

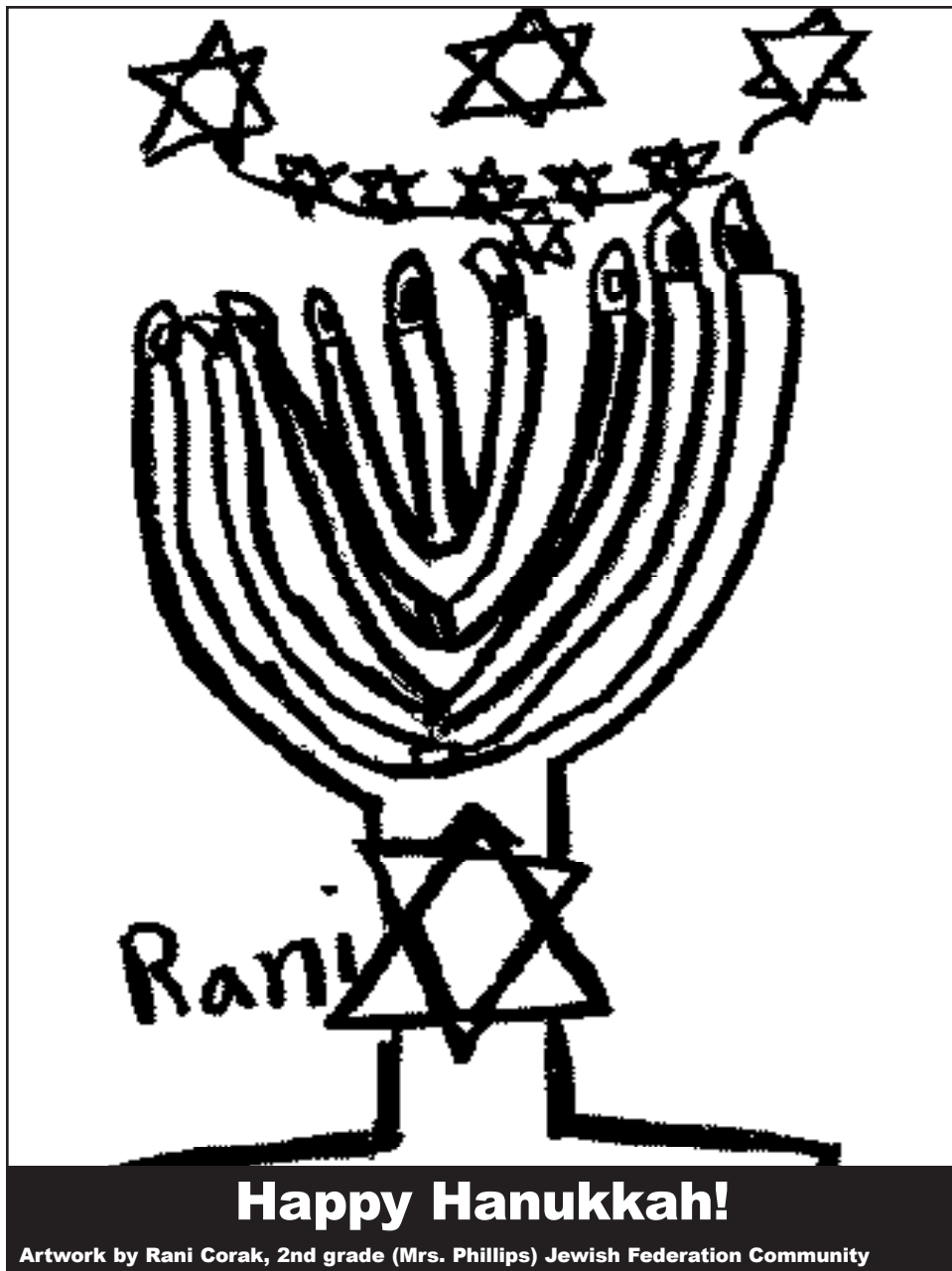


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Federation Celebrates 90th Anniversary of Service in 2004 All-In-One Campaign Builds Hope For Future Under Leadership Of Federation President Polly Oxley



An exciting 2004 campaign to raise funds supporting essential Jewish services for families and individuals in Greater Des Moines is now underway. With an eye to the future, this year's campaign will be conducted in tribute to the 90 years of exemplary service of the Jewish Federation. Formed in 1914, the Federation brings together leadership from all our congregations to provide the essential services that none of our congregations can offer individually.

"This is our home. We are part of one large Jewish family, regardless of our congregational affiliation. And for the past 90 years, we have worked together to support each other, building an exceptionally warm and caring community in which to live full and rewarding Jewish lives," said Federation President Polly Oxley, who heads up this year's campaign.

"We need your personal support," Polly added. "At this time of year, we solicit your financial support for the All-in-One Campaign to enable your community to subsidize the Jewish education of our children, to provide activities for our Seniors, to provide tzedakah to those in need, to bring the community together to enjoy cultural programming, and to ensure the well-being of our community, promoting tolerance and counter-ing anti-Semitism."

"Please give generously when called upon to contribute to the All-In-One Campaign, whether you are approached individually by one of our community leaders or during the annual phonathon," said Polly. "Your contributions are crucial now more than ever. We very much depend upon those who have been major contributors over the years, those whose very substantial donations have been instrumental in sustaining our growth over the years. Their heart-felt generosity is surely appreciated tremendously. But in addition, it is vital that each of us, the newcomer, the unaffiliated, the heretofore non-contributor, and, frankly, those who can realistically afford to give more: please step up and cast your lot with the Jewish people in our community, at whatever level you are able to help."

"The dollars you contribute," she said, "are unlikely to deprive you of anything affecting your life style. But they can combine with the contributions of your Jewish neighbors to make a true difference in our community, and you'll feel good in knowing that you are helping others."

Thanks are extended by Polly to all who will participate in making the 90th Anniversary Campaign of the Jewish Federation a success! "On behalf of the community, I would also like to thank the people who are making this a team effort: Irina Kaplan, chairing the Women's Campaign, Herb Eckhouse, Chair of the Federation's

JCRC encourages you to

Participate in the Iowa Caucuses, January 19

We're first in the nation! Both the Democratic and Republican parties will be holding caucuses throughout the 1,997 precincts in Iowa, beginning 6:30 pm on Monday, January 19, 2004. The objective of both party caucuses is to elect delegates to the county conventions as the first step in the process to elect delegates to the national conventions in July

(Democrats) and September (Republicans.) But in essence, the Democratic caucus will provide a clue to the rank-order of presidential candidates, in the mind of Iowa voters. At the Republican caucuses, no Presidential Straw Poll will be held this year. At both party events, participants will have an opportunity to submit resolutions for possible inclusion into the state

platforms. Anyone may attend either party's caucus at any of their locations. To participate, however, one would need to attend the caucus in one's home precinct, be at least 18 years of age by November 2, 2004 (youth attendees are welcome as observers), registered or declare affiliation on site with the party organizing the caucus. The location of sites will be published

in the Des Moines Register and will be available, along with additional information, from the Democratic Party (244-7292) and Republican Party (282-8105) respectively. This town-meeting style event allows for a more active involvement of voters than simply casting a ballot. Be part of the action on January 19! Interfaith Alliance will provide bi-partisan

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"I'm happy to be able to give back... and I will, as long as I can"

said Barbara Leventhal, selected as this year's Sisterhood Woman of the Year by Beth El Jacob Synagogue.

Barb was referring to repaying her community, with special emphasis on the Federation, for its support.

She noted how, over the years, her children were beneficiaries of Federation scholarships to Camp Shalom and college, subsidies for attendance at the Des Moines Jewish Academy and the Jewish Community School, how her family received a loan from Jewish Community Services and how her mother-in-law was the recipient of services of Operation Good Mensch.

And we note, with pride, how she has reciprocated. Barb has been Co-chair and Committee member of the All-in-One Telethon, Co-Chair of Good Mensch, and a member of the Federation's Tzedakah Committee. Not to mention her service as past president of the Des Moines chapter of Hadassah, Co-President of the Beth El Jacob Sisterhood, 2nd Vice President of Beth El Jacob, and past Board member of the Life Center's Guild.

You're a great role model, Barb. Congratulations on your honor, and thank you for your service to the community!

Your contributions enable the Federation to provide for the needs of the community. Please give generously to the All-in-One Campaign.

From the Life Center

Goldman Family Gift to The Life Center

It is with profound gratitude that David Lettween, President of The Life Center Board of Directors, has the privilege of announcing an unrestricted gift of \$50,000 from the Goldman Family - presented to The Life Center by Tom Goldman, President of the Harry Goldman Foundation.

Stephen Blend, Life Center Executive Director, noted that this is far from the first time that the Goldman Family has so tangibly demonstrated its support of The Life Center and its mission of service to our community: "There is a long history of the Goldmans' dedication to the Des Moines Jewish community in general and to the Senior Life Center in particular. Without our ever asking, the Goldmans have always been in the forefront of those who have unwaveringly committed their resources to ensuring that the care we provide our residents is of the highest caliber."

In these difficult economic times, the importance of the Goldman gift, and others like it, cannot be overstated. As the country's health care system continues to move towards a fundamental restructuring, organizations such as The Life Center are faced with the reality of becoming increasingly reliant on the charitable support of individuals, families, and foundations who share the same sense of dedication to Tzedakah and to the love and care which our seniors deserve.

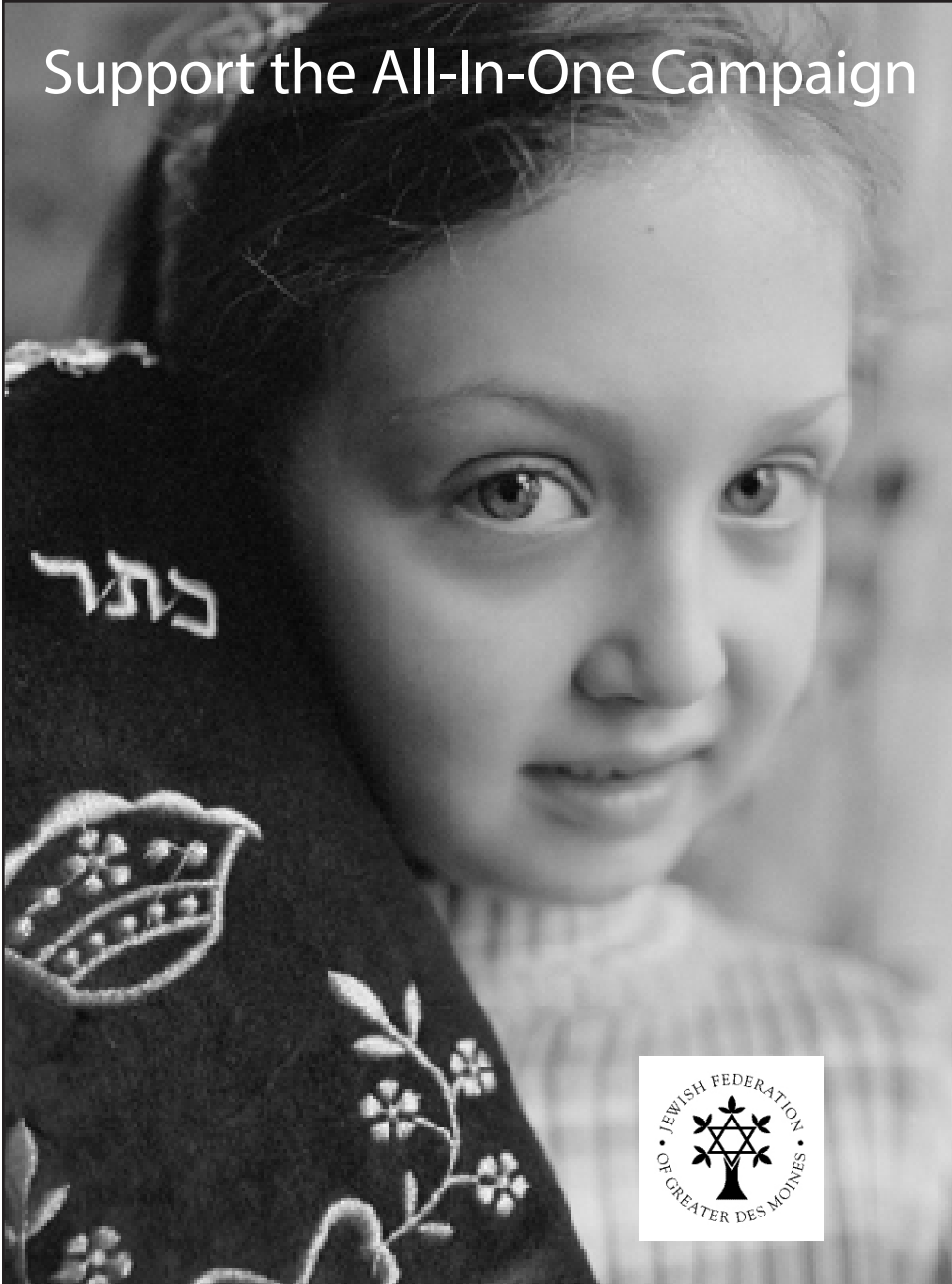
An Emergency-Needs Fund

New Tzedakah Discretionary Fund Established by Federation

The Jewish Community Services Pillar of the Federation announces the establishment of a temporary fund to help community members in times of emergency. Local needs are increasing, with the effects of local unemployment or cut-backs in hours are being felt within our community. Short-term assistance will be available to tide individuals over in such cases as a medical emergency, a need for food, clothing, or shelter. For more information or to apply for assistance, contact the Director of Jewish Community Services, Rabbi Berel Simpser, at 277-6321 x 213.

Sincere thanks are expressed to those who have anonymously donated to the temporary fund.

Support the All-In-One Campaign



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ABA Training

ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) training available for LAVAAS and ABLLS. A community member is making available, free of charge, to the general public, a 6 hour course to be trained in the above mentioned areas of child care intervention for children with delayed milestones and development. Great income potential for those new to the childcare field or for professionals. A job is available on completion of the course for qualified graduates.

Call 277-6321 x 213 for further information.

Project Elijah

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR FREQUENT FLYER MILES TO PROJECT ELIJAH, our community-wide project to assist the Jewish communities in Argentina. We will be using your mileage to assist families in relocation to Des Moines, and for setting up missions to visit the country.

Call the Federation for details.



Jewish Community Services is a Pillar within the Jewish Federation.

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

For more information please call Rabbi Berel Simpser, Director of JCS at 515-277-6321.

Big Changes

We know you've noticed. The changes, that is.

Some of the changes are obvious: Over the past year, the Jewish Press has developed a bright new look and feel that make the paper the rival of any Jewish community newspaper in the United States. We have spent a great deal of time upgrading the paper's layout and appearance to make it more enjoyable to read. We know you've noticed and enjoyed the change.

Other changes require you to dig a little deeper. We've added content that makes the Jewish Press more relevant to Jewish life in Des Moines. In addition to the popular Chef du Jour column by Toni Urban, with this issue we are introducing a book review column by Simma Stein and a new column by Robin Bear featuring our local youth. We have plans to continue to add features that increase the value and relevance of the Jewish Press.

The last set of changes depends on you. For the Jewish Press to fulfill its goal of serving the needs of Des Moines' Jewish community, we need you, the reader. We need your input to let us know your ideas for additional features and content. We would also like to include news about the people in our community. Tell us about your simchas: weddings, births, academic and other honors, news from college. These are the pieces of information that form the texture of our community and that bind us together. With your help, we can continue to make the Jewish Press even more informative and interesting.

That is the purpose of the Jewish Press. We hope to hear from you.

We'd like to include more news about weddings, births, academic and community honors. Tell us about your family's simchas!

Submit information in writing to the Jewish Press, 910 Polk Blvd, Des Moines, IA 50312 or by e-mail

Something for Everyone on the November Mission to Israel

I thoroughly enjoyed this visit to Israel. It opened my eyes to a number of things, including how vital our support for Israel is.

Here in Des Moines, we need to rededicate ourselves to financially supporting Israel through our All-in-One Campaign, and we need to literally be there as well. Everywhere we went, people thanked us for being there. I

"It was absolutely safe, inspiring and energizing," was the way Rabbi Baruch HaLevi characterized our recent ten-day trip to Israel in November. The Des Moines trip participants, ten in number, joined with community members from Omaha, Louisville, San Antonio, and Dayton to visit our Partnership 2000 region (the Western Galilee), do some additional touring, and attend the conference of Jewish Federations held in Jerusalem, the General

sity of people served by the institutions of the region. And of course, the land itself, bordering on the Mediterranean and the heights of the Lebanese border – including the cliffs and grottoes of Rosh Hanikra – is stunningly beautiful.

After a sidetrip to mystical Sefat, we were off to Jerusalem to enjoy the Shabbat, to sojourn to the desert fortress of Massada by the Dead Sea, and then to meet up with 4,000 other Jewish-



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Assembly. Stopping first in Tel Aviv to visit the Museum of the Diaspora, our group of two bus-loads were treated to an overview of the history of the Jewish people living in communities around the world and in Israel.

Then we were off to the northwestern coastal region of the country, where we introduced our first-time visitors to many of the professionals with whom we have worked on projects in the region – doctors, teachers, business entrepreneurs, and urban planners – renewing friendships, enjoying a wonderful evening of entertainment and good food, strengthening the living bridge between our communities. Wonderful, as well, was the opportunity to see the remarkable diver-

Americans at the General Assembly. There we heard from many of Israel's leaders, including Prime Minister Sharon and former Prime Minister Shimon Peres, engaged in discussion about many subjects of current interest, relating to Israel's struggle to attain peace with security, in addition to issues of domestic Israeli and American relevance. All of the conference was exciting – including the day set aside for participants to view different aspects of Israeli society (57 different sidetrips were programmed), the massive and joyous march of solidarity through the streets of Jerusalem, and the festive and colorful party in Tel Aviv for the thousands of visitors to the GA.

Our delegation, led by Federation president Polly Oxley, consisted of Rabbi



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- 1. From left: Mark Finkelstein, Ed Berkson, Polly Oxley, Vladimir Malina, Gennady Aginsky, Marcie Berkson, Rabbi Baruch HaLevi and Steve Wolf
- 2. View along the Mediterranean of the Old City of Acco, in our partnership region.
- 3. Elaine Steinger with General Director of the Ghetto Fighters' House, Simcha Stein
- 4. Polly Oxley and Julie Howald with Western Galilee Hospital administrator



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CORRECTION

In our "Thank You to all who contributed to the The All-In-One Campaign 2003," Tension Envelope and Marvin Winick should both have been included in The Patron division at \$5,000 and above. Please accept our most sincere apology.

WEEKLY UPDATE AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL

A Weekly Update of Community Events is available by e-mail. To receive your

Operation Good Mensch



Thank you to all who participated in the Fall 2003 Operation Good Mensch! This is our opportunity to have people come out and actively lend support, give a helping hand, or just be around to perk up the spirits of those who are currently confined indoors. Each individual's effort is very much appreciated.

We are thankful for those who took time out of their busy schedules to rake leaves for our seniors, to help clean up at the cemetery, and to visit with residents at the Life Center.

For those who were unable to join in this month's program, we look forward to having you with us at the next Good Mensch!

On behalf of the Good Mensch Committee,
I offer our community's appreciation.

Rabbi Berel Simpser,
Director of Jewish Community Services

Good Mensch 2003 Stars

Alan Pearlman & Ann Abramson
Tim, Max & Michael Howald
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Elizabeth Sherman
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What will you do with the income tax savings that result from the recent tax law changes? Your take-home pay should have gone up, or your estimated tax payments down, leaving additional income that could be used in various ways:

- Spending on consumer goods, vacations, restaurant meals or just paying off bills.
- Saving more in a retirement or savings account.
- Giving to worthwhile causes and organizations that have seen their work impaired during the past three years of economic slowdown.

If increased charitable giving makes sense this year, we'd be glad to help with your planning. Cash gifts are always welcome and can be put to use immediately, but perhaps a gift of securities or other assets could be considered, or a gift that provides deductions plus a lifetime income to you or another. Please call our office for details.

Losing Less of Capital Gains

Selling appreciated stock won't hurt as much now, thanks to new, lower rates on capital gains. For assets sold on or after May 6, 2003, the top capital gains tax rate is 15%, compared with 20% previously.

For taxpayers in the 10% and 15% brackets the news is even better: They'll pay capital gains of only 5% (compared with the old 10% rate) through 2007, followed by zero in 2008. However, the 20% and 10% capital gains rates will be reinstated starting in 2009.

The lower rates present an opportunity for parents and grand-parents who want to shift assets to younger, lower-bracket family members. A grandparent could give stock worth up to \$11,000 gift-tax free to a grandchild to help defray living expenses during college. When the grandchild sells the shares, he or she will pay capital gains of only 5%, compared with the 15% the grand-parent might pay on a sale.

It's also possible to avoid the capital gains tax entirely by contributing shares held more than one year to the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. Your charitable deduction will equal the full fair market value of the stock. You can also make gifts while retaining payments for your life using appreciated stock. The capital gains tax can be reduced and spread out over your life expectancy.

Dividends Benefit, Too

It doesn't seem fair that dividends paid by corporations to shareholders are taxed twice. First, the company pays tax on the income, and then shareholders include the dividends in their income, paying tax at ordinary income rates. Well, all that has changed, at least for a few years.

Under the 2003 tax act, the top tax rate on dividends will be 15% for investors in the 25%, 28%, 33% and 35% brackets and 5% for taxpayers in the 10% and 15% brackets. The rate will be zero for investors in the two lowest brackets in 2008. Starting in 2009, however, dividends will once again be fully taxed.

The lower rates apply only to dividends paid by certain domestic and qualified foreign corporations. Check with your financial or tax adviser to determine whether the dividends you receive will be favorably taxed.

Hastening the Drop

Thanks to the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, tax reductions scheduled for 2006 were accelerated into 2003. Tax rates of 10%, 15%, 25%, 28%, 33% and 35% are effective retroactive to January 1, 2003.

Taxpayers who make quarterly estimated tax payments should consult with their advisers concerning whether the payments should be reduced. While that may mean a larger tax refund next year, it also means they have given the IRS an interest-free loan of their money.

Got a Spouse? You Get a Tax Break!

For several years, Congress has been grappling with the so-called marriage penalty - the additional tax that married couples pay compared with that paid by two single individuals with equal income. The Jobs and Growth-Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 doesn't solve the problem, but it does help reduce the disparity.

For 2003 and 2004, the standard deduction for married couples is increased to twice the amount for single taxpayers. In 2003, the standard deduction for a single filer is \$4,750. The standard deduction for joint returns therefore has been increased from \$7,950 to \$9,500. Starting in 2005, the standard deduction for married couples will drop to 180% of the single taxpayer amount.

The increased standard deduction will mean that even fewer taxpayers will be able to itemize (currently only about 30% do so). Itemizing is especially hard for couples where one or both spouses is age 65 or older and therefore entitled to an increased standard deduction.

If you find yourself close to the standard deduction amount, you may qualify to itemize by accelerating your 2004 charitable deduction into 2003. Call our office for creative ideas that can boost your charitable deductions while allowing you to enjoy payments from your gifts.

The marriage penalty has been relieved additionally by expanding the 15% income tax bracket for married couples for 2003 and 2004. For 2003, the 15% bracket applies for married couples with taxable income between \$14,000 and \$56,800 (compared with single taxpayers between \$7,000 and \$28,400). In 2005, the

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JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL

FAMILY EDUCATION DAY

On Sunday morning, October 26th, the Jewish Federation Community School held its first "Family Education" day. This program centered around Jewish family cooking and was dedicated to the Ohringer Family. Their generosity made this program possible, and their love of family and food inspired the idea for a cooking class for all of us and our families to enjoy. Look for information later in the year for our next event as this will be an annual event.



Sheldon Ohringer and his entire family flew in to Des Moines from Colorado to attend this very special event. Milton, Sheldon's father, was also able to attend. Sheldon shared with us that his mother, Ileen Shirley Ohringer and his brother, Samuel William "Bill" Ohringer, were totally dedicated to the Jewish religion and its traditions. Their love of the art of Jewish cooking was important in their lives on a daily basis. They would each have loved this event. This program stands as a tribute to their life and their tradition.

Everyone in attendance received a cookbook and recipe cards. While families learned together how to make specific Jewish holiday food items, many of the children were busy making their own Jewish recipe house box and decorating Chanukah cookies. At the end of the program, all the food that was prepared during our program was shared during lunch.



The Jewish Family Cooking Committee would like to extend its thanks to the many community members who volunteered to help make this program successful. We would also like to extend a BIG thank you to our local community chefs who demonstrated their cooking techniques during our program. Our chefs were: Karen Engman, who helped us make mandel brot; Steve Gold, who showed us how to prepare latkes; Thelma Kardon, who showed her method of making Challah rolls, and Cynthia Shulman and Beth Ohringer, made hamantashen according to Shirley Ohringer's

"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, on time and, stay for the entire class. Communicate to your children that their Jewish education takes precedence over 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 or Synagogue for family programming. Make plans to be there.
3. Take an ongoing active interest in the study materials, worksheets, art projects and event notices that your children bring home. Each week discuss their class work 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 congregation's 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 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 rooms.
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, CDs and DVDs 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



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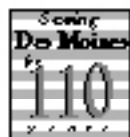
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DES MOINES JEWISH ACADEMY

The Des Moines Jewish Academy – The Other Community School

As president of the Des Moines Jewish Academy (DMJA), it is my pleasure to draw your attention to some of our school's lesser known qualities, in the hope that you will lend your personal support to our fine program. We currently have a fundraising and enrollment campaign in which your help is needed.

As a newer member of the Des Moines Jewish community, I am often told that there is a lack of knowledge or misinformation about the DMJA. I hope to educate the community about the school that I have come to know and love.

Educational excellence is one of the primary reasons I send my children to the DMJA. It is somewhat ironic that this excellence is often better recognized outside the Jewish community. In fact, the non-Jewish pre-school teacher of my daughter specifically recommended that she go to the DMJA, believing that the public school system would not provide the child enough educational challenge or enrichment.

Among the DMJA's attributes that educators universally promote are:

- small class size
- individualized learning according to ability
- early education in a second language
- ITBS scores in the 95-99 percentiles
- full day kindergarten
- dedicated, experienced teachers
- nurturing atmosphere
- a high proportion of parents who are involved in the school.

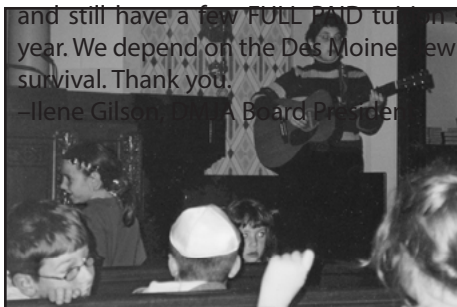
Another important reason for sending my children to the DMJA is the pluralism they have found. They have met children from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. The DMJA is a pluralistic institution that embraces varied religious beliefs. The children at the DMJA are divided between children of Reform, Conservative, Orthodox and Christian families. No one form of Judaism is practiced. All beliefs are equally accepted.

Prior to attending the DMJA, my children did not have a strong Jewish identity. I am in an interfaith marriage and do not have family in Des Moines. I want my children to grow up with a strong sense of pride in their Judaism. My children are now in a community where their heritage is not merely tolerated, but celebrated. My children are proud of their "Jewishness," and are proud to educate others about their customs and beliefs. My 5-year-old knows the Hebrew aleph-bet and my 8-year-old can easily read Hebrew.

The DMJA, the other Jewish community school, should be an anchor in our community. It has been in existence for 27 years. We need your support NOW in order to continue our excellence in education. I hope you will help us make the DMJA even better. I am very proud of our school and invite the entire community to explore the best-kept secret in Des Moines.

Please call the DMJA NOW at 274-0453 to lend your monetary, volunteer or enrollment support. We are currently accepting enrollment for the 2004/2005 school year and still have a few FULL PAID tuition scholarships available for the current school year. We depend on the Des Moines Jewish community for our continued growth and survival. Thank you.

—Ilene Gilson, DMJA Board President



DMJA students enjoyed Sukkot activities: singing with Cantorial Soloist Laura Berkson, Sukkot lesson with Rabbi Kaufman, and a tour of the sanctuary with Alan

AMES JEWISH COMMUNITY RELIGIOUS

A Story...On November 2 our 4th – 9th graders participated in a Solidarity Project to benefit a family in Haifa, Israel. Here is the story we shared with the students...

A bomb explodes in a popular Haifa restaurant...

A young boy will never celebrate his Bar Mitzvah at Congregation Or Hadash...

A family mourns the loss of a beloved son...

We know you want to reach out to the bereaved family in Israel.

Here's how:We shared information about 12 year old Assaf Shtier and his family members. We discussed how each member of his family was affected by this horrible event. Each student was asked to write a letter to the family or an individual family member. There was great discussion at the tables about how lucky we are as American Jews to be living in a safe environment. It also helped the kids understand how important it is to reach out to people who are suffering and that doing this Mitzvah is what Judaism is about.

The letters were well written. Some of the kids added their return addresses and email to possibly keep in contact. We express-mailed the packet of letters to the family in Israel. Our little school made a difference in the lives of this family.

—Adah and Robyn

Services:

December 19-January 2nd, no services Winter break

December 21st, Our annual Chanukah party will be at 5:30 p.m.

Contact Ellen Arkovich (232-0448) for more information.

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It Takes Two to Partition

Yossi Klein Halevi, Jerusalem Post

What we've learned about the conflict over this last bitter decade is that the Oslo-era notion of a comprehensive peace needs to be wiped from our lexicon. Instead, we should conceive not of resolving the conflict but of managing its intensity. A hudna isn't merely a means to an end but - at least for the foreseeable future, and possibly for this generation - the end itself.

One compelling reason why a comprehensive peace is now unattainable is the near-total absence, among mainstream Palestinians and the Arab world generally, of the notion that Jewish sovereignty over any part of this land is legitimate. In numerous conversations I've had with Palestinians from all levels of society, the consensus is that Israel isn't the expression of a people returning home but of a colonialist intrusion in the Middle East. The problem isn't Israel's policies but its existence.

Consider Gen. Nasser Youssef, arguably the most moderate figure in the Palestinian security apparatus, who recently lost a power struggle with Yasser Arafat. In the late 1990s, I participated in several long conversations between the general and several Israelis in his office in Gaza City. When we asked how he conceived of peace, Youssef replied that the Jewish people would be absorbed into the Arab nation to which it naturally belongs.

Even Gen. Youssef, then, is merely a tactical moderate, offering Jews protected minority status under a benign Muslim Arab majority rule. At best, the Palestinian leadership sees a two-state solution as an interim stage.

At every level of society in the Arab world generally, a "culture of denial" has taken root which denies the most minimal truths of Jewish history, from the existence of the Temple to the existence of gas chambers. In fact, only in the Arab world has Holocaust denial become part of mainstream discourse.

The strategic implications of that culture of denial is that Israel cannot, at this stage, contract itself into the vulnerable 1967 borders. An approximate return to the "green line" is conceivable only in a Middle East that has renounced its longing to eliminate Israel. And that is possible only if Israel receives recognition of its legitimacy - for now inconceivable.

Centrist Israelis like myself are convinced that no concession will bring us peace, because the issue isn't discovering the precise point on the map that will satisfy Arab claims but the Arab rejection of any place on the map for a Jewish state.

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Term implies opportunistic cessation of hostilities

Hudna is no substitute for peace

On June 29, 2003, following talks with the Palestinian Authority, the Palestinian terror organizations declared a "hudna" - a term that has been interpreted abroad as a ceasefire. However, a "hudna" is a temporary respite from fighting designed to gain time to regroup and rearm. About two months later, following a series of terror attacks, the Palestinian terror organizations declared the "hudna" was at an end.

Under the first phase of the Roadmap, the Palestinian Authority is obligated to end terrorism by dismantling the terrorist infrastructure, confiscating illegal weapons and arresting those involved in planning and carrying out acts of terror. The "hudna," however, was an internal Palestinian arrangement, which the Palestinian Authority used as a means for avoiding its obligations under the Roadmap to fight terrorism.

The "hudna" was used by the terrorist organizations themselves, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, as a tactical ploy for gaining time to build up their strength for the next round of terrorist attacks. The "hudna" was a cover for the Palestinian terror organizations to plan new terror attacks, dig tunnels for smuggling in weapons, increase the range of the Kassam rockets, as well as to regroup and train their forces.

While interpreted abroad as a ceasefire, the term "hudna" was seen by the Palestinian terror groups and their supporters in the Arab world as a mere tactical truce in keeping with Islamic history. In the year 628, when the prophet Mohammed considered his forces to be too weak to overcome the rival Kuraysh tribes, he concluded with them a ten-year truce (hudna) referred to as the Hudaibiya accord. Less than two years later, having consolidated their power, the Muslim forces attacked the Kuraysh tribes and defeated them, thereby enabling Mohammed to conquer Mecca. Since that time, Muslims have understood "hudna" to mean a tactical truce intended to allow a favorable shift in the balance of power. Once that occurred, the truce could be broken. It was, therefore, no coincidence that the Palestinian terror groups adopted the term "hudna."

Hamas and Islamic Jihad declared that their "hudna" would last three months, while Fatah declared a six-month "hudna." Yet, they did not wait even that long to renew terrorism. Since the "hudna" was declared in late June, and even before the mid-August suicide bombing of a Jerusalem bus, six Israelis and one foreign national were murdered in terrorist attacks, 28 civilians were injured; 180 terror attacks in all took place, including 120 shootings; 40 terror attacks were thwarted by Israel. The bus bombing in Jerusalem on August 19 claimed an additional 23 lives, 7 of them children, while 136 were injured, including 40 children. It was clear that the Palestinian terrorist organizations never had a real ceasefire in mind, let alone an end to terrorism.

Israel has, consequently, declared that it will not accept a new "hudna." Only by fulfilling the requirements of the Roadmap, i.e. dismantle the terrorist infrastructure and organizations as well as put an end to incitement, will the Palestinians meet their obligations and commitments.



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Sara Coleman Wins Prestigious Milken Educator Award

Sara Coleman, an active member of Temple B'nai Jeshurun, is an excellent teacher of advanced chemistry and biology at Norwalk High School. But she was not anticipating the surprise she received in October of being named one of the nation's 100 best teachers by the Milken Foundation. A picture in the Register captures the look of surprise on Sara's face, as the award was announced. The Milken Educator Award carries with it a prize of \$25,000, along with its prestige.

Jewish Press: Sara, congratulations on winning the Milken Educator Award. I understand that the award came as a great surprise to you.

Sara Coleman: Thank you very much. Yes it did. Everybody in the school gym for the ceremony, apparently knew it but me. I could not hear very well in the gym and it wasn't until the Iowa Department of Education's Director mentioned something about science... and then spoke my name that I put two and two together.

JP: How is the awardee chosen?

SC: The State Department of Education collects information about teachers that gain their notice and a blue-panel then submits three names to the Milken Foundation, from among the twenty candidates this year. The Foundation then selects the two winners from Iowa.

JP: What is it that you think attracted the State Department's attention to you?

SC: Well, perhaps two prior achieve-

ments. I was honored in 1998 by the Iowa Academy of Science with the Excellence in Science Teaching Award, in the area of physical science. And in 2000, Norwalk honored me by nominating me for Iowa Teacher of the Year. I was, however, not a finalist, presumably because, among other things, I had not done much work yet mentoring younger teachers. Since then, I facilitated a seminar for second-year teachers as part of the State mentoring program, and that may have attracted attention within the State Department.

JP: That's marvelous. I assume you communicated the news of your award to the rest of your family.

SC: Oh yeah (chuckling). When I spoke with my father, he asked: "Are you sure?" I said: "Well, they gave it to me in front of 670 people." Once I convinced him it wasn't a hoax, I believe he probably called just about every blood relative that we still have.

JP: Tell us a bit about your background.

SC: I was born and grew up in Sioux City. My father owned People's department store, a clothing store started by my great-grandfather. We belonged to Mt. Sinai Temple. I went to the University of Iowa, where I earned my Bachelor's in Biology and a Masters in Science Education. My sister lives in Newton; she is also a member of the Temple. And I have an aunt and uncle in Ottumwa. Most of the rest of my family are on the coast now.

JP: What brought you to the area?

SC: I was looking for a teaching job in 1994 and answered an ad in the Des Moines Register. As it happened, I had three job offers throughout the state on the same day. One of them was Norwalk. I wanted to be close to Des Moines since I had already started becoming involved with the Temple. So that was one of the reasons I decided to take the job in Norwalk.

JP: In terms of your being active at the Temple, I know that you're in the choir.

SC: Yes, and in addition, I am currently Vice President of Sisterhood Membership.

JP: What are some of your hobbies?

SC: Well, I love a good movie and trying out new restaurants. And I love to travel. I finally made it to Israel and Jordan in 1998; and I went to France last year. I would love to take a cruise.

JP: In terms of your professional career, what are your future plans?

SC: At this point I am currently taking administrative classes to get my administrative endorsement. Where that will take me, I'm not sure. Right now, I desire to stay in the classroom.

JP: Do you have any advice for new teachers?

SC: That's a good question. I'd tell new teachers that teaching is not easy but it is so well worth the effort. Stick with it. I think there may be an innate desire to teach, but that one's skills need to be honed. To become a good teacher requires both

Decorah Exhibit on Jewish Life in Norway Runs Through Feb. 27

The Jewish American Museum in Decorah celebrates the rich cultural life of Jews in Norway from 1851 through 1945 in a new exhibit on display from November 25, 2003 through February 27, 2004. This exhibit captures the experiences of a Jewish immigrant population struggling to put down roots while continuing their Jewish way of life. It also documents their experiences following the Nazi invasion and occupation in 1940. Over half of the people pictured in the exhibit were killed in concentration camps between 1942 and 1945. Additional information about the exhibit may be found on the museum's website: www.vesterheim.org Overnight accommo-



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Reflections on the Tribute to Holocaust Survivors

The Tribute to Holocaust Survivors on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the U. S. Holocaust Museum opening in Washington, DC was indeed a very meaningful and unforgettable event that touched the heart of everyone attending. I will cherish and remember the gathering and reunion of this special family for the rest of my life.

It is very difficult to describe and document all the speeches, memorial services and various cultural and other activities. As a survivor of several concentration camps, including the liberation on April 11, 1945 from Buchenwald, I shall do my best to relate my impressions of such emotion-filled events. Being present at this reunion brought back many memories of what I have endured in the past.

At the Tribute to Survivors, people gathered from all over the United States as well as from other countries. Some came in wheelchairs; others, supported by canes. Younger attendees represented not just the second, but also third and fourth generations.

Arriving in Washington on Friday, we received our name badge, which was a requirement for all the activities at the Tribute, and would hopefully also serve to find some friends or relatives.

Saturday started with a visit to the Museum, which has a special exhibit about a young boy called Daniel, showing how he lived and suffered under the Nazi regime. There is also a special section memorializing the children that perished in the Holocaust. Included nearby is a display of thousands of shoes, small suitcases and remnants of cloth, all of which is almost unbearable to look at. Another exhibit: a rail car that serves as a reminder of how those, young and old, were transported to Auschwitz and other camps in box cars. People just stand there bewildered by all they have seen.

I recalled that I had sent to the Museum a photo of my father with a white band on the right arm. I recognized this picture on display among many others and shed a few tears at the sight. Viewing blankets, wooden bunks and crematoria was a reminder of how I spent 5-years of my life, while videos at certain exhibits depicted how the Nazis exterminated our loved ones.

In the evening there was a very special tribute dinner to survivors in the ballroom at the convention center. Every one of the participants looked so very nice in their fine attire. There was music playing and videos of speeches delivered for the occasion by Stuart Eizenstat and other high officials. It was a beautiful and well organized event.

Sunday, November 2nd was another day full of activities, this time dedicated to the celebration of life. The Museum featured a special tribute to the hero Raoul Wallenberg. Outside, a huge tent was set up to accommodate about 7,000 guests with many tables loaded with refreshments and a buffet style lunch. A number of musical groups entertained the gathering. The ceremony at the Eisenhower Plaza, with a speech by Nobel Peace Prize laureate and founding Museum Chair Elie Wiesel was shown on huge screens everywhere. It was a warm sunny day and thousands of chairs were set up so we could watch a United States honor guard with members from all the military branches marching with colorful flags. It was very impressive.

During the entire weekend, I spent a lot of time searching, hoping that perhaps someone from my home town in Poland or maybe even some relative would recognize me.

At one point, finding an empty seat at a table, I asked the occupants if I might join them and was invited to do so. During a conversation about the past and the various camps we were in, someone mentioned the camp Klettendorf - Langenbiel. I said that my wife Paula, who is also a survivor, was at that same camp. A man talked about a young girl by the name Oliviena, who saved many people's lives, including his own. Risking her own life, she smuggled food to the prisoners in milk cans from the SS kitchen where she was forced to cook lunch for the camp. I asked if the name could have been Oliva rather than Oliviena, to which he replied "Possibly, it was 63 years ago, after all." When I told him that that young girl was my wife, he burst into tears and had to be consoled by his wife.

While walking among tables set up with signs of different towns, countries and camps, I happened to see a sign: Liberators - Buchenwald. I showed them my Ausweis, a certificate I had received on April 10, 1945, the day of liberation from Buchenwald. They were very happy to see someone they had actually liberated and I thanked them for saving many lives, mine included. We had quite a reunion reminiscing about the day of liberation and exchanged names and addresses.

That same evening there were lively musical concerts, artists from the Folksbiene Jewish Theater presenting humor and dance, with everyone having a wonderful time.

All in all, the Tribute to Holocaust Survivors was a sad but hopeful experience that

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Democratic caucus training will be led by Iowa Secretary of State Chet Culver; Republican caucus training will be led by David Oman. A keynote address will be delivered by national Interfaith Alliance president, Rev. Welton

10th Anniversary Of The Museum And Tribute To Holocaust Survivors: Reunion Of A Special Family

by Harlan "Bud" Hockenberg

During the weekend of November 1 through November 3, 2003, I attended the tenth anniversary of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum as a Council member, with the theme of Tribute to Holocaust Survivors: Reunion of a Special Family.

In the Greater Des Moines area there are remaining nine survivors, three of whom attended the special reunion together with a key leader of our community, Ronald Rabinovitz, who was a liberator.

There were 8,000 attendees of whom 2,000 were survivors, and 6,000 were family members including children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. On November 1, 4,000 attended a dinner at the Washington Convention Center at which Stuart Eisenstat was the keynote speaker. Mr. Eisenstat was the Domestic Affairs Advisor to President Carter and in 1978 recommended to President Carter that a memorial be created in Washington, D.C., to memorialize the Shoah (Holocaust) so that the world will never forget the only government-sponsored, systematic, scientific plan in all of human history for the elimination of an entire people. 15 years later, after extensive study and work by a Holocaust Commission, the facility was dedicated in 1993 and on the occasion of the tenth anniversary, there was a moving series of programs in a tribute to the Holocaust survivors.

On Sunday afternoon, November 2, in a tribute ceremony on the Museum's Eisenhower Plaza, Elie Wiesel highlighted Mr. Eisenstat's key role in encouraging President Carter to initiate the memorialization of the Holocaust and also acknowledged Mr. Eisenstat's recent leadership effort to obtain compensation and restitution for Holocaust victims and for non-Jewish forced laborers. In his forward to Mr. Eisenstat's book "Imperfect Justice" Mr. Wiesel states, "The prophet's outcry to the king should have reverberated in their ears. 'You have committed murder, now do you wish to become the victim's heir?'"

This unique occasion highlights the theme that, although prominent Jews in America have had the unique opportunity in certain special circumstances to protect Jewish values and save Jewish lives, only a disappointing few have stepped up as did Stuart Eisenstat! There are other examples of the success of a Jewish heart speaking eloquently to power. A second fateful example, of course, is the successful effort by


President Truman's former business partner, Mr. Jacobson, who persuaded Truman in 1948 to recognize the State of Israel against the advice of all of his inner circle of advisors. There is the third example of Richard Perle, advisor to Senator Henry "Scoop" Jackson, and Mark Talisman, advisor to Representative Vanik of Ohio, who influenced Jackson and Vanik to pursue and arrange for adoption by the United States Congress the Jackson-Vanik Act, which denied the most-favored nation benefit to Soviet Russia until the liberation and release of Soviet Jewry. This successful effort in the mid-1970s resulted in the emigration and liberation of hundreds of thousands of Russian Jews to America and to Israel.

Today in Iowa there are 7,000 Jews, 3,500 in the Greater Des Moines area, of whom 350 are Russian Jews who are indebted to Richard Perle and Mark Talisman, two Jewish heroes.

The fourth example is Fred Zeidman, chair of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, who was an early friend of then-businessperson George W. Bush, who later became governor of the state of Texas. During his tenure as governor of the state of Texas, at the request of Fred Zeidman, Governor Bush visited Israel in 1998 and developed a keen understanding of Israel's desire to survive against a 55-year "final solution" effort by Arab nations to destroy her. During this visit Governor Bush developed a warm and trusting friendship with Ariel Sharon, and now President Bush and Prime Minister Sharon lead two democratic allies in the war against terrorism.




Three survivors were able to attend the reunion: Jacob Waizman (left), Linda Fishman and Meyer Shnurman.



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HANGING OUT WITH LIBBY HADENFELDT

By Robin Bear

We are pleased to bring you the first of a new feature column written by Robin Bear that



will focus on the thoughts, goals and accomplishments of the youth in our community,

the next generation, as they build a road to our future.

Libby Hadenfeldt has a very busy schedule, but that didn't stop her when she saw the need for leadership at her synagogue last August. As an active member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue and previous board member of U.S.Y., United Synagogue Youth, Libby thought it important to stay involved. "This year I went to elections thinking I'd participate in the U.S.Y. activities," explained Libby, "but not be on the board." Several hours later she emerged as the new president. USYers are grateful she did.

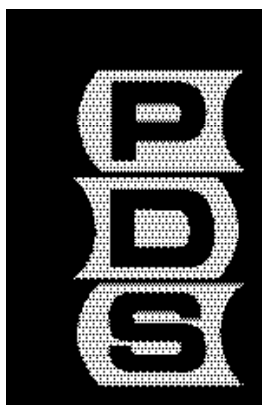
Activities at Valley High School, where Libby attends as a senior, keep her busy. Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), Show Choir, Dance and The Principals Advisory Committee are only a few of her many interests and activities. This year leadership became an important theme for Libby as she was chosen to participate in the National Council Youth Leadership Program. As one of 250 students selected from the Des Moines area, she attended a two-day conference focusing on the development of leadership skills.

When time allows, Libby can be found developing her culinary talents. She works part-time for a local caterer helping to decorate wedding cakes. Recently, she learned to make delicious apple pies in the kitchen with her mom. The youngest of four children and the last one still at home, Libby lives with her mom, her dad, and her grandmother. She says her grandmother has been a great role model for her. "My grandmother is such a classy lady," remarks Libby, "and she always knows everything going on in the world." Libby says she has learned so much from her grandmother.

As Libby works to complete her applications for college next fall, she considers the future. She is considering combining her love for music with helping others by earning a degree in music therapy. With Libby's positive attitude and energetic personality, she is well on her way.

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Questions Not Answered, Hopes Not Shattered

Part 2 of Daniel Gordis' letter of 9/11/03 on the situation in Israel

I asked the big kids, too, if they wanted to come with us at 8:00, and they did. We finished dinner, cleaned up, and just before 8:00, headed out to Emek Refa'im. On the way, we passed a couple of people in civilian clothes carrying loaded submachine guns. Talia was a bit taken aback.

"This is quite the place."

Trying to reassure her that Jerusalem isn't turning into Liberia, I pretended not to know what she was referring to. "What?"

"Did you see that guy with the loaded M-16 and those other guns just walking around?"

"Yeah, but I assume he's just Shin Bet or something." Total lie, as I also had no idea what he was doing walking around like a one man arms-depot, but I figured I'd try to calm her down.

"Well, even if he is, doesn't it strike you as interesting that no one on the street is paying him any attention?"

Touche. Two points. Nothing to say to that. So we kept walking. The cafe was, as Micha had reported, all boarded up, surrounded by dozens of police (who, I assumed, must have seen the guy armed to the teeth). We crossed the street, brazenly jay-walking in front of about fifty policemen, who clearly understood that a family illegally crossing the street is the least of this country's problems. They didn't even look at us. We walked up to the table where the candles were flickering, and Tali lit one.

We knew dozens of people there. Quiet hellos, some handshakes. Some hugs. A couple of Tali's friends came over and hugged her. And we waited around for someone to start the Tehillim.

Behind us, there were two secular men in their forties or fifties, having a heated conversation. You couldn't help but listen, as they were just shy of shouting at each other.

"Thirty years, and there won't be an Israel."

"Of course there will be."

"Well, it might be called Israel, but it won't be a Jewish state."

"Yes, it will."

"No, it won't. You know what the problem is? We're too good to live in this neighborhood. If we'd take the family of the bomber and kill them, then they'd know that doing this causes pain to their family. Or even just exile them. But something more than blowing up their houses. That doesn't work. But all we do is blow up empty houses. We're not willing to be the animals that you have to be to live in this part of the world. They actually live better after their sons blow themselves up. And they don't care when their kids die. They're proud. So we hang around here and cry, and they're one step closer to victory. Why would all these young kids [and he pointed to the dozens of teenagers who were hanging out with their books of Psalms] stay

here? Why in the world should they raise their kids in this? They won't, they're going to leave. They don't know it yet, but they will. We've lost this war, and just don't want to admit it."

"That won't happen so fast. And it would be wrong to do that to the families."

"Why's it wrong? Why's it OK for Bush but not for us? But wrong or not, if we don't do it, we're never going to make it here. You live in France, you act like the French. You live in America, you act like the Americans. You want to live in the Middle East, you have to act like you live in the Middle East. But we're paralyzed by our fear of what the world will think of us. So we're losing this war. This country is finished. Maybe not thirty years. I'll give you forty. But the end is getting closer. We gave it a try, this bit of having a country, but it was just the wrong time in the wrong place. Chaval [a pity], no?"

"Maybe. I don't know. Yes, it's a pity."

And they walked away. Tali looked at me. She didn't say anything, but I knew what she was asking me. "Tell me that they're wrong," her eyes said. But I couldn't. I didn't have anything to say. He's right in some ways. We're just not willing to be the animals that one has to be to make it here. And he could be right about the outcome, too. My daughter, I suspect, desperately wanted me to tell her it would be alright. But I wasn't in the mood to lie anymore. So in a moment of gross parental incompetence, I didn't say anything at all. Another unanswered question. I suspect that she got the point.

The whole thing reminded me of a conversation we'd had just this past week-

end at home. It was Shabbat, and we were having a rare dinner by ourselves after having been apart for various trips all summer long, when Elisheva said something about "when there's peace." Avi looked at her as if she'd gone mad. "What in the world are you talking about?" he wanted to know, in that tone that only a kid in the prime of adolescence can muster.

"You don't get it, do you? There's never going to be peace here. They hate us. They want us out of here completely and they won't stop this until we're gone altogether. And they don't care how many of them die, and they're proud when their kids blow themselves up. You can't make peace with that, no matter what."

A theme that is beginning to be heard here in many quarters. We live in a part of the world drowning in an ethic that is incomprehensible to me, that has nothing to do with the alleged occupation since 1967. It has to do with our being here at all, in any part of this land. For them, it's all or nothing, and there are many more of them, they will sink to depths to which we will not sink, and they know that time is on their side.

Back to Emek Refa'im street. The Psalms were nice, and Ma'ariv was poignant if quick. By the time it was over, it was close to 9:00, and Micha was getting tired, and he had school the next morning. So we started the walk home, Avi, Micha and I. Tali stayed behind with friends, who were now singing those slow, mournful songs in minor keys that Israelis have raised to an art form. This time it was Avi's turn to pipe up.

"You know, Abba, I wanted to go to Emek Refa'im last night, but Ema wouldn't

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For the event to be successful each of our members must participate. We need you to do some long overdue cleaning and sorting. The treasures many of us are holding are no longer desired by our children. Ask your children whether your linens and silver and those special chachkis you have been keeping are treasures they want. You may find that a big garage sale is on their mind!

Items donated to Arts and Heirlooms are tax deductible. Items may be left at the Synagogue at any time and a sheet can be picked up so you can itemize your contributions to the sale.

Remember, please. We want items in good condition – silver, china, crystal, linens, miscellaneous novelties, collectibles, purses, scarves and jewelry, as well as art. If you are moving and have small furniture items, Arts and Heirlooms may be interested. Arts and Heirlooms is not a garage sale. Unfortunately, we cannot use appliances or clothing.

If you follow the monthly guidelines in the Tifereth Bulletin your house will be squeaky clean by the time of our sale. No more clutter! Call the Tifereth Israel Synagogue office with any questions at 255-1137 or chairperson, Sharon Engman at 226-0260.

"One person's trash is another person's treasure!" Let's turn those items into money for the Synagogue!

Come See The Magic of Chanukiah!

Join Tifereth Israel Synagogue and Temple B'nai Jeshurun for the Community Chanukah Celebration this year on December 20. Jewish Family Education programming will begin at 5:00 pm. Havdalah will be at 6:15 pm followed by the Chanukiah candlelighting – BRING YOUR OWN CHANUKIAH TO LIGHT! Some of our children will help with a magic show, the Klezmer Band will play, and there will be plenty of good latkes, doughnuts and food!

Dinner and a Movie

Confucius Say: There is nothing better for the Jewish Soul than eating Chinese food and going to a movie on December 24th.

SO...Meet at Saigon Café at 5:00 pm on December 24th, \$12 per person for dinner of Choice of Soup, Appetizers, Main entrees of Vegetable Lo Mein, Mushu Vegetable, Hy-Hsiang Broccoli, Steamed Rice and Light Dessert (Tax and gratuity included – Seating limited to 60) Then enjoy a movie at Cobblestone.

RSVP by December 19, by sending your PREPAID reservations to Tifereth Israel Synagogue, at 924 Polk Boulevard, Des Moines, IA 50312 Please make checks payable to Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Call Alice Friedgood at 223-0086 with questions or for more information.

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Who: Families with children of all ages, Singles, Empty-nesters, Seniors – Any and all congregants!

When: Friday, January 9 — Potluck follows 6:00 p.m. services

Where: Tifereth Israel Chapel and Atrium

Why: Come together to celebrate Shabbat, share good food and enjoy each other's company!

How: RSVP by calling Youth Education Committee members Rebecca Alter at 255-8819 or Peggy Altman at 221-1724 who will also answer your questions

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Adult Education:

A Look at the National Jewish Population Survey – Sundays, 9:15-10:30 a.m.

Jan. 11 – "The Sexy, or at least Incendiary Results and Resulting Concerns"

Jan. 18 – "The Methodology of Polling and Biases of the Pollsters"

Feb. 1 – "The Real State of American Jewry and Prospects for the Future"

This 3-session series will be led by Rabbi David Kaufman.

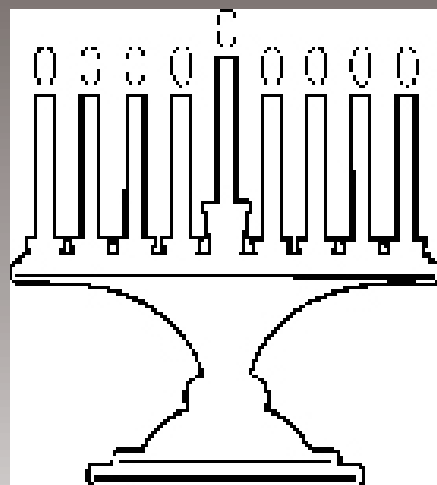
Chanukah at the Temple:

Friday – Dec. 19th - 6:00 p.m. – First Night of Chanukah – Music with the Adult Choir and the Klezmer Band

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It was a musing on the Russian Roulette that life here has become. He knew, full well, that if Ema had let him go out with friends that night, things could have turned out very differently for us. And he knows that the guards don't always work. And that the savages have now discovered our neighborhood. And he's read the papers that report that Hamas says that they're now going to blow up multistory apartment buildings instead. He gets it. He didn't even need to ask a question. He just knows.

We got home three minutes later, and it was time for Micha to go to bed. He got undressed, brushed his teeth and hopped into bed. It was too late for a story, so I just sang to him. After the Shma and the other things we say with him each night, at which point he usually just grabs his pillow with both arms and goes to sleep, he suddenly turned onto his side, and looked at me.

"Abba, why do the suicide bombers blow themselves up?"

Why, I wanted to know, is your mother not here for this conversation? But it turns out she'd already had it. Because he continued.

"Ema says that it's because they believe that after they do that, they're going to be treated extra nicely." I suppose that's the euphemism for the whole seventy virgin bit. Thank God he didn't ask about that. "Do you believe that?" he wanted to know.

"No," I told him. "I think that they're wrong. They're not going to get anything special. They're just killing themselves and lots of other innocent people. What they do is evil, and they're being taught terrible

things by their teachers."

"That's what Ema said, too." So far so good.

He turned onto his stomach, grabbed his pillow and closed his eyes. But I couldn't leave him, not with that. So I sat back down next to him, rubbed his back, and told him I was sorry. "I'm sorry that you have to think about that kind of stuff," I told him. "Kids your age shouldn't even know about this."

"It's OK," he said. He paused for a minute, and then he said, "I still like it here. I'm still glad we live here."

I gave him a kiss on the head, told him I loved him, and walked out of the room. I figured that the last thing he needed at the end of a day like that was to see me crying. What would I have told him? That the world is falling apart and no one knows how to stop it? That two years after 9/11, the day on which everything supposedly changed, Osama bin Laden is still making videos, Saddam is still alive, and we're still being blown to bits? And that no one has any idea what to do?

Micha had asked me if people at work were sad. Of course people were sad. Who wouldn't be? Towards the end of the day at the Mandel Jerusalem Fellows, we had a lecture from someone on our faculty, a well known Israeli man of letters, who is far to the left, often far too left for my particular taste. But he's smart, very smart, and you can't easily ignore anything that he says. Yesterday, though, it was clear he was in no less pain, and feeling no less fury, than anyone else. He'd scrapped what he'd planned, he told us, and did something different.

It was a brilliant presentation. He ended with a passage from Yosef Hayyim

Brenner (1881-1921), perhaps the greatest writer of the Second Aliyah, who was murdered by Arab rioters in May 1921. In 1911, Brenner wrote a novella called "Mikan U-mi-kan" ("From Here and From Here") in which he penned the following lines:

Efshar, efshar me'od, she-kan i efshar lichyot

Aval kan tzarich le-hisha'er

Kan tzarich lamut, lishon

Ein makom acher.

It's possible, it's very possible, that here, it's not possible to live

But here one must stay

Here must one die, and sleep

There is no other place.

That pretty much sums it up. I still pray for peace, but I know I won't live to see it. I suspect that my children won't either. Sure, there will be hudnas, and other celebrated cease-fires will come and go, but there won't be peace. Not in my generation, and not in the next. And yet, I can't imagine the Jewish people without a state, and I can't imagine how I'd look in the mirror if we left. So we stay, try to raise decent Jewish kids who are both passionate Zionists and moral human beings, and try to learn to live with what I believe will not change.

So what do I hope for? I hope that Micha will also put his kids to sleep here, and not somewhere else. And I hope that somehow we'll survive here, and that despite everything, we'll build the kind of society here that will lead his kids to tell him, a few decades from now, on some dark, oppressively sad, tear-stained night, "I'm still glad I live here."

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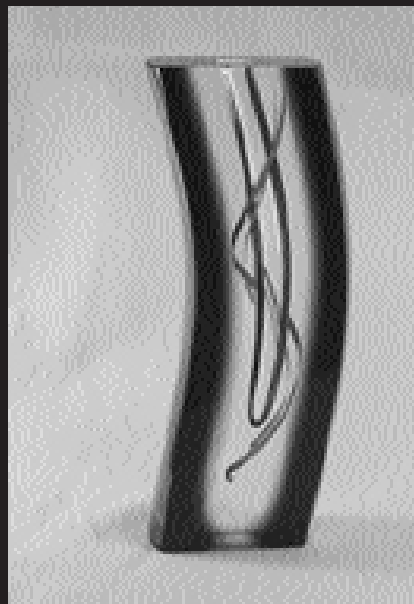
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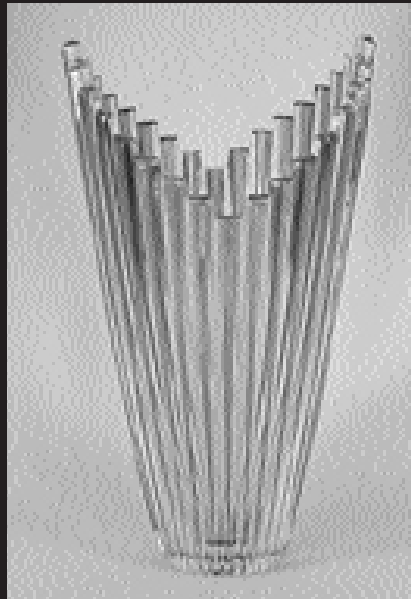
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By Simma Stein

For anyone interested in the genre of crime or mystery, Criminal Kabbalah, an anthology edited by Lawrence W. Raphael, might be worthy of investigation.

This book is a mystery trip into Jewish culture and philosophy through well-written stories. If you like a good tale, if you want to know more about Jewish tradition, if you would like to create order out of complexities of daily life, turn to any story in this collection. Crime stories that illuminate the mysteries of life are as old as Jewish tradition.

In the story, "Silver is better than Gold", we are introduced to Dr. Corey Cohen, a psychologist and amateur sleuth. The daughter of a Japanese mother and a Jewish father, she has been reared by her Jewish grandparents, so although she doesn't look Jewish, she can identify with the cultural climate of her clients.

Jonathan Silver, a man anxious and distraught, comes to her office, certain that he is going to be murdered by Neil Gold, a financial guru. Jonathan has discovered that Mr. Gold keeps a double set of financial records and has defrauded many of his clients. Before Dr. Cohen can admit Silver into the hospital for his anxiety (and his safekeeping) he is murdered. It is up to Dr. Cohen to figure out who killed Silver, and it was not Gold.

In "Thy Brother's Blood", by Ronald Levitsky, we meet first amendment lawyer Nate Rosen. He has been summoned to the state prison by an inmate on death row, an avowed Jew-hater who killed a Jewish merchant in cold blood. Believing that he has been called by the prisoner in a last ditch effort to save himself, lawyer Rosen finds himself in a bizarre situation. The prisoner, John Kennecott, has asked for him, not to find a way to escape the death penalty, but to discuss the finer points of the Talmud, which he has been studying since his incarceration. This story gives the reader a glimpse into the thought processes of an anti-Semite.

Perhaps the most fascinating tale in this collection is one written by Janice Steinberg. "Hospitality in a Dry Country" mixes both midrash and crime story. The Book of Judges recounts the story of Deborah the prophetess who led the Israelites to defeat their Canaanite foes. Deborah's triumphal song praises not only the bold action taken by Heber's wife Jael against the Canaanite general Sisera, but also sings of Sisera's mother who was unaware that the battle and her son were lost.

The modern spin on this ancient story illuminates biblical text and gives us an insight into the motive behind the crime.

Among other authors represented in this collection are Michael Kahn, Rachel Krish, and Stuart Kaminsky. All the stories are entertaining and depict many Jewish traditions. To quote from the introduction, "It provides an answer to the question asked in a traditional saying - Why were human beings created? Because God loves to hear stories."

This book may be ordered from Jewish Lights Publishing, www.jewishlights.com

View From Israel



Shalom everyone! Time flies quickly and I find myself writing already for your Hanukkah edition - unbelievable. I was very busy this past month. I know, in my previous column, I indicated I would be moving to Tel Aviv, but it must have been G-D's will that I ended up moving, for a purpose, to the holy city, the capital of Israel - Jerusalem.

I have now started classes at The Hebrew University in Jerusalem for my M.A in International Affairs and it is going well. I have also started working at the headquarters of The Jewish Agency. I am working for The Young Volunteers Division, the same department that sent me to Des Moines - so you can see that it is a good department.... Part of my job is being in charge of the young Shlichim [emissaries] in a variety of aspects. It is a very interesting job, very demanding, so when I get home - I am exhausted. Speaking about home - It was not easy at all to find an apartment in Jerusalem (or in the rest of Israel, for that matter). The rents are very expensive. A one bedroom apartment, like the one I live in (located in The German Colony), is several hundred dollars a month!!!

Most of the students in Israel live either in university dorms or rent an apartment: that is why you will find many students in Haifa, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Beer Sheba. These cities are full of young people who go to school, and therefore most of these cities are very lively.

The past month went by really quickly, highlighted by two major events in Israel: The first, a huge strike that threatened to start. At the date of my writing, we are still not sure what is going to happen. The "working class" is struggling for better salaries and better contracts while The Ministry of Financial Affairs says that it has no money. Of course, they are both right, but still - there is no solution. During the single day that the strike was called - there were no busses or trains and the gas stations were also striking - so you can only imagine what a day it was!

The second event was the annual commemoration of Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Day. It is a very sad day to Israelis and to the Jewish people. No matter what you think of Rabin, you cannot but be shocked at the way he died. On the occasion, there was a huge gathering in Tel Aviv at Rabin Square where important Israelis delivered speeches; there were songs and mainly, I think, there was a feeling of being together, of sharing the pain and the sad fact, as many people put it, that on the day that Rabin was murdered, something happened to Israel's democracy. The University also had a ceremony in his memory and the main thing that was said there was that it should never happen again. No matter what your beliefs - you should feel free to express yourself knowing that you are not going to be killed because of your beliefs.

There were many more things that happened in the past month: the municipal elections, the discussion about the 3 missing soldiers and a former Israeli officer captured by the Hizballah - what to do about that is a subject of great controversy among Israelis - and more.

I was very excited to see some of you at the General Assembly of Jewish Federations

Meet Zeldene Lipsman



Zeldene Lipsman with her children

The next time you are on I-35 and pass a car wafting with sweet fragrances take a look inside. You are more than likely to see Zeldene Lipsman. She is known to have baked for weeks, loaded her son's car and driven her precious baked goods down I-35 to Kansas City. Her strudel and delicious goodies have adorned the tables at all of her grandchildren's bar and bat mitzvahs and her strudel has even gone as far as Houston!

Zeldene grew up in Des Moines, the daughter of Bess and Izzy Seidenfeld, who owned the Delite Cleaners at the corner of Chamberlain and 42nd Street in Des Moines. Izzy was a tailor who had immigrated from Poland and her mother, Bess, was his assistant in the shop. Zeldene was one of three children, a twin sister, Helene Roberts in Houston, and a brother Phil, who passed away three years ago in Minneapolis.

She married Alfred Lipsman, known to his friends as Bunny, who was from

Davenport and whom Zeldene had known during her youth because their parents were friends. Bunny was a handsome lady's man who traveled selling men's clothing. They lived in Des Moines but moved to Minneapolis for a period of five years, where three of their five children were born. Bunny passed away at the age of 62.

Sandy Lipsman, Zeldene's oldest child, is a graduate of Yale University and the Minnesota Law School and practices securities law in New York City. She is married to Roger Cramer and has a son, Daniel, 9 years old. Zeldene's second oldest child, Murray, graduated from Iowa and the University of Iowa Law School. He is an accomplished pianist who sang and played the piano with many groups in Des Moines for years. Murray now sells pianos and is a piano tuner in Minneapolis. He is married to Linda Manning from Des Moines, a psychologist with the Minneapolis School System. Frank, another son, graduated from Washington University and the University of Iowa Law School and practices law in Kansas City. He is

married to Janet Mark, daughter of Milton Mark from Des Moines, and has two children, Jacob 16 and Danielle 14.

Daughter Julie, born after Zeldene and Bunny moved back to Des Moines, also attended Washington University and New York University Law School. Today she and her husband, David Jacobson, a native Chicagoan, whom she met when they worked in the same law firm, live there. Julie, a perpetual student, practiced banking law before taking time to raise their two children. She then went back to

school for three years to become an interior designer. Julie now works in a book store and is back in school taking classes in literature. Their children are Wynne, 16 and Jeremy, 14. Zeldene's youngest son, Danny, passed away at the age of 26 while still in school in New York.

Zeldene spent much quality time with her children while they were growing up and was active in all of their activities. She has earned the respect and admiration of many friends and acquaintances in the

Chanukah Sugar Cookies

A recipe from Zeldene Lipsman

Dairy

1 cup butter or margarine	1-1/2 tsp. vanilla
3/4 cup sugar	3 cups flour
1 egg	1 tsp. baking powder
2 Tbsp. milk	1/2 tsp. salt

Cream butter and sugar, add egg, milk and vanilla. Add flour, baking powder and salt.

Roll dough on floured board and use cookie cutters.

Bake 5 – 8 minutes at 350 degrees.

Frosting:

1/4 cup butter or margarine (melted)

4 cups powdered sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

milk as needed

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From Temple B'nai Jeshurun UPDATE FROM RUACH

If I've been doing my job correctly over the past few months, you've seen or heard something about a new group at the Temple called simply RUACH. You may have seen notices of RUACH events or even thought of joining us for one, but not have known what we are. I'd like to take a brief opportunity to introduce you to this exciting new group, tell you what we're about, and share with you some of the things we have in store.

In Hebrew, the word "ruach" means "spirit". This really is a fitting name for what our group is trying to do. RUACH is trying to harness the spirit and excitement of Des Moines' Jewish adults in their 20's and 30's and offer opportunities for social and educational events as well as community action.

There are a couple of things I'd like you to notice in the above statement. The first is "20's and 30's". Why just target 20's and 30's you may ask? If you grew up Jewish, you may have begun your Jewish education at pre-school around the age of 3 or 4, moved on to religious school, progressed through your Bar/Bat Mitzvah and confirmation, and been a part of youth group. Once you graduated from college, you may have worked for a while, found a partner, and eventually started a family, at which time the cycle begins again with your own children.

The life stage that most often is neglected by congregations spans from the time that you finish school until the time you have children of your own beginning their religious education. These people are the focus of RUACH. Our mission is to target fun, engaging and thought-provoking programming to the group that is just on the cusp of becoming the leaders of their congrega-

tions.

The second piece of that statement I'd like you to notice is "Des Moines". The statement does not read just "The Temple's" as we are not interested in involving only members from the Temple.

Unlike myself, who grew up at home in the Temple, many young Jews in their 20's and 30's have moved to central Iowa for college, to begin careers, or are relocating young families due to job opportunities. In these situations RUACH attempts to provide a beacon for the Temple to those individuals who have not yet become affiliated with a congregation or have maybe not even thought of doing so. By offering programs for these groups, we hope to help them make the Temple their home both spiritually and socially.

RUACH has an exciting schedule of events for the remainder of this year. We just finished off our inaugural event, RAGBR-OY, a bike ride along the Great Western Trail, had nearly 30 people attend the RUACH Sukkah Party, and still are planning a Shabbat Program, discussions, and a RUACH service. Next year we hope to have an even better set of programs, including reprising a popular event with the Temple's 2nd Annual Mock-olate Seder. Keep up to date on RUACH events by checking out www.templebnaijeshurun.org

Finally, please understand there is a difference between targeting the age group of 20's and 30's and restricting based on that. There will be no bouncers at any RUACH events asking for ID, and you will not be kicked out of events the night of your 40th birthday. RUACH is designed to engage all young (and

JEWISH CONTENT INCLUDED IN JANUARY INTERFAITH EDUCATION SERIES, JANUARY THAW

January Thaw, the interfaith adult education mini-series, will include the following courses: Abraham: the Friend of God, taught by Rabbi Berel Simper, and Bibliodrama: The art of exploring, experiencing and expressing sacred text in the first person, taught by Rabbi Baruch HaLevi. Both courses, along with a panel discussion entitled, Faith in Des Moines: Our Marvelous Diversity, will be offered January 20 and 27, 7 - 9 pm at Dowling

Catholic High School in West Des Moines. The series is sponsored by the Des Moines Area Religious Council, Jewish Federation, and St. Joseph Educational Center. Other courses will be offered on January 22 and 29, including one entitled, The Tablets of Heaven: Paul and the Jewish theology of his day, taught by an instructor from a Catholic perspective. For a full listing of courses, contact JCRC at 277-6321. Preregistration is due by



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AMES COMMUNITY MEMBERS:
Lengthy Film Series Ignores
Israeli Suffering

In a letter to the Editor of the Ames Tribune, published November 24, community members addressed the impact and shortcomings of a lengthy, one-sided Palestinian film series presented by the Ames Public Library.

Letter to the Editor

The film series "Palestine Unabridged" (14 films over 3 months; sponsored by the Axiom Foundation, the Ames Interfaith Council, the ISU Arab Student Association, and the Ames Public Library) runs counter to the goals of advancing peace, understanding, and dialogue. Besides showing only the Palestinian perspective, most of the films demonize the Israeli army and most of Israeli society. In many cases, the films are filled with omissions, distortions, half-truths, and sometimes outright lies. Peace is about finding ways to compromise, to make painful concessions, to appreciate the agony suffered by both sides. It is not about glorifying one side while demonizing the other, or highlighting the suffering of one side while ignoring that of the other. The latter deepen the level of distrust between Israelis and Palestinians, and regrettably are divisive even for our Ames community.

A climax has been reached with the film "Jenin Jenin" whose thrust is that "ruthless" Israeli soldiers committed a massacre in Jenin and flattened the city. Early Palestinian claims of hundreds or thousands of civilian fatalities have been categorically refuted by the United Nations, human rights groups, and later by Palestinian themselves. All agree that the fatality count was 20 civilians, 32 Palestinian militants, and 23 Israeli soldiers. Given that the fierce door-to-door fighting took place in a densely populated urban area, the low casualty count points to the extreme care taken by Israeli soldiers to avoid civilian casualties. By contrast, the film hides the facts that Palestinian militants used women and children as human shields, booby-trapped the city center, that only a small portion of Jenin was destroyed, and that Jenin continues to be the capital of suicide bombers - over the past 3 years hundreds of Israeli civilians have been killed in suicide attacks originating there.

A request signed by 80 Ames residents, to make a brief pre-screening statement to the effect that the UN had concluded that no massacre took place in Jenin, was denied by the Library; such a statement, they argued, was not part of the organizers' plan.

The Ames Public Library, in sponsoring this series and utilizing Ames taxpayers' funds, appears to have acted contrary to its own Operations Guidelines on Display/Exhibit Policy (Approved by the Library Board 8/96, revised 2/01, reviewed 2/03). These guidelines state: "When the theme of a display deals with a political, social, or controversial issue, the exhibit should provide impartial information on the subject stating the facts pertaining to the situation... The exhibit should not urge or advocate support of one side or the other, but should provide information in such a manner as to allow the viewer to decide the issues." Films sympathizing with one side of the dispute while demonizing the other contradict both the letter and the spirit of that document.

In addition, the Library purchased a lengthy list of pro-Palestinian books to accompany the series, while later rejecting a request to also purchase books presenting the Israeli perspective with the explanation that no funds remained at present for that purpose.

The fruits of an approach which demonizes one side are visible especially in Europe during the past 3 years. Generally, European media favor the Palestinian perspective. They often omit reports of Palestinian terrorist attacks which precede Israeli retaliation. The net result has been a surge of anti-Semitism unknown in Europe since WWII. In addition to verbal abuse there have been murders of Jews, many cases of vandalizing synagogues, desecration of Jewish cemeteries, etc. This past week alone, two synagogues in Istanbul were bombed with 23 fatalities and hundreds of wounded, a Jewish day school in Paris torched, and a Jewish cemetery in Slovakia desecrated. In the U.S. an arsonist destroyed the Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute (Indiana).

To the organizers and sponsors: A one-sided approach is unfair, dangerous, and counter-productive. It does not advance the cause of education, peace or reconciliation, but rather deepens mistrust and breeds hard feelings and divisiveness.

Adah Ackerman, Irene Grimberg, Ron and Susan Jackson, Murray and Helene

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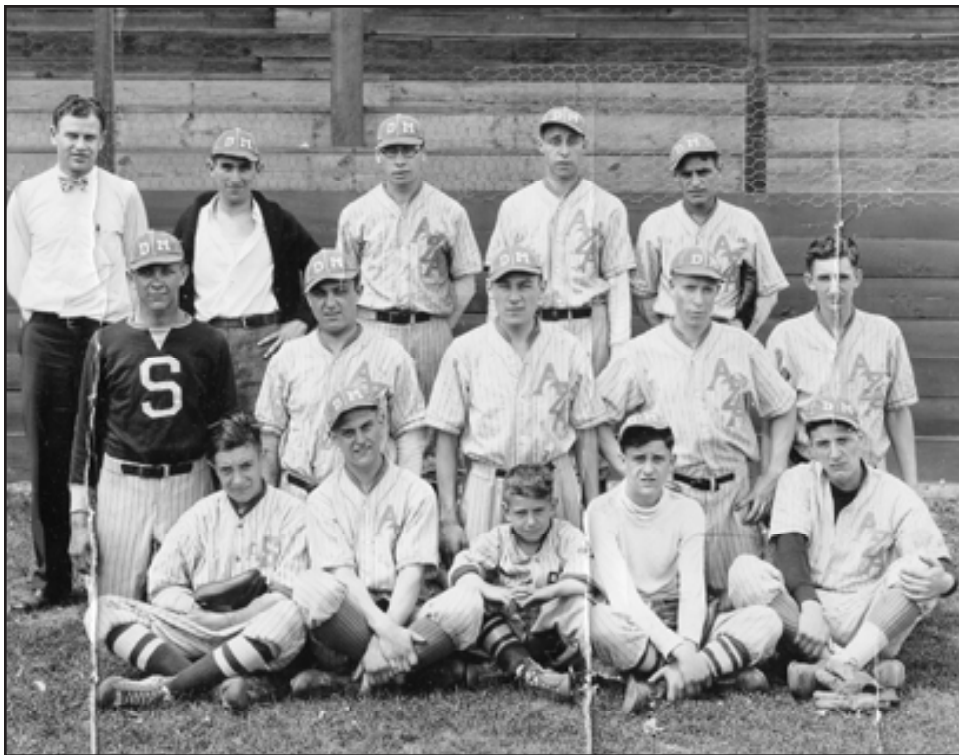
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Harlan Lekowski beside Caspe Gallery case containing memorabilia from his WWII Service in the South Pacific.
The Iowa Jewish Historical Society is in need of World War II memorabilia. If you are interested in donating original items or copies of photographs, please contact Jody Hramits, IJHS Project Coordinator, at 987-0899 or 277-6321 ijhs@dmjed.org

Interested in Being a Decent?

As of September, The Iowa Historical Museum is hosting The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936 a touring exhibit from the Washington DC Holocaust Museum. For two weeks in August 1936, Adolf Hitler's Nazi dictatorship camouflaged its racist, militaristic character while hosting the Summer Olympic Games. Soft-pedaling its anti-semitic agenda and plans for territorial expansion, the regime exploited the Games to dazzle many foreign spectators and journalists with an image of a peaceful, tolerant Germany. Having rejected a proposed boycott of the 1936 Olympics, the United States and other western democracies missed the opportunity to take a stand that — some observers at the time claimed — might have given Hitler pause and bolstered international resistance to Nazi tyranny.

This exhibition, which originally opened at the Museum in 1996 to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the 1936 Games and the opening of the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, explores the ways in which the Nazis used the Games successfully for military training, pageantry, and propaganda. It addresses some of the controversy surrounding the Games and explores the stories of individual athletes who were barred from competition because of their ethnic or racial heritage, who chose to boycott and forfeit their chance of individual glory, or others who — like Jesse Owens — won medals and showed the bigotry of Nazi racial beliefs.

Training will be provided for all those interested in volunteering. If you are interested in volunteering, or would

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Des Moines Community for raising such an accomplished family. She served as t h e advisor to USY and USJ with her friends, Lois Brown and Rhoda Kreamer and she and Jeanette Bear helped organize Junior Congregation. continued on page 22

Lipsman continued from page 19 She was the neighborhood baker, often baking cookies for other children. At that age her own children preferred Oreos!

When Danny was in the 6th grade, Zeldene, with a bit of coaxing from Shlomo Benderly the Hebrew School director, became their secretary. She then became a secretary at Pidgeon's Home Furnishings Store, but after only a year she was convinced that she should return to the Federation to help out. Zeldene has been a key part of the Federation administration for many years. Zeldene is still at the Federation and many of us enjoy her sweet voice answering the phone, which she now answers as a volunteer.

Zeldene's baking and cooking are greatly admired in this community but many say that nothing compares to her Sugar Cookies! For the upcoming Holiday of Chanukah they can be made with simple Chanukah cookie cutters: dreidels, stars and menorahs!

The holidays are still the time of the year when the Lipsman children try to gather together in Des Moines, usually

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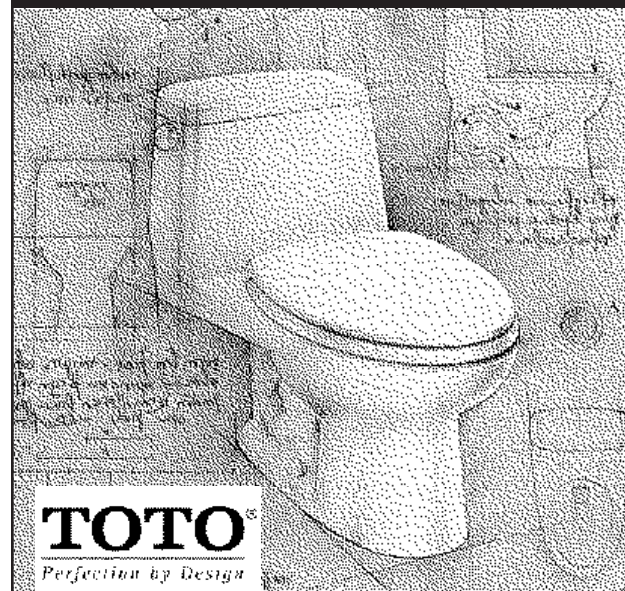


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Thursday	12/18/03	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
Saturday	12/19/03		Private Party at The Caspe Terrace
Saturday	12/20/03		HANUKKAH STARTS
Saturday	12/20/03	6:00 PM	Community Havdalah Service at Temple
Saturday	12/20/03		Community Hanukkah Celebration after Havdalah at Temple
Sunday	12/21/03	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
Sunday	12/21/03	2:00 PM	Iowa Jewish Historical Society Caspe Gallery Open
Wednesday	12/24/03		Tifereth Dinner and Movie
Wednesday	12/24/03		Temple Brotherhood Chinese Dinner and Movie
Thursday	12/25/03		NATIONAL HOLIDAY (CHRISTMAS)
Saturday	12/27/03		Private Party at The Caspe Terrace
Sunday	12/28/03	2:00 PM	Iowa Jewish Historical Society Caspe Gallery Open
Sunday	12/28/03	9:30 AM	Temple Brotherhood Investment Club
Saturday	01/03/04		Private Party at The Caspe Terrace
Sunday	01/04/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Women's League
Sunday	01/04/04	2:00 PM	Iowa Jewish Historical Society Caspe Gallery Open
Thursday	01/08/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
Saturday	01/10/04		Private Party at The Caspe Terrace
Sunday	01/11/04	9:30 AM	Tifereth Men's Club
Sunday	01/11/04	2:00 PM	Iowa Jewish Historical Society Caspe Gallery Open
Tuesday	01/13/04	4:30 PM	Executive Committee/Temple Board
Thursday	01/15/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
Saturday	01/17/04	3:00 PM	JFCS & AJC 6th and 7th grade overnight at The Caspe Terrace
Sunday	01/18/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
Monday	01/19/04	6:00 PM	Federation Executive Committee Meeting at The Caspe Terrace
Thursday	01/22/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
Saturday	01/31/04	7:00 PM	Blima Simpson Bat Mitzvah at The Caspe Terrace
Sunday	01/25/04	9:30 AM	Temple Brotherhood Investment Club
Tuesday	01/27/04	7:00 PM	Tifereth Board Meeting
Thursday	01/29/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
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Thursday	02/12/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
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Scattergood Exhibit: Opening Draws Crowds and Media



more than 200 people attended the opening of the exhibit “Far from Hitler: The Scattergood Hostel for European Refugees 1939-43” at The Caspe Terrace on Sunday, November 9th. The Opening took place on the 64th anniversary of Kristallnacht. Kristallnacht marked the beginning of the violence against the Jewish community of Europe. The afternoon’s program began with Iowa Jewish Historical Society President, Robbie Winick, welcoming guests to the Martin Bucksbaum Auditorium. Josh Mandelbaum, aide to Governor Vilsack, read a letter to the IJHS from the Governor. Governor Vilsack thanked the IJHS, Humanities Iowa and TRACES for the exhibit and commented on the significance of the date. “It provides us with an occasion to remember the past while we strive to live up to our core values of responsibility and opportunity in the present. We have a responsibility to not only remember the past but to teach others about it as well. By telling the story of the 185 refugees who found a safe haven at the Scattergood Hostel, the exhibit fulfills this important and noble responsibility.”

Michael Luick-Thrams, Executive Director of TRACES and creator of the exhibit, introduced the featured speakers: former refugees, Irmgard Rosenzweig Wessel, and Edith Lichtenstein Morgan, and former Scattergood worker, Camilla Hewson Flinterman.

Irmgard Rosenzweig arrived at Scattergood in 1941 at the age of 14 with her parents Louis and Grete. She spoke of her interactions with the Jewish community of Cedar Rapids and the role that Scattergood played in her development and choice of career as a social worker. Irmgard stressed the significance of the collaboration of TRACES and the Iowa Jewish Historical Society. She felt it was important that the Scattergood story be presented to the community through a Jewish historical organization in order to preserve the history of the Jewish people.

Edith Lichtenstein Morgan came to Scattergood in 1942 at the age of 10 with her father Julius, her mother Elisabeth and her brother Louis. Her father was a judge in Germany who was dismissed by the Nazis for his Jewish background and liberal views. They came first to New York City, but were happy to be sent to the Midwest, away from the poverty and grime of the city. This gave them an opportunity to see what the rest of the United States was like. At Scattergood she marveled at a view as “far as the eye could see” and the “physical freedom” to play freely in open fields, something she had never experienced before. She attended West Branch public schools where she learned English. Edith remembered the Scattergood staff as consisting of “marvelous, young people” who, though not formally trained, had a natural feel for other people and made the refugees feel at home. She complimented the staff for their great acceptance of her family and respect for the refugees’ native culture and religion. Her Scattergood experience inspired her to go forth and “scatter the good that had been done for us.”

Camilla Hewson Flinterman, whose Quaker activist parents worked with the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee in Russia during the civil war, was a student at Roosevelt High School. Her experience at Scattergood began as a 16 year-old volunteer, first on weekends and later on a more permanent basis until 1940 when she left for college. It was her experience at Scattergood that influenced her decision to become a social worker. Scattergood for Camilla involved a great deal of “cultural sharing”. The staff learned about the customs and beliefs of the refugees and the refugees and staff took part in activities they had not experienced before, like canning corn and doing laundry by hand as a group. For Camilla, her greatest gift from her time at Scattergood was “an appreciation of the resilience of the human spirit”.

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1. One of many visitors takes in the exhibit. 2. Hanna Gradwohl and Dr. David Gradwohl, IJHS Board Member. 3. Charles Anolik and Charlotte Elmetts, IJHS Board Member. 4. Josh Mandelbaum, Aide to Governor Vilsack. 5. IJHS President Robbie Winick; Michael Luick-Thrams, TRACES; former Scattergood refugees Irmgard Rosenzweig Wessel and Edith Lichtenstein Morgan, and former Scattergood staff member Camilla Hewson Flinterman. 6. Ricki Saltzman, Iowa Arts Council with daughter Eva. 7. Ben Swartz and Fred Lorber 8. Robbie Winick; Jerome Thompson, State Historical Museum Director; Steve

Far from Hitler: The Scattergood Hostel for European Refugees, 1939-43 will be on exhibit in the Caspe Heritage Gallery on The Caspe Terrace through January 11. The gallery is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 11am until 1pm excluding the weeks of Christmas and New Years. The gallery will be open all Sundays from 2-5pm through January 11. For more information, or to arrange a special

