



Jewish Press

Published as a Community Service by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines **online at dmjfed.org****volume 19 number 2****A. H. Blank (r.) strikes a pose with Mae West. Photo courtesy of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society.****The IJHS says:**

“Why don’t you come up and see us sometime?”

A.H. Blank and Mae West. Just one of the many photographs, scrapbooks and articles donated to the Iowa Jewish Historical Society and Caspe Heritage Gallery by Myron Blank. Attend our Opening and view many other interesting photographs and

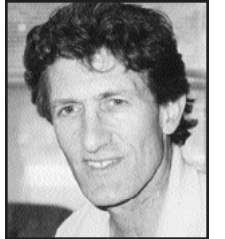
mementos of the Blank Family and many other Iowa Families, Sunday, October 27th at 7 pm.

A.H. (Abraham Harry) Blank, 1897 – 1971, was a motion picture theater executive, a national figure among exhibitors, a philanthropist and recognized as a leading citizen of Des Moines. He was chairman of the board of Tri-States Theater Corporation, owning one of the largest groups of theaters in

Iowa. He served as director of American Broadcasting Corporation – United Paramount Theaters, and president of Central States Theater Corporation from 1931 until 1951 when he turned the position over to his son Myron Blank.

A.H. Blank was an active philanthropist, most known for Raymond Blank Memorial Hospital. What was to become Blank Children’s Hospital was established in memory of Blank’s son, Raymond, who died at the age of 33. Raymond Blank Memorial Hospital was recognized at the time as one of the most modern and well-equipped children’s hospitals in the country. In 1963, Blank gave \$150,000 toward construction of the Des Moines Children’s Zoo which became Blank Park Zoo.

Herb Eckhouse And Marilyn Hurwitz To Co-Chair Campaign



The Federation is proud to announce the selection of Herb Eckhouse and Marilyn Hurwitz as Co-Chairs of the 2003 All-in-One Campaign. Marilyn and Herb will lead the drive to gain community support. This support enables the Federation to help the community live, learn and play together; embrace diversity and promote understanding; to perform acts of tzedakah to those most needful amongst us, and to extend a welcoming hand. Jewish Press: Herb, some people may not know how important their support for the All-In-One actually is. Please explain the All-in-One Campaign for their benefit.

Herb Eckhouse: We have been blessed through the years by the generosity of community members whose support has enabled us to build up a rich offering of Jewish services. Each year, we return to the Jewish community and ask for support to maintain and enhance our offerings. Annual pledges keep the lights on and enable us to retain highly qualified staff. If you care about the quality of our community, you’ll want to help! But it goes further than that. No matter what our capacities, our tradition emphasizes our need, as individuals, to contribute what we can to help ensure that our children and our elders, our families and all individuals within our community have an opportunity to develop the Jewish potential within us.

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November Senior Luncheon was a success!
We had a wonderful turnout for our September Luncheon at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, with 47 in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the music program by Laura Berkson.

Congratulations to Freda Jacobson for winning the door prize.



Senior Adult News

NEXT SENIOR LUNCHEON: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
at Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

We would like to encourage volunteers to help prepare and serve our Senior lunches. Please let us know if you are interested in helping out.

CASINO DAY -- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Bus trip to the Lakeside Casino at Osceola. Monday is Senior Day: discount on lunch, double points with players club card, 15% off gift shop, and there will be a \$50 drawing for twenty lucky seniors! We will meet at the Beth El Jacob parking lot at 9:45 am. Please let us know if you need to be picked up at home. RSVP by November 8th at 277-6321. Bus Cost: \$3.00

STORYTELLER
MICHAEL COTTER – Host of “The Michael Cotter Show” on WHO AM radio, Des Moines, will be at The Senior Life Center, Friday, November 1, at 2:30 pm. He’s a Southern Minnesota farmer, dad and storyteller. Sounds like a real good time. If you need a ride or can provided a ride for others, please let us know at 277-6321.at Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

If you would like to be on the mailing list for the Senior Adult Newsletter, please call Kady Russell at the Federation at 277-6321.

Senior volunteers lent a helping hand in preparing a Federation mailing of the September Jewish Press. – THANK YOU!



Campaign continued from page 1
What we do, the services we offer, are those which our community members and synagogues want a central agency to offer for us all.
JP: What types of services are offered by the Federation?
HE: The All-in-One Campaign provides funding for all the activities that the Federation supports in the community: educational activities, tzedakah for those in dire need, community relations and communications activities, cultural activities, and basic financial support for the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center. Decisions about allocations are entrusted to a planning and budget committee and the Federation's Board of Directors, composed of community members.
JP: What would you say to folks who have taken losses this year due to the economy?
HE: Well, you know, that situation effects a lot of people. It is real and we have to acknowledge it and understand it. Still, each of us contributes tzedakah where we think it is needed and we most feel that need. When people in the Jewish community make their philanthropic choices, we hope that they consider the importance of vibrant Jewish community services for young and old, for all types of Jews, for those most in need. We hope that the Jewish community recognizes that there really is nowhere else the Federation can go but to them and so they have an especially important role in supporting and enhancing these services. It is really up to them—up to us.
JP: Another question that people always ask: Does the All-in-One provide money for The Caspe Terrace project?
HE: Not for the essential up-keep of the buildings and grounds, or for anything like a mortgage. The properties on The Terrace are not mortgaged; in fact it is the opposite.

Each building has been endowed with a fund to support its maintenance. Much of the programming has been paid for by endowments. Contributors who want to support The Terrace have an option to donate specifically to a separate fund to provide additional furnishings. This is a campaign we've called "Outfitting the Terrace" and we've received almost \$900,000 in cash and in-kind gifts so far. The Community has been very generous. A small portion of the All-In-One funds are allocated annually to employ a staff person who, among other responsibilities, manages The Terrace facilities on a part-time basis. By having the Terrace, we actually spend less on renting other facilities for Community activities.
JP: What is special about the activities of the campaign for those involved in the Federation? That's an important aspect of conducting the campaign, isn't it?
HE: Because in doing the work of the Campaign, we have many people who meet with others to update them on Federation activities, we also have a tremendous opportunity to gather feedback. The campaign allows us to hear directly from those who use and support our services. While we certainly appreciate the financial commitments people make when we contact them and enjoy the interaction, we are really looking for a candid evaluation of what we do and how we can do a better job. We are a community service institution, and we want to hear about how we're doing from the community we serve. It is also a good time for community members to ask questions about the Federation. Sometimes, when we speak with people during the Campaign, we learn of people who have needs that we can address. We can then provide some sup-

port or help, and that is also gratifying
JP: How is the 2003 campaign shaping up?
HE: We're just at the beginning of the process! We are now putting our teams together, teams to work on personal solicitations and on the annual telethon; there are lots of ways for people to get involved! I talk to some people who say that they don't want to ask others to make a contribution. For some, it can seem presumptuous or even embarrassing. I look at it differently. First, I enjoy this opportunity to contact others in the community whom I may not get to see very often. It's enjoyable to get together and talk about what the Federation is doing, the life of the community, and get another point of view. And none of this money goes to me, so I really don't have any reason to be embarrassed. There are things that each of us can do to support the fundraising effort and the tasks are not necessarily difficult. Whether people would like to help with the creative work, help with solicitations, or simply help us identify other volunteers - every person's time and effort will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, just call one of the Board members, myself, Marilyn, or the Federation office at 277-6321.
JP: You've always said that an informed Federation member is almost always a good fundraiser for our community.
HE: Yes. This is true whether one is soliciting for the synagogues or for the Federation. When people understand what they are raising funds for, and are doing so not for something that they think is worthwhile, they can find the appropriate ways to communicate their enthusiasm and commitment to others. Raising funds for worthy causes is a mitzvah and easier to do than most people realize. Fortunately, many, many people in our community are proud of how we

Make Your Jewish Community Your #1 Charitable Priority
By Marilyn Hurwitz,
Co-Head of the All-in-One Campaign:
Conditions on the world scene are not good. Anti-Semitism is on the rise world-wide. There are many pressures on Jewish communities even in America. In light of this reality, it is imperative that Jewish communities insist on providing the services that will strengthen Jewish identity and enrich the quality of Jewish life for all who seek to live proudly as Jews.
We must live up to the challenge!
What can we do as Jews in Des Moines? As Federation President Don Schoen said last year at Campaign time, "Let's bring it on home." We are one percent of the population of the greater Des Moines community. Outside of a few very kind and generous non-Jewish friends, we are the only ones who can help ourselves and our fellow Jews throughout the world. We are a charitable people, even in financially difficult times. In fact, it is the difficult times that seem to bring out the best in us, even when our purses are a bit lighter than usual. Please consider your "number one charitable priority" to be your family, friends, your community – and your fellow Jews.

Please contribute generously to the All-in-One Campaign and to your synagogue.

Israeli Students to Bring Music to Des Moines in December



Lea Zait, director of the Mate Asher Music School in our Partnership region, the Western Galilee, is busily working with her students in preparation for a trip to the United States in December. Lea will bring the Mate-Asher Vocal Ensemble and her colleague Uri Chen will come, along with the ensemble he coaches, the Mate-Asher Cello Quartet. The two groups, composed of high school students, will be with us in Des Moines on December 10th and 11th. The visit is coordinated through our Partnership 2000 Consortium.

Once in town, the students will socialize with Jewish teens in Des Moines, visit and perform at Valley High School, and offer a free, public performance 7 pm, Wednesday, December 11 in the Bucksbaum Auditorium at The Caspe Terrace.

Home Hospitality Needed: Kent Rosenberg, The Caspe Terrace Programming Chair, urges you to host one or more of the student musicians; please contact the Federation at 277-6321 x 214. Other volunteers will be needed to help, as well.

The Mateh-Asher Cello Quartet

The cello quartet rehearses weekly at the Mateh-Asher Music School. Since its inception in September 2001, the quartet has performed at numerous concerts and events in the region. In September 2002, they participated in a chamber music course in Wesel, Germany. Members of the quartet also perform with the Mateh-Asher Senior String Ensemble, which toured Partnership 2000 communities in April 2000. They also participate in the Kibbutz Youth Orchestra, as well as in other chamber ensembles organized by the Music School.

Horesh Ram (m) (17) lives in Kibbutz Hanita and is in his senior year at the Sulam Tsur High School. He is a recipient of the Sharett Foundation Scholarship for the years 2000-2002. Horesh frequently participates in cello Master Classes and has recently performed the Dvorak Cello Concerto at the Rubin Academy Summer Course in Kibbutz Mizra.

Karin Fitussi (f) (17) lives in Kibbutz Baram and is in the 11th grade at the "Anna Franck" School in Kibbutz Sasa. Karin is majoring in music and biology. She frequently participates in cello master courses.

Shira Porat (f) (16) lives in the village of Klil in the Western Galilee. She is in the 11th grade at the Manor-Cabri High School, majoring in music. Shira has recently participated in

the Rubin Academy Summer Course in Kibbutz Mizra.

Noa Ayali (f) (15) lives in the village of Klil in the Western Galilee. She is in the 10th grade at the Manor-Cabri High School, majoring in music. Noa also participated in the Rubin Academy Summer Course, and has recently received a scholarship for excellence from the Miluot Fund.

Members of the quartet are advanced students of Uri Chen, who is unofficially known as the "father of all young cellists in Northern Israel". Uri is a senior teacher at the Mateh-Asher music school, and in addition to his work as a cello teacher directs the Senior String Ensemble, the cello quartet and the senior string quartet. Uri also conducts the Kibbutz Youth Orchestra which performed in Wesel, Germany in September 2002 as part of a chamber music course.

Uri Chen is a dominant figure in the Israeli cello community. He played for many years with the Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra and since his retirement from the Orchestra in 1996, has dedicated himself to teaching. Uri teaches cello and coaches chamber music at many music schools in Northern Israel, including the Clore Center, the Emek Yizrael School for the Arts and the Tivon Conservatory, in addition to his work at Mateh-Asher. He also teaches at master courses organized by the "Matan" organiza-

The Mateh-Asher Vocal Ensemble

The Vocal Ensemble was founded in 1998 and performs frequently in the Western Galilee region. Many members of the ensemble study at the music department at the Manor-Cabri High School, and most are voice students at the Mateh-Asher Music School. In October, 2002 the Ensemble will perform a program of Madrigals and Chansons at the Yehiam Castle Renaissance Festival.

Eilam Rotem (m), (18). Eilam lives in Kfar Vradim and is a senior at the Manor Cabri High School where he majors in music. In addition to his work with the ensemble, Eilam is an active composer and is currently preparing a set of original compositions for his matriculation examination in music. The Ensemble performed two compositions by Eilam – "Yonah" and "VaYamat Yosef ve kol achav" -- at a young composers workshop sponsored by the Ministry of Education at the Emek Yizrael Music Center in May 2002. Eilam recently participated in a young composers workshop organized by "Matan" in July 2002. He also participates in the Kibbutz Youth Choir.

Oded Reich (m), (17). Oded lives in Kfar Vradim and is a senior at the Manor Cabri High School where he majors in music. Oded is very active in many music ensembles, as a singer and as a pianist. He also participates in the Kibbutz Youth Choir.

Ben Danot (m), (17) lives in Moshav Yaara in the Western Galilee. He is in his senior year at the Manor Cabri High School, where he majors in sciences. Ben is an active vocalist and also participates in the Kibbutz Youth Choir.

Ofri Ben-Asher (f), (18), from Kibbutz Ein HaMifratz, recently graduated from the Ofek High School. In May 2002 she prepared a vocal recital for her matriculation in Music. Ofri recently performed on a tour to the US as part of the "Tseiri Mateh-

Asher" troupe which performed in Pennsylvania and Kentucky in April 2002. Ofri will be inducted into the army in late December 2002.

Vered Chai (f), (17), lives in Nahariya and is in her junior year at the Cabri-Manor High School where she majors in music. In addition to being active as a vocalist, Vered also plays baritone saxophone with the Nahariya Wind Band, and in other ensembles at the Cabri-Manor High School.

Naama Bernhardt (f), (16) lives on Kibbutz Hanita and is in her junior year at the Sulam Tsur High School in Gesher HaZiv. In addition to her activities with the Vocal Ensemble, Naama studies visual arts at the Manor-Cabri School.

Noa Raveh (f), (20) recently completed her army service. Noa studied voice in High School with the tenor Yotam Cohen. She lives on Kibbutz EinHamifratz.

Orly Kotser (f), (19) recently finished a year of service and is currently working in education. She studied voice during High School with the tenor Yotam Cohen and prepared a recital for matriculation in music in May 2001.

Lea Zait directs the vocal ensemble in addition to her work as director of the Mate-Asher Music School. She is a graduate of the Oranim Teacher Seminar, and studied oboe with Eliyahu Thorner in her youth. Lea is active in the music education community in Northern Israel as a teacher, choir director and educational program coordinator.

In December 2002, both ensembles will perform at Partnership Communities in Dayton, Ohio, Omaha, Nebraska, and Des Moines, Iowa. Both ensembles will perform pieces from their regular programs as well as combining forces in a program of Israeli, Jewish and popular music.

**Horesh Ram, Karin Fitussi,
Shira Porat, Noa Ayali – cellos**

Director: Uri Chen

**Eilam Rotem, Oded Reich,
Ben Danot, Ofri Ben-Asher,
Vered Chai, Naama Bernhardt,
Noa Raveh, Orly Kotser**

Director: Lea Zait

Come welcome our guests

**Enjoy the Israeli
Musical Ensembles**

**7 pm Wednesday,
December 11**

At The Caspe Terrace

Vote November 5

Election day is coming up. One-third of all U.S. Senatorial seats, including one from Iowa, are up for election as are each and every seat in the House of Representatives. In addition, in Iowa, we have to elect a Governor along with the five major state officials: Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor and Secretary of Agriculture. And then there are candidates for the state legislature and county offices on the ballot, as well. All this makes for a busy campaign season and a good reason to get out and vote!

A good place to learn about the candidates is on the Des Moines Register's website, www.desmoinesregister.com/extras/politics. There you will be able to locate your congressional and state legislature districts. Information about county candidates are located online at polkcountymodemocrat.com and polkgop.com. To register to vote (you only need to register once, unless you move), there is a form in the phone book. You may register as late as 10 days prior to the election.

We commend the Tifereth Men's Club and the Temple

Brotherhood for sponsoring the series of forums in which community members can hear from and meet the candidates. By the time this edition is in print, we will have already enjoyed the congressional and senatorial forums. The remaining Gubernatorial candidates forum is slated for Sunday, October 27 at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Republican candidate Doug Gross is scheduled to speak 9:30 am until 10:30 am. A light brunch runs from 10:30 am until 11:00 am. Then, incumbent Governor Tom Vilsack, the Democratic candidate, will speak from 11:00 am until 12:00 pm. Professor Dennis Goldford will again serve as moderator.

Our continuing communal interest in the political well-being of American society is a good sign. We must, however, transmit the enthusiasm we feel for our electoral system to the younger generation. Perhaps the best way to educate our children about voting is to serve as a good role model. Discuss the upcoming election with your children, vote on November 5, and watch the returns with them. As they say, the apple doesn't fall far from the

[letters to the editor]

Column Offers Fanciful Interpretations

I've just been reading the column reprinted from the "Israel Insider," by Ruven Koret, "Bin Laden, Columbus, and the Jews." It is an embarrassment to the "Jewish Press." "We all know and despise bin Laden and his criminal ilk, because of everything we know about them. But, to call Eqbal Ahmad, a highly principled critic of Israeli government policy, a follower of bin Laden is crazy. So is fantasy that all the Arabs living in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza "came to Palestine only after the Jews began to make it flourish." The Arabs of the region outnumbered the Jews forty to one at the beginning of the modern Zionist era. Does it matter that they didn't call themselves Palestinians? They were people, and they were there. Yes, the Jews of Israel are a "nation of immigrants," as are those of us in the United States. But they were not immigrants to a "land with[out] people," as much Zionist propaganda often held, and as this foolish article repeats.

If we are ever to achieve peace in

Israel, it will take acknowledgement that the coming of Jews displaced a great number of Arabs, who lived there. However we interpret the presence of the refugee camps, it must be acknowledged that they are filled by the people driven out of their homes and fields in what is now a land controlled by Israel and the Israeli army. We will not understand who we are or what is happening to us, if we allow such fantasies about the founding of Israel or those who criticize Israeli government policy in our publications.

Dr. Gary Michael Tartakov,
Ames, Iowa

Anti-Semitism Needs Community Response

We are increasingly concerned about evidence of anti-Semitism both here and overseas. But of even more concern is what seems to us to be a failure on the part of both AIPAC and Federation to provide the general community with meaningful tools with which to respond.

One example of our concerns is the very disturbing CAMERA article in the recent Jewish Press. Many of the people we spoke with after reading the article had seen it but not read it. We think that it would be a good idea to do a community-wide mailing of the article, suggesting that those who have been supporters of public radio should write a letter to WOI stating that they are not renewing their membership or making other financial contributions until such time as the Middle East news reporting is more balanced.

Further, the most recent issue of "Hadassah" magazine mentions yet again the attempted isolation of Israeli scientists and academics by American universities. It would be very useful to have a list of the institutions which have been doing this. Alumni of these universities should be encouraged to cease contributing to the fund-raising campaigns of these colleges. Many of us are probably inadvertently underwriting the isolation policies by supporting alma maters which are involved in such

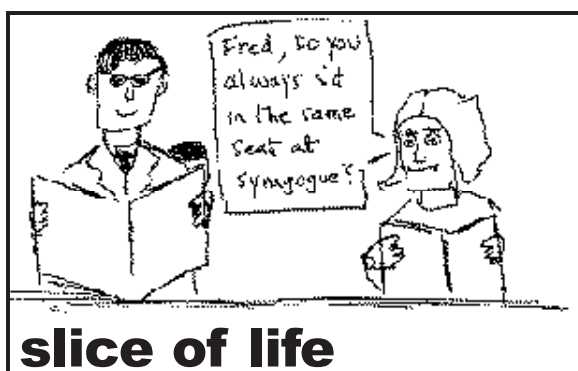
Church/Synagogue Electioneering Bill Killed in House

Now tax-exempt houses of worship to intervene in partisan political campaigns was defeated October 2 in the House of Representatives. The final vote was 239-178 against the legislation, entitled "Houses of Worship Political Speech Protection Act". The bill would have permitted synagogues, churches, and mosques to use their personnel and other resources to endorse or oppose candidates for public office.

Among the organizations that had announced opposition to the bill, H.R. 2357, were the following Jewish organizations: American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Central

Conference of American Rabbis, and Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Information about any pending legislation in Congress can be researched at www.senate.gov, under "Bill search." One can read the text of a bill, a listing of co-sponsors, and a statement of its current status. Bills of pertinence to the Jewish community are tracked by either the Washington Action Office of the United Jewish Communities, which deals with domestic issues or the Jewish Council for Public Affairs. On the local level, information about legislation is compiled by the Jewish Community



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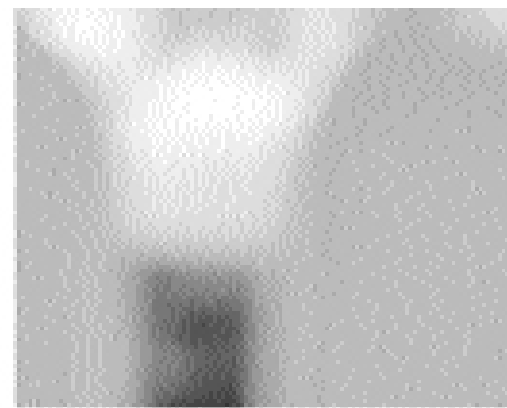
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ACADEMIC CONFERENCE HELD, REJECTING ISRAELI BOYCOTT

As reported in the New York Times (10/6/02), medical researchers held a scientific conference in Eilat, drawing international specialists for the first time since the start of intifada II. The article quotes Dr. Arthur A. Spector, a noted biochemist at the University of Iowa who indicated he came to Eilat "first of all for the outstanding science, and secondly, for my colleagues here in Israel..." A group of cardiovascular researchers at Columbia University organized the conference with the Israeli Atherosclerosis Society as "a response to the unexpected resurgence of European anti-Semitism in the form of organized boycotts of Israel in general and of the Israeli academic community, in particular."

In a year
of crisis,



federation
provides
hope.

When things are uncertain, we're here for you. Your Jewish Federation is part of your support system, along with your synagogue. The services and programs we offer are those that cannot be offered by other organizations working independently. We work together to serve our entire community, to meet essential Jewish needs. Jewish education for children, teens, and adults, programming for senior adults, community relations services that safeguard and network our community, Camp Shalom, the Jewish Press, services for new Americans, Israel Missions and Advocacy, Tzedakah services – meeting the needs of families and individuals as determined by community members such as yourself.

Your gift to the Jewish Federation's annual campaign, the All-In-One, along with volunteerism in our community, makes it all happen. Without your active support, your Jewish Federation is less likely to provide what you need, when you need it. That's why we ask you to contribute your time and financial resources to the Federation. It's all about making community life more cohesive, more responsive to your needs, more rewarding, in good times and especially when times are uncertain. Support your community to the best of your ability!



JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER DES MOINES

Ames Jewish Congregation Religious School

Religious School Off To Great Start!

On September 15th the "First Ever" Holiday Stations kept students, teachers and parents busy learning about many fun traditions that the High Holidays bring.

At the Shofar blowing workshop Adah shared photos of animals and shared the origin of the shofar. Murray Kaplan and Abe Epstein worked hard with the kids teaching them "how" to blow a shofar. All the kids had a chance to try. Even Robyn gave it a shot! (With no success)

Rabbi Stiel led a station that discussed the concept of repentance and resolution. Every level of student wrote a letter to himself or herself indicating an area that they would like to improve on for the coming year. These letters will be sent to the students in 6 months when they can evaluate how they are doing.

Finally, we had a holiday card station. The younger kids made cards with apple prints while the older kids made origami shofar cards.

We wrapped up our morning in song with John and the buzzing of "Bee Sally" and "Bee Jean." Many varieties of apples and honey were the topic and a lot of tasting was the treat. Challahs and honey cakes were enjoyed by all.

On October 12, Rabbi Stiel will be holding a class entitled "Putting G-d on

the Guest List" for our Level 4 (6 & 7th Grades) class from 7-8:30 PM. This class will cover many issues concerning pre bar/bat mitzvah age children.

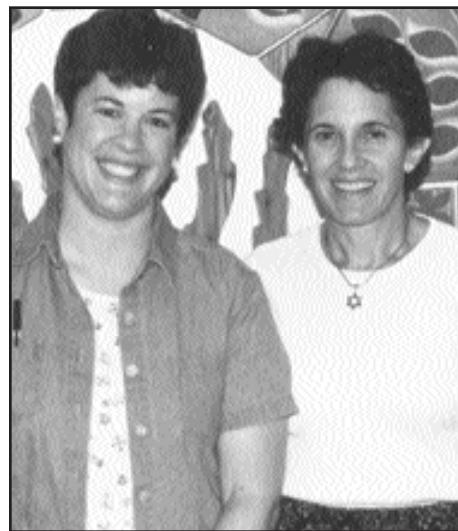
October 12th will also bring a visit from Michele Brooks from the UAHC. She will be meeting with our Youth Groups.

October 13th and October 20th join us for a Book Fair.

October 26th will be an all school Havdalah Eve. We will enjoy stargazing led by Steve Kawaler.

We are looking forward to a busy first month at AJC.

Adah and Robyn



Meet AJC Religious School Co Directors:

Robyn Dennis, one of our co directors, has been active in the Ames Jewish Congregation since she moved to town in 1988. She has been a member of the AJC choir, an active parent volunteer in the religious school, and last year taught religious school before taking on the role of co director this year. Robyn has been employed at ISU Community Credit Union for the past 14 years. Currently she is the Director of Training and Development, a position that she has held since January 2001. She has also been a teller, operations specialist, member service supervisor, member service manager prior to becoming the director of training and development. She has a Bachelor of Music Degree in Vocal Performance from Wayne State University. Her community involvement includes Ames Kiwanis Board Chair, Ames Kiwanis Youth and Young Children Committee, American Cancer Society Relay for Life planning committee and Community Life Program Mentor.

Her husband Kevin works for Ames Lab at Iowa State University. Their son Robbie is 11 and in 5th grade and their daughter Kelsey is 7 and in 2nd grade. Both Kelsey and Robbie attend Fellows School in Ames. Travel in the United States is a family hobby.

Adah Leshem-Ackerman was born in Tel-Aviv, Israel. She served in the Israeli Defence Forces then travelled to England where she completed her undergraduate and Masters degrees in Environmental and Applied Biology. She returned to Israel and completed the Ph.D. degree at Tel-Aviv University in Zoology. In 1985 Adah went to Iowa State University for a three-month exchange program teaching in the Department of Zoology. She has been there ever since after meeting her husband, Ralph Ackerman. Adah began teaching Hebrew and Religious Studies at Ames Jewish Congregation in 1986. This year Adah, together with Robyn Dennis, is the co-Director of the AJC religious school. Her husband Ralph is an ISU professor in the Zoo and Genetics department. They have two sons, Jonathan who is 14 and in 8th grade at the Ames Middle School and Aaron who is 9 and in 4th grade at Edwards Elementary School in Ames. The family enjoys celebrating Jewish holidays and traveling to Israel to visit family there.

News from the Ames Jewish Congregation Religious School

What We Did on Our Summer Vacation

By: Adah Ackerman and Robyn Dennis

What a busy summer it has been! As the new AJC Religious School Co-Directors we have worked hard together planning for the coming year. Many hours were spent cleaning and organizing the classrooms. Adah has met with each of the teachers to get their input regarding their curriculum, textbooks and class preparation. As a result of this hard work, AJC has a religious school curriculum that we are confident will enrich the kids for many years to come. Robyn has worked hard to get the new mail registration packets prepared and mailed. Textbooks have arrived, rosters are typed, supplies are ordered and the school calendar of events and activities is planned and ready to go. Once again, our school has received generous financial support from The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. Their support allows us to continue to provide quality Jewish education in the Ames community.

And then there was CAJE! Describing Jewish educators as "Klei Kodesh, holy vessels," Shoshana Cardin told those attending the 27th annual Conference on Alternatives in Jewish Education (CAJE) that they hold the most responsible position that can be carried out today - educating the future generation of Jews. "No professional is more vital," she said, "and teachers must develop partnerships with lay leaders so that the respect and recognition due teachers can be realized." The conference was held from August 4-8 at Trinity University in San Antonio.

More than fifteen hundred Jewish educators attended the Conference and Ames was very well represented by Rabbi Stiel (sponsored by the Omaha JCC), Adah Ackerman (sponsored by AJC), Ellen Sarlet (sponsored by AJC), Anna Jackson (sponsored by Iowa City Jewish congregation) and Ema Du Bois (who attended the children's camp at San Antonio JCC). Participants included teachers, principals, rabbis, informal educators, communal professionals and lay leaders. Nine countries and 43 states were represented. Nearly 500 sessions dealt with every aspect of Jewish education.

The Ames participants returned home rejuvenated and inspired with many new ideas ready to begin the New Year. Their main aim is to develop within our youth a strong sense and a love of Judaism.

Adah and Ellen wish to thank AJC for providing them the opportunity to attend CAJE.

The countless meetings and phone calls have indicated the tremendous amount of support from many members of the congregation. Thanks to you all! (You know who you are) We could not have done it without you. Finally, we would like to thank Ellen Wool, Ruth Ellen Cunnally and Sally Lapan. With their assistance and support we were able to make a smooth transition. We are looking forward to September 15th when we have the chance to welcome each and every student back to AJC religious school.

Service Schedule: Shabbat services are Friday evenings at 8:00 p.m.



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FROM THE JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL

"TOP TEN LIST"

In our Religious School we try to accomplish so much in a very limited amount of time. Over the years we have learned that we can achieve even higher goals through your participation as full and active partners in your children's Jewish education. Together let us create the finest Jewish learning environment for your children. Here is our "Top Ten List" of how to become full and active Jewish Educational Partners.

1. Make Jewish Education a priority. See that your children attend classes regularly and on time, and stay for the entire class period. Communicate to your children that their Jewish education takes precedence to activities such as football and baseball games or soccer and hockey.
2. Plan ahead. Mark your calendar. Note those dates throughout the year when you are asked to join your children at your respective Temple of Synagogue for family programming. Make plans to be there.
3. Take an outgoing active interest in the study materials, worksheets, art projects and event notices that your children bring home. Each week discuss their classwork in the light of your family's everyday living. Display your children's art work on your refrigerator door "art gallery."
4. Bring the spirit and joy of Shabbat into your home each week and observe holiday and festival celebrations at home throughout the year. Share the excitement of preparing holiday foods and singing around the table.
5. Set up a "family mitzvah plan." Make every day "Mitzvah Day!" As a family, try to find ways in which to "repair the world."
6. Worship regularly as a family. Consult your congregations service calendar and make plans to be there!
7. Make Judaism visible in your home by displaying works of art and ritual objects. A Chanukah menorah or a seder plate (particularly ones made by your children in our school) can be displayed year round, and it is quite thrilling to select a mezuzah for the front door of your home or your children's room.
8. Try to interest your children in Jewish books, Jewish software and Jewish culture. Encourage listening to Jewish music and viewing of special programs on television and videotape. Check out books, software, audio and video tapes together with your children.
9. Deepen your own Jewish learning. Participate in a variety of Adult Education opportunities. Assist your children with their Hebrew studies. Celebrate your bar or bat mitzvah as an adult.
10. Finally, Feel free to come in to meet with your children's teachers, or with any member of the staff. Don't wait for a crisis. Drop by on a Sunday mornings, Wednesday afternoons or call to set up an appointment.

JFCS UPDATE

Religious school for 3rd through 12th grades began on Wednesday, September 4th. By now, we have gotten into the swing of religious school and students have buckled down to continue their Hebrew and Judaic studies. Sunday School for our preschoolers and K through 2nd grades started on Sunday, October 6th.

The Junior/Senior High School program also began September 4th at 7pm. Our first night was dedicated to a joint youth group conducted by Laura Berkson (Temple youth director) and Joe Michaels (Tifereth youth director).

On Wednesday, November 6th, the Junior/Senior High School will have a special speaker. As a second generation survivor, Julie Kohner will share her family's unique story of survival against all odds. Julie has also written a book about her parent's experience, "Hanna and Walter, A Love Story." This book is being read by many of our students before Julie arrives. If you would be interested in purchasing this book, please contact Lyanna Grund at 277-5566. Cost per book is \$10. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Note: if you did not receive any information about our religious school program and would like to know more about these programs, please contact our office at 277-5566.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 3 - Sunday • No religious school - Family Education day
Nov 6 - Wednesday • Junior/Senior High School Special Program
Julie Kohner, speaker
Nov 27 - Wednesday • No School - Thanksgiving
Dec 1 - Sunday • No School - Thanksgiving

VOICES OF THE GENERATIONS

A Second Generation Survivor Tells Her Family's Unique Story of Survival Against All Odds, Nov.

On Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 pm, Julie Kohner will share the destiny of her mother and father during the 1940's.

In the 1950's and 1960's millions of Americans watched Ralph Edwards as host of "This Is Your Life." The guests were usually show business or celebrity types. Hanna Kohner broke the mold. Her story was one of the first told on national television by a Holocaust survivor.

"My mother asked me to become her voice to future generations..."

During the show, which was broadcast in 1953, Hanna was reunited with people from her past, some of whom, like her, survived the concentration camps. As the story unfolds, we are introduced to Walter Kohner, Julie's father, who immigrated to the United States and returned

to Europe as a U.S. soldier during W.W. II. Most important is how Hanna Kohner miraculously survived the war.

Julie will be with us for two evening presentations. On Wednesday, November 6th at 7:00 pm at Tifereth Israel Synagogue, Julie will present "Voices of the Generations" to our Jewish Federation Community School's Junior/Senior High School. This evening is open to all of our parents and students. As a community member, if you are unable to attend on Thursday, you are also welcome Wednesday evening.

Julie's presentation on Thursday will include the showing of "This Is Your Life" and a ten minute interview with Julie's uncle. Artifacts from her parents will be on display as well as copies of her book, "Hanna and Walter, A Love Story"

If you would like to purchase a copy of this book before Julie arrives, copies are available through the JFCS office. Please contact Lyanna Grund at 277-5566. Cost per book is \$10. There is no cost to attend this program.

From the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education

CAJE Announces 14th Annual Contest For Young Adult Writers

Up to three prizes, totaling \$1,000, are being offered in the thirteenth annual David Dornstein Memorial Creative Writing Contest for Young Adult Writers, sponsored by the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education. Authors aged 18 to 35 years by December 31, 2002 are invited to submit a short story on a Jewish theme or topic. Up to three winners will be selected. A first prize of \$700, a second prize of \$200, and a third prize of \$100 will be awarded by the jury; prize money will be allocated proportionally if fewer than three winners are selected. Winning stories will be published consecutively in CAJE's journal, Jewish Education News.

Authors should submit a typed, double-spaced manuscript of no more than 5000 words; the submission must be an original short story that has never received an award or been published. Only one entry per author per year is permitted. All stories must be accompanied by a cover sheet listing the author's name, address, phone number and title of the story. To verify submission requirements, a copy of a driver's license or another document to confirm the author's age must be submitted, along with a signed statement attesting that

the story has not been published. CAJE membership is welcome but not required for participation.

Deadline for the contest is December 31, 2002. Judging will take place from February 1 to May 31, 2003. Winner(s) will be notified by June 30, 2003. All stories must be sent to CAJE-Dornstein Contest, 261 West 35th Street, Floor 12A, New York, NY 10001.

The writing award honors the memory of David Dornstein, a CAJE Conference Assistant who tragically lost his life in the explosion of Pam Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in December 1988. David was a lover of short stories, which he both wrote and read, and this prize perpetuates that aspect of his life.

"David was one of the most creative young people it has been my good fortune to know," said Dr. Eliot Spack, CAJE's Executive Director. "He was a writer, actor and philosopher, as well as a man of keen insight and compassion, provocative wit, and unique charm. Everyone who knew him expected him to make a powerful contribution. We will honor his memory by helping other young people of talent.

Further details of the writing contest can be found on the CAJE website at

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From the DMJA

DMJA Off To An Exciting Start!

The DMJA school year is off to an amazing start. On August 20, a hot summer day, excited students filled the



Rabbi Sytner expands on a point.

halls. While old friends greeted each other and excitedly retold their summer happenings, new friends were welcomed and settled into their new classrooms. The first day was greeted with a wonderful pizza party, popsicles and D M J A T-shirts for staff and students. Students were also able to share the fun and

delights of being a DMJA student by bringing a friend to the DMJA. Students had a great first day and were excited to begin their studies.

To welcome in the holidays, the DMJA students visited the Jewish Senior Life Center to wish all the occupants a happy and healthy New Year. DMJA students visit the Jewish Senior Life Center several times throughout the school year.

Students also had the opportunity to take a hike to the pond at Greenwood Park

and partake in a special Tashlich service. Students learned the importance of Tashlich and reflected on what they could do to be a better person in the New Year.

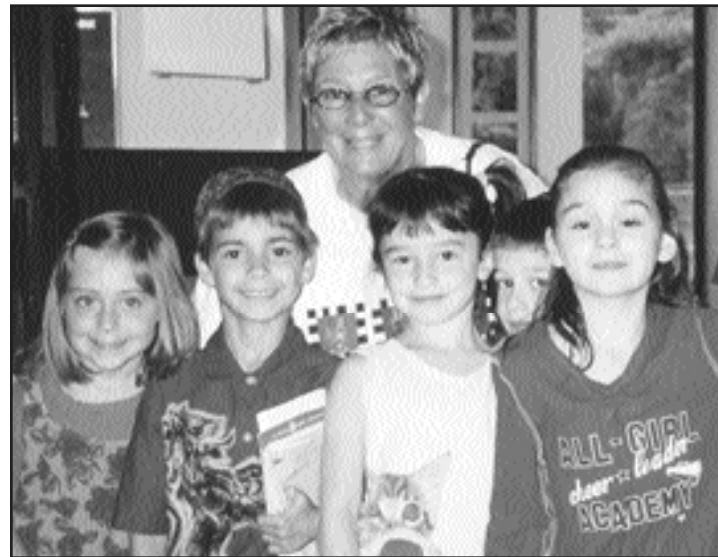
DMJA students also began their first fundraiser of the year. Students are currently selling Krispy Crème cards. These cards allow you to purchase a dozen donuts for regular price and receive a

second dozen of original glazed donuts for free. The card can be used up to ten times. The cards only cost \$10 each, with 50% of the proceeds going directly to the DMJA. Please call the DMJA at 274-0453 to purchase your card today!

Another exciting event at the DMJA is the upcoming annual DMJA auction. The auction is scheduled for Sunday, November 3, from 5:30-9:00 PM, at Beth El Jacob. The event includes a wonderful Kosher dinner and cash bar. Auctions are both live and silent. The event is really a lot of fun. Wonderful auction items include Sticks artwork, sports tickets and memorabilia, children's packages, collectible items, jewelry and much more! Don't miss this once a year event. Invite friends and family to partake in this fun spirited fundraiser. Please contact the DMJA at 274-0453 to purchase tickets. We are also

currently accepting donations for the auction. The proceeds from the auction enable the DMJA to continue its wonderful tradition of excellence in education.

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Project Areivim AYELET KLEINMAN 'BRINGING ISRAEL TO DES MOINES'

The Federation and our community welcomes Project Areivim* volunteer Ayelet Kleinman. A young Israeli from Nahariyah, with a BA in Psychology/Criminology from Bar Ilan University, Ayelet has come to stay with us for a year to serve as an Israel Cultural Specialist. Prior to coming to Des Moines, she worked as Coordinator for the Israeli AIDS Taskforce and was an officer in the Israeli Army.



While in Des Moines, Ayelet will teach for the Jewish Federation Community School, teach a course in conversational Hebrew, open to the community through the Melton

Program, and will assist in outreach efforts through the Jewish Community Relations Commission and Iowans for a Secure Israel.

Jewish Press: Ayelet, we're very happy that you will be spending the year with us. Welcome. Last week was a big week for you. You taught your first classes for the Jewish Federation Community School. Which grades did you work with and how did things go?

Ayelet Kleinman: I taught the fifth grade Prayerbook Hebrew, third- fourth- and fifth-grade Advanced Hebrew. And then I taught Conversational Hebrew to students in grades 7 - 12, and a class about Israel for the 9th grade. The classes went very

well. I love working with children, teaching Hebrew and teaching about Israel, of course. It is very important to me to teach about Israel.

JP: That certainly is a busy schedule. You're a volunteer that came to Des Moines from the Areivim program. What made you volunteer?

AK: After I finished my BA, I wanted to do something not necessarily in Israel but connected to Israel -- something challenging, where I could try out my talents. It is like my 'taking the year off', but doing something meaningful.

JP: As an Areivim volunteer, you had your choice of placement?

AK: I had several places to choose from. Originally, I didn't wish to come to the US because I had been here and I didn't think it would be challenging. But I agreed to be interviewed by Des Moines, and immediately when I spoke with the people that initially contacted me from Des Moines, [Federation staff members] Lyanna Grund and Elaine Steinger, I knew it was the right place to go. I had a feeling inside of me, and when I learned they wanted me to come, I said it was a match. Since I've been here, everyone has been very nice to me, very welcoming and seem to appreciate that I am here. Other than the rain and the winter... but I'll be fine with that, too (chuckling).

JP: What do you think that Americans need to know about Israel?

AK: I don't think people here actually know very much about Israel. They may see certain things on TV, but to get a more accurate idea, I think that people have to talk with Israelis. (And that is why I am here.) It has nothing to do with which government is in office. It has to do with what

life is like in Israel. We have McDonalds and Burger Ranch, just like here. But we have a different history, a different life style, and a range of feelings about the things around us. Life goes on in Israel. It is very different from that which is shown, in general, on TV.

JP: Ayelet, you were an Officer with the Israel Defense Forces and a Department Commander in an Officer's Training Course. What qualities does the IDF look for in selecting people to be officers?

AK: They're looking for people with leadership skills who will make a personal contribution to Israel.

JP: According to your resume, you come from Nahariya, our Partnership 2000 Region in Israel. What is Nahariya like?

AK: It is a very quiet place, people are very nice there. It is a small community. Most of the people know each other. It is a very pretty city. There is a beach [on the Mediterranean].

JP: Were you familiar with the P2K project?

AK: I was familiar with it, but I didn't know the specific names of the American Jewish communities involved with the Western Galilee.

JP: What makes you a typical Israeli?

AK: First of all my history. I was born and raised in Israel. I served in the army. After the army, like many Israelis, I toured outside the country. I have the Israeli 'chutzpah' and I think I am very strong, like most Israelis.

JP: Who are some of your role models?

AK: I admire the women commanders in the army, very strong women who advanced from the lowest of ranks upwards. And I consider my grandfather my most influential role model. I know that

he is not a very important man but he came to Israel before WWII, he joined the Palmach, he saved many lives, he established a happy family life with my grandmother despite the difficult life they have led.

JP: What are the components of your own Jewish identity?

AK: I keep kosher, I light candles on Shabbat, I go to synagogue on the holidays. I pray from time to time. I do believe in G-d, the G-d of Israel, of course. In Israel, I would refer to myself as Masorati, which means "traditional." I do what I think is right for me.

JP: Do you have any hobbies?

AK: Scuba diving -- which I cannot do here. I like hiking. Traveling is my main hobby. I've been to South America, the Far East. I've been to the US a couple of times, to Europe. I am really happy to be here. When the Federation asked that I help 'bring Israel' to you, I wasn't sure that I could do it, I wasn't sure what that meant, but I feel I am bringing Israel here -- just by being here and by people talking to me. I feel I'm doing what I should do, and I just want to meet more people and tell more and say more about Israel as time goes by.

JP: Thank you for sharing your skills and insights with us. You're providing us with wonderful opportunities to learn Hebrew, to learn about Zionism, and strengthen our relationship with Israel. We wish you great success.

Ayelet Kleinman may be contacted at the Jewish Federation, 277-6321.

Project Areivim is a program of the World Union of Jewish Students.

7th Yahrtzeit of Yitzhak Rabin Observed In October

BY AYELET KLEINMAN, AREIVA TO DES MOINES

This month the people of Israel and the Jewish people around the world mark the seventh anniversary of the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Rabin was murdered the evening of November 4, 1995. The Hebrew date of his yahrtzeit, 12 Heshvan, 5756, was observed October 17th, 2002.

Yitzhak Rabin was born in 1922, in Jerusalem, to parents who were ardently Labor-Zionists in Palestine under the British Mandate. Completing his schooling at the Kadoorie Agricultural High School, Rabin joined the Palmach in 1941. He soon became commander of this elite 'strike force' within the Haganah, the clandestine defense organization.

His military skills came in handy during Israel's war of independence (1948-1949.) Rabin's task was to safeguard convoys of food, ammunition and medical supplies to Jerusalem, which had been blockaded. In 1949, after the fighting ceased, he took part in the Israeli-Egyptian armistice talks in Rhodes and in the same year he married the former Lea Schlossberg. They were to have two children, Dahlia and Yuval.

Rabin then continued along the path of a military career. In 1962 he was appointed Chief of the General Staff, Israel's highest military rank, and in 1967 led the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) to victory in the Six-Day War. A year later, after 28 years in uniform, Rabin retired from the IDF.

He was then appointed ambassador to the United States, serving from 1968-1973. In 1974, Rabin was elected Prime Minister of Israel. He became the first native-born Israeli to hold that office.

Following his term as PM, Rabin served his party as a member of the Knesset.

In 1992, the Labor Party won the national election, and Yitzhak Rabin, its leader, returned to office, a second time, as Prime Minister.

Rabin was at the helm when Israel initiated secret negotiations with the PLO in the Norwegian capital, Oslo. In September 1993, Rabin came to Washington D.C. to participate, along with Shimon Peres, Yasser Arafat, and US President Bill Clinton, in the signing of the "Declaration of Principles," intended to lead to peace between Israel and

the Palestinians.

Rabin, in October 1994 signed a peace treaty with Jordan's King Hussein, in a ceremony conducted near Eilat, Israel. In September 1995, Israel and the Palestinians signed an additional agreement, fleshing out the details of the Oslo peace process.

Controversy, however, overtook the peace process when, even after the protocols were signed with the Palestinian Authority in 1993, many Palestinian terrorist actions took place within Israel, killing hundreds of Israelis. Within demonstrations against the peace process held by Israeli Jews on the Right, Rabin was called a traitor and blamed for the killing of innocent Israelis. Such rhetoric ultimately led to his assassination by an extremist, right-wing Jew, disaffected by the Oslo peace process.

Yitzhak Rabin met his demise after participating in a peace rally in Tel Aviv, held under the slogan "Yes to Peace, No to Violence." He was shot in the back at point-blank range at the bottom of the steps of the rear entrance to the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipal Building at Kikar Malchey Israel. Today, there is a memorial at the site, now renamed Kikar Rabin (Rabin Square.)

At the rally, Rabin was featured in the singing of a famous Israeli song, the "Song for Peace" and had delivered remarks to the crowd. This was to be his final speech: "In coming here today, you demonstrate, together with many others who did not come, that the people truly desire peace and oppose violence. Violence erodes the basis of Israeli democracy. This is not the way of the State of Israel. In a democracy there can be differences, but the final decision will be taken in democratic elections... Without partners for peace, there can be no peace. This rally must send a message to the Israeli people, to the Jewish people around the world, to the many people in the Arab world, and indeed to the entire world, that the Israeli people want peace, support peace. For this, I thank you."

The funeral of Yitzhak Rabin brought together many heads of state. He was saluted as the man who made peace with his enemies and created a new reality in the

President Of Harvard Raises Issues Of Campus Anti-Semitism

Address by Harvard University President Lawrence Summers at morning prayers, Memorial Church, Cambridge, Massachusetts, September 17, 2002

I speak with you today not as President of the University but as a concerned member of our community about something that I never thought I would become seriously worried about — the issue of anti-Semitism.

I am Jewish, identified but hardly devout. In my lifetime, anti-Semitism has been remote from my experience. My family all left Europe at the beginning of the 20th century. The Holocaust is for me a matter of history, not personal memory. To be sure, there were country clubs where I grew up that had few if any Jewish members, but not ones that included people I knew. My experience in college and graduate school, as a faculty member, as a government official — all involved little notice of my religion.

Indeed, I was struck during my years in the Clinton administration that the existence of an economic leadership team, with people like Robert Rubin, Alan Greenspan, Charlene Barshefsky and many others, that was very heavily Jewish passed without comment or notice. It was something that would have been inconceivable a generation or two ago, as indeed it would have been inconceivable a generation or two ago that Harvard could have a Jewish President.

Without thinking about it much, I attributed all of this to progress — to an ascendancy of enlightenment and tolerance. A view that prejudice is increasingly put aside. A view that while the politics of the Middle East are enormously complex and contentious, the question of the right of a Jewish state to exist had been settled in the affirmative by the world community.

But today, I am less complacent. Less complacent and comfortable because there is disturbing evidence of an upturn in anti-Semitism globally, and also because of some developments closer to home.

Consider some of the global events of the last year:

- There have been synagogue burnings, physical assaults on Jews, or the painting of swastikas on Jewish memorials in every country in Europe. Observers in many countries have pointed to the worst outbreak of attacks against the Jews since the Second World War.
- Candidates who denied the significance of the Holocaust reached the runoff stage of elections for the nation's highest office in France and Denmark. State-sponsored television stations in many nations of the world spew anti-Zionist propaganda.
- The United Nations-sponsored World Conference on Racism — while failing to mention human rights abuses in China, Rwanda, or anyplace in the Arab world — spoke of Israel's policies prior to recent struggles under the Barak government as

constituting ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. The NGO declaration at the same conference was even more virulent.

I could go on. But I want to bring this closer to home. Of course academic communities should be and always will be places that allow any viewpoint to be expressed. And certainly there is much to be debated about the Middle East and much in Israel's foreign and defense policy that can be and should be vigorously challenged.

But where anti-Semitism and views that are profoundly anti-Israeli have traditionally been the primary preserve of poorly educated right-wing populists, profoundly anti-Israel views are increasingly finding support in progressive intellectual communities. Serious and thoughtful people are advocating and taking actions that are anti-Semitic in their effect if not their intent.

For example:

- Hundreds of European academics have called for an end to support for Israeli researchers, though not for an end to support for researchers from any other nation.
- Israeli scholars this past spring were forced off the board of an international literature journal.
- At the same rallies where protesters, many of them university students, condemn the IMF and global capitalism and raise questions about globalization, it is becoming increasingly common to also lash out at Israel. Indeed, at the anti-IMF rallies last spring, chants were heard equating Hitler and Sharon.
- Events to raise funds for organizations of questionable political provenance that in some cases were later found to support terrorism have been held by student organizations on this and other campuses with at least modest success and very little criticism.
- And some here at Harvard and some at universities across the country have called for the University to single out Israel among all nations as the lone country where it is inappropriate for any part of the university's endowment to be invested. I hasten to say the University has categorically rejected this suggestion.

We should always respect the academic freedom of everyone to take any position. We should also recall that academic freedom does not include freedom from criticism. The only antidote to dangerous ideas is strong alternatives vigorously advocated.

I have always, throughout my life, been put off by those who heard the sound of breaking glass in every insult or slight, and conjured up images of Hitler's Kristallnacht at any disagreement with Israel. Such views have always seemed to me alarmist if not slightly hysterical. But I have to say that while they still seem to me unwarranted, they

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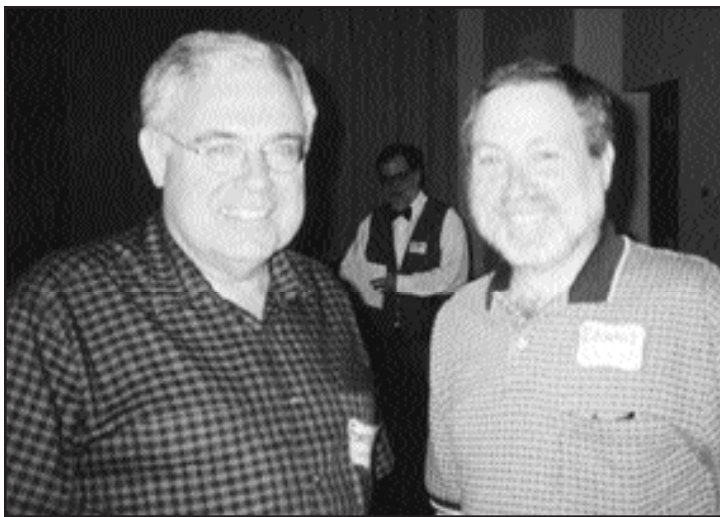
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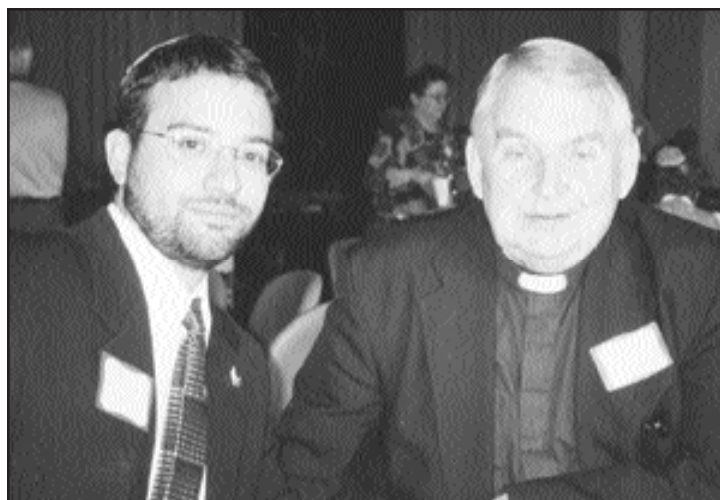
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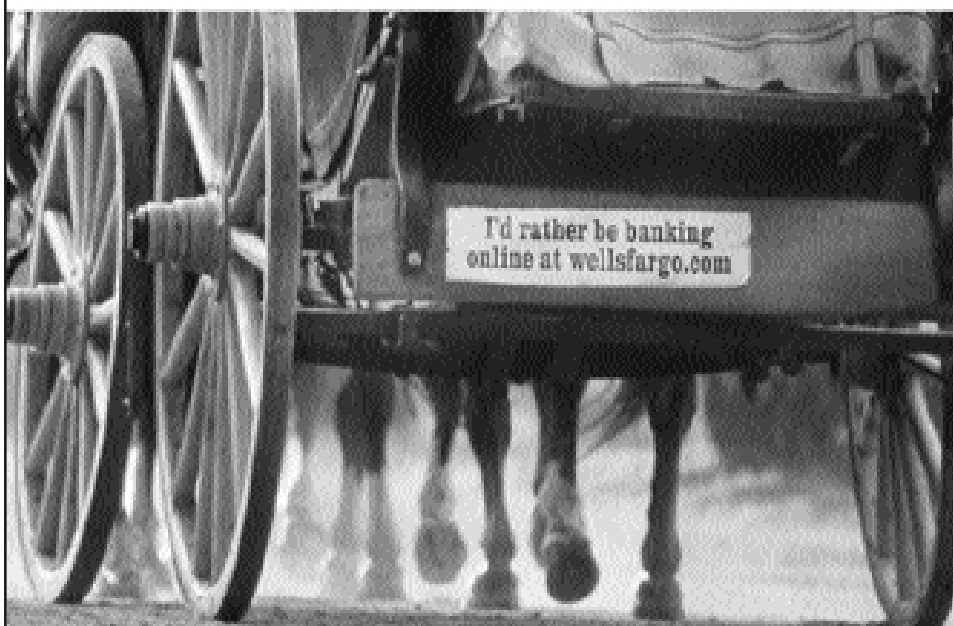
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The Caspes (center) along with Anne Blumenthal (r.) and guests.

Federation Says “Thank You” To Offers Insight Into Current Progr



Families Provided Home Hospitality For Four Federation Leadership Dinners In August

Plans are to develop programs to support the continuing education needs of individuals who have recently converted to Judaism as well as to increase the knowledge base of family members who are not Jewish but are raising their children Jewish. Ariela, who holds a Masters in Social Work, noted that she will offer counseling for community members.

A special message was presented by Grigory Agranovskiy. Grigory is the son of Misha Agranovskiy, who immigrated to Des Moines from the former Soviet Union and was resettled by the Jewish Federation. Grigory lives in Israel. He comes to Des Moines periodically not only to see his father, but for highly specialized medical services that are not available in Israel. He is assisted in this through the Federation and by private benefactors within our community, for which he is immensely thankful. In addition to helping translate Grigory's words from Russian, Dr. Lena Malina, herself an immigrant from the FSU, graciously added her thanks to the Federation for the variety of services made available to her entire family over the years.

Lyanna Grund, Coordinator of the Jewish Federation Community School, outlined the workings of the Community School. Based upon the needs expressed by the synagogues, the Community School offers a common grounding for all Jewish students. Likening the School to the foundation of a building, Lyanna stressed the importance of a solid, basic educational experience for our children and the necessity of keeping our teens involved in Jewish learning post Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The existence of the Community School, she pointed out, has saved our synagogues hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years, in not having to engage teachers or supply materials for the purpose of elementary Jewish education.

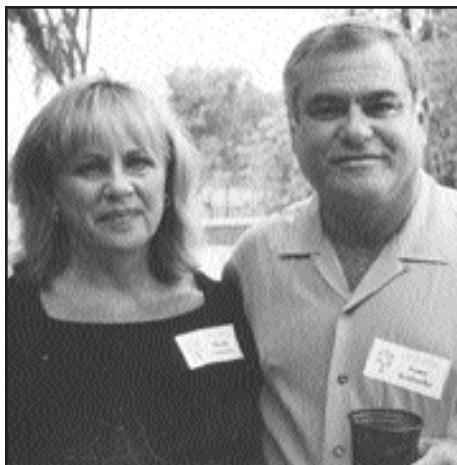
Alice Friedgood spoke about the Melton Adult Education program that she now coordinates. Melton is an unmitigated success story for our community and a fair number of those present during her talk were, indeed, Melton graduates. In illustrating how important the Melton experience has been, Alice related stories of how



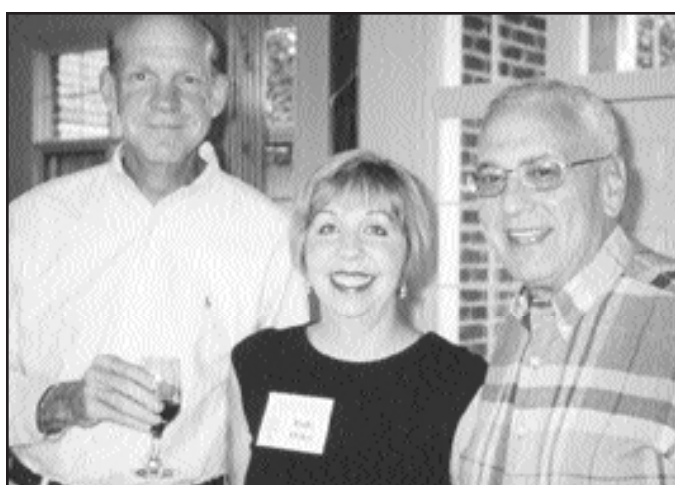
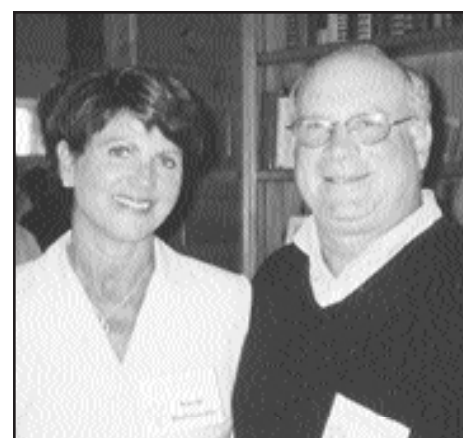
Margo and Don Blumenthal;
Re Nussbaum;
Herb and Kathy Eckhouse
with Ariela HaLevi



**Larry and Suzanne Engman;
Julie Howald, Maddy Schoen and
Robbie Winick;
Mindy and Gary Galinsky;
Marilyn and Lou Hurwitz with
Audrey Rosenberg;
Suzy Robinette and Ron Rosenblatt**



Community Leaders, Programming And Services



**Bob and Polly Oxley
with Sheldon
Rabinowitz;
Dr. Lena Malina with
Grigori Agranovsky;
Tom and Barbara
Carlstrom**



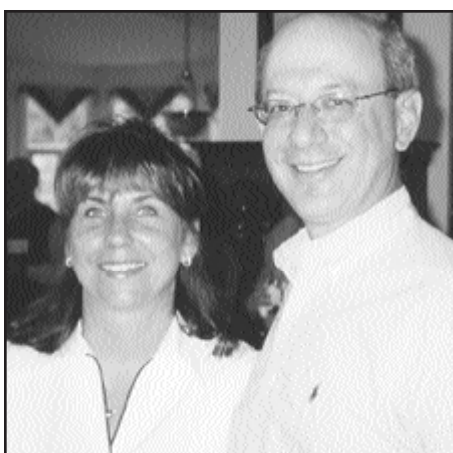
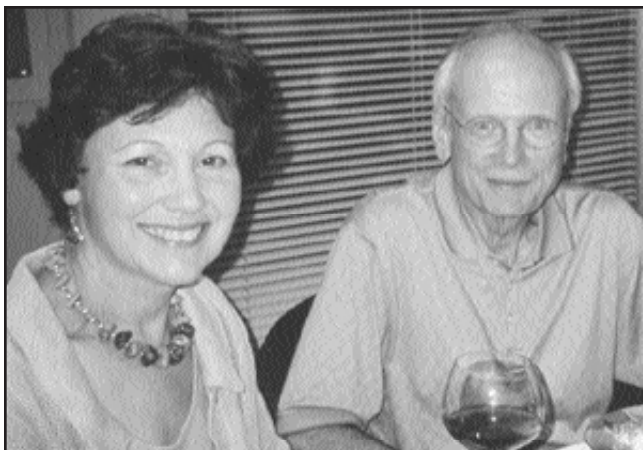
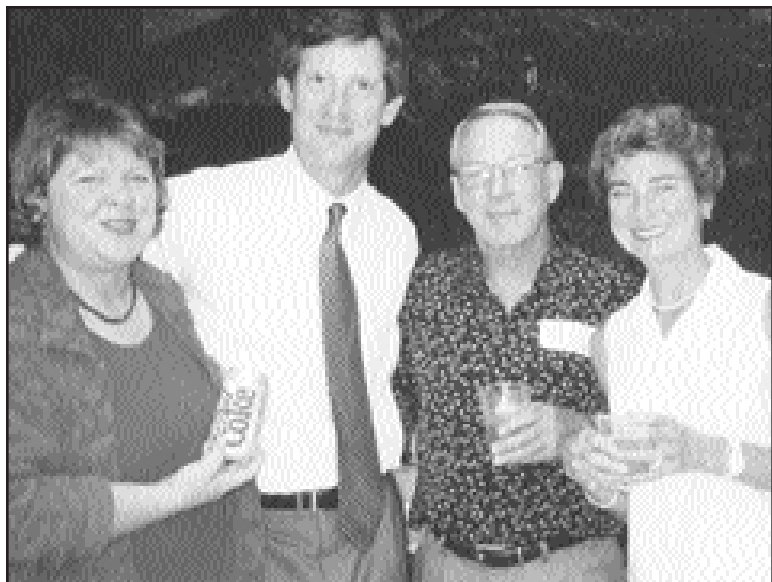
enrollment in Melton classes has changed people's lives. According to first hand accounts, the Melton curriculum supplements the relatively poor Jewish education many received in their youth and provides a modern, spiritual basis for living a Jewish life. Alice reported that the current class, the sixth to be initiated since Melton was introduced into our community, is the largest ever. All this, she said, is made possible only with underwriting from the Federation.

One additional note, after everyone else had spoken at one of the meetings, Stan Richards took the opportunity to say a few words. Stan is the President of the Des Moines Jewish Foundation and longtime supporter of the Federation. While thanking everyone for their continued support for our community, Stan shared his feelings that our overseas obligations have been shorted. At one time, he said, when Campaign was stronger, we were able to meet our obligation to Israel. However, our ability to direct dollars to Israel in the most drastic times ever has dramatically decreased. "We are doing a remarkable job in taking care of local needs," he said. "But we have to find it within us to send more funds to Israel now, in its time of crisis."

The four leadership meetings and dinners held this past summer were an important link to the success of our Federation in the future. Don, Polly, and the rest of our Federation Board members sincerely gave thanks to all who have contributed to making ours an exemplary Federation in the past, to those who have worked so hard in evolving the Federation to meet present needs, and to those who are working equally as hard in pointing our Federation and our community towards the future. "Our goal is to keep improving," said Don. "Our volunteers and staff are working hard so that we can all enjoy a high quality of Jewish community life. We're doing it



**Stan and Gail Richards;
Janice and Kent Rosenberg
with Steve and Gwenn Copple;
Florence and Glenn Purnell;
Heidi and David Moskowitz;
Sigal Mazor and Marv Winick;
Naum and Lily Staroselsky**



The Federation took several opportunities in August to say "thank you" to over 100 community leaders. On four separate occasions, Federation President Don Schoen paid tribute to the individuals and families in our community that have given unselfishly of themselves over the past years. The meetings, followed by dinners, were held in the homes of four of our community leaders, Ron Rosenblatt and Suzi Robinette, Suzanne and Larry Engman, Stan and Gail Richards, and Margo and Don Blumenthal.

At the beginning of each meeting, Don conveyed his heartfelt thanks to donors, on behalf of our community. "As a result of your generosity and that of others within our community, our Federation has been enabled to do won-

derful things," said Don, at one meeting. "Our children have benefited. Our families have benefited. And Jews in distress worldwide have benefited by our community's contribution to United Jewish Appeal."

Don then went on to describe how our Federation has changed over the past few years in our effort to empower volunteers, that which is necessary to provide leadership and programming. For the past several years, our Federation has evolved a system that "keeps us doing what we are supposed to be doing, but approaches our goal in a new way," explained Don, along with our president-elect Polly Oxley. The new system, called the "Pillar System" is one that is being used on a grand scale within the organization of Jewish Federations, the United Jewish Communities. As we modify it for local purposes, Don said, it

"We hope others in the community who missed these meetings will allow us to thank them in another way." Don

The essence of the Pillar System is simple.

- 1) Programs are now grouped thematically, by pillar. Instead of having separate programs with compartmentalized staff assignments, there is now a more systematic way of matching resources to each task. Moreover, given the appropriate number of volunteers, programs that can serve different types of people are now more likely to be planned with a variety of people in mind and are also more likely than in the past to actually connect with the people to be served.
- 2) From Pillar Chairs on down, our main lay leaders, our Board of Directors, are now involved with programming. This makes for a more knowledgeable Board and for more effective program oversight and coordination.

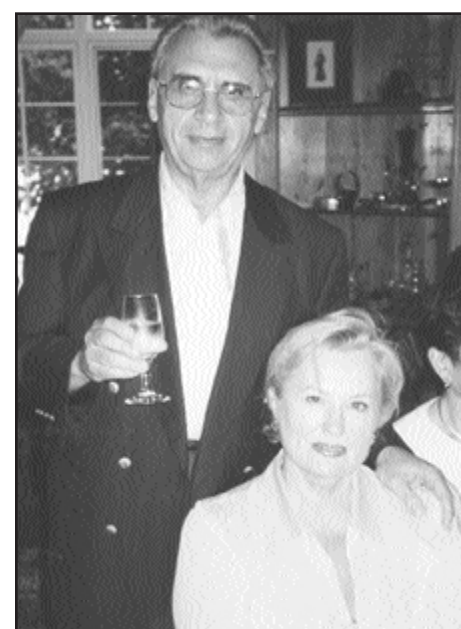
Don's presentation focused on each of the five pillars and highlighted the programs related to each. The five pillars are: Education; Renaissance & Renewal; Financial & Resource

Development; Communications; and Community Services (formerly known as the Social Action pillar)

To help bring the topic to life, Polly Oxley called upon individuals to say a few words about the Federation programs they were involved with. By all accounts, the thoughts and information shared by those who spoke were well appreciated by the people in attendance.

Sigal Mazor, a young Israeli who was brought to our community this summer, spoke of her involvement as an Israeli Cultural Specialist in Camp Shalom and about the meaningfulness of our Partnership 2000 relationship with our sister region, the Western Galilee, where she resides. She spoke about what these programs meant to her personally, and with regard to the P2K project, how much people in her region appreciate our raising funds to purchase an ambulance for Western Galilee Hospital. At one meeting, Engman Camp Shalom director Christy Bender spoke about the camp's successful program and thanked the community for its support.

Federation Social Worker Ariela HaLevi spoke about our Senior Adult program, and plans for Jewish Community Services. The Senior Adult luncheons, she reported, were back in operation, as is Operation Good Mensch.



Leviticus: Our Guide To Living A Moral And Righteous Life

By Jim Marcovis

Of the five books of the Torah, Leviticus is the only one which has little history in it. Rather it emphasizes how one should live one's life and commands us to be good, do good and love our fellow man.

Chapter 19:16 is the commandment which I feel has a special meaning in today's world. It states "Do not deal basely with your countryman. Do not stand upon the blood of your fellow man." There are many interpretations of this passage, such as "Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor." But the one which has the most meaning for me is "Do not stand idly by, watching with indifference your fellow man in mortal danger."

In recent times our country and we as Jews in America have not heeded this commandment. Starting with the beginnings of the Holocaust, when the U.S. Government would not open our shores to European Jewish refugees in the late 1930s and early 1940s, the Jews of the U.S., especially those with influence within the Roosevelt administration, did not put forth enough effort and force to help save our people from the Holocaust. In fact, the First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt put more pressure on FDR than our own leaders did. I do not remember, growing up during WWII, any mass rallies by Jewish organizations for the freedom of those Jews under Nazi control, as we had for Soviet Jewry in the 1980s and more recently supporting Israel.

But the Holocaust is not our only failing. I was with then Senator Hughes of Iowa on a mission to Israel in February 1973. After touring Yad Vashem and

discussing the phrase "Never Again", I asked him why the U.S. and the world community had stood by the then recent massacre of two million in Biafra. He had no explanation. How long did it take the U.S. and NATO to react to Bosnia and Kosovo? We waited until many massacres and many instances of ethnic cleansing happened. We did nothing as thousands were slaughtered in Rwanda. After the Gulf War in 1991 we stood by while Iraq crushed the uprisings of the Shiites in the south and the Kurds in the north of Iraq, after we had urged them to revolt and overthrow Hussein. Millions are now at risk of dying all over Africa from AIDS, starvation, tribal and civil warfare and, again, we do nothing.

Today Israel needs our assistance more than ever. More important than our money, they need us to show support by traveling to Israel, buying Israeli products, and, most important, becoming more vocal in this country.

We should send a continuous supply of information of translations of Muslim speeches, textbooks and sermons, which incite anti-Jewish sentiment, to the newspapers, news magazines, TV stations, NPR and our elected representatives. We must commend the Administration for its support of Israel and keep urging them to continue their support. We must become more vocal locally through letters to the editors, newspaper ads in support of Israel, appearances on radio talk shows and communal informational meetings.

"Do not stand idly by, watching with indifference our fellow man in mortal danger." We can no longer ignore this commandment, not only as it applies to Israel but to all the suffering

Photographer Robert S. Leiserowitz To Visit The Caspe Terrace

Robert S. Leiserowitz, at age 75, has been a serious photographer and artist for over 50 years.

During his many years in Des Moines, Iowa, where he lived until 1984, he pioneered photography as an art form and has gained international reputation as a master printer of black and white photography.

Robert has gifted 11 one-of-a kind photographs of midwest landscapes to the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. They will be on display at the Iowa Jewish Historical Society Caspe Heritage Gallery Opening on October 27.

Robert works only in black and white. Over many years of experimentation, he created a variety of chemical developer formulas which are mixed just before he begins the printing process, while they are at their peak strength. The print developers vary widely as to their ultimate tonal range, contrast, brightness, and cool or warmth of the subject image.

A "Leiserowitz Print" is unique. The use of positive print control without resorting to unnatural manipulation or darkroom mechanics allows his unique vision to surface in the final print.

He is a purist and a perfectionist, using only natural light and shadow in his work.

Rich black tones are dominant in much of his late stage work, as soft warm tones and warm print papers were essential in his Midwestern series of the 1970's and 1980's.

Sensual qualities are present in his images of cactus, plants, and flowers, and his many years of prints of mon-

soon clouds. Abstract qualities are more evident in his latest work.

In 1978, Robert opened the original Leiserowitz Gallery in West Des Moines, Iowa, the first gallery of fine art photography in the Midwest.

The gallery was extremely popular. He brought many of the world's most famous photographs by Steiglitz, Ansel Adams, Edward and Brett Weston, Karsh, Strand, Cunningham, and many others. Workshops and lectures were very popular. The gallery was open for 7 years.

In 1984, Robert moved to Arizona to devote more time to the development of his own photographic work where he could take advantage of the abundant sunshine and shadow.

Leiserowitz prints are held in collections worldwide, both corporate and private. He has had over 65 one man shows, including shows in nearly every art center in Iowa. The Des Moines Science Center organized a traveling show of 40 large Leiserowitz Midwestern prints that were exhibited for two years in art and science centers across the country. Two of these prints in this permanent collection are all that remain of those original 40 prints.

We are delighted that Robert, his wife Bunny and family will be with us at the official opening of the Caspe Heritage Gallery on October 27. The Jewish Federation and The Caspe Terrace are honored to have Leiserowitz Iowa and Dallas county photos to enhance our building.

In the 1990's as computer and Internet interest developed, Leiserowitz created his own website: Leiserowitz Gallery of Black & White Photography. It

A LOOK AT THE JEWISH WORLD ON A NEW TV CHANNEL: CHAI TV

The broadcasts, which will start in January 2003, are intended for Europe, North and South America, and Israel; Initiators are French media professionals. CHAI TV, the first global Jewish television channel will begin broadcasting in January 2003. CHAI TV is an independent international cable and satellite television channel, with an associated website. It is intended for the Jewish Diaspora communities and those interested in Israel and Jewish affairs.

CHAI TV, which will broadcast to Europe, North and South America, and Israel, will be bilingual in English and French from the outset. It intends to maintain highest quality standards in content and technical capabilities.

In philosophy CHAI is pluralistic, and dedicated to showing the many facets of Israel and Jewish life while maintaining journalistic integrity. The broad cultural scope of the CHAI TV initiative will include expanded news coverage of Israel and the Middle East; cultural affairs, education, scientific, research in Israel; Jewish tradition, news of Jewish communities abroad and inter-communal dialogue. Because of its pluralism, the channel will position itself beyond religious and secu-

lar controversies, and will allow for a wide scope of views and artistic expression.

The channel will broadcast seven days a week, 24 hours a day in four-hour bilingual grids. Due to its global disposition, CHAI TV will broadcast on the Sabbath from regions where it is not the Sabbath. During Israeli and European nighttime hours, CHAI TV will broadcast "American English" programming to North America. CHAI TV will make use of the HotBird Satellite for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, Telstar-5 for North America, and Intelsat-5 for Central and South America.

The project, the brainchild of French businessman Michel Silber, employs top professionals, operating out of Paris and Jerusalem. CHAI TV Deputy Director Daniel Maillot was deputy director of Canal+ Info Television and Vivendi Universal Group and former Film director for TF 1, Jacques Jublin, Director and News Editor, was news Director of I Television and former editor in chief of La Tribune daily. Remy Champseix, program director, was program director of CBS News. Xavier Gouyou Beauchamps, current president of the French Broadcasting Group in the European

Broadcasting Union and a former presidential spokesman and director France Television, is Vice President and Chairman of the ethics committee.

The Israel editorial board employs teams under the guidance of veteran CNN journalist Mike Greenspan (English language news), former TF1 reporter Michel Illouz (French language news)

and Michel Grynszpan, CEO of ISRA TV (magazine items). In Israel, CHAI TV will operate out of GG Studios. By special agreement with Israel's Second Channel Television, CHAI TV will have exclusive use of the Second Channel filmed news items.

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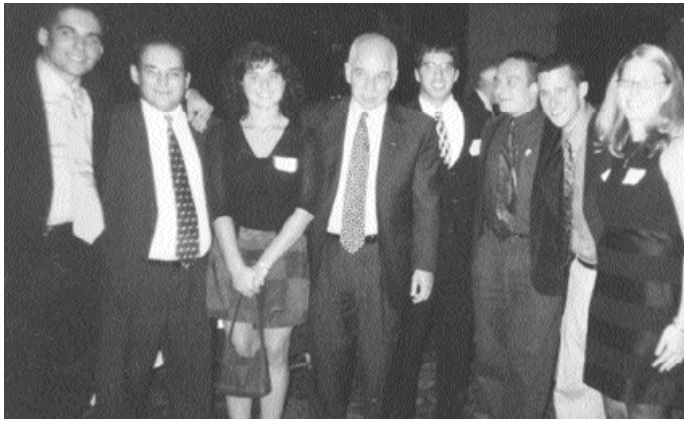
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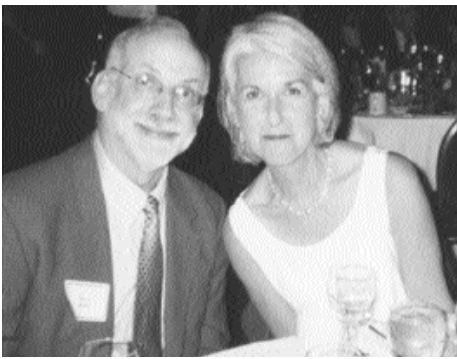
AIPAC Iowa Features Director Of Foreign Policy

Issues



Dr. Rosen along with Iowa Hillel Students

AIPAC Iowa held a community event at the Marriott Hotel on September 17th featuring AIPAC's national Director of Foreign Policy Issues, Dr. Steve Rosen. The audience included seasoned pro-Israel activists as well as many new supporters of AIPAC. Six past presidents of the Federation, in addition to the current



Marty and Shelley Brody

president, participated in this well-attended event, as did an enthusiastic group of college students that made the trip in from Iowa City.

In addition to the address by Dr. Rosen, upbeat remarks were offered by AIPAC Iowa Chairman Sheldon Rabinowitz, Vice Chairperson Paulee Lipsman, and Honorary Chairmen Bud Hockenberg and Marvin Pomerantz.

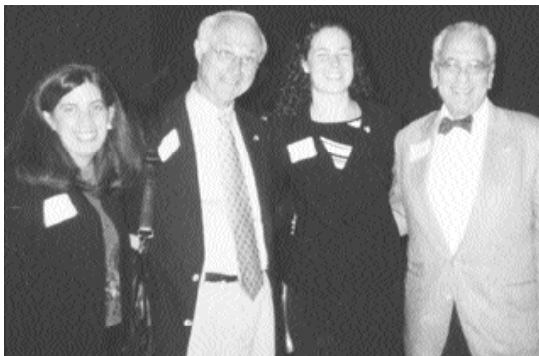
A history was presented summarizing some of what AIPAC has accomplished as the organization entrusted with developing the American-Israel relationship. Whether the goal had been to break the Arab boycott of Israel in the late 1970s, developing a viable free trade agreement in the mid 1980s, or lobbying our government to hold the Palestinian Authority accountable for its actions at present, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee has done an exemplary job.

Dr. Rosen accomplished several goals in his talk. The first was to explain how AIPAC counters the combined effects on the Administration of anti-Israel pressure exerted by the 25 Arab embas-

sies located in Washington, D.C., the 25 Muslim non-Arab embassies (such as Pakistan and Indonesia), and the 77 so-called "non-Aligned" countries with resident embassies.

A second goal was to explain the current situation in the Middle East, with reference to the actions orchestrated by leaders within the Palestinian ranks. "The Palestinian kids didn't find their own bombs or pick their targets. This was done on a methodical basis with dozens of people involved in the process," said Rosen. "And their goal has been to go where the [Israeli] children are ...and kill as many as possible."

Rosen pointed up the need for new Palestinian leadership, leaders "who would not spend the millions of dollars donated by the international community, money supposed to go for state-building but ends up paying for murder and



Sheldon Rabinowitz (r) and Bud Hockenberg along with the AIPAC staff

killing of Israeli civilians."

A final goal was to reiterate that Israel "will support the creation of a



Marvin and Robbie Winick

Palestinian state, but not a terrorist state." Rosen asked that people remember that Barak had offered far-reaching concessions to the Palestinians, including sovereignty. The problem, said Rosen, is not that Israel is intransigent, but that the Palestinians are currently incapable of making peace, given the mindset of their leaders and the manner in which they have inculcated hatred within their children.

The AIPAC program is made possible by private contributions. To support AIPAC, contact Sheldon Rabinowitz at 279-5012 or any of the above mentioned members of the AIPAC Iowa Council Executive Committee.

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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

It's Time To Hit The Soup Kitchens:

JEWISH VOLUNTEER GROUP WANTS YOU!

By Sharon Samber

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15 (JTA) -- If only the Jewish Coalition for Service had been around when she was in college, when she wanted to volunteer but didn't know how to find information on available programs, Ilana Aisen says. Many of the programs she looked into just weren't the right fit: "I needed the Jewish piece of it to get hooked in," she says.

Ultimately Aisen worked in programs sponsored by the American Jewish World Service and Hillel. She currently works at AJWS, coordinating their alternative spring break programs. Once the Jewish Coalition for Service is established, Aisen says, it will be easier for today's young people to navigate the Jewish service field than it was for her.

Coinciding with the Jewish New Year and President Bush's designation of this month as "September of Service," the Trust for Jewish Philanthropy has launched the service coalition, which aims to bring together Jewish-sponsored service and volunteer programs from around the world under one umbrella. A venture capital fund will provide grants to various service organizations. The coalition will allow participants to discuss programming, share strategies and collaborate more effectively, Jewish leaders say. It also may help them reach out to new volunteers.

"Our vision is that the coalition's efforts will help make Jewish volunteer service a rite of passage, as integral a

part of Jewish life as a Bar or Bat Mitzvah," said David Altshuler, the trust's president. Altshuler stressed that every organization in the coalition must include a Judaic learning component in its programming. "Service by Jews is not the same thing as Jewish service," he said.

The Trust for Jewish Philanthropy, which was founded in 2000 by United Jewish Communities, promotes entrepreneurial philanthropic investment and creative activism in Jewish life. Some of the concepts behind the coalition might sound familiar to those in the loop on social justice and the Jewish community.

Current Jewish Coalition for Service members include: American Jewish World Service, International Jewish College Corps, Na'aseh, and Jewish Volunteer Corps, American Jewish Society for Service, AMITIM, AVODAH: the Jewish Service Corps, Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life - Tzedek Hillel, The Jewish Organizing Initiative, Jewish Youth for Community Action, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee - The JDC Jewish Service Corps and Ralph I. Goldman Fellowship, Meytiv, Nesiya, NFTY Urban Mitzvah Corps, TIYUL at 92nd Street Y, Project Oren, Project Oetzma, United Synagogue Youth - Mission Mitzvah, Washington Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values - The Jewish Civics Initiative, Panim el Panim, and E Pluribus Unum, World Jewish Peace Corps. The Trust for Jewish Philanthropy is

Israel Has A Moral Right To Exist

WHY REASON AND JUSTICE ARE ON ISRAEL'S SIDE

By Yaron Brook and Peter Schwartz

As yet another appalling suicide bombing takes place in Israel, killing 19 people and wounding dozens more on a bus packed with schoolchildren in Jerusalem—as Hamas claims credit for the massacre—America's policymakers still insist on seeking an "even-handed," diplomatic solution.

In the past 18 months, Israel's six million citizens have suffered 12,480 terrorist attacks. They have buried more than 400 victims—a per-capita death toll six times that of America on September 11. Yet, in an abhorrent act of injustice, Israel continues to be pressured by the United States into making concessions to Yasser Arafat, the archpatron of those terror attacks. In the long run, this means that Israel is being pressured into sacrificing its basic right to exist.

We should be supporting Israel's right to take whatever military action is needed to defend itself against its nihilistic enemies. Morally and militarily, Israel is America's frontline in the war on terrorism. If America is swayed by Arafat's latest empty rhetoric, and allows him to continue threatening Israel, our own campaign against terrorism becomes sheer hypocrisy and will, ultimately, fail.

Consider the facts and judge for yourself:

The Israelis and the Palestinians are not morally equal. Israel is the only free country in a region dominated by Arab monarchies, theocracies and dictatorships. It is only the citizens of Israel—Arabs and Jews alike—who enjoy the right to express their views, to criticize their government, to form political parties, to publish private newspapers, to hold free elections. When Arab authorities deny the most basic freedoms to their own people, it is obscene for them to start claiming that Israel is violating the Palestinians' rights. All Arab citizens who are genuinely concerned with human rights should, as their very first action, seek to oust their own despotic rulers and adopt the type of free society that characterizes Israel.

Since its founding, Israel has been the victim

Since its founding in 1948, Israel has had to fight five wars—all in self-defense—against 22 hostile Arab dictatorships, and has been repeatedly attacked by Palestinian terrorists. Arafat is responsible for the kidnapping and murder of Israeli schoolchildren, the hijacking of airliners and the car bombings and death-squad killings of thousands of Israeli, American, Lebanese and Palestinian civilians. Today he ardently sponsors such terror groups as Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the al Aksa Brigade.

The land Israel is "occupying" was captured in a war initiated by its Arab neighbors. Like any victim of aggression, Israel has a moral right to control as much land as is necessary to safeguard itself against attack. The Palestinians want to annihilate Israel, while Israel wants simply to be left alone. If there is a moral failing on Israel's part, it consists of its reluctance to take stronger military measures. If it is right for America to bomb al-Qaeda strongholds in Afghanistan—and it is—then it is equally justifiable for Israel to

bomb the terrorist strongholds in the occupied territories.

Hatred of Israel, and of the United States, is hatred for Western values

Like America's war against the Taliban and al-Qaeda, the Arab-Israeli dispute is a conflict between opposing philosophies. On the one side are the forces of mysticism, medieval tribalism, dictatorship—and terror; on the other side are the forces of reason, individualism, capitalism—and civilization. Arafat and his sympathizers hate Israel for the same reason that Osama bin Laden and his sympathizers hate America, i.e., for embracing secular, Western values. No "peace process" is possible with such enemies.

This is not an ethnic battle between Jews and Arabs, but a moral battle between those who value the individual's right to be free and those who don't. Those Arabs who value individual freedom are enemies of the Arafat regime and deserve to be embraced by Israel; those Jews who do not value individual freedom deserve to be condemned by Israel.

Israelis have a right to the land

Only Israel has a moral right to establish a government in that area—on the grounds, not of some ethnic or religious heritage, but of a secular, rational principle. Only a state based on political and economic freedom has moral legitimacy. Contrary to what the Palestinians are seeking, there can be no "right" to establish a dictatorship.

As to the rightful owners of particular pieces of property, Israel's founders—like the homesteaders in the American West earned ownership to the land by developing it. They arrived in a desolate, sparsely populated region and drained the swamps, irrigated the desert, grew crops and built cities. They worked unclaimed land or purchased it from the owners. They introduced industry, libraries, hospitals, art galleries, universities—and the concept of individual rights. Those Arabs who abandoned their land in order to join the military crusade against Israel forfeited all right to their property. And if there are any peaceful Arabs who were forcibly evicted from their property, they may press their claims in the courts of Israel, which, unlike the Arab autocracies, has an independent, objective judiciary—a judiciary that recognizes the principle of property rights.

Palestinians are not "freedom fighters"

The Palestinians want a state, not to secure their freedom, but to perpetuate the dictatorial reign of Arafat's Palestinian Authority. Arafat's "police" brutally expropriate property and silence opposing viewpoints by shutting down radio and TV stations. They systematically arrest, torture and murder peaceful dissenters. To call the militant Palestinians "freedom fighters"—when they support the subjugation of their own people, when they deliberately murder children in the streets or gleefully praise such depravity—is a mind-numbing perversion.

Palestinians have consistently sought to destroy Israel

In 1947 the Palestinians rejected the U.N.'s offer of a state larger than the one

they are demanding now. Instead, they joined in a war aimed at wiping Israel from the map. Today, that hostility has only hardened. For example, in a televised public sermon, a Palestinian Imam declared: "God willing, this unjust state [of] Israel, will be erased." Palestinian textbooks are filled with vile, anti-Jewish propaganda, such as this exhortation from a fifth-grade Arabic language text: "Remember: the final and inevitable result will be the victory of the Muslims over the Jews."

A Palestinian state under Arafat would become a base for terrorism

A Palestinian state headed by Arafat would be a launching pad and a training ground for terrorist organizations targeting, not only Israel, but the United States. Forcing Israelis to accept a Palestinian state under Arafat is like forcing Americans to accept a state the size of Mexico, 12 miles from New York City, ruled by Osama bin Laden. As long as the Palestinians sanction aggression, they should not be permitted their own state.

Arafat's meaningless words will not restore life to his terror-victims—past or future

No rhetoric by Arafat can change the fact that he is a hater of freedom and a destroyer of innocent human life. Imagine Osama bin Laden being enticed by American diplomats to announce: "We strongly condemn operations that target American civilians, especially the last one

in New York. We equally condemn the massacres that have been, and are still being, committed by U.S. occupation troops against Taliban civilians in Kandahar, Shah-i-Kot and Tora Bora." Would any sane individual thereby endorse an immediate withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan and the creation of a Taliban state, headed by bin Laden, alongside America? If not, why should Israel be expected to act so suicidally?

America, for its own benefit, must allow Israel to uphold the principle of self-defense

The growing demand for Israel to negotiate with Arafat comes from an unprincipled, range-of-the-moment mentality. Surrendering to extortion—which the "land-for-peace" catechism endorses—is profoundly immoral and impractical. In the 1938 version of "land for peace," Nazi Germany was appeased by being allowed to take over Czechoslovakia as part of the Aryan people's "homeland"; the result was to encourage Hitler to start a world war.

The Arab-Israeli conflict could become a dress rehearsal for a wider, global conflict. If America now stops Israel from retaliating against Arafat, the father of international terrorism, how can it ever justify retaliation against its own enemies? If we force Israel to appease Arafat, we will be broadcasting, loud and clear, that terrorism can bring America too to its knees.

We should urge our government to recognize that there is only one means

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Eruv Rings Area Within Des Moines

No, this story is not about Johnny Cash nor about the song he made popular. It's about the construction of an eruv: a boundary, demarcated by wire, extending the area in which it is permissible to transport objects on the Sabbath. Lending insight into this subject and the project undertaken by the Des Moines Community Kollel is Rabbi Yerucham (Rookie) Schochet of the Des Moines Community Kollel.

Jewish Press: Rabbi Schochet, it is a pleasure to speak with you. Please tell us, what is the purpose of an eruv?

Rabbi Yerucham Schochet: Tradition teaches us that it is forbidden to transport anything from a private domain into the public domain on the Shabbos. A private domain is defined by any area that has a boundary around the perimeter. An eruv, which means mixture, combines many private domains into one large domain, as an extension, as it were, of one's house.

JP: I understand that an eruv has now been constructed in Des Moines. How long is the eruv?

YS: The eruv, which was constructed over the summer, is about nine miles in circumference and runs between 73rd and 42nd, Grand and Franklin, although not all of that area is in the eruv. Anyone that wants a complete map of the eruv can contact the

Kollel at 279-7060

JP: What does the eruv consist of? What do you use to construct the boundary?

YS: Most of the time we are utilizing the pre-existing electric lines atop poles. Those places where there isn't an existing wire, we, with the help of the utility company, have put up a wooden block, which is 2 inches across by 3 inches down, and attach a piece of screen spine, which is 1/6th of an inch, to that, running down to the ground. That addition keeps the boundary intact.

JP: So this is really unobtrusive.

YS: Very much so. If you do not know what you are looking for, you can drive through the whole of Des Moines, you'll never know where it is.

JP: How often does it have to be checked?

YS: Every week.

JP: Who will be doing the checking?

YS: I'll be doing the checking.

JP: All 9 miles?

YS: I assume so (chuckling). Most of the inspection can actually be done by car. It will probably take a couple of hours to check visually every week.

JP: Suppose part of the eruv is down? What happens then?

YS: We call back the contractor who is helping us put it up today. We check it on Thursdays, and he has told us that he will

make himself available Thursday nights or Friday to fix any problems, prior to Shabbos.

JP: To your knowledge, is this the first eruv in Des Moines?

YS: Yes. There are about 100 cities across the world that have eruvim. But in any city of this size, it is probably the first.

JP: You would think that both Chicago and New York have very large ones.

YS: Chicago has one, New York has one that is very controversial because there are many rabbinical laws of eruvim, and there are big disputes about the validity of the New York eruv.

JP: Where is the eruv mentioned in Hebrew scripture? Is it in the Five Books of Moses?

YS: It is not in the Pentateuch. In fact, King Solomon was the one who devised the concept of eruv in order to make it easier for people to keep Shabbos. The same concepts that he set forth, we are using today. There's a whole tractate devoted to eruv in the Talmud. The tractate is called Eruvin and it is in the 'order' [among the group of texts] of Festivals. It is in Festivals because it has to do with Shabbos. The only other festival it applies to is Yom Kippur, because Yom Kippur has the same laws as Shabbos. The other yom tovs, you are allowed to carry, so you don't need an eruv.

JP: Where is the term "carrying" [trans-

porting] defined?

YS: There are two ways in which objects could be transported, either they are worn, like clothes and jewelry, or carried. There are many pages in the tractate of Shabbos that are devoted to the distinctions between wearing and carrying.

JP: Is this a coalitional effort to construct the eruv?

YS: It is supported by all the rabbis, in fact both Rabbis Sandler and Mills gave us letters of encouragement when we first embarked on the project. The finances for it are being handled by the Des Moines Community Kollel. (Contributions are always welcome.)

JP: Please tell us a bit about the technical expert that assisted in constructing the eruv?

YS: We were pleased to obtain the services of Rabbi Heinneman. Rabbi Heinneman is an expert in many fields. He is the rabbinic administrator of the Star-K kashrus organization and involved in the Baltimore Va'ad of Kashrus, and an expert in eruvim. He received his ordination from the Lakewood Yeshiva and he got his 'hands-on' training from Rabbi Aaron Kotler, who was considered the foremost Orthodox rabbi from the time he came to this country in the 1940s until he passed away in the 1960s.

JP: Thank you for explaining the concept



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of the Standard Club of Des Moines. The Iowa Jewish Historical Society is seeking items and information for its archives and gallery displays. If you can help us in any way, contact Jody Hramits, Project Director at 277-6321.

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A.H. Blank was born in Rumania on July 27, 1879, the son of Israel and Miriam Blank. The Blank family immigrated to the U.S. eight years later, to join their father who had preceded them, settling in Council Bluffs. Abraham had two brothers, Michael and J.B. and sisters, Katy, Leah, Esther and Minnie. A.H. married Anna Levy of Omaha on September 20th, 1905. She was the daughter of Judge Jacob Levy.

Blank's fascination with the theater business began in his childhood. As an 11-year old he led a pack of bloodhounds in a parade advertising a theater production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin". His first business venture came not long after. In an interview conducted in 1957, he recalled working as a balloon-hawker and midway barker at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition of 1898 in Omaha. "I had a good voice and the crowds came up," he once said.

Blank entered the theater business in 1911, when he and partner Abe Frankle converted a shooting gallery at 513 Locust into the Casino, the largest motion picture theatre in Des Moines. In 1914 he sold the Casino to Frankle and built the Garden Theater at 615 Locust.

Realizing that exhibitors had to be interested in the production of pictures, Mr. Blank, and his old friends Barney Balaban and Sam Katz, helped form the First National Picture Corporation (1916) which developed into one of the most successful production and distribution companies of the industry. This organization had under contract stars such as Charlie Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Theda Bara, and other leading headliners of those days. The company subsequently became part of the Warner Brothers Picture Corporation.

Blank participated in a number of theater chain reorganizations, buying and selling movie houses. A.H. constructed and acquired new theaters in town after town, and by 1926 operated some 78 houses. In 1926, Blank formed the Central States Theatre Corporation, and when Paramount Public Corporation went into bankruptcy, organized the Tri-States Theatre Corporation in 1933.

In his lifetime, A.H. Blank served on the Board of Directors of some 25 charitable organizations. In 1945 he was given the Des Moines Register and Tribune's annual community award for outstanding service to the City. In 1953 he was named Motion Picture Exhibitor of the Year by Look Magazine. He was a lifetime member of the Variety Club in 1958 and in 1960, was selected by B'nai B'rith as its Man of the Year. In 1964 he received the annual American Award of Des Moines Post 637 and Auxiliary of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States for outstanding service to the nation and Des Moines. In 1967 Mr. Blank was presented the Jewish Welfare Federation's first Humanitarian Award in recognition of his contributions to the educational, cultural, philanthropic and civic life of the community.

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Meet our new Rabbi:



Rabbi Debbie Stiel will be serving as part-time rabbi of the Ames Jewish Congregation this year. Rabbi Stiel is originally from Dallas, Texas. After receiving her

Bachelors degree from Rice University, in Houston, she was ordained at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in 1994.

For the past eight years Rabbi Stiel has served as assistant/associate rabbi of Temple Israel in Omaha, Nebraska. During this time, she was involved in all facets of the congregation and served as rabbinic liaison to the synagogue's Outreach, Youth, Young Adult, and Worship committees.

This year, in addition to her monthly visits to Ames, Rabbi Stiel will be working half-time as the Judaic specialist for the Jewish Community Center of Omaha's Child Development Center. "I loved being a rabbi at Temple Israel, and I look forward to these new opportunities in my life. I am so impressed with the dedication and commitment of the Ames congregation. They are small but mighty, and I am excited about being a part of all that goes on there," Rabbi Stiel said.

Debbie Stiel is married to Steve Stiel, executive director of Jewish Family Services of Omaha. They have two young sons, Micah and Jonah.

DMJA AUCTION NOVEMBER 3

The Des Moines Jewish Academy is holding its annual auction on November 3, 2002 at Beth El Jacob synagogue. 5:30-9 pm. Cost is \$30 with reservations & \$35 at the door, which includes a kosher dinner.

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Meet Mildred Bernstein

Mildred Bernstein was born in Des Moines, Iowa to Flora and Harry Schatz. Mildred's father, Harry, came to Des Moines from Lithuania at the age of sixteen. In 1925, he became an insurance representative for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. This position he held for over 50 years. Mildred's mother, Flora, was born in Denver, Colorado and raised in New Hampton, Iowa. Flora worked at home taking care of Mildred, her older brothers Albert and Myron, her younger brother Sheldon, and her younger sister Betty Jean.

Mildred attended Henry Sabin grade school, Warren Harding Junior High, and graduated from North High School in 1935. After High School, Mildred worked in the credit department at Younkers.

At a Tifereth Israel Synagogue Young People's League gathering, Mildred met her future husband, Nate Bernstein. Nate was a clothier at Frankel Clothing. The two were married July 6, 1941 by Rabbi Monroe Levens.

In January 1943, Nate joined the Army and served in the Quartermaster Corps. Eventually, as first Lieutenant, he returned home in June 1946, after 18 months overseas. Nate resumed his work at Frankel Clothing until 1966, when he became president of Kucharo Clothing.

On July 17, 1945, Edward Lee was born. Ed lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with his wife Madelyn and two children Stacey and Corey. Then on September 20, 1949, Joyce Ann was born. Joyce lives in Cupertino, California with her husband Marc Barman. Their children are Julie and Dan.

North Dakota is the only state in the U.S. that Mildred and her husband have not touched. They have traveled throughout the country and also visited Israel, Hawaii, London and Canada.

Mildred has volunteered at the Jewish Home for over 20 years and served as president of the Life Center Guild from 1977 to 1979. She also was chairman of the Women's American Ort Ortique Consignment Shop and was involved in the Women's Hadassah Organization. Mildred has been a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue for over 50 years, as well as being very active in the Women's League, serving as Religious School Chairman, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman of the Gift Shop.

Currently, Mildred is in her 11th year as a volunteer at the American Cancer Discovery Shop. She began volunteering at the shop after she lost Nate to cancer in December of 1990. Mildred enjoys volunteering so much because she likes helping people.

Next time you visit the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center on a Sunday afternoon, stop by the Activity Dining Room, play a game of Bingo and say

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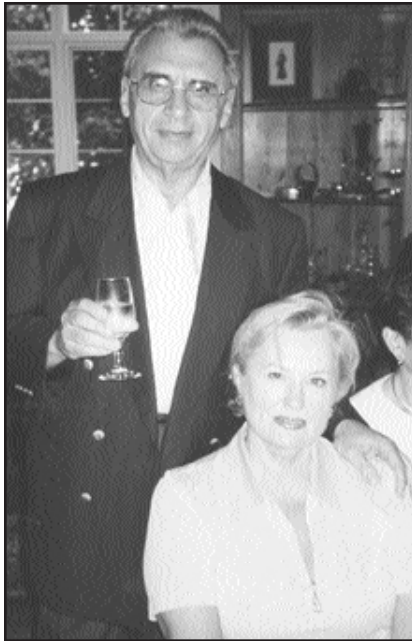
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If you have an interest in visiting Jewish Moscow and St. Petersburg with the Staroselskys, contact the Federation's Travel Department at 277-6321 soon! There are many requests to book hotel accommodations and airline flights to Russia in June and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



Cyril Mandelbaum Honored as Among Women of Influence



We take pride in acknowledging the honor accorded recently to Cyril Ann Mandelbaum. In July, Cyril was selected as among this year's Women of Influence by the Des Moines

Business Record. The award provided an opportunity for the community to thank her for her work over the past eleven years mentoring high school girls. She had founded the Mentoring Project in 1992, bringing women business-owners in contact with girls from Lincoln and Roosevelt High Schools in Des Moines.

Cyril, a Certified Public Accountant, started her career in accounting in 1969 after graduating Magna Cum Laude with a B.S. in Accounting from the University of Colorado. Her first position was with Peat Marwick Mitchell. "I was the only female, two of the three years I was on staff," she comments. "After I left to have my first child in 1972, I started my own CPA firm." Today, her firm, which specializes in taxation,

litigation support, and business valuations, employs two other CPAs, including former Des Moines resident Anita Mandelbaum, whom many in our community remember.

As quoted in the Business Record, Cyril stated her appreciation for the business women who had come before her and who had helped her get started in business. By way of repaying their kindness, Cyril started the high school Mentoring Group, to help young women in their process of selecting a college and a career path. "Over the years," she says, "the group of business women I brought into the project has mentored over 200 young women."

On October 11 the group organized its first young women's conference at Drake University. Called "Opportunity Knocks," the conference served over 150 young women from the five Des Moines high schools.

An active member of our community, Cyril is a member of Temple B'nai Jeshurun and a graduate of the Melton Adult Education Program. She has been awarded the American Society of Women's Accountant's Award, and has served as an appointee on city, state, and national boards pertaining to taxa-

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10/24/2002	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
10/25/2002	8:00 AM	DMJA Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/25/2002	8:15 PM	Services and Rabbi Installation at Tifereth
10/26/2002	9:15 AM	Services, Rabbi Installation and Kiddush Lunch at Tifereth
10/27/2002		Daylight Savings Time Ends
10/27/2002	9:00 AM	Tifereth Men's Club Gubernatorial Candidate Panel
10/27/2002	7:00 PM	Opening of the Heritage Gallery at The Caspe Terrace
10/29/2002	7:30 PM	Ahuda Gray, Kollel Speaker, "My Sister the Jew"
10/30/2002	7:00 PM	Free Hebrew Reading Crash Course at DMJA Level II
10/31/2002	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
11/1/2002	2:30 PM	Michael Cotter, Storyteller, at the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center
11/3/2002		NO SCHOOL - Family Education Day
11/3/2002	10:00 AM	Jewish Family Education Event at the Temple
11/3/2002	10:00 AM	Tifereth Women's League
11/3/2002	5:30 PM	Des Moines Jewish Academy Auction at Beth El Jacob Synagogue
11/6/2002	7:00 PM	Julie Kohner Jr/Sr. High Holocaust Program
11/7/2002	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
11/7/2002	7:00 PM	Julie Kohner Holocaust Program at The Caspe Terrace
11/9/2002	9:15 AM	Tifereth Men's Club Shabbat
11/10/2002	9:00 AM	Jewish Book and Music Fair at Beth El
11/10/2002	2:00 PM	Rabbi Berger to speak at Beth El in conjunction with Book Fair
11/11/2002		Senior Bus Trip to Lakeside Casino in Osceola
11/12/2002	5:30 PM	Temple Board of Trustees
11/14/2002	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
11/16/2002	9:15 AM	Zachary Kupitz Bar Mitzvah at Tifereth
11/17/2002	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
11/18/2002	11:30 AM	Torah Fund Luncheon at Tifereth
11/18/2002	6:00 PM	Federation Executive Committee
11/18/2002	7:00 PM	Federation Board of Directors
11/19/2002	5:30 PM	DMJA Board Meeting
11/20/2002	12:00 PM	Senior Lunch at Tifereth Israel Synagogue
11/21/2002	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
11/23/2002	7:00 PM	Wine Tasting at Tifereth
11/24/2002	11:30 AM	Chanukah Happening at the Temple
11/24/2002	6:00 PM	Casino Night at Beth El Jacob
11/27/2002		NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
11/28/2002		THANKSGIVING DAY
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Bar Mitzvah

Zachary Bear Kupitz



Zachary Bear Kupitz, son of Robert Mark Kupitz, will celebrate becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, **November 16, 2002 at 9:15 am at Tifereth**

Israel Synagogue.

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

Mazel Tov

Sarah Elizabeth Jagiello, born August 20, 2002; proud parents are Dr. William and Lorrie Jagiello.

Elyse and Howard Levine of Ames are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Joseph, to Marina Abramovich of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mazel tov to Rabbi Baruch and Ariela HaLevi on the birth of Yehuda Shmuel on the second day of Rosh HaShanah.

Marti Sivi has been appointed to the Des Moines Register's Advisory Council.

In Memoriam

We note with sorrow the recent passing of

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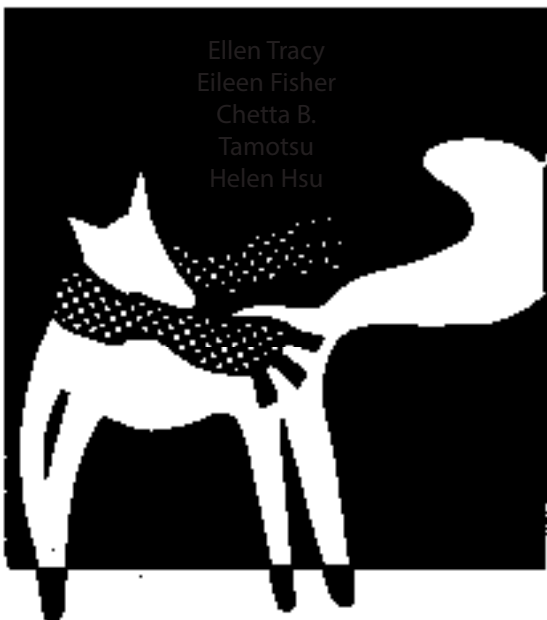


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As you consider your 2002 tax planning, we hope you will consider the many ways creative charitable planning can help you reach your personal objectives, significantly reduce your income taxes, and provide meaningful support to the community.

Following is a brief outline of some of the best gift opportunities for 2002. And when you review your overall estate plans, remember that these plans, too, can include a charitable dimension. Please call our office or see your tax advisor to discuss how this general information may be applicable to your particular circumstances.

A Tradition of Giving

Many tax-conscious individuals make the beginning of the year their time for financial planning. This is when your options and opportunities are the greatest. While there is an element of uncertainty to most strategies, charitable gifts almost always lower your income-tax bill if you itemize, regardless of your income level.

Sometimes, the most direct approach proves to be the most effective. For example, there is no easier way to garner a charitable deduction for 2002 – and support the community at the same time – than by simply writing a check!

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Example:

If you are now in the 30% income-tax bracket in 2002 and you itemize your deductions, a \$1,000 gift to the community by December 31 will save you \$300 in 2002 taxes.

You may find even better benefits, though, when you plan your charitable gifts in light of other tax and investment considerations, or in light of other planning objectives.

Investment Planning

There are some key advantages to investments that produce capital gain. Long-term capital gain is taxed much more favorably than ordinary income. Income-tax rates on ordinary income reach a high of 38.6%, while the top capital gain tax rate is generally only 20%.

But still, who wants to lose 20% of their hard-earned profit to taxes?

When you think of appreciated property, securities and real estate probably come to mind. Gifts of such assets clearly demonstrate the double benefit of contributing long-term appreciated property.

Charitable Deduction

A donor who contributes long-term capital-gain securities or real estate (i.e. property held for more than one year) earns a charitable deduction equal to the property's full fair-market value (FMV).

You can deduct – in the year of the gift – the full fair-market value of long-term appreciated property, subject to a limit of 30% of your adjusted gross income. Any excess can be carried forward for up to five additional years.

Example:

Deborah owns securities with an FMV of \$20,000; she purchased the stock several years ago for \$5,000. If she contributes the stock to the community, Deborah will receive a charitable income-tax deduction of \$20,000, saving her \$6,000 in her 30% tax bracket (\$20,000 x 30%). The income tax savings alone would reduce the cost of her gift to \$14,000 (\$20,000 - \$6,000). In addition, Deborah avoids paying \$3,000 in capital-gains tax on the securities' appreciation (\$15,000 x 20%).

To learn more, contact Marvin Winick, Stan Richards or Elaine Steinger for a confidential consultation at The Des Moines Jewish Foundation 515-277-6321.



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January 12-17, 2003

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or January 12-19, 2003

Cost: \$1,800

(including tips) based on double occupancy (single supplement, \$350). Price does not include domestic airfare.

This trip could cost you as little as \$100 after subsidy* from the Jewish Federation!

Rabbi Baruch HaLevi, Rabbi Ari Sytner, along with Cantorial Soloist Laura Berkson and Rabbi Berel Simpser of the Melton Program have committed to participate in this exciting and meaningful Israel Solidarity Mission + Shabbat extension.

International travel plans are with EL AL Airlines.

[NB. Participants are responsible for making their own domestic travel plans.]

Itinerary January 12-17

Our plans are to participate as a group in the national UJC Solidarity Mission programming, in Jerusalem. We will be staying at the luxurious Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem. Those on the January 12 – 17 Mission will spend each night at the Inbal Hotel. Those on the extended trip will spend the first two nights at the Inbal Hotel in Jerusalem and then travel on, as described below.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE UJC SOLIDARITY MISSION

- **Briefings by leaders in politics, religion and the military**
- **Up-to-date analyses of the current situation and its effect on all aspects of Israeli society**
- **Meet Israelis and take home a new friend**
- **Interactive JAFI/JDC site visits**
- **Visit with Partnership 2000 (P2K) community [A day trip for those on the Jan 12-17 program]**
- **Israel Emergency Campaign Program Venues**
- **From Tourist to Activist: Ambassadors for Israel Program**

Itinerary January 12-19

Our entire group will participate in the UJC Solidarity programming, Monday January 13 and Tuesday, January 14. We will depart together, on Wednesday January 15 by chartered UJC bus to our Partnership 2000 Region, the Western Galilee. [Those on the 6-day trip will return to Jerusalem the same evening to rejoin the UJC Solidarity Mission.] For those on the extended trip: We will stay at the elegant Carlton Hotel on stylish Gaton Boulevard in Nahariya. Our time in this distinctive, historic region will be programmed by our Partnership 2000 staff. We will undoubtedly visit with our many friends in the region, with whom we work on our P2K projects. And we'll be doing Melton study along the way!

Mid-day on Friday, January 17, we will make our way toward the spiritual city of Sefat. Rabbi Baruch HaLevi lived in Sefat and promises to share his insights into the city with us. We will enjoy Shabbat in Sefat at the beautiful Rimon Inn, enjoying informative walking tours and festive meals. After Shabbat concludes, we will depart for Ben Gurion Airport.

NB. All itinerary details are tentative.

ISRAEL TRAVEL SUBSIDY POLICY*

Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines (rev. 9/02)

The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines offers individual subsidies to travelers in an approved program to Israel upon application. Applicants must meet requisite qualifications.

A Federation subsidy may be applied to Missions conducted by our Federation, by the United Jewish Communities or by our local synagogues. Trips organized by our local synagogues must include one day or longer spent in our Partnership 2000 region, the Western Galilee, in coordination with Partnership 2000 officials.

To be considered for subsidization an applicant must:

1. Be of or married to someone of the Jewish faith.
2. Have made an individual or family gift to the All-in-One Campaign for the prior campaign year.
3. Must commit, as part of the application process, contributing at least \$136 to the current year's All-in-One Campaign and will be expected to maintain or raise their pledge the following year.
4. Have resided within the area served by the Federation of Greater Des Moines for at least one year.
5. Be in good standing with Federation pledges, Jewish Community School fees, and synagogue dues.
6. Volunteer for a Federation or synagogue committee for at least one year, within one month of returning from Israel.
7. Agree to volunteer time at one of the All-In-One Campaign Telethon sessions in some capacity.
8. Complete and submit an application form within deadlines established by the Federation for each trip, usually no later than three months prior to the month in which your trip is scheduled to depart. The application form will contain questions pertaining to the above qualifications. In addition, applicants will be required to commit to obligations, such as those listed above. Deposit requirements may apply.

Amount of subsidization*:

1. Under specified conditions, subsidies of up to \$2,000.00 are available for applicants 21 and over who are either first-time travelers to Israel or who have not traveled to Israel for at least 18 years. Adults who have traveled more recently to Israel may be eligible for a subsidy of \$500.00**
2. Subsidies for individuals up to age 21. Under the guidelines of the Israel ID Program, the Federation and Foundation sets aside up to \$2100 for graduates of the Community Religious School to participate in 8th grade or 10th grade educational trips to Israel. One may draw upon \$600 of these funds up until 8th grade and up to \$1,000 in 10th grade, until age 21, if the benefits have not been exhausted.
3. If application is being made for individuals between the ages of 18 and 26, please read the following information about the Birthright Israel trips to Israel, participation in which would be precluded if one were to have already participated in an institutional trip to Israel. Birthright Israel provides free peer-oriented trips to Israel for individuals between the ages of 18 and 26 who have not been on an institutional trip to Israel before. (Trips made by individual families would not disqualify one for the Birthright Israel program.) For more information about this program, contact the Federation or access www.birtherightisrael.org

*All those above age 21 provided a Federation subsidy will be solicited by the All-in-One Campaign.

**An exception is made for those who are designated by the Jewish Federation to serve as official delegates on a trip.

***Subsidies will be awarded subject to the availability of funds and at the discretion of the Jewish Federation.