Rush era. In 1879,

When Josephine heard the sound of guns that October evening, she ran from her house and jumped on a passing wagon, which took her to the O.K. Corral.

when she was 18, Josie went to see the Pauline Markham Theater Company perform Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore" and, with a friend, decided to run away with the company when it left town.

When the troupe performed in Tombstone, Arizona Territory, she fell in love with Johnny Behan, Tombstone's corrupt sheriff. Johnny

introduced Josephine to Wyatt Earp, at that time a deputy U. S. marshal. Earp won Josie's heart and married her, a relationship that lasted fifty years. Thus it is that Wyatt Earp, legendary figure of the Wild West, today lies buried in a Jewish cemetery.

While we know a great deal about Josie Earp and her Jewish upbringing, Wyatt Earp is a figure whose life story is mixed in with his myth. In 1881, Wyatt Earp (still a U. S. marshal) and his brothers Virgil and Morgan, along with their friend Doc Holliday, attained immortality in a

shoot-out with their sworn enemies, the Clanton gang, at the O.K. Corral. During the confrontation, three members of the Clanton gang were killed and Virgil and Morgan Earp were wounded. The surviving Clantons charged that the Earp brothers and Holliday stalked their victims, some of whom were unarmed, and shot first without provocation. The Earps and Holliday, in turn, claimed that the Clantons were waiting for them and cocked their pistols first.

When Josephine heard the sound of guns that October evening, she ran from her house and jumped on a passing wagon, which took her to the O.K. Corral. She knew that the Earps and the Clantons had a showdown but, in her first moments on the scene, she couldn't tell who was left standing "I didn't know at the time who was wounded," she later wrote, "and was too frightened to get closer. I almost swooned when I saw Wyatt's tall figure very much alive. He spotted me, and [with companions] came across the street. Like a feather-brained girl my only thought was, 'My God, I haven't got a bonnet on. What will they think?'"

While the facts of the shoot-out will remain forever in dispute, the courts acquitted the Earps and Holliday on the ground of self-defense. The Clanton gang later took revenge by ambushing Wyatt and Morgan Earp in a saloon, killing Morgan. Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday then took justice into their own hands by raiding various outlaw hideouts and killing individuals who they suspected participated in Morgan's death.

Now on the run from the law in Arizona, Josie and Wyatt Earp moved to Gunnison, Colorado, where that state's governor refused to extradite Wyatt back to Arizona on the grounds that he could not get a fair trial. The restless Wyatt and Josie began a life that matched a Hollywood movie script, relocating whenever a new gold, silver or copper mining boomtown appeared.

They invested in mines and real estate and operated saloons and gambling parlors in such far-flung places as Nome, Alaska and Eagle City, Idaho. For a while, they lived with Josephine's parents in San Francisco, giving Josie -if only briefly- a bit of the warmth of the Jewish home she grew up in. Finally, Wyatt and Josie settled in Southern California, where they owned racehorses and lived on their winnings from gambling and real estate speculation. In the 1920's, Josephine and Wyatt invested in oil wells, worked on Wyatt's autobiography and drafted a screenplay about his career as a lawman.

According to historian Harriet Rochlin, the Earps' original screenplay was never produced but journalist Stuart Lake took a great interest in it and began to write his own biography of Wyatt Earp. When Wyatt died in 1929 at age 81, Josie Earp and Stuart Lake argued about Lake's forthcoming portrayal of Wyatt, which Josie found unflattering. In 1931, when Lake's biography, "Wyatt Earp - Frontier Marshal," finally appeared with the offending passages stricken, according to Rochlin, it "fueled fifty years of Wyatt Earp mania, pro and con, in print and in film." At least three movies have been made about the gunfight at the O. K. Corral. Josephine Marcus Earp had helped craft an authentic American legend.

The widowed Josie buried Wyatt's ashes in the Marcus family plot at the Little Hills of Eternity, a Jewish cemetery in Colma, California. When she died in 1944, Josie's remains were buried next to Wyatt's. Today, their graves are the most popular tourist destination in Colma.

A simple plaque anchored flat on the ground marks Josephine and Wyatt's shared plot. Unlike the other graves around it, no upright stone marks the location. Josie once had an imposing stone marker embedded in a 250-pound block of concrete to mark Wyatt's grave. In 1957, some of what must have been Wyatt's fans stole it.

DES MOINES/ISRAEL PARTNERSHIP 2000'S LIVING BRIDGE PROGRAM

Musical Groups From Western Galilee High Schools To Visit In December



Leah Zait
Music Coordinator

Your help is invited in offering hospitality to our Israeli guests!

Two musical groups comprised of students from the high schools of Israel's Western Galilee are set to visit Des Moines, December 10 and December 11, 2002. The visit, coordinated through UJC's Partnership 2000 [P2K] program, will bring Mate Asher's Vocal Ensemble and String Ensemble. The Vocal Ensemble will be conducted by the district's music coordinator Leah Zait, who met in Israel this summer

with Jewish Federation P2K representatives Tim Urban and Mark Finkelstein to help plan the visit. The Vocal Ensemble is comprised of seven student vocalists from Kibbutz Hanita, Kibbutz Ein HaMifratz, Kfar Vradim, and Nahariya.

The String Ensemble, which is slightly larger, will be con-

ducted by Uri Chen. Students in the ensemble are from Karmiel, Kibbutz Lochamei HaGhetaot, Klil, Kibbutz Hanita, and Kibbutz Kabri.

Our Federation's Partnership 2000 Committee is working with friends to have the Israeli students socialize with Jewish teens in Des Moines, visit and perform at a local high school, and offer a free, public performance the evening of Wednesday, December 11 in the Bucksbaum Auditorium at The Caspe Terrace.

If you would like to host one or more of the student musicians, please contact the Federation's P2K Program at 277-6321 x 214. The students range in age from 14 to 20. Other volunteers will be needed to help as well.

After performing in Des Moines, the Western Galilee youth ensembles are scheduled to go on to Omaha. Des Moines and Omaha are among the thirteen American Jewish communities of the P2K Central Area Consortium paired with the Western Galilee Region of Israel.

Two Represent Des Moines at P2K meetings in Israel

The Des Moines Jewish community was able to convey its support for Israel personally, in July, when two of our Federation representatives, Tim Urban and Mark Finkelstein, attended the semi-annual Partnership 2000 (P2K) Steering Committee meetings held in the Western Galilee. Part Solidarity Mission, part support mission for the P2k process, part business and all pleasure, this summer's meetings were exceptionally compelling.

For those who are unfamiliar with P2K, an introduction...

Des Moines is one of 13 Jewish communities allied, in consortium, with the Western Galilee, one of the nearly 30 Israeli economically underdeveloped regions or cities paired with American and Canadian cities. By all measures, Partnership 2000 has proven to be the most effective and personal

means to assist Israel economically while fostering personal relationships between American and Israeli community members. And the Central Region Consortium, to which we belong, is considered among the most productive of the regional pairings. The project is coordinated by lay leadership within the American communities in conjunction with Federation staff, and works closely with the United Jewish Communities, the Jewish Agency for Israel and community professionals from within the institutions in our Israeli region.

Geographically, the Western Galilee extends along the Mediterranean coast of Israel north from Acco to Rosh Hanikrah on the Lebanese border and inland for some 15 miles. There are over 30 towns, moshavim or kibbutzim within the district, including Arab-villages. Among the institutions in the Western Galilee are the following: The [Warsaw] Ghetto Fighters Holocaust Museum and Educational Facilities, Western Galilee College, Western Galilee Hospital, The MATI [the small business development center], Mate Asher county administration, Acco city administration (and the school districts within each of the aforementioned areas) and the Tourism Amutah [Regional Tourism Agency]. In addition, the region offers several hotels and a variety of Bed and Breakfast establishments, a developing coastal beach, moshav/kibbutz based industries and agricultural fields.

Working within the Partnership is a delight in several aspects. As part of the American committee, one participates,

usually, in either Economic, Social Service, or Educational committee work, maintaining communication with our Israeli counterparts throughout the year. When we convene in Israel, the task is generally to observe how the existing or prospective projects work in context. The on-site visits are wonderful and often very moving -- because one can observe interactions that truly make a difference in the Israeli quality of life. But make no

mistake about it, the committee meetings with Israeli constituents -- replete with simultaneous translation devices -- involves close, critical listening, tactful questioning, and in the final analysis, some difficult decision making so as to make the best use of the funding we have available. At last count, there is some \$480,000 that must be allocated in October, with regard to criteria that benefit the American communities as well as our Israeli communities.

In the process of the summer meetings, we made initial arrangements to welcome, to Des Moines in December, a high school musical ensemble from Mate Asher.

With members of the hospital administration, we discussed the need for physicians to participate in a special run-through program, at the hospital, in preparation to contend with a war-related disaster, and we examined armor-plated ambulances, like the one our community has committed itself to purchase for the hospital.

We met with local teachers preparing to attend a professional Jewish educators conference in the States later this summer and helped them refine their presentations. We viewed first-hand several social service projects that included young Arab participants (situations that are bound to impact their future relations with their Jewish neighbors) and had an opportunity to chat with them. We spent time with a member of the Jewish Agency Board, who wanted to see what our Consortium was accomplishing. And we were introduced to a prospective project, that of developing the potential of the city of Acco, which, as well, has to do ultimately with keeping the Western Galilee intact as part of the Israeli enterprise. All this and the numerous opportunities we had to deepen our friendships with the people of this remarkable region (and to sample their delicious fare!)

Your Federation welcomes your participation in P2K. If you love people, come get involved. There's a place for you in our collective efforts to build a human bridge between our communities and to help develop the human and economic potential within the Western Galilee. Give us a call and volunteer your time to this heart-warming project.



Achziv Beach in Western Galilee

MEDICAL NEWS FROM WESTERN GALILEE

Life-Saving Surgery On A 580-Gram Infant

By Judith Jochnowitz
8 July 2002

A rare, perhaps one-of-a-kind, operation was recently performed at the Western Galilee Hospital, Nahariya, Israel. The patient was one of twins born prematurely by emergency Caesarian section in the 26th week of pregnancy. The first twin died from severe Respiratory Distress Syndrome. The surviving twin, a girl, suffered from infiltration of air bubbles into the interstitial tissue of her right lung, progressively damaging the surrounding tissue.

One of the bubbles developed into a large bulla (sac) in the lower lobe of the lung, destroying the lobe and compressing the remainder of the lung. It pushed the heart to the left and pressed on the other, already weakened, lung.

This led to the rapid deterioration of the condition of the girl who, at 5 weeks weighed only 580 grams, requiring immediate removal of the air sac. Such an operation is risky, but without it the baby would not have survived.

The doctors of the Western Galilee Hospital (Joseph Lemer, MB.ChB., F.R.C.S. Ed., senior thoracic surgeon, Department of Surgery and Sylvia Hershcowitz, M.D., Acting Head, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) met the challenge. A doctor from the Department of Neonatology ventilated the girl manually, no anesthetic equipment fits such a small baby, and the thoracic surgeons used the smallest surgical instruments available. Immediately following the operation the remaining right lung expanded, the heart was back in normal position and the pressure on the left lung was gone.

During the first post-operative weeks, the girl's condition remained critical necessitating her stay in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Progress was slow but steady. She was gradually weaned from the respirator and from oxygen. At discharge, over 3 months later, she was breathing normally and weighed 2.4 kilograms.

Throughout this difficult period the parents, new immigrants from the Former Soviet Union, received constant support from the NICU's social worker, who did much to alleviate their anxiety concerning the surviving child.

The care of extremely low birth-weight infants has progressed much in recent years. However, lung surgery is still considered a complex intervention, even for older children. Performing surgery of this nature on such a low weight, premature, infant is most unusual. To the best of our knowledge no such case has previously been reported.

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book review

by Gerald L. Sorokin
Director, University of Iowa Hillel

Bruce Feiler, *Walking the Bible:
A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses.*
New York: William Morrow, 2001.

One of the most challenging aspects of the debate surrounding Israel and the Palestinians is that the Jews are regarded by many critics as foreign usurpers of Arab land whose connection to the territory is, at best, indirect and obsolete. While many of these people express sympathy for the historical plight of the Jews, particularly their treatment by Nazi Germany, they see no justification for Jewish settlement in Palestine and they blame twentieth-century Jewish colonization for the statelessness of Palestinian Arabs. The response of many supporters of Israel is that the Zionist project—the establishment and flourishing of a modern Jewish state in the ancient Land of Israel—is the fulfillment of an ancient process that can be traced to the Torah, where God promised the land to Abraham and his descendants.

Jews are taught about this promise as children; we hear about it each year in High Holiday sermons; and we internalize it to the point that we don't think to question it. But what does it really mean? How can an ancient document—the Torah—that is said to have been handed down by God to Moses at Mt. Sinai be the basis for a modern political movement? What if there was no Moses? What if Mt. Sinai was the invention of religious authors? More generally, if archeologists cannot find proof that the characters of the Torah actually lived, that the events actually occurred, or even that the sites they supposedly took place in actually existed—then what credibility does the Zionist claim have?

Questions like these lie at the heart of *Walking the Bible*, the fascinating and entertaining new book by the Jewish travel writer, Bruce Feiler. Feiler decides that the best way to address these problems is to take the Torah, chapter by chapter, and travel to the places where its events supposedly took place. (Note: for reasons he never makes clear, Feiler speaks of "the Bible" or, less often, "the Five Books of Moses"; I prefer the term "Torah" and use it in this review.) Over the course of several months, Feiler visits modern Turkey, the West Bank, the Galilee, Egypt, the Sinai, the Negev, and various other places in between. Ostensibly, his mission is to begin to understand the Torah by reading it in the places it describes. In fact, that is exactly what he does. But, as is clear right from the start of his book, Feiler's journey is as much a spiritual self-examination as a literal journey through ancient historical sites.

Feiler is neither a biblical scholar nor an archeologist. To serve as his guide, he recruits Avner Goren, who was Israel's chief archeologist in the Sinai from 1967 through 1982, when that territory was returned to Egypt. Goren is one of those rare individuals who not only knows as much as anyone about the subject matter—Torah, desert geography and botany, Bedouin sociology, and practically any other relevant topic—but is universally respected in both the academic community and the general public. After reading this book, I immediately started thinking about how to get Goren to come to Iowa City to speak at Hillel!

Feiler begins his travels as a skeptical, but open-minded, reader of Biblical stories. He seems to want to find evidence that the events took place and the characters actually lived. What is both exciting and frustrating about his book is that the evidence he finds is rarely scientifically persuasive, but somehow worth taking seriously anyway. At each stop, he talks to people who are convinced of the truth of the local story, whether it's Noah's ark resting on Mt. Ararat, Joseph serving as a high-ranking government official in Egypt, or Moses dying on Mt. Nebo, overlooking the Promised Land. It's the sincerity of these people's beliefs that lends credibility to the Torah's stories.

The most troubling aspect of the book—both for the reader and, it seems, the author—is his idea of "desert people". Feiler and Goren travel through the Sinai and Negev deserts by foot, on camels, in Jeeps, sleeping in tents or under the stars in a modern-day version of the ancient Israelites' wandering. They meet people—Jews, Muslims, Christians, others—for whom the desert has intense spiritual value. The process of surviving in the desert helps to cement humans' connection to the land, to one another, and, ultimately, to God.

On page 370 Feiler writes, "If I could feel a growing openness in myself, if I could sense a similar feeling in...countless other people we met, if I could picture a world full of ecumenical desert people, in touch with their inner selves, riding a wave of sand-hewn memories to international peace and togetherness, then surely it would happen." But there's a problem: what unites all of these desert people seems ultimately to be superseded by political affiliations that derive from religious backgrounds. Feiler is clearly distraught when he learns that the hospitable and charming Bedouins he is staying with in the Sinai have a different version of the Exodus story: from the Koran, they know Moses as the prophet who led the Israelites out of bondage in Egypt; but they know nothing of a Promised Land.

And maybe that's the key. Whether or not the Torah is "true" has little relevance to other people—even religious people who claim to respect the ancient Jewish traditions. The conflict between Jews and others over modern Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza cannot ultimately be solved by appealing to people's shared attachments to the holy texts or the desert. The competing claims are inherently political, and the solutions must be political, too. Feiler's travels help us understand the deeply-felt attachments of numerous people to the land of the Torah. They don't give us much guidance for solving political disputes.



Paintings from Israel

Arthouse on Ingersoll is pleased to host the first Iowa exhibition of paintings by Olga Oreshnikov and Hanan Milner, a Russian-born husband-and-wife team currently living in Israel. Milner immigrated to Israel in 1964 while Oreshnikov moved there in 1990. Their paintings have been extensively exhibited in select American cities as well as throughout Europe, and they have just completed a successful showing in London. Oreshnikov and Milner will travel to Iowa for the opening of their month-long show on Friday, September 12. Whether it is Milner's precise still-life style or Oreshnikov's rich, vibrant figures and scenes that reflect the long tradition of European drawing, you won't want to miss the opportunity to experience these profound and moving works.



Olga Oreshnikov
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TEMPLE B'NAI JESHURUM

Visiting Rabbi to Officiate

Rabbi Lane Steinger, Regional Director of the Midwest Council, UAHC, who was with us for the High Holy Days three years ago, during the interim between Rabbi Fink and Rabbi Mills, will again be serving our congregation for a two-week period.

In addition to leading High Holy Day and Shabbat services, he will be meeting with the Worship Initiative Study Committee and will make himself available for other needs of the congregation.

A native of St. Louis, before rabbinic ordination, Rabbi Steinger served student pulpits in West Virginia and Illinois. In 1976 he was called to be Associate Rabbi of Temple Emanu-El in Oak Park, MI, later becoming co-rabbi and senior rabbi there. Other notable service in his rabbinic career include serving six years on the Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism, more than a decade as Jewish chaplain at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI, and as part of the faculty of Olin Sang Ruby Union Camp Institute.

The Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion awarded him the Doctor of Divinity degree in 1998. Author of several articles and essays, Rabbi Steinger has been in his present position since 1996. He and his wife Linda and their three children reside in St. Louis.

Temple B'nai Jeshurun High Holy Days Schedule

Friday, Sept. 6,	7:00 & 9:00 p.m.	EREV ROSH HASHANAH, Sermon by Rabbi Steinger: Our Accurate, Honest, Spiritual Self-accounting: Heshbon Ha-nefesh
Saturday, Sept. 7,	8:30 a.m.	TRADITIONAL ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE
	11:00 a.m.	INFORMAL ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE, Sermon by Rabbi Steinger: Our Three R's: Repentance, Reconciliation, and Renewal
	1:00 p.m.	CHILDREN'S ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE
Sunday, Sept. 8,	12:00 p.m.	TASHLICH SERVICE, Across from D.M. Botanical Center
Friday, Sept. 13,	6:00 p.m.	EREV SHABBAT SERVICE, Sermon by Peter Pintus
Saturday, Sept. 14	9:00 a.m.	TORAH STUDY, Ha'azinu – Deuteronomy 32:1-52
	10:00 a.m.	SHABBAT SERVICE
Sunday, Sept. 15,	7:00 & 9:00 p.m.	KOL NIDRE, Sermon by Rabbi Steinger: Our Family Name Is Israel
Monday, Sept. 16,	8:30 a.m.	TRADITIONAL YOM KIPPUR SERVICE
	11:00 a.m.	INFORMAL YOM KIPPUR SERVICE, Sermon by Rabbi Steinger: Our Forgiveness Project
	12:30 p.m.	MUSICAL INTERLUDE
	1:00 p.m.	CHILDREN'S YOM KIPPUR SERVICE
	1:30 p.m.	TEMPLE FORUM
	3:15 p.m.	AFTERNOON/HEALING/TORAH SERVICE
	4:30 p.m.	YIZKOR/NEILAH SERVICES
	6:15 p.m.	BREAK-THE-FAST
Friday, Sept. 20,	6:00 p.m.	EREV SUKKOT SERVICE
Saturday, Sept. 21,	9:00 a.m.	TORAH STUDY, Leviticus 23:33-44
	10:00 a.m.	SHABBAT SERVICE
Friday, Sept. 27,	6:00 p.m.	SIMCHAT TORAH/CONSECRATION, Oneg following
Saturday, Sept. 28,	9:00 a.m.	TORAH STUDY, Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12
	10:00 a.m.	SHABBAT SERVICE Samuel Bunkers Bar Mitzvah, Kiddush lunch following

B'nai Mitzvah

Neil Michael Rosenberg



Neil Rosenberg, son of Judy and Scott Rosenberg, will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, **October 5, 2002** at 9:15 am at

Tifereth Israel Synagogue. The community is cordially invited to join the family for services and the Kiddush luncheon following.

Pauline Harriet Altman



In joy, we invite our chevurah, the Jewish community of Des Moines, to join us as our daughter Pauline is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on

Saturday, **October 19**, beginning at 9:15 am, at **Tifereth Israel Synagogue.** A seudah mitzvah (Kiddush luncheon) will be held following the Shabbat Musaf Service. – Steven and Peggy Altman

Samuel F. Bunkers



Becky and Doug Bunkers are happy to announce the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Samuel on Saturday **September 28**, at **Temple B'nai**

Jeshurum. Members of the congregation are invited to attend the 10:00 am service, followed by a Kiddush luncheon.

Sam is a seventh grader at Berg Middle School in Newton. He is the grandson of Stan Coleman of Sioux City and the nephew of Sara Coleman of Norwalk.

High Holiday Services for Ames Jewish Congregation

Erev Rosh Hashanah:

Friday, September 6th 8:00 p.m.
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1st day Rosh Hashanah:

Saturday, September 7th
Morning service 10:00 a.m.
Children's service 2:30 p.m.
This service will be geared for children 3-8 years old.

2nd day Rosh Hashanah:

Sunday, September 8th
Morning service 10:00 a.m.
Tashlich service 11:45 a.m.
Meet at AJC rain or shine

Kol Nidre:

Sunday, September 15th 8:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 16th
Morning service 10:00 a.m.
Children's service 4:00 p.m.
Afternoon service 4:45 p.m.
Yiskor service 6:00 p.m.
Neilah service 6:30 p.m.
Havdalah 7:15 p.m.

A community break the fast will occur immediately following Havdalah.

IOWA JEWISH SENIOR LIFE CENTER

Senior Life Center to Offer High Holiday Services

High Holiday services at the Senior Life Center will be conducted by Suzan Katzir. Please note the dates and times of the services.

- Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday, September 6, 7:15-7:45 p.m.
- Rosh Hashanah Day: Saturday, September 7, 10 a.m.-Noon -- includes shofar service
- No 2nd day services (September 8)
- Kol Nidrei: Sunday, September 15, 6:15-6:30 p.m. -- Kol Nidrei prayers only
- Yom Kippur Day: Monday, September 16, 10 a.m.-Noon -- includes Yizkor service
- Mincha & Neilah: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Break-the-Fast: 6:30 p.m.

About the services

- Families & friends are urged to attend services with their seniors
- A large print machzor will be available which will include traditional Hebrew passages and modern English readings
- Anyone who has a shofar should bring it and sound it during the shofar service on Rosh Hashanah and at Neilah (if they're comfortable with doing so on Shabbat)
- We welcome volunteers to help with the English readings. Phone Suzan Katzir at 277-6849 or e-mail her at shiphrah@iowalink.com to volunteer.

TIFERETH ISRAEL Synagogue To Officially Welcome New Rabbi

The congregation at Tifereth Israel Synagogue will honor and welcome its new rabbi, Baruch HaLevi, during a two-day event Friday, Oct. 25 and Saturday, Oct. 26. Shabbat services will begin at 8:15 pm followed by an Oneg Shabbat at 9 pm Rabbi Mark Ankorn will officiate at Saturday's installation ceremony to be held at 9:15 am followed by a kiddush luncheon.

Rabbi HaLevi, born and raised in Omaha, received a B.A. in Philosophy from Kansas University. Upon graduation, he moved to New York City where he worked briefly as a motivational speaker. He later moved to Jerusalem and spent 18 months studying at Livnot U'lehibanot and the Pardes Institute. In 1996, he relocated to Los Angeles to attend the University of Judaism's Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and spent five years working for Rabbi Mordecai Finley at Ohr HaTorah Synagogue.

While in Los Angeles he met and married Ariela and returned to Jerusalem the following year to continue his studies at Machon Schechter. He received his rabbinic ordination in May. Rabbi HaLevi and Ariela's child, due in September, will be the seventh generation HaLevi to live in Des Moines.

Rabbi Ankorn, a Rochester, New York native, worked as a deputy district attorney in Orange County California for nearly four years until he entered rabbinical school in 1997. While attending rabbinical school, Mark continued working as an attorney specializing in criminal appellate law. He was the rabbinic intern at Beit T'Shuvah, a recovery house for drug and alcohol addicts in Los Angeles, and is currently in private practice in Los Angeles.

Tifereth Israel Synagogue extends an invitation to the entire Jewish community to attend our installation ceremonies for our new rabbi. For additional information, please contact Tifereth Israel Synagogue at 255.1137.

Tifereth Israel Synagogue

ROSH HASHANAH – September 6-8

Candlelighting	7:19 pm
Friday, September 6	8:00 pm
Saturday, September 7	
Sanctuary	8:00 am
Sermon	10:30 am
Children's Services	10:30 am –12:00 noon
Tashlich-Glendale Pond	6:00 pm
Mincha Ma'ariv	7:00 pm
Sunday, September 8	
Sanctuary	8:00 am
Sounding of Shofar	9:45 am
Children's Services	10:30 am –12:00 noon

YOM KIPPUR – September 15-16

Sunday, September 15	
DMARC Food Drive	5:45 pm
Kol Nidre	6:30 pm
Monday, September 16	
Sanctuary	8:45 am
Yizkor Memorial Service	10:45 am
Children's Services	10:30 am –12:00 noon
Healing Service	4:30 pm
Mincha Neilah	5:30 pm
Conclusion	8:12 pm

BRING YOUR OWN SHOFAR FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE!
Women's League and the Board of Trustees cordially invite you to attend the Break-the-Fast following the conclusion of Yom Kippur.

SHABBAT SUKKOT DAY I – September 20-21

Candlelighting	6:57 pm
Friday, September 20, Service	7:00 pm
Saturday, September 21, Service	9:15 am

SUKKOT DAY II - SEPTEMBER 21-22

Saturday, September 21, Service	8:00 pm
Sunday, September 22, Service	9:15 am

SHEMINI ATZERET – SEPTEMBER 27-28

Candlelighting	6:43 pm
Friday, September 27, Service	7:00 pm
Saturday, September 28, Service	9:15 am

SIMCHAT TORAH – SEPTEMBER 28-29

Saturday, September 28, Consecration/Service	8:00 pm
Sunday, September 29, Service	9:15 am

Simchat Torah Kiddush Luncheon sponsored by the Dubansky Family following Service.

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Mazel Tov

Debbie and Bob Gitchell are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah to Gary Dorfman of Philadelphia, PA. The couple plans a late December, 2002 wedding.

In Memoriam

*We note with sorrow
the recent passing of*

*Ted Livingston
Isadore Feder*

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Mind Over Matter BY AN ANONYMOUS TEEN

As far back as I can remember, my grandfather has been in a wheelchair. Two strokes have left him paralyzed in his right arm and from the waist down. For me, there has been no time when my grandfather could stand. I grew up with him disabled, and watched my grandmother devote herself to taking care of him. Now, when I think back to memories of my grandfather, I realize I have no recollection of him ever complaining. Not once have I seen him feel sorry for himself or become depressed about his situation. In my eyes, my grandfather's ability to cope with his disability is an abundant source of strength, and I feel that much of my own strength comes from his example.

Watching my grandfather live in a wheelchair has given me a tolerance for the handicapped and disabled. It is only natural for me to see people using assistance devices in their everyday lives, and I do not believe it is right to turn away from people because they have disabilities. I know many of my friends do not share my patience, and I have witnessed them make fun of people who have mental or physical difficulties.

My grandfather is also persistent, and he lets nothing stop him from attaining his goals. If he wants something done, he gives an order. If he wants to go somewhere, he gets himself taken there. He has a dependence on those around him, and yet at the same time has enough tenacity to gain whatever he wants. When I swim, my grandfather comes into my mind as I complete a race; I am able to get to the end by pushing myself the same way my grandfather would.

I am also grateful that my grandfather has given me unconditional love, and it has empowered me more than I could ever realize. From a man who has never asked much from me besides when he wants something done, my grandfather consistently shows me an overwhelming amount of devotion. Whether I act in a play or swim in a meet, my grandfather has so much pride in me, that I know my actions are worthwhile. In turn, my appreciation for my grandfather has no bounds. I now know the importance and impact that supporting someone can have, and I realize how providing unconditional love can help him achieve his goals.

Recently, when I was watching an old home movie, I witnessed something my mind at first could not comprehend. I watched as my father answered the door for my grandfather, who then walked into my house. To see my grandfather walk at first made me mournful of all he has lost. But as I reflected on this, I realized that he would never feel sorry for himself, because he always looks at what he can do, and not at what he cannot.

If you would like to send comments to the author of this piece, who has asked to remain anonymous, please send them to Jodi@JFLmedia.com

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[from our congregations]

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Beth El Jacob Synagogue 2002 High Holiday Schedule 5762 Tishrei

EREV ROSH HASHANAH	
FRIDAY, SEP 6, 2002	7:30 P.M. MINCHA / MAARIV
ROSH HASHANAH	
SATURDAY, SEP 7, 2002	8:30 A.M. SERVICES
(FIRST DAY)	7:30 P.M. MINCHA / MAARIV
ROSH HASHANAH	
SUNDAY, SEP 8, 2002	8:30 A.M. SERVICES
(SECOND DAY)	6:30 P.M. MINCHA
	8:15 P.M. MAARIV
FAST OF GEDALIA	
MONDAY, SEP 9, 2002	7:00 A.M. SERVICES
	8:26 P.M. FAST ENDS
SHABBAT SHUVA	
SATURDAY, SEP 14, 2002	9:00 A.M. SERVICES
	7:00 P.M. MINCHA / MAARIV
EREV YOM KIPPUR	
SUNDAY, SEP 15, 2002	7:15 P.M. MINCHA
KOL NIDRE NIGHT	7:30 P.M. KOL NIDRE
YOM KIPPUR	
MONDAY, SEP 16, 2002	9:00 A.M. MORNING SERVICE
	5:30 P.M. MINCHA
	6:30 P.M. NEILA SERVICE
	8:00 P.M. MAARIV
BREAK THE FAST	
MONDAY, SEP 16, 2002	8:12 P.M. SPONSORED
BEJ SISTERHOOD	
EVEV SUKKOT	
FRIDAY, SEP 2002	7:00 P.M. SERVICES
SUKKOT	
SATURDAY, SEP 21, 2002	9:00 A.M. SERVICES
(FIRST DAY)	7:00 P.M. MINCHA / MAARIV
SUKKOT	
SUNDAY, SEP 22, 2002	9:00 A.M. SERVICES
(SECOND DAY)	7:00 P.M. MINCHA / MAARIV
CHOL HOMOED	
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY	7:00 A.M. SERVICES
SEP 23 - 26	7:00 P.M. MINCHA / MAARIV
HOSHANNA RABBA	
FRIDAY, SEP 27	7:00 A.M. SERVICES
	6:45 P.M. MINCHA / MAARIV
SHEMINI ATZERES	
SATURDAY, SEP 28, 2002	9:00 A.M. YIZKOR
	6:45 P.M. SHEMINI ATZERES
MINCHA / MAARIV & HAKAFOT	
SIMCHAT TORAH	
SUNDAY, SEP 29, 2002	9:00 A.M. SERVICES &
HAKAFOT	6:45 P.M. MINCHA / MAARIV

Iowa Jewish Genealogy Society Meets October 7

Research your roots and heritage by acquiring the tools and knowledge necessary to uncover your past. The Society meets once per month. The orientation meeting will be Monday, October 7, 2002 at 7:30 PM in the Beth El Jacob library.

To RSVP or for more information please call Sarah Christiansen: 996-2883.

[community calendar]

Date	Time	Event
9/1/02		JFCS NO SCHOOL
9/1/02	10:00 AM	Tifereth Women's League
9/1/02	1:00 PM	Holocaust Memorial Service at Glendale
9/1/02	1:30 PM	Community Memorial Service at Glendale
9/1/02	3:00 PM	Tifereth Family Festival
9/2/02		LABOR DAY
9/4/02	4:00 - 6:15 PM	4-6th grades begin Community School
9/4/02	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Free Hebrew Reading Crash Course at DMJA
9/5/02	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
9/7/02		ROSH HASHANAH
9/8/02		JFCS NO SCHOOL
9/10/02	5:30 PM	Temple Board of Trustees
9/15/02		JFCS NO SCHOOL
9/15/02	5:45 PM	DMARC Food Drive at Tifereth
9/16/02		YOM KIPPUR
9/17/02	5:30 PM	DMJA Board Meeting
9/19/02	12:00 AM	Senior Lunch at the Temple
9/19/02	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
9/21/02		SUKKOT
9/22/02		JFCS NO SCHOOL
9/23/02	6:00 PM	Federation Executive Committee
9/23/02	7:00 PM	Federation Board of Directors
9/24/02	5:00 PM	IJSLC Executive Committee
9/24/02	7:00 PM	Tifereth Board of Trustees
9/26/02	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
9/28/02	10:00 AM	Samuel Bunkers Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
9/28/02		Tifereth Dinner
9/28/02		SHEMINI ATZERET
9/29/02		SIMCHAT TORAH
9/29/02		JFCS NO SCHOOL
10/2/02	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Free Hebrew Reading Crash Course at DMJA Level II
10/3/02	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
10/5/02	9:15 AM	Neil Rosenberg Bar Mitzvah at Tifereth
10/6/02		JFCS Sunday School begins
10/6/02	10:00 AM	Tifereth Women's League
10/8/02	5:30 PM	Temple Board of Trustees
10/9/02	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Free Hebrew Reading Crash Course at DMJA Level II
10/10/02	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
10/13/02	9:00 AM	Tifereth Men's Club Congressional Candidate Panel
10/13/02	2:30 PM	Temple Sisterhood Interfaith Tea
10/15/02	5:30 PM	DMJA Board Meeting
10/16/02	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Free Hebrew Reading Crash Course at DMJA Level II
10/17/02	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
10/19/02	9:15 AM	Pauline Altman Bat Mitzvah at Tifereth
10/19/02	3:00 PM	Private Party at The Caspe Terrace
10/19/02		Tifereth Dinner
10/20/02	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
10/20/02	11:00 - 4:00 PM	Operation Good Mensch - Lunch at Caspe Terrace
10/20/02	6:00 PM	Tifereth Women's League Dinner Theatre
10/21/02	6:00 PM	Federation Executive Committee
10/21/02	7:00 PM	Federation Board of Directors
10/22/02	5:00 PM	IJSLC Board of Directors
10/22/02	7:00 PM	Tifereth Board of Trustees
10/23/02	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Free Hebrew Reading Crash Course at DMJA Level II
10/24/02	4:00 PM	DMJA Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/24/02	7:00 - 9:00	Melton Classes at Tifereth
10/25/02	8:00 AM	DMJA Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/25/02	6:00 PM	Services and Rabbi Installation at Tifereth
10/26/02	9:15 AM	Services, Rabbi Installation and Kiddush Lunch at Tifereth
10/27/02		Daylight Savings Time Ends
10/27/02	9:00 AM	Tifereth Men's Club Gubernatorial Candidate Panel
10/27/02	6:00 PM	Opening of the Heritage Gallery at The Caspe Terrace
10/30/02	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Free Hebrew Reading Crash Course at DMJA Level II
10/31/02	7:00 - 9:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth

[travel]

Tour scheduled during the 300th Anniversary of St Petersburg

Visit Jewish Moscow and St. Petersburg with the Staroselskys in June 2003

A very special trip to Russia will be conducted by Lilly and Naum Staroselsky in June 2003.

The ten-day trip is being scheduled to coincide with the 300th Anniversary of St Petersburg and especially with the Celebration of White Nights.

Between late May and June 21 every year it remains light outdoors during the night!

If you have an interest in visiting Jewish Moscow and St. Petersburg with the Staroselskys, contact the Federation's Travel Department at 277-6321 very soon! There are many requests to book hotel accommodations and airline flights to Russia in June and we would like to ensure that our tour takes first priority.

Summer Break

The United Jewish Communities, the umbrella group for the federation system in America, has raised more than \$300 million in humanitarian aid for Israeli victims of Palestinian terror. Some of that money is allowing Israeli kids enjoy summer camp, a much-needed break in these troubling times. Below are the numbers:

\$303.4 million	Amount raised by UJC's Israel Emergency Fund since last fall
\$213.4 million	Amount raised since Passover bombing in Netanya in March
230,000	Number of Israeli kids at summer camp this year with UJC funds
110,000	Number who attended last year
80%	Percent from cities hit by terror attacks

Source: United Jewish Communities, as published in the NY Jewish Week

FOCUS ON THE SENIOR LIFE CENTER

Profiles of residents, volunteers, and programs of the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center

Meet Gertrude Greenhill

Gertrude was born in Bayonne, New Jersey on October 1, 1907 to Henry and Ray Epstein. She was the youngest of three children.

Gertrude attended school in New Jersey and taught at a local high school in Bayonne. Being single and without many responsibilities, she was able to travel to Europe a great deal and visit family members in South Africa and Poland.

When the "flapper" hairstyle came into fashion, Gertrude cut off her beautiful long braids. Her father would not speak to her for two months.

One evening, while crossing the street to get to a school meeting, she bumped into the man who was later to become her husband, Dr. Solomon Greenhill. He said to her: "You are that Epstein girl, aren't you? I'll call you." (Their fathers were best friends, except at election time - one being a Democrat, the other Republican.) He and Gertrude corresponded for five years while Sol served in the Army. Upon his return to the States he called her from San Francisco and asked, "When do you want to get married?" Gertrude requested that the wedding be her birthday present. So, they were married on September 30, 1945. From this union, they had two children, Gwenn and Bernard.

Every Friday night in preparation for the Sabbath, Gertrude would bake schnecken and coffee cakes. As she would roll the dough on one counter and then place the pastry on the cookie sheet behind on the other counter, one of her children would get her to tango up and down the narrow kitchen, turning her back to the rolled pastries, so they could sneak the schnecken right off the cookie sheet!

In her spare time, Gertie knitted dresses and beautiful sweaters and did magnificent intricate needlepoint. She loved to play piano, bridge and was an avid reader. She loved to sing and dance, the latter being a favorite activity for her and Sol. Sol passed away in December of 1975.

After moving to Des Moines in 1946, Gertrude became actively involved in the community. Gertrude was principal and teacher of Sunday school at Temple B'nai Jeshurun Religious School. She was president of the Women's Committee of Brandeis University, was involved with the Polk County Medical Auxiliary and the Des Moines Symphony Guild. Gertrude also served on the board of the Iowa Jewish Home.

She now resides at the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center and is extremely appreciative of the wonderful staff, great food and all that is done for her.

Reprinted from the Senior Life Center's quarterly publication "The Life Line". If you would like to be included on their free subscription list, please contact Sarah Smith, Activities Director at the Senior Life Center (255-5433).



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*With Respect and
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Rep. Jim Leach

*Best wishes for a
Healthy and Happy
New Year*

Debbie and Bob Gitchell

*May the sounds
of the Shofar signal
peace and unity
for Israel and
good health
and contentment
in our lives.*

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Happy New Year

*from Representative
Jane Greimann
District 45*



*"I am the woman offering two flowers whose roots are twin,
Justice and Hope. Hope and Justice. Let us Begin."
— Alice Walker*

*Wishing you a
New Year
bright with Promise,
filled with Hope
and blessed with
Peace and Joy*

Tifereth Israel Synagogue

*Best wishes for a
Healthy and Happy
New Year*

*Audrey and Harlan
Rosenberg*

*My family and I
would like to wish
you and your family
a happy and healthy
new year.*

*Sincerely,
Matt McCoy*

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*Best wishes for a Healthy and
Happy New Year*

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Joyce and Don Rovner*

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Healthy and Happy
New Year*

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*L'Shanah
Tovah 5763*

*Don, Margo, Joscelyn
and Anne Blumenthal*

*L'Shanah
Tovah 5763*

*Don and Maddie Schoen
and Family*

*Best wishes for a
Healthy and Happy
New Year*

*Heidi, David, Michael
and Adam Moskowitz*

*Wishing you a New Year bright with Promise,
filled with Hope, and blessed with Peace and Joy.*



*From Congressman
Jim Nussle*

*We are thrilled to be a
part of Tifereth Israel
Synagogue and the
Des Moines Jewish
Community.*

*Best wishes for a Healthy
and Happy New Year.
L'Shanah Tovah*

*Rabbi Baruch
and Ariela HaLevi*

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New Year
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*Best wishes for a Healthy
and Happy New Year*



*Herman C. Quirmbach, Ames
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*Best wishes for a Healthy and
Happy New Year*

Amy, Brad, Zachary, and Brittany Brody

*Wishing you a New Year bright with Promise,
filled with Hope and blessed with Peace and Joy*



*Congressman Greg Ganske
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*Best wishes for a
Healthy and Happy
New Year*

*Dorothy and Bud
Hockenberg
and Family*

*Wishing you
Peace, Joy
and Prosperity*

*Kent, Janice, Reid and
Aaron Rosenberg*

*Best wishes for a
Healthy and Happy
New Year*

*Senator Chuck
and Barbara Grassley*

*Best wishes for a
Healthy and Happy
New Year*

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We wish all our friends in
Des Moines a Happy and
Healthy New Year
Ron, Karen, Jason
and Laura Sigal

Best wishes for a Healthy
and Happy New Year
Dick and Lois Brown

May you be inscribed for a
Happy and Good Year
Genya Rappoport

May the sounds of the Shofar
signal Peace and Unity for Israel
And Good Health and
Contentment in our Lives
Rose Szneler

May the year 5763
be inscribed for a Happy,
Healthy and Peaceful
New Year.
Esther Mae Dover

Rosita and Uby Rabinovitz
send you Best Wishes
for a Healthy and
Happy New Year

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and Happy New Year
Tim and Julie, Max, and
Michael Howald

Remember the Holocaust!
Charles Anolik

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Happy New Year!

We at Larson & Larson Construction sincerely appreciate the opportunity
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building of The Caspe Terrace in Waukee.

The experience was unique and rewarding. Many new friendships were formed
that shall continue to grow throughout the coming year.

We truly wish you all great success with your building and a safe New Year
for all of your family and friends at home and abroad.

Thank you,
Jeffrey C. Larson, President
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Wishing you a
New Year
bright with Promise,
filled with Hope
and blessed with
Peace and Joy

Stan Thompson

Best wishes for a
Healthy and Happy
New Year

Shanah Tovah,
Jody Hramits and Mark,
Mayim, Sheya
and Aden Finkelstein

May you be inscribed for a
Happy and Good Year
Mike Blank

Best wishes for a Healthy
and Happy New Year
Gwenn and Stephen Copple
and Gertrude Greenhill

L' Shana
Tovah
for Israel and
All the Jewish People

The Steinger Family

Wishing you
Peace,
Joy and
Prosperity.

Marilyn and Lou
Hurwitz

Best wishes for a
Healthy and Happy
New Year

Rhonda Fingerman
whatever

May the sounds
of the Shofar signal
peace and unity
for Israel and
good health
and contentment
in our lives.

Janice and Alan Zuckert

Best wishes for a
Healthy and Happy
New Year

Marvin and
Marcella Leibow

New Years Greetings to the Jewish Communities

FROM MOSHE RAM, CONSUL GENERAL OF ISRAEL TO THE MIDWEST



August, 2002

Dear Friends,

As the High Holidays approach, I want to take this opportunity to wish all of our friends in the Jewish communities throughout the Midwest a ShanaTovah. May there be peace and prosperity for the Jewish people all over the world in the coming year.

This past year, we have witnessed events that served to remind us of how vulnerable we are as Jews, and to reinforce the importance of Israel's significance in the hearts and minds of the world Jewish community. It is therefore more important than ever that Israel be in your thoughts and hearts during the upcoming High Holiday season.

In addition to the terrible toll of Israeli victims of Palestinian terrorism, we have also seen anti-Israel and anti-Jewish hatred and violence revived in Western European nations where memories of the Holocaust are still fresh. Synagogues have been burned and Jews physically attacked. European governments have criticized Israel both directly and in international venues. Economic sanctions have been threatened and initiatives instigated to ban Israeli professors and scientists from academic and professional organizations.

We appreciate the strong support for Israel by the Bush administration and the U.S. Congress as well as the majority of the American people. However, even in this country, we read editorials and hear talk show commentators calling on the American government to reassess its support for Israel. We see petitions pressuring institutions to withdraw their investments in Israel when the economy is in critical condition. We cannot allow Israel to be isolated politically, economically or culturally!

The most volatile battlegrounds in the war being waged for American public opinion are the campuses of colleges and universities. Pro-Israel students face political pressure from pro-Palestinian groups and even verbal and physical harassment for expressing their views. Even classrooms have become forums for anti-Israel bias and propaganda. Educating and equipping students for this challenge will be a primary focus of the Consulate in cooperation with local Israel advocacy groups. However, as they gather for the Holidays, Jewish students must also hear words of support and encouragement from their local community and of course, from their parents.

To be strong in our convictions, we must be armed with accurate information. Many of you have subscribed to the Consulate's electronic newsletter: Israel Update. We hope that this publication, our website and that of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.israel.org/mfa) have served as valuable resources for background and insight on issues surrounding the situation in Israel, as well as news about Israel-related events in the Midwest. If you are not already receiving this, please subscribe at contactus@chicago.mfa.gov.il. Past issues of the Israel Update can be found on the consulate website: www.israelemb.org/chicago. Please tell your friends and professional associates (both Jewish and non-Jewish) about this publication. It is every bit as important for the community at large to have an informed perspective about the events in the Middle East.

We encourage you to invite a member of the Consulate staff to address your Jewish, community or professional organization. We are also willing and eager to speak at churches or interfaith gatherings. There is no substitute for the direct exchange of ideas. We can learn a great deal from each other!

The impressive commitment to Israel that I have seen during my visits to cities and towns throughout the Midwest is a testament to the vitality of the Jewish communities in our region. Your strength is our strength. We greatly appreciate your continuing dedication and support for Israel.

Regards,

Moshe Ram
Consul General of Israel to the Midwest

Editorial from the New York
Jewish Week, 8/2/02

Shame On Chirac

What is it about the words "tolerance" and "understanding" and "fairness" that the French do not understand?

This week, French President Jacques Chirac addressed the issue of French anti-Semitism. In his meetings with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres in Paris, he had a simple explanation for the problem that has alarmed Jewish leaders around the world: It's the Jews' fault.

The problem, he lectured, are American Jewish groups who are waging a ferocious "anti-French" campaign, at the behest of the government in Jerusalem.

Jewish leaders say that anti-Semitic incidents in France have declined since Chirac took the reins of government in June, and for that he deserves praise. But his careless accusation of Jewish conspiracies – echoing theories that have caused so much bloodshed over the years – can only reinforce the view among many that France has a deep strain of anti-Semitism that its leaders consistently refuse to confront.

France wants to be a player in the troubled Middle East. But Chirac's reckless statements, and his outrageous refusal to label Hezbollah a terrorist organization because of the social services it provides, are vivid reminders of why his country should be kept far away from sensitive negotiations.

HILFIGER RUMOR "URBAN MYTH," SAYS FORWARD

The persistent rumor that clothes designer Tommy Hilfiger made a racist and anti-Semitic statement on the Oprah Winfrey Show is just another urban myth, says Lisa Keys in the July 5 edition of the Forward. Keys, who researched the matter, reports that not only has Hilfiger denied making the comment, but Oprah opened a show in January 1999 with the comment: "Read my lips: Tommy Hilfiger has never appeared on my show."

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- The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is the only American organization whose sole mission is to lobby the U.S. government about legislation that strengthens the relationship between the United States and Israel. Working with Congress, AIPAC is helping to ensure that the Administration remains focused on Palestinian acts of violence and the Palestinian Authority's lack of compliance with existing commitments. AIPAC is not a political action committee. It does not rate, endorse or contribute to candidates.
- As one of our most critical issues, AIPAC works tirelessly on Capitol Hill and in the 435 congressional districts to mobilize support for the \$2.8 billion in annual aid crucial to Israel's future. Without this money, Israel could not maintain its strategic military advantage or keep pace with the changing threats to its security.
- The constant turnovers in political life indicate that there are always new policymakers in Washington. AIPAC is the only organization that keeps political candidates attentive to the most critical details affecting the U.S.-Israel relationship. We ask every candidate running for office for a position paper regarding Israel issues. In the 2000 elections, nearly every new member of Congress came into office with a pro-Israel position paper.
- AIPAC's Midwest Office, located in downtown Chicago, is working hard to provide the best educational seminars and briefings for AIPAC members in Iowa, and to bring nationally renowned Middle East scholars and experts to meet with members of the pro-Israel community and political influentials throughout the region. In the past year, AIPAC has created the AIPAC Iowa Council to reach the pro-Israel activists across Iowa. Thus far, the Council includes members from Des Moines, Iowa City, Cedar Rapids, and Sioux City. In addition, AIPAC hosts its annual Policy Conference every spring in Washington, D.C. This year's speakers included former Prime Ministers, Ehud Barak, Benjamin Netanyahu, and Shimon Peres, as well as Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Andrew Card and Tom Daschle. With over 3,000 participants, this year's conference was the most successful ever.
- With the surge in violence in the Middle East, college campuses have become the staging ground for some of the most vitriolic anti-Israel rhetoric heard in years. AIPAC's Political Leadership Development Program trains college students not only to understand the complexities of the Middle East dynamic, but also to go out and educate their peers about Israel.
- America and Israel understand the need to combat terrorism more than any other two nations. The attacks of September 11 took more than 3,000 lives. In Israel last year, close to 200 Israelis were killed by terrorists, more than 25 percent of who were just nineteen years old or younger. AIPAC supports President Bush' war on terrorism. It is up to AIPAC to work with America's opinion leaders and policy makers to ensure that U.S policy recognizes Israel as a critical link to peace and stability throughout the Middle East.
- Fortune magazine has ranked AIPAC one of the most influential interest groups in Washington for the last four years. The survey found, "AIPAC's quietly efficient approach to lobbying Congress and the Administration sets the standard for foreign policy groups." The New York Times calls AIPAC, "The most important organization affecting America's relationship with Israel."

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Burns Bequest Is A Lasting Commitment To Our Jewish Community

Article submitted to the Jewish Press by The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center

Our much-beloved Phil and Edith Burns are no longer with us, but the legacy of their generosity continues. On Tuesday, July 30, Morris Pitluck, Phil and Edith's nephew and executor of the Burns' estate(s), met with representatives of the Senior Life Center, Jewish Federation, and Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Mr. Pitluck told all assembled that the Burns had made provisions in their will for charitable bequests to those three Community organizations, organizations which, to Phil and Edith, exemplified the principles so dear to their hearts - serving the elderly, educating the young, and ensuring Jewish continuity.

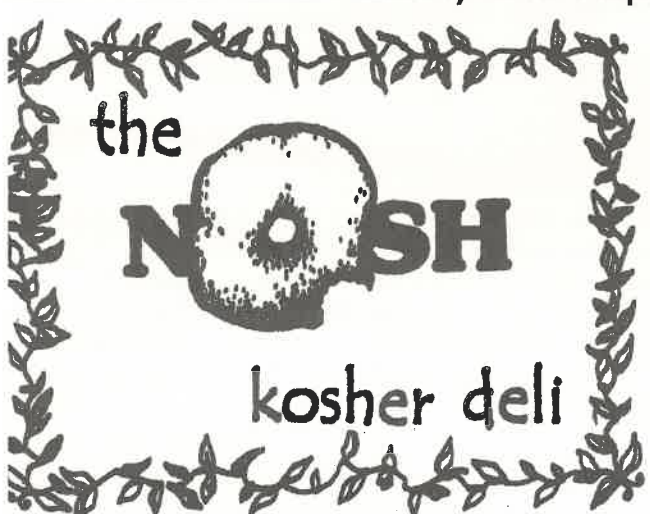
Mr. Pitluck, accompanied by his brother Judge Haskell Pitluck and Haskell's wife, presented to each organization a check in the amount \$25,000. The Federation is vesting their legacy in our Perpetual Annual Campaign Endowment (Pace) in the Des Moines Jewish Foundation.

Mr. Pitluck commented, "My uncle was deeply rooted in the Jewish community. He contributed to projects to benefit the community, whenever he could, and he carefully planned his estate to sustain those efforts after his death."

Throughout their lives, as active members of our Community, Phil and Edith Burns never hesitated to give of themselves or their resources so that our Community could fulfill its collective commitment to the many needs of its individual members. Even though they are no longer here in body, the continuing legacy of commitment and generosity of Phil and Edith will continue to serve the needs of a new and evolving Jewish Community.

Thank you Phil and Edith. You are missed and still loved by all who knew you. May your memories be a blessing.

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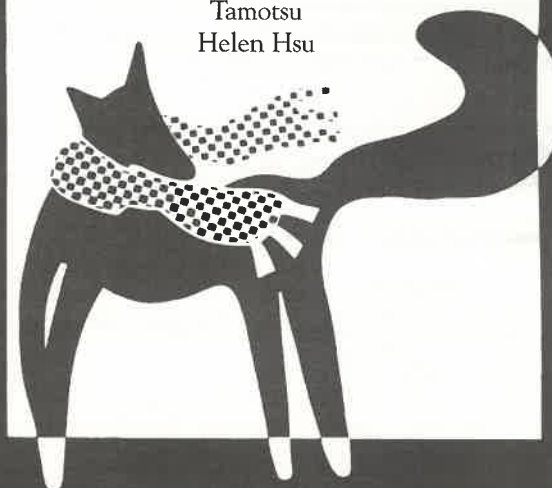
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• Israel Emergency Assistance Fund

Contribute to our Israel Emergency Assistance Fund to help protect and care for Israel's most vulnerable. Funds collected from the American Jewish community are even now being used to provide armored school busses, school guards, and other humanitarian means of needed assistance to the victims of terror, their families, and especially to children living in areas hit by terrorism. Donations to this fund will also be used to resettle Argentine Jews in Israel. Our contributions to this fund will join those from Federations all across America, many of which have already raised up to \$1 million or more beyond their annual campaign for this specific purpose.

• P2K Ambulance Fund

Contribute to our P2K Ambulance Fund and help our community purchase an ambulance for use at Western Galilee Hospital, in our partnership region.

Better yet: please contribute to both funds.

Federation president Don Schoen urges Jewish community members to respond generously and quickly to this special fund-raising effort.

"Our Israeli brothers and sisters are suffering tremendously and are under intense pressure. Not only have many, many families been victimized by terrorism, but the Israelis are suffering economically as well. This is the very least that we can do to assist them through this difficult and tragic time. It is time for us to help in substantial ways."

"It is time to help in substantial ways."

Federation President Don Schoen

Since October 2000, Israel has been victimized by more than 13,000 pre-meditated acts of violence that have resulted in more than 600 Israelis killed and over 4,000 injured.

The crisis comes on top of the already desperate economic situation confronting the Jewish community of Argentina. With their communal organizations collapsing, thousands of Argentinean Jews who are now impoverished, are being assisted in immigrating to Israel. It is anticipated that 5,000 Argentine Jews will come to Israel this year and the cost of resettlement is enormous.

Please don't delay your contributions to either of the two special needs funds.

There are no administrative costs subtracted from contributions to either fund.

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☐ Yes. I will do my part in helping to protect Israel's most vulnerable populations.

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AMBULANCE CAMPAIGN LED BY TONI URBAN

Your Help Needed to Purchase Ambulance for Israel's Western Galilee Hospital



Federation's Tim Urban (c), examines an ambulance like the one the Des Moines Jewish community seeks to purchase. At left is hospital Chief of Staff, Dr. Danny La'or.

As terrorism continues to victimize Israeli citizens in all parts of the country, our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Israel and, most personally, with those who live in the partnership region with which we have a direct and abiding relationship, the Western Galilee. Earlier this year the Western Galilee was the site of a suicide bombing at Nahariya train station, a terrorist incident near kibbutz Matzuva, and several occasions on which Hizbullah gun shrapnel rained down on Shlomi and kibbutz Hanita. In such instances, the wounded are transported to Western Galilee Hospital in Nahariya, the only hospital in the region, serving over 30 communities.

Many community members have called the Jewish Federation asking how we can help in this time of crisis. One of the two giving options we have established is to help people in our Israeli partnership region directly by purchasing an ambulance for their use. Through inquiry, we learned that Western Galilee Hospital needs a Magen David Adom ambulance -- a bullet-proof ambulance, to help meet the emergency medical needs of residents in the region. This is a humanitarian concern. The hospital serves people of all backgrounds, irrespective of religion and ethnicity. And as you may know, the Western Galilee is perhaps the most diverse region within Israel in terms of its people.

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At a recent Partnership 2000 (P2K) Steering Committee meeting in the Western Galilee, Federation Board member Tim Urban and Staff member Mark Finkelstein met with members of the Western Galilee Hospital administrative staff and had an opportunity to inspect an ambulance similar to those needed by the hospital. Hospital Chief-of-Staff Dr. Danny La'or, who had previously visited Des Moines as part of a doctors P2K delegation, thanked the Des Moines Jewish community for offering its moral support at this time of vulnerability in Israel and expressed his appreciation to our community for undertaking our fundraising effort. The specially-protected ambulance, he said, would be of immediate benefit.

Our goal is to raise \$60,000, the cost of the armor-plated ambulance. As of the beginning of September, we are nearly half-way to our goal, and so your contributions are very much needed. Contributions are tax deductible, and none of the funds raised will be spent on administrative costs.

Thank You to all who participated to in our fund drive date.

Spearheading the effort to collect funds for this special project is Toni Urban, a Lion of Judah and Federation Board member. Toni, the Federation, our rabbis, and the Des Moines Jewish Foundation urges you to show your concern for our brothers and sisters in Israel by contributing toward the Des Moines Jewish community's purchase of this special emergency vehicle for use in the Western Galilee. Your contribution helps Israel cope with terrorism.