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HAPPY PASSOVER 5763

The ritual seder meal on Pesach eve, the Passover holiday, Spain, 1350-60. A Jewish family, the father presiding over the ceremony, a male guest facing him, the mother with two boys on her right and a girl on her left, are sitting round the seder table; this is covered with a damask cloth embroidered or woven with decorative stripes, on which is laid a carafe and a cup for the wine (the rite required one for each person), and three open books, or haggadot, containing the rituals of the seder and thus allowing participants to follow the ceremony. The rite illustrated is that which in Spain accompanied the words 'ha lahma anya' ('This is the bread of affliction'), the first words of the Passover haggada: the master of the house has placed the cloth-covered basket containing the mazzot, the unleavened bread, and the maror, the bitter herbs, on the head of the child seated on his left; it was then placed successively on the heads of each person at the table as a symbolic reminder of the Exodus from Egypt when, in their haste to leave, the Israelites had to carry on their backs their kneading troughs filled with dough not yet leav-

Rabbi David Kaufman To Lead Temple B'nai Jeshurun



Rabbi David Jay Kaufman, who has been the Assistant Rabbi of Temple Emanuel, St. Louis, MO, has been selected to become the rabbi of Des Moines' Reform Jewish congregation.

The search committee announced their selection after a year-long process that included interviews with a number of candidates. A congregational meeting enthusiastically affirmed the appointment. In late May Rabbi Kaufman will assume the position as the 18th rabbi of Temple B'nai Jeshurun in its more than one hundred thirty year history.

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Daniel Levitas Addresses Racism, Anti-Semitism April

On Monday, April 28, at 8:00 pm, following a reception beginning at 7:15 pm, Pulitzer Prize nominee, Daniel Levitas, will speak at Tifereth Israel Synagogue on themes from his book, *The Terrorist Next Door: The Militia Movement and the Radical Right* (Thomas Dunne Books/St. Martin's Press, November 2002). The program and reception are sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Commission of the Jewish Federation and are open to the public, free of charge.

Levitas is a writer, researcher and expert on the subject of racist, anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi organizations. Since 1986, he has testified as an expert witness in state and federal court and in Canada on the activities of hate groups.

His lecture, entitled "Domestic Terrorism and Paramilitary Hate in the Post-9/11 Era," will explore the historical and contemporary dynamics of racism, anti-Semitism and far right groups and

Governor Vilsack invited to present Proclamation at Ceremony

Community Holocaust Commemoration April 30 Features Allen Wolnerman

Representing the generation of children whose parents had survived the Shoah, Allen Wolnerman will be keynote speaker at the community Holocaust Commemoration, 7:00 pm, Wednesday, April 30 at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

The theme of this year's Yom HaShoah program is renewal, describing the personal and communal regeneration of Jewish life in the aftermath of the devastation that claimed our 6 million and affected additional millions of our people.

In addition to the address by Mr. Wolnerman, the recitation of prayers of remembrance and a memorial candle lighting, the program will include reflections from members of our survivor com-

munity and readings delivered by students from the Jewish Federation Community School and the Des Moines Jewish Academy.

Governor Thomas J. Vilsack has been invited to issue a proclamation at the ceremony demarcating the week of April 27 as Days of Remembrance of the Holocaust and its Victims. A display of historical materials compiled by the Jewish Federation Community School and the Iowa Jewish Historical Society is also planned.

Allen Wolnerman and his family are members of Beth El Jacob Synagogue. He is a pharmacist and consultant by profes-

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You're not going to meet a nicer, more vibrant person than newcomer to Des Moines, **Surella Corran**. Surella came to our community from Winnipeg, Manitoba to live near her daughter, Beverly Chapman, and her grandson, Larry Chapman.

Residing in an assisted living facility, Surella would enjoy getting out more and making new friends!

She loves to play bridge and Mah Jongg and when we came by to chat with her, she was getting ready to make knishes with her daughter. So she really has a whole variety of hobbies and is looking to broaden her social activities.

This charming and intelligent lady would like to make your acquaintance. Give us a call at the Federation, at 277-6321, and we'll put you in touch!

Helping make newcomers to our community welcome is only one service provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. Our Senior Program staff member Kady makes the rounds and assists people like Mrs. Corran to make connections.

But we can't do it without you. Your contributions make it possible to provide the outreach needed to newcomers and long-time residents of our community. Please help our Federation connect where we are most needed.

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

May 22 is Senior Day at
The Caspe Terrace

Transportation available

Transportation will be available upon request to the beautiful Caspe Terrace in celebration of Senior Day, Thursday May 22. The Senior Day program will feature a noontime luncheon and tour of the facilities, including a visit to the Jewish Heritage Gallery of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society. Containing a wide assortment of very interesting artifacts on exhibit, documenting Jewish life in Iowa, the Gallery also features a stunning collection of ancient Roman glass.

Jewish Community Service director Rabbi Berel Simpser, Kady Russell, who staffs the Senior Adult Program, and JCS Pillar co-Chairs Vera Aginsky and Michael Kuperman are excited about making the facilities available to all who would like to join us for this festive event.

To request transportation or to reserve your place at the noon luncheon, contact Kady at the Federation at 277-6321. The weather will be beautiful.

Take the opportunity!
Come out with us and see The Caspe Terrace!

College
Scholarships
Available
through Jewish Community

Jewish Community Services [JCS] provides applications and information to high school students seeking college scholarships. Within the Des Moines community there are scholarships available with specific guidelines. Should you qualify for any of the scholarships listed below, you may request an application from JCS, 910 Polk Blvd., Des Moines, IA 50312, 515-277-6321. The applications are due by **May 15, 2003**. All applications will be forwarded to scholarship committees that are independent of the Jewish Community Services pillar and the Jewish Federation.

**Sidney Pruce
Memorial
Scholarships**

- Jewish students who have completed high school in Polk County and plan to attend an institution of higher learning in Iowa

- Academic Achievement
- Leadership
- Interested in Jewish Affairs
- Financial need

**Abe and Libby Pruce
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- Meritorious students of the Jewish faith in Iowa

- Must pursue course of education in field of Jewish interest
- May be used for institutions within the State of Iowa, the U.S. or abroad

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- Want to make a difference in the lives of our youth

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For an application or more information, contact Ayelet Kleinman at 277-6321 or ayelet@dmjfed.org

Tzedakah Sunday 2003



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KOL HA KAVOD!

Our Federation leadership extends a sincere THANK YOU to all who participated in making our annual telethon, Tzedakah Sunday, a success. With your help, we have been able to reach out to a broad range of community members, obtaining from them constructive ideas about how to serve their needs better and providing them an opportunity to join in supporting the essential Jewish services that strengthen our community. We are privileged to have worked on this project alongside you.

Special thanks go to Tim Howald for empathetically training our phone solicitors and to Don Schoen for the generous use of his facilities.

The Telethon Committee: Polly Oxley, Chair; Ed Bell; Julie Howald; Barbara Hirsch-Giller; Barbara Leventhal; Mark Finkelstein; staff

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[editorial]

War and Hope

As this edition goes to press, our country is at war in Iraq. Whether we as individuals find the rationale for going to war compelling or not, the terrible reality of sending our armed forces into battle weighs heavily on all of us who maturely comprehend the tremendous human costs involved. War entails personal tragedy. Lives are lost. Others are unalterably changed. We all sincerely lament that and wish it weren't so.


The issues involved in determining our position on the war are complex. But, again, regardless of our position, we all should take pride in two of our most valuable possessions. From our country we inherit the right to dissent, and from our Judaic tradition, the right to hope.

To the foresight of America's founding authors of the

Constitution and the Bill of Rights, we owe our appreciation for the right of peaceable assembly and the right to petition for redress of grievances. With these rights, Americans can, as loyal Americans, express criticism of governmental policy - and then join ranks once more with citizens of contrary opinions. What a magnificent empowerment.

From the prophetic vision of Jewish tradition, we inherit not only the charge to work to make the world a better place, but comes our enduring hope for a world in which peace shall ultimately triumph over war. How glorious and heartening an expectation.

Let us take strength in our dual inheritance, permitting us to both view the war realistically and to come together in prayer for



Fred: Oh my gosh, I'm late. Did they start the Torah reading yet?

Al: Yup. We're in Genesis.

Fred: Vayigash?

Al: Gezundheit.

Fred: No. Is this week's Torah portion Vayigash?

Al: I think that was last week.

Fred: Is it Vayehi?

Al: No. I don't think we're that far yet.

Fred: Vaera?

Al: No. That's in the next book, for sure.

Fred: Vayaduck?

Al: Be serious.

Fred: Is it Vayishlach, Vayetze or Vayeshev?

Al: Yeah. One of those.

Fred: Which?

Al: Now I remember. I wasn't in synagogue last week, so it has to be ...

Rabbi: And this concludes the reading of today's Torah portion of Vayigash

Al: ... Vayigash.

Fred: Thanks.

Signs of the times.....
Local residents have reported seeing the following signs around town.

At a travel agency, a sign:
Please go away!

Encouraging better customer relations, a sign in a large restaurant:
If you think our waiters are rude, you should see our manager.

Promotional sign from a rubbish removal service:
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ISRAEL MEMORIAL DAY: WITH DEATH, THEY COMMAND US TO LIVE

by Ayelet Kleinman, Areiva to Des Moines

Israel's Memorial Day, Yom HaZikaron, is commemorated on the 4th of Iyar, corresponding this year to May 16. It is a solemn occasion in Israel, memorializing the soldiers who died fighting for Israel's independence and in subsequent wars and battles. It also functions as a remembrance day for victims of all attacks against the Jewish and Israeli people, including the 700 victims of recent terrorism.

On the evening initiating the commemoration, sirens wail simultaneously across Israel for one minute, during which time everything comes to a halt. Traffic stops, even on our major highways. Drivers exit their cars and stand at attention next to their vehicles. Pedestrians freeze wherever they are on the sidewalk. This is repeated the next morning, as well.

In military cemeteries throughout the country special services are held in honor of the fallen. Memorial torches are lit, speeches given, and then the families and friends are left to mourn their dead. The graveyards are filled with weeping parents, friends, and spouses. Adults try to describe to children the special brother, father, aunt or uncle they have never known. People fortunate enough not to have lost relatives in Israel's wars visit graveyards simply to remember those who gave their lives so that the State of Israel could live. Indeed in many respects, they consider the fallen to be part of their own family. As they read the tombstones of those who fell in battle, they pay tribute to each soldier as a hero, each with a story of his or her own.

On Yom HaZikaron, Jews around the world gather to pay respect to Israel's fallen heroes. Many light memorial candles, give tzedakah or learn Torah on behalf of the fallen soldiers, or study the history of the Jewish state.

We, Jews, are a people of collective memory. In each generation we retain the memories of the past and to the heroes of the Jewish present. Today we are coming to the end of an era. The generation that survived the Holocaust and saw the establishment of the Jewish state is passing from the scene. With them will go the personal memory of these momentous events. When this happens, these crucial events will become part of our collective memory, whose meaning will continue to be interpreted in the context of the continuity of Jewish life and community. Yom HaZikaron is therefore an important occasion, in which we as a people recall the tremendous human sacrifice individuals made for the sake of the Jewish state.

Yom HaZikaron, coming one day prior to Israel Independence Day (Yom Ha'Atmaut) emphasizes the relationship between their sacrifice and the rise of the State of Israel.

He Who blessed our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob - may He bless the fighters of the Israel Defense Force, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God from the border of the Lebanon to the desert of Egypt, and from the Great Sea unto the approach of the Aravah, on the land, in the air, and on the sea.

May HASHEM cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, Blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighting men from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness, and may He send blessing and success in their every endeavor.

May He lead our enemies under their sway and may He grant them salvation and crown them with victory. And may there be fulfilled for them the verse: For it is Hashem, your God, who goes with you to battle your enemies for

THANK YOU, NEIL DIAMOND

Mr. Michael Kuperman and Dr.Vera Aginsky,
Jewish Family & Community Services
Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines

Dear Mr. Kuperman and Dr. Aginsky,

Our client, Neil Diamond, recently performed in Ames, Iowa. He would like to contribute \$300 to the local chapter of the Jewish Family Services, which represents a portion of the net proceeds from the sale of the program books.

Sincerely,
//Marshall M. Gelfand
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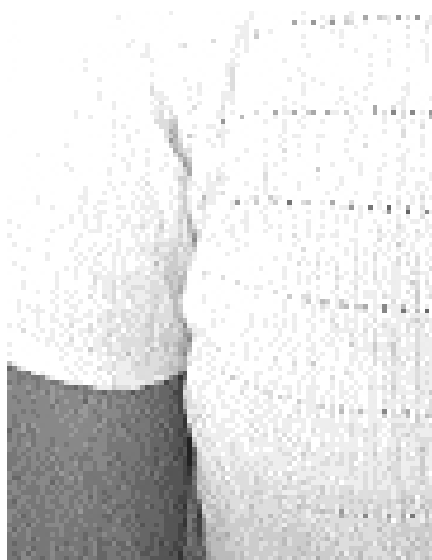
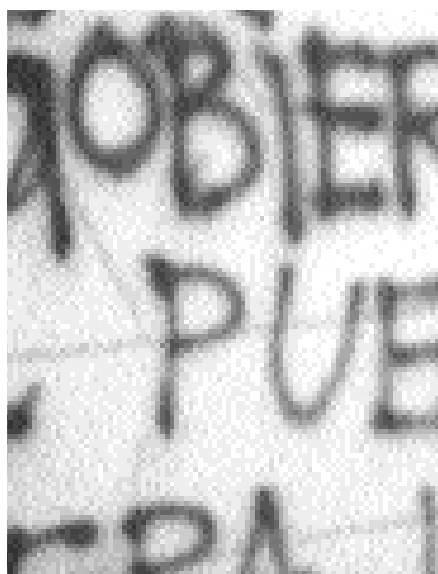
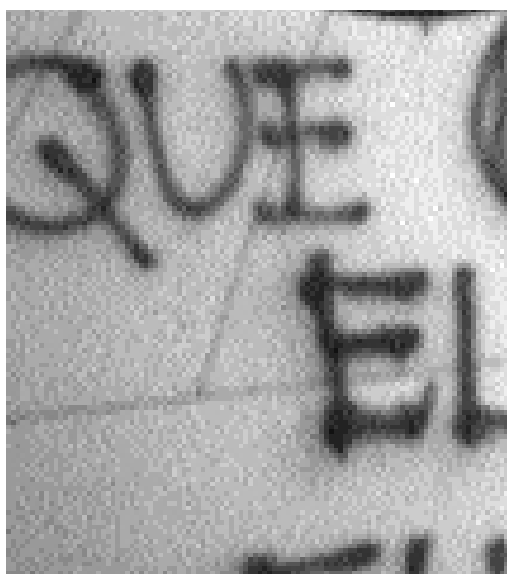
American Jewish World Service To Collect Funds For Humanitarian Assistance In Iraq

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of crisis,



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26,000 Argentinean Jews live in poverty. 1700 have lost their homes. Federation can help. Even with Israel in the middle of a war. 5,000 Jews from Argentina are expected to make aliyah this year. Federation makes it possible.

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



Jewish Federation Community School
THE WONDER OF GOD’S MIRACLE

As part of the study of Chanukah, Mrs. Johnson and her third grade students discussed the wonder of all of God’s miracles both in the past and present. After the discussion, students wrote personal letters to God thanking God for the miracles in their lives. The letters were then displayed in the JFCS school wing hallway to resemble a Chanukiah). Copies were made of each letter and put into books for each student to receive a copy of the “Dear God Booklet” to take home to share with their parents.

Alex Arenson

Dear God,
Can you do something for me and bring back my cousin? Do you know how long I was with my cousin? Tons of years. Thank you for bringing me to the world and bringing me to my family. Thank you for being my lord and can you bring back my grandpa and grandma. Thank you.

David Allison

Dear God,
Thank you for a new brother and for the candles that lasted 8 days and was only supposed to last one. And the Maccabee’s how they won against an army. Thank you God.

Lou Bassman

Dear God,
I want to be in heaven with my grandma and grandpa. I want to see my dogs, bogs and yogy. God, thank you for getting me to be 8 years old so fast. You are the best god ever. The Ten Commandments are the best things. I wish my mom could have another baby

so I wouldn’t be the youngest in the family. Thank you for making this beautiful world. I love you god.

Leah Bailin

Dear God,
Thank you for all the miracles that you’ve been doing forever. Thank you for air and plants and trees. Seeds grow in Spring. In Summer it is hot. In Fall leaves fall to the ground and in Winter the sun is down and snow will fall. Thank you for the wonderful world you have made for us. Thank you.

Trevor Hemedinger

Dear God,
Thank you for all of the plants and animals. Animals and plants are a very special miracle to me because if there was no animals then I would not have my cat. If there were no plants then everyone would be dead! God, thank you for everything. Don’t forget, you are a miracle too! Thank you for my friends. They are a miracle too, especially Josh.

Max Howald

Dear God,
Thank you for the earth, gravity, the chair I’m sitting on and anything else I can think of.

Megan Mansfield

Dear God,
Thank you for all the miracles you make. You made the miracle of the oil lasting for 8 days. You make the miracle of our heart pumping blood. You make the miracle of the Maccabees winning the battle.

Sarah Mansfield

Dear God,
Thank you for all of the miracles on earth. Thank you for my life and the miracle of how our bodies work. Thank you for the miracle of me being here and for all of my family. Thank you for giving humans and animals the earth. Thank you for helping humans live. Thank you for making the earth such a beautiful earth you have made.

Lindsey Mitchell

Dear God,
Thank you for all the miracles like how my body works, plants that are green, water, food, and all the things I need to stay alive. All the beautiful things in the world are great even a long time ago.

Tommy Stern

Dear God,
I’m thankful for having a very good fami-

ly. My brother Greg is so nice to me now. Leslie was always nice to me. My mom is so, so nice to me. My dad is too. Gracie is my dog. She is so fun to play with. Thank you god.

Thomas Swartz

Dear God,
Thank you for giving me miracles and miracles for everyone else. I feel like there are miracles going on every second of the day. I wouldn’t be alive right now if it wasn’t for miracles.

Aaron Wylie

Dear God,
Thank you for all the miracles around me and my family. Please take good care of my dog in heaven. Watch over every family member in my family. Thank you for the world you have given us and thank you for the family you have given me. Thank you very much for freeing us from Egypt. Thank you for every thing.

Anna Zilbermints

Dear God,
Thank you for all the miracles. They are all so wonderful. At first I didn’t know about the story of Hanukkah, but when I started Sunday school I started knowing it!

Sammy Zuckerman

Dear God,
Thank you for all of the miracles that you



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Jewish Federation Community School BABAGANEWZ CONTEST

Four students from Mrs. Hjelmaas' and Ayelet Klineman's fifth grade class (Eli Wolnerman, Jacob Grund, Dena Siegal, and Gabriella Soria-Dunn) entered the BabagaNewz Salute to Israel Essay and Art Contest. The theme was "The Courageous Spirit of Israel." The winner will receive a free trip to ride on the BabagaNewz float in the Salute to Israel Parade in New York City on June 1, 2003. Good luck to all of you.

How Many Cows Does It Take To Make A Torah?

This and many more questions and answers were given on Sunday, March 9th at Beth El Jacob to our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students and parents. Our students had the honor to listen to Rabbi Shmuel Schneid, who was in Des Moines to repair Torahs for Beth El Jacob. Rabbi Schneid shared with us the "old ways" before technology came along on how to make black ink, quill pens, and what exactly is a Kosher Torah and how it becomes un-Kosher. A big thank you to Rabbi Sytner for inviting us to share in this great event. I would also like to thank the many parents who helped car-pool our students from the Temple to Beth El.

8TH GRADE HOLOCAUST CLASS

This year, our 8th Grade students are studying the Holocaust. This course focuses on the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe, the use of propaganda, the chronology of the Holocaust, and the roles assumed by Jews during this period. The class provides a multi-media interactive approach to this period. Our year-end project will be participating in the April 30th community Yom HaShoah program. This program will be held at 5:30 pm at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

To prepare for this program, our students have been meeting with and listening to many of our local survivors who will also be participating in this program. Our students will be reading during the program reflections that some of our survivors have written. On behalf of the 8th grade class, Mrs. Phillips and myself, thank you to the following survivors for sharing your lives with us: Charles Anolik, David Fishel, Linda Fishman, Meyer Shnurman, Rose Szneler, Peter Pintus and Warner & Esther Bergh.

Great Books For Passover

As you explore Jewish texts and make them your own, they will become more alive, more meaningful and more enriching for your day-to-day life. Enjoy!

The Mouse In The Matzah Factory by Francine Medoff. (ages 3-6)

Uncle Eli's "Special-For-Kids, Most Fun Ever, Under-The Table" Passover Haggadah by Eliezer Lorne Segal. No Starch Press, 1999.

The Jewish Question Collection by Linda Schwartz. The Learning Works. 1994.

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FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI-SCHOOL

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Oh what a wonderful year of learning at the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School in Des Moines! It is hard to believe that as you read this article we have completed 25 of the 30 classes that make up the first year Melton Program. We have met on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:15 pm at Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

Rabbi Berel Simpser has been teaching one class titled Rhythms of Jewish Living, and Dr. David Friedgood is teaching the class titled Purposes of Jewish Living. The study, pondering of materials, and very thoughtful questions has been constant. There has been an active interplay between students and teachers. It has been a wonderful experience. Students and teachers have formed a special relationship with each other during their learning experience. We look forward to Vera Aginsky, Pamela Bookey, Harry Bookey, Linda Bremen, Gary Bremen, Kathy Eckhouse, Herb Eckhouse, Kathy Elsner, Steve Adelman, Karen Engman, Arny Engman, Ava Feldman, Bernie Feldman, Barbara Hirsch-Giller, Harvey Giller, Julia Goodin, Jan Hockenberg, Louis Hockenberg, Julie Howald, Ann Loeb, Edward Loeb, Toni Urban and Tim Urban entering their second year of Melton study beginning on September 4, 2003. They are truly to be applauded for everything that each one of them has brought to this unique adult learning experience.

On February 6, 2003 Melton Graduates came to continue their studies. This year it has been a privilege to have a native-born Israeli, Ayelet Kleinman, teach Conversational Hebrew. Shelley Brody, Lena Malina, LuGene Isleman, David Goldman, and Elaine Steinger are having a lot of fun together while learning to speak Hebrew. I think if you asked them they would tell you

how marvelous Ayelet is as their Hebrew teacher.

Rabbi Simpser is teaching 613 Mitzvot to a very inquisitive group of Melton Graduates. They definitely have opinions on the subject matter. The class consists of Frank Marcovis, Janel Marcovis, Sharon Engman, Josh Engman, Lena Malina, Elaine Steinger, Trudi Rosenfeld, Marty Rosenfeld, Audrey Rosenberg, Harlan Rosenberg, Elana Schneider, Phil Bear, Ann Balentine, Mary Paul Even, Roselind Rabinowitz, Maddie Schoen, Barbara Carlstrom, and Tom Carlstrom. The graduate classes continue through April 3. It is a wonderful feeling each Thursday when we all come together to STUDY and SOCIALIZE!

Plans are underway for next year's incoming Melton Class. It is not too late to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact me at 223-0086 for further information.

Alice Friedgood, Coordinator of the Melton Program



Rabbi Simpser leads one of the Melton graduate courses offered this year.

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Levitas' presentation will include discussion of the ideologies and activities of paramilitary groups, as well as related issues of hate crimes and societal response. Levitas will also address the larger challenge posed by rising anti-Semitism, anti-Arab bigotry and xenophobia in the post 9/11 environment. Finally, he will discuss the conflict between civil liberties and national security in light of the threat of terrorism, both foreign and domestic.

Levitas' book, which was published last November and has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize as well as a 2002 National Book Award, traces the history of white supremacist paramilitary groups from their roots in the post-Civil War period through the segregationist violence of the civil rights era to the present. The book also examines the early days of right-wing tax protest in the 1960s and 1970s, the farm crisis of the 1980s, and the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

"September 11, 2001 has heightened awareness of the threat posed by violent anti-American groups in other nations," said Coretta Scott King, the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "The Terrorist Next Door is an invaluable contribution to our understanding of hate groups, and it should be required reading for everyone who is concerned about this serious threat to our security and our democracy."

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DMJA Students Raise Money For Sick Children

By Ilene Gilson

The students at the Des Moines Jewish Academy (DMJA) joined a national network of Jewish Day Schools by participating in a special and unique charity project called Chai Lifeline. The students at the DMJA, ranging in ages from five to fourteen, raised over \$2,900 for the charity. "The DMJA has less than 50 students, so we were quite impressed by the results of their efforts," stated Kathy Ricker, Principal at the DMJA.

Every week the students studied portions of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible) and demonstrated their mastery of the subject by taking a test. Then, depending on how well they performed on their tests, they collected money from their generous sponsors. "What is so remarkable is that the students were so incredibly motivated to perform well on the tests in order to assist these sick children. The students contacted donors by themselves and were completely responsible for collecting all funds," added Ricker.

Chai Lifeline is an international not-for-profit organization that provides vital support services to Jewish children with serious, life-threatening and chronic illnesses. One of the services of Chai Lifeline is Camp Simcha, an extraordinary summer experience for children with cancer or other serious chronic or genetic disorders.

The students at the DMJA have once again learned about and demonstrated the importance of giving charity and acts of kindness to those less fortunate. "We have quite a wonderful group of children here at the DMJA. We couldn't be prouder," said Ricker.

About the DMJA:

The Des Moines Jewish Academy is a state-accredited day school for children in Kindergarten through Eighth grade. It is now in its twenty-sixth year of existence. It is located at 924 Polk Boulevard, Des Moines, IA 50312. 515-274-0453.

The Des Moines Jewish Academy provides equal opportunities for staff and students of all faiths, traditions, gender, race, age, nationalities, disabilities and sexual ori-

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Rabbi Kaufman, 31, a native of St. Louis, was ordained in June, 2001 at Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, OH, where he also served as senior rabbinical intern of The Valley Temple. He holds degrees from the University of North Carolina in religious studies and political science, and from Duke University in the history of Judaism.

Rabbi Kaufman has written numerous liturgical pieces, foremost of which is a service for bar and bat mitzvah youth that is particularly welcoming and involves non-Jewish family and friends.

The son of Drs. Robert and Mildred Kaufman, he and wife Julie have two daughters: Hanna, 3, and Eliana, 1 year old. Prior to ordination he held student pulpits in Tyler, TX and Trenton, MI.

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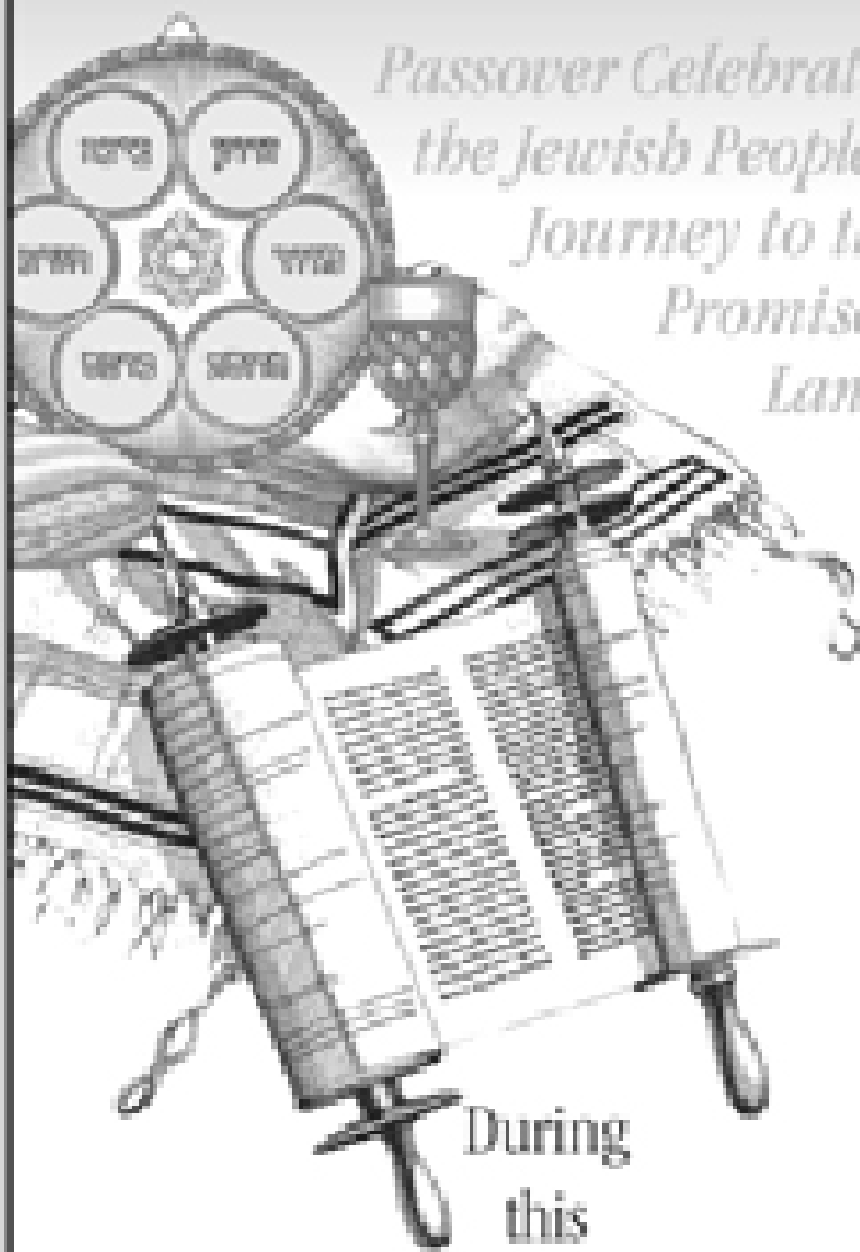


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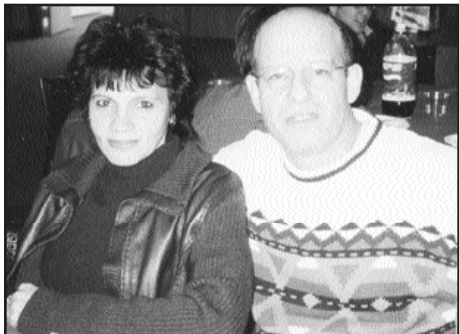
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In Profile: The Kaufmans

Among the newcomers to our community are the Kaufmans. Beni, who works for Pioneer, came first and then more recently, Bruria and their three children, Hagar, Noa, and Nim, relocated to Des Moines. And, as you might guess from their



names, they were originally from Israel. Here's what he had to say!

Jewish Press: I know that you have already made many new friends here in the community. We're glad you're here. Please tell us a little about where you and Bruria grew up.

Beni Kaufman: We both grew up in walking distance of the sea in the city of Acco.

JP: Ah.... That's in the Western Galilee, our Partnership 2000 Region in Israel. Many of our community members know it well. It is a wonderful city.

BK: Yes, and we both miss it very much. Acco is one of the oldest cities in the western world. It used to be the most important

port on the Mediterranean and is a mixed city of Arabs and Jews.

JP: How did you meet?

BK: We met when we were both very active in the Israeli scouts, and then, after the army, we married and moved to Tel Aviv to go to college.

JP: Where did you both go to college and what did you major in?

BK: Bruria and I both went to the University of Tel-Aviv. She took general studies and geography and in addition attended Beth-Berl teachers college. Later on, in the United States, Bruria enrolled in Southwest Institute of the Healing Arts to study Yoga. I earned my initial degree in biology and later studied population genetics, completing my Ph.D. in Molecular Genetics at the University of Illinois.

JP: So you've both spent time here in the States. You were pursuing your degrees and Bruria was teaching?

BK: Yes. Bruria, before coming to Iowa, taught Hebrew at Penn State University at the Solomon Shechter Day School in Phoenix AZ and at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. While in Arizona she was certified as a Yoga teacher.

JP: ...and since you've been in Des Moines?

BK: Bruria started Yoga teaching here at the YMCA, for the West-Des Moines School District Wellness Program, and for the Dance Place. She plans to offer classes at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. As for myself, I established and operate a Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO) testing laboratory for Pioneer Hi-Bred.

JP: You and Bruria have three children:

two girls, and the youngest, a boy. What are they like?

BK: Hagar (14), likes to dance — any kind of dance: ballet, jazz, hip-hop and tap. She likes to act and sing and took part in the Iowa Dance Theater's production of "Dracula." Hagar is a vegetarian, and plans to be a fashion designer. In the meanwhile, she doodles funky designs. Noa (13), also dances: ballet, jazz, hip-hop, and tap and also took part in "Dracula." She plays the flute, loves animals and plans to be a veterinarian. Both girls attend the Jewish Federation's Community Junior High program, baby-sit and are saving their money for a trip to Israel.

Our son Nim (7) loves Tae-Kwan-Do, basketball, and Pokeman. He is a little sorry that he has to spend all this time in school when there is so much playing to accomplish. Nim goes to the Jewish Federation Community school on Sundays. **JP:** Have you had a chance to form some impressions about our Jewish community?

BK: Yes. Bruria and I both appreciate the warm welcome we have received from the Jewish community — and generally find the people here friendlier than in other places in America we have lived before. We like the openness of the community and the fact that there is a fine relationship within the community regardless of synagogue affiliation. We appreciate the connection with Israel and the active caring for Israeli interests. We enjoy the various activities: the movies, the visit of the young Israeli musicians. We would like to see more

ISU Russian Club Performs in Des Moines

The Russian Club of Iowa State University, which performed several times in Ames, had its first performance at The Caspe Terrace on Sunday, March 9. It was a fundraising Concert for the Study Abroad Program in Belarus. This was possible due to the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, which sponsored this cultural program. The concert program included dance, voice, piano. The performers represented talented students, members of the ISU Russian Club. The performing troupe consisted of Dima Dvornikov, Olga Kirsanova, Crystal Lange, William Tinder, and Lidiya Titarenko. The performance was warmly greeted by the audience. Jane Kalyagina helped to organize our next concert that will take place at Central Campus April 23.

The ISU Russian club will also run a Post-Soviet Russian film festival at The Caspe Terrace April 12/13 and May 3/4. All the films have English subtitles. We hope to get as big and interested an audience as we had at the Spring concert.

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How To Talk To Your Friends About Israel (PART 2)

Excerpted from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) document entitled “Advocacy for Israel: An Activists Guide,” updated 2002. A hands-on guide for those who want to “do something” right now in their own communities for Israel, the text includes responses to common inaccuracies so you can set the record straight. The material is updated regularly on www.adl.org. For more help call the Jewish Community Relations Commission at 277-6321. Our website is www.dmjfed.org.

ISRAEL/ZIONISM IS RACIST

inaccuracy: Zionism is a racist ideology.
response: Zionism is the Jewish national movement of

rebirth and renewal in the land of Israel – the historical birthplace of the Jewish people. The yearning to return to Zion, the biblical term for both the Land of Israel and Jerusalem, has been the cornerstone of Jewish religious life since the Jewish exile from the land two thousand years ago, and is embedded in Jewish prayer, ritual, literature and culture. Rooted in the liberal principles of freedom, democracy, equality, and social justice, Zionism is fundamentally opposed to racism.

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Israel is a color-blind society, comprised of Jews and non-Jews from at least 100 different countries from diverse ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds.

Israel's Law of Return, which some critics of Israel accuse of being “racist”, is for Jews, a potent testimonial to the safe and free haven they will always have in the State of Israel after centuries of persecution and isolation. Israel's uniqueness as a country which grants automatic citizenship to Jews (as well as their non-Jewish immediate family members) who seek to settle there is in no way racist. Individuals ineligible for automatic citizenship under the Law of Return are eligible for Israel citizenship under regular procedures equivalent to such requirements in other countries.

The false equation of “Zionism equals racism” has its origins in the passage of the Arab and Soviet-sponsored United Nations resolution of November 10, 1975, which declared Zionism a “form of racism and racial discrimination”. The highly politicized resolution was aimed at denying Israel its political legitimacy by attacking its moral basis for existence. The resolution, which U.N. Secretary General Kofi Anan described as a “low point” in the history of the U.N., was finally repealed on December 16, 1991. Unfortunately, there have been numerous efforts by Arab representatives at international conferences to reintroduce this heinous equation, most recently at the 2001 United Nations Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa.

inaccuracy: As a self-described “Jewish State”, Israel is by nature an undemocratic and discriminatory country.

response: Democracy is the cornerstone of the State of Israel. As exemplified by its Declaration of Independence, Israel guarantees that its government will be “for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice, peace as envisaged by the Prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants, irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.” Its two official languages are Hebrew and Arabic, and all citizens regardless of religion, ethnicity or color are accorded full civil and political rights, and equal participation in all aspects of Israeli social, political, and civic life.

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As in every country, much more needs to be done to promote greater educational and employment opportunities for minorities, including Israeli Arabs and new immigrants. Much of this disparity is due to scarce resources. The Israeli government has committed to investing in the necessary infrastructure and assistance for these communities.

inaccuracy: Israel treats Arabs as second-class citizens.

response: Israel makes no distinction between its Arab and Jewish citizens. Israeli Arab citizens enjoy the same rights as their Jewish neighbors. They are also free to practice their religion without discrimination, in accordance with Israel's commitment to democracy and freedom. There are a number of Israeli Arab parties represented in the Israeli Knesset (parliament), and Arab members of Knesset are extremely vocal in promoting their issues and opinions. Recently, disappointed by the scarcity of Arab ministers in high governmental positions, the Israeli courts instituted a policy of affirmative action for Arabs in the higher echelons of the government.

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It is important to note that Palestinian Arabs living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip are not citizens of Israel. After gaining territory in

inaccuracy: Israeli treatment of the Palestinians today is comparable to the treatment of Nazis toward the Jews and policies of “ethnic cleansing” or “genocide”.

response: Absolutely no comparison can be made between the complex Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the atrocities committed by the Nazis against the Jews. The Nazis’ “final solution” to the “Jewish problem” was the deliberate and systematic extermination of European Jewry. Hitler’s final solution led to the calculated, premeditated murder of six million Jews and the destruction of many thriving Jewish communities across Europe. Israeli policies toward the Palestinians are dictated solely by its need to defend its population and combat threats to Israel’s security, while promoting a negotiated resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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Nor can Israeli actions or policies be characterized as acts of ethnic cleansing or genocide. Nothing of the sort is occurring or has occurred. At the outbreak of violence in September 2000, 99% of the Palestinian population were living under the jurisdiction of the Palestinian Authority and not under Israeli administration. While there have been tragic casualties through this conflict and instances when Israel has felt compelled to impose harsh measures in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, there is no Israel ideology, policy or plan to persecute, exterminate or expel the Palestinian population. Labeling Israeli treatment of the Palestinians as akin to the Holocaust, “ethnic cleansing” or “genocide” is an attempt to conjure up an emotional reaction through inflammatory rhetoric.

Those that make the comparison between the Jewish state to the Nazis and Hitler, who perpetrated the greatest and largest act of anti-Semitism in world history, have not chosen this comparison innocently or dispassionately. It is a charge that is purposefully directed at Jews in an effort to associate the victims of the Nazis’ crimes with the Nazi perpetrators, and serves to diminish the significance and uniqueness of the Holocaust. To make such a comparison is such an act of blatant hostility toward Jews and Jewish history that it clearly bespeaks of a deeper hatred.

inaccuracy: Israel is an apartheid state and should be fought in the same manner that apartheid in South Africa was fought – through divestment and other punitive economic steps.

response: In no way can the treatment of Arabs by the State of Israel be compared to the treatment of the Blacks of South Africa under apartheid. There is no Israeli ideology, policy or plan to segregate, persecute or mistreat the Arab population. Anti-Israel groups have launched campaigns to “divest” Israel on a number of American college campuses, claiming that “apartheid” Israel needs to be treated like South Africa in the 1980s and colleges and universities must divest their portfolios of stock in companies that are based in or do business with Israel. The activists behind these efforts seem to be more interested in demonizing Israel than in truly promoting peace and reconciliation and deliberately ignore fundamental facts about Israeli democracy and its pursuit of peace.

Democracy is the cornerstone of the State of Israel. Israel makes no distinction between its Arab and Jewish citizens. Israeli Arab citizens enjoy the same rights as their Jewish neighbors. They are also free to practice their religion without discrimination, in accordance with Israel’s commitment to democracy and freedom. As in every country, much more needs to be done to promote greater educational and employment opportunities for minorities, particularly for Israeli Arabs. The Israeli government has committed to investing in the necessary infrastructure and assistance for these communities.

Moreover, Israel has actively sought peace with the Palestinians and her Arab neighbors. Israel is fully committed to pursuing negotiated agreements with her Arab neighbors so that it may finally live in peace and security. Peace has proven difficult only for want of peace partners willing to recognize Israel’s right to exist. Israel was able to reach historic peace agreements with Egypt (1979) and Jordan (1994) in which both sides made serious compromises for the sake of normalized relations. The Palestinian campaign of terrorism and violence has caused even those Israelis most supportive of the peace process to question the Palestinian Authority’s suitability as a negotiating partner and its commitment to peaceful reconciliation with Israel.

As the Harvard Crimson declared in its editorial of May 8, 2002: “...any comparison between today’s Israel and Apartheid-era South Africa is so fundamentally flawed as to be offensive... Only when both sides feel safe will peace return to the Middle East. Divesting from Israel would only undermine its sense of security at this difficult time, when it needs all the support it can get. As a result, divestment would be counterproductive to finding a just and lasting peace.”

ANTI-SEMITISM AND CRITICISM OF ISRAEL

inaccuracy: Jews unfairly label anyone who criticizes Israel an anti-Semite.

response: Criticism of particular Israeli action or policies in and of itself does not constitute anti-Semitism. Certainly the sovereign State of Israel can be legitimately criticized just like any other country in the world. However, it is undeniable that there are those whose criticism of Israel or of “Zionism” is used to mask anti-Semitism.

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How can one distinguish between criticism of Israel that is within the bounds of legitimate political discourse and that which crosses the lines into anti-Semitism? One way is to recognize when those that criticize Israel invoke traditional anti-Jewish references, accusations and conspiracy theories. For example, when Israelis are depicted using Der Stuermer-like stereotypes: i.e. hooked noses, bent over, dark, ugly, demonic figures. Or when Israelis are accused of crimes that are reminiscent of age-old anti-Jewish conspiracy theories – i.e., alleged Israeli/Jewish plans for world domination; a Jewish cabal (elders of Zion) behind Israel’s strength, or allegations of Israeli actions that are eerily similar to medieval blood libels.

Another common theme is when Israelis are compared to Nazis and Hitler. This comparison between the Jewish state and those who perpetrated the greatest and largest act of anti-Semitism in world history is not an impartial or dispassionate accusation. It is a charge that is purposefully directed at Jews in an effort to associate the victims of the Nazi crimes with the Nazi perpetrators and serves to diminish the significance and uniqueness of the Holocaust. To make such a comparison is such an act of blatant hostility toward Jews and Jewish history that it clearly bespeaks of a deeper hatred.

Finally, deeper bias against Israel and Jews may be evident when Israel is held to a different standard than any other country in the world. Such an example is when anti-Israel statements question or deny Israel’s right to exist. No one questions France’s right to exist or Egypt’s, simply because there is disagreement with their policies. Only the Jewish state’s legitimacy is in question. Similarly, when Israel is singled out for criticism for actions or policies that other nations around the world perform with impunity, questions of motivation arise.

inaccuracy: Arabs who hate Jews cannot be labeled as anti-Semitic because they themselves are Semites.

response: The term anti-Semitism was formulated to refer specifically to the hatred of Jews. The term has never been used to refer to hatred against Arabs. The recent claims by some Arabs to the contrary are an effort to diminish the potency of the term or seize this resonant term as their own.

The historical roots of the term “anti-Semitism” go back to the 19th century, when it was invented and popularized by anti-Jewish German writers and intellectuals in the closing decades of the 19th century. The anthropology of that era gave the name “Semitic” – from the Hebrew “Shem”, one of Noah’s sons – to a family of languages that included Hebrew, Arabic, Assyrian and Phoenician; members of groups that spoke these languages were “Semites”. Through the ministrations of late-century racial “science”, Semitic was increasingly used to designate Jews as a “race” with inborn biological attributes.

The use of “anti-Semitism” specifically to denote opposition and antagonism to Jews was first suggested by the German journalist Wilhelm Marr in his 1879 work *The Victory of Judaism over Germanism*, a best-seller that helped push “the Jewish question” to the center of German politics.

The argument that Arabs cannot be anti-Semitic is also illogical. To paraphrase the historian Bernard Lewis: how is it possible that *Mein Kampf* and *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* are anti-Semitic when published in German or Russian, in Berlin or Moscow, but not when published in Arabic in Cairo or Damascus?

Simply, anti-Semitism refers to the hatred of Jews, whoever practices it, whatever their nationality, race, color or creed. Moreover, attempting to dismiss the term anti-Semitism because of semantics does not erase the fact of its existence and its history.

U.S.-ISRAEL RELATIONS

inaccuracy: The only reason the U.S. supports Israel is because of the powerful Jewish lobby.

response: The United States is a long-standing, strong ally of Israel based on shared democratic values and strategic interests, including the rejection of terrorism and violence. The United States has a great interest in the stability of the Middle East, a region that is afflicted by extremists who violently oppose the U.S., Israel and democracy, rogue states with large military arsenals which include non-conventional weaponry, and other authoritarian regimes. Bolstering and supporting peace, stability and democracy in the region through relations with Israel is strongly in America’s strategic interest.

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American Jewish advocacy on behalf of Israel is an appropriate exercise of American democracy. The American Jewish community’s active engagement in the political process is mirrored in the activism of other minority constituencies. American Jewish involvement is reflective of the community’s commitment to American democratic ideals.

inaccuracy: The U.S. relationship with Israel threatens our national interests as it alienates important Arab allies the U.S. needs for access to oil and for support against Middle East-based extremists such as Osama bin Laden or Saddam Hussein.

response: U.S.-Israel relations do not jeopardize relations with others in the region. The U.S. enjoys a symbiotic relationship with its Arab allies, who have overriding national interests in maintaining their close relations with the U.S. They are an important source of fuel for Americans, while the U.S. provides them with crucial military and political support, as exemplified by the leading U.S. role in the 1991 Gulf War.

For U.S. allies such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia, internal pressures dictate how much those nations can show support for any U.S.-led coalition against extremists – regardless of Israeli policies or involvement. Because of internal threats from Islamic extremists in their own populace, these nations will not provide too much public assistance – for example, using their countries as takeoff points for U.S. military actions – lest they antagonize these anti-American extremists. At the same time, given the threat Islamic extremist terrorist organizations pose to both the Egyptian and Saudi regimes, they are supportive of the U.S. effort against Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda (a network that includes terrorist organizations from across the Muslim world, including Egypt, Algeria, Pakistan and elsewhere). America’s Arab and Muslim allies recognize that support for U.S. efforts against Middle East-based extremists is in their interest. U.S. policies towards Israel, and Israel’s policies and actions have no bearing on these overriding interests.

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inaccuracy: Islamic terrorists such as Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaeda network target the United States because of its relationship with Israel and its favoring of Israel in the conflict with the Palestinians. If the U.S. ended its close relations with Israel, these terrorists would no longer have a reason to attack the U.S.

response: The hatred of the United States and the West by Islamic extremist terrorists such as Osama bin Laden has little to do with U.S. policy towards Israel and the Palestinians. Indeed, were there no Israeli-Palestinian conflict or were the U.S. to sever its ties with Israel, their key grievances against the U.S. would remain.

In bin Laden’s public pronouncements and decrees the U.S. is blamed for its presence on Muslim soil (stationing U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia and Pakistan), for its support of “moderate Arab regimes” such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt and others that he considers corrupt and anti-Muslim.

Bin Laden and his supporters recognize that the U.S. and its allies in the region (including Israel, Saudi Arabia and Egypt) stand in the way of his ultimate goal: the establishment of a united Muslim state across the region that would be ruled according to an extreme interpretation of Islam. These extremists are also ideologically opposed to everything the U.S. holds dear: democracy, modernism, freedom, globalism and diversity. Until the U.S. launched military action against al-Qaeda following the 9/11 attacks, bin Laden said hardly a word about the Palestinians or Israel. His attempt to champion the Palestinian cause was clearly calculated to woo support from the “Arab street” and has no effect on his goals and plans for future terrorist attacks.

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inaccuracy: The United State gives Israel too much foreign aid. As a result of this money going to Israel, the U.S. Government is unable to meet critical needs at home.

response: Foreign aid, which represents less than 1% of the federal budget, is a crucial tool in promoting American interests around the world. Aid promotes the stability of key democratic allies around the world without risking the lives of U.S. soldiers. Foreign aid creates jobs in the United States. Indeed, by law, nearly all U.S. assistance is spent on American-produced items.

Aid to Israel promotes stability and democracy in the Middle East. The United States has an ongoing strategic interest in supporting Israel – an ally with whom it shares many core values, including a commitment to democracy and a rejection of extremism and terrorism. Moreover, history has shown that U.S. aid, particular military assistance keeping Israel strong, is the primary ingredient in bringing Arabs to the peace table.

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In recent years, Israel has committed to reducing and eventually eliminating foreign aid from the United States, maintaining only military assistance to promote Israel's security.

ESTABLISHMENT OF ISRAEL

inaccuracy: Jews are interlopers in the Middle East. The European Jews that immigrated to Palestine, beginning in the late 19th century, had no connection with the land, which was populated solely by indigenous Palestinians.

response: The Land of Israel – the historical birthplace of the Jewish people, the land promised to Abraham, the site of the holy Temple and David's Kingdom – has been the cornerstone of Jewish religious life since the Jewish exile from the land two thousand years ago and is embedded in Jewish prayer, ritual, literature and culture.

A small number of Jews lived continuously in the Land of Israel after their exile in the year 70, through Byzantine, Muslim and Crusader rule. At the time of the Ottoman conquest in 1517, Jews lived in Jerusalem, Nablus, Hebron, Safed and in Galilean villages. Hundreds of hasidic Jews immigrated in 1700 from Eastern Europe, along with Jews fleeing pogroms in the Ukraine. Many pious Jews left Eastern Europe in the late 18th and early 19th century in order to pray and die in the four sacred cities of the Holy Land: Jerusalem, Safed, Tiberias and Hebron.

There had been a continuous presence of Jewish residents in Jerusalem from King David's time (except for periods when Jews were barred from living in the city), and by 1844 Jews were the largest single religious community in Jerusalem. By 1856, the Jewish population in Palestine was over 17,000. Organized Jewish immigration began in 1880 with the emergence of the modern Zionist movement

The number of Palestinian Arabs living in the area when Jews began arriving en masse in the late 19th century remains the subject of dispute among historians. The early Zionist pioneers saw the Arab population as small, apolitical, and without a nationalist element, and they therefore believed that there would not be friction between the two communities. They also thought that development of the country would benefit both peoples and they would thus secure Arab support and cooperation. Indeed, many Arabs migrated to Palestine in the wake of economic growth stimulated by Jewish immigration, attracted by new employment opportunities, higher wages and better living conditions.

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inaccuracy: The Palestinians were justified in rejecting the 1947 U.N. Partition Plan.

response: The rejection of the partition plan in 1947 by the Arab nations demonstrated an unwillingness to recognize the existence of a Jewish state in the region. Neither the Jews nor the Arabs were fully satisfied with the plan calling for a division of British-mandated Palestine into two states, with Jerusalem as an international city, and there was much internal opposition.

Giving the Jews only 12% of the land promised to them in the Balfour declaration, and drawing borders for the new state which were virtually indefensible, the plan was a difficult compromise for many of the Jews of Palestine. On the other side, the Arab nations desired full control over the land of Palestine and the Arab people in the region. Both peoples had the same goal; either one or both had to settle for less than their ideal. Israel accepted the partition plan despite its less-than-ideal solution, understanding the need to compromise. It was the Arab nations who refused the plan and gathered their armies to wage battle against Israel. Had the Arabs accepted the plan in 1947, there would have been an Arab state alongside the Jewish State of Israel and there would have been none of the bloodshed and heartache of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The rejection of the partition plan in 1947 by the Arab nations demonstrated an unwillingness to



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Project Elijah:

Helping Argentinean Families Reach Des Moines

Efforts conducted through a special committee within the Federation's Jewish Community Services Pillar aim at resettling Jewish Argentineans in Des Moines. Called Project Elijah, the local project is supported with funds provided by Alan and Janice Zuckert.

Life in Argentina has become increasingly difficult over the past several years due to a failed economy. Argentineans have had their savings frozen and have been subject to increasing inflation and unemployment. There are virtually no job opportunities for workers when they are laid off.

Once a large Jewish community of over 250,000, many have already left, seeking residency in Israel and elsewhere. The United Jewish Communities (umbrella group for the Jewish Federations) and the American Joint Distribution Committee have attempted to stabilize Jewish community life, but even so, economic problems have continued to erode the institutions providing Jewish communal services. For the Jewish community, this adversity comes after years of apparent anti-Semitism, most notably evidenced in the 1992 bombing of the Jewish Community Center and the Israel Embassy.

Moving to the United States is made possible only when a job exists for a prospective immigrant. The task of our

Federation committee will be to find suitable employment for individuals who are registered in a data bank compiled by the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), an agency, long held in high esteem, with which we are working closely.

Key within our committee are people who have themselves immigrated to Des Moines from Argentina. These are Sylvia Klein, Daniel Klein, Peter and Elizabeth Mond, and Alex and Evelyn Fritzler. They will be instrumental in pro-



Elizabeth and Peter Mond

viding a contact between our community and potential immigrant families.

It is our sincere hope that through Project Elijah our Jewish community can help industrious individuals build a better life for themselves here in Des Moines. In return, we look forward to their active participation in the life of our Jewish community. For additional information

INTERFAITH ALLIANCE HONORS FRED LORBER & SHELLEY BRODY



The Interfaith Alliance of Iowa has accorded its two top honors for 2002 at its annual meeting in February. The organization, which emphasizes the respect for religious diversity, the conduct of civil political discourse, and civic participation, selected Shelley Brody as Volunteer of the Year and Fred Lorber as the first recipient of the Interfaith Award.



Shelley

To both honorees, we offer our sincere congratulations. Both Fred

ZAKA Rescue and Recovery

MOTORCYCLING PARAMEDICS STAND BEST CHANCE OF REACHING VICTIMS

Perhaps you've seen them on the news? There is a volunteer corps of Israeli civilians, Chassidic paramedics, that is most often the first on the scene after a suicide bombing. Founded in 1995, their organization is named ZAKA and their volunteers are identifiable by the florescent green or yellow and blue jackets.

They have two jobs. ZAKA volunteers make the news because the media shows them recovering body parts amid the rubble for burial. And they perform this grisly service even for the terrorists.

But their other task, seeking to rescue those still alive after a blast, is what is really amazing. This story was related recently in both Des Moines and Ames by a representative of ZAKA, Rabbi Yaacov Uri.

Rabbi Uri owns a pizza parlor in Jerusalem. His company delivers by motorcycle, cutting through traffic. And now the motorcycles, packed with medical supplies instead of pizzas, are used to deliver ZAKA's paramedics to the

scene of terror incidents. The obstacles – the devastation and traffic snarl that often delay the arrival of ambulances on the scene – are surmounted by motorcycles. That is how ZAKA personnel often get to the scene first, and how they have managed to save 40 lives, in the process.

Rabbi Uri says that there is often a four minute window of opportunity, immediately after an accident or a terrorist bombing, during which a life may be saved. ZAKA has apparently beat the clock in many instances and provided life saving assistance.

ZAKA is appealing for donations to purchase additional motorcycles to enable their paramedics to take advantage of these golden four minutes that often separate life and death. For more information about this organization, named in 2001 by the United Nations as the Volunteer Organization of the Year, contact ZAKA at 646-792-0555. It is on the web at www.zakaisrael.org

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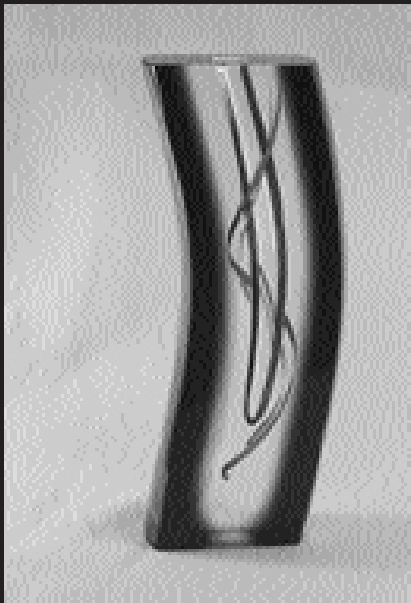


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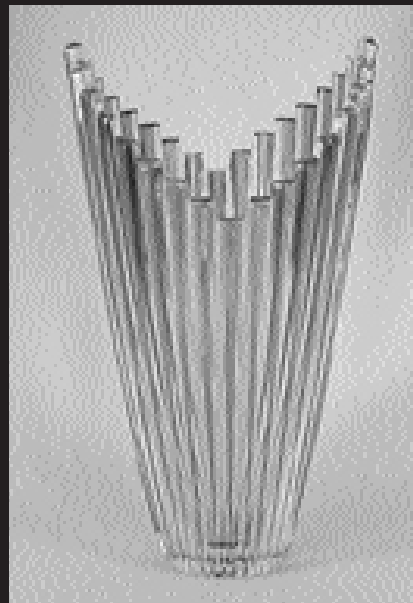


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The Des Moines Jewish Academy and Rabbi Baruch HaLevi would like to invite the community to a thought-provoking evening with someone the New York's Jewish Week described as "one of the three most interesting minds in American Jewish Life." His name is Dennis Prager.

Radio Talk show host, essayist, Judaics teacher, and co-author of two popular works about Judaism (The 9 Questions People Ask About Judaism and Why The Jews? The Reason for Antisemitism), Prager has been called "An amazingly gifted man and moralist whose mission in life has been crystallized - 'to get people obsessed with what is right and wrong' by the Los Angeles Times, and "One of the ten

most powerful people in Los Angeles...a moral compass" by Buzz Magazine.

The event will be held at the newly remodeled Temple for Performing Arts. A patron reception will begin at 5:00 pm (\$150/person), the dinner will begin at 6:00 pm (\$85/person), and the program and speaker will begin at 7:30pm (\$20/person).

Please save this date, May 11th, 2003 for the DMJA's "Building Bridges in the Community" spring dinner. We promise an energetic and exciting evening that is of the utmost importance for our children and our community. If you have any questions or would like to make a reservation, please call (515) 274-0453. To learn more about our guest

[teens]

Learning How To Drive In Israel

by: Roni Ben-David, Student participant in Project Otzma

I've had some strange experiences in taxis. Nonetheless when my driver suddenly sent the car in reverse while on the highway, I was taken by surprise. Gripping my seat, I calmly asked him what he was doing. He continued to take us backwards, slowing finally to squint in the direction of a man pedaling his bike along the side of the road. "Do you know him?" I asked. Now he looked at me, smiled, and explained. While driving by he thought he had seen the man drop a parcel by the road. "You see there is a school nearby, we must be careful," he said. For the first time I looked closely at my driver, a middle-aged man with an embroidered kippah clipped to his sparse hair. I thought to myself, of course he went back to check because he is an Israeli. I don't even have eyes trained to notice such things, having grown up in a country where I don't need to. Moreover, I don't interrupt what I'm doing to follow up on suspicions. The rest of the ride was in silence, only broken when I thanked him at my destination.

I can't claim that this man was a typical Israeli—Israelis are too varied to be defined by broad generalizations. But he displayed a characteristic that all Israelis seem to share: a sense of collective responsibility. This tendency to look out for one another may have been magnified as a result of the current situation but it has clearly always been a trait of Israeli society.

I've experienced this cultural phenomenon to a great extent since my move three weeks ago. Like all Otzma participants, I have moved out of the immigrant absorption center and into an apartment in a development town, where I have begun full-time volunteer work. I split my time between two locations, Netivot and Kiryat Gat, both relatively small towns situated in the Negev Desert.

Occasionally, someone will tease me about the lack of nightlife in these places. As a matter of fact, I respond with great pride, I get asked out every single Friday night (more than I could say for myself in America!). That's right, I explain, nearly every person I meet invites me over for Shabbat dinner! What my new home lacks in entertainment, it makes up for in the warmth and hospitality of its residents. As soon as someone finds out that I am a newcomer from abroad I am offered everything from a cup of mint tea to a date with their son!

I have a group of students studying English at one volunteer site that particularly embodies this quality of Israeli society. I only get to see them twice a week because they are busy the other mornings—shopping at the outdoor market and preparing to spend Shabbat with their children and grandchildren. The class is made up of older woman, ranging from sixty to eighty years old, who have chosen to study now because they were denied the opportunity to study as children in their countries of birth—mainly Morocco, Tunisia, and Iran. I constantly pause our lessons to listen to their stories—of marriage as a young teen and of sons dying in the Israeli army—or laugh at their jokes. They stroke my cheek, feed me fresh-baked lachmanyot (rolls), and urge me to come over for some of their spicy couscous dishes. "Your mother, she worries about you here?" they sometimes ask. "Tell her you're okay, you have lots of Imas (mothers) taking care of you." And I know I do.

Thinking about my lifestyle in America, I realize that I often went through the day on cruise-control—consumed by personal worries with no consideration of the world outside my own. This just isn't possible in Israel, where the fate of the country's very existence is constantly threatened. Moreover, it is counter-intuitive for Israelis—from the crib to the army they are socialized to be concerned with the welfare of their fellow citizens. By volunteering here this year I'm not doing anything exceptional, but rather fulfilling a duty that people here accept everyday.

Sometimes my group takes off from our regular schedules to volunteer where there is a particular need. Such is the case this Sunday, when I will join other Otzma participants to pass out gas masks at a community center in Ramle. Again, the country is being tested—not by terrorism from within but by hostility from surrounding countries. I'm

NCCJ PRESENTS BROTHERHOOD AWARD TO STANLEY ENGMAN, MAY 13

The NCCJ's Iowa Region has announced the 2003 recipients of its awards for distinguished leadership in human relations and community service. Among the honorees is Stanley Engman.

A lifelong resident of Des Moines, Stanley Engman was a principal with EMCO Enterprises for 35 years. Currently he is a Senior Sales Associate with C B Richard Ellis/Hubbell Commercial. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa. The past honorees who nominated Stan describe him as an "Ambassador of the Jewish Community" who practices what he preaches about a life of good deeds and charity. He served on the board of

Jewish Education and was the first chair of the Jewish Identification Program. He has also served on the board of the YMCA and as vice-chair of the YMCA Heritage Foundation, the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, as President of the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center and Tifereth Israel Synagogue, and as co-chair of the United Jewish Appeal.

Stan will be honored along with Christine Hensley, Joy C. Corning, J. Michael Earley and Nolden Gentry at the NCCJ's 75th anniversary awards dinner on Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 pm at the Embassy Suites Hotel. For ticket informa-

GA in Jerusalem, November

2003 in Israel are stormy – much more so than the country in its present circumstances can afford. And the problems in the economy, society and security are only increased by the pressure of the coming elections.

But that is not our subject at present. Today, I want to use this forum to invite you personally, each and every one of you, to the General Assembly in Jerusalem on November 16-19, 2003.

Now it's official. The discussions and the debates are over. So mark your date books and get ready. This will be the second time that the GA is being held in Jerusalem. It's already in the planning stages in the U.S. and Jerusalem.

This large and important meeting is

an expression of the relationship between the Jewish communities in America and Israel. These relationships change from time to time and place to place and the GA provides an opportunity at each stage to examine and consider them anew. The United Jewish Communities will try to make the GA in Jerusalem a unique and very special experience.

The essential and most important thing is your attendance and participation at the GA. The special programs offered at this GA, as well as before and after it, will be published shortly so that you can come and spend as much time as possible here.

I can only promise that Israel is wait-

Camp Sessions run June 16th till August 8th.

Engman Camp Shalom to add 7th and 8th grade Program

With the generous endowment from Larry and Suzanne Engman, Camp Shalom takes on a new life as Engman Camp Shalom, in their honor.

Along with our new name, we are preparing for a new, exciting summer program, on The Caspe Terrace in Waukee. If you have a few minutes, come on out to The Caspe Terrace and take a look at all the changes to our facilities. There is now landscaping around the entire Bucksbaum Center, in which we are housed. And we now have a flagpole for us to use daily. Each day, the Caspe Terrace gets better and better!

There'll be more fun at camp this year for sure. For one thing, we are expanding to grades 7 and 8! The new program is called Camp Sabra. It will be for those 7th and 8th graders who want to have tons of fun while learning more about Israeli culture directly from our Israeli camp counselors (the shlichim.) Sabra campers can participate in the same activities as the younger Maccabim campers, but instead of swimming in the afternoons, our Sabras will explore the world of Israeli food, fashion, pop music, cool Hebrew slang, and other aspects of what makes Israel very special.

This summer, our theme at camp is "Growing Together." It is playing Israel's most popular game – GaGa –, making crafts, singing, swimming, horseback riding, playing soccer and tennis, hip-hop dancing, wood working, making your own websites, cooking, hanging out with our Israeli counselors, weekly field trips, Friday barbecues, Kabbalat Shabbat, making friends, creating lasting memories, and much more!

We are looking forward to seeing you this summer!

If you have any questions, please call Ayelet Kleinman at 277-6321, or e-mail her at ayelet@dmjfed.org.

Christy Bender, Director of Engman Camp Shalom and Ayelet Kleinman, Assistant Camp Director

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From Temple B'nai Jeshurun

Des Moines Register columnist Rob Borsellino was guest speaker at the Temple Brotherhood's Chautauqua brunch in February. On the Friday evening just previous, Terry Myers spoke to the congregation about the history and purposes of the Jewish Chautauqua Society.



"Most of us know that our Temple celebrates 'The Torchbearer Award,' which recognizes honorees for outstanding contributions through the lives they live, to the Temple, the Jewish community, and the secular community. Our honorees include: in 1988, Ruth Jacobson (of blessed memory); 1990, Harry Pomerantz (of blessed memory); 1993, Rabbi Steven Fink; 1994, Fred Lorber; 1997, Ben Swartz; 1999, Lois Margolin; and, most recently, Bruce Sherman in 2002.

"The Chautauqua Society began in the 1800's, bringing together people from various faiths and backgrounds around Chautauqua, NY to discuss religious issues, similarities and differences. Originated by the Methodists, the Society achieved such recognition that when a group of Jewish people wished to expand their reach, the Jewish Chautauqua Society (JCS) was formed.

"Founded in 1893 as an interfaith educational arm of the North American Federation of Temple Brotherhood--an affiliate of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the JCS is the oldest and

largest interfaith educational program within the Reform movement.

"The JCS mission is:

- to provide knowledge and understanding about Jews and Judaism,
- to bring about an appreciation of the Jewish people, their history, religion and culture, and
- to build bridges of understanding between peoples of all faiths and cultures.

To achieve its purpose, JCS underwrites and sponsors one-day lectures, Scholars-in-Residence programs, library book grants, and Interfaith Institutes. For example, donating a shelf of Judaica books to St. Charles Barromeo's Seminary in Wynnewood, PA; donating 15 books on Jewish culture and tradition to an Episcopal school in Potomac, MD; coordinating over 25 interfaith institutes to be held this year, gathering rabbis, Christian clergy, Muslim imams and lay people; offering more than 50 one-day presentations on topics ranging from the Jewish holidays to modern Israel throughout the country; hosting over 2 million secondary school children at important Jewish museums and cultural institutions. No matter how large or small, each activity plants "seeds of understanding."

"The JCS Scholars-in-Residence program touches the lives of students at more than 130 accredited colleges, seminaries and theological institutes across the U.S. and Canada.

"Rabbi Herman Schaalman of Chicago has been a JCS lecturer, beginning in 1974

at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA, then to Northwestern University and the University of Chicago. After 55 years and several thousand students, nearly all of them preparing for Christian ministry, he writes, "It is virtually impossible to gauge with certainty the impact of one's teaching. One small measure available to me is the fact that years after their ordination, many ministers would return to my temple for a visit with 'their rabbi.'"

"Another, Rabbi Alan Sokobin of Sylvania, OH: "The need to give university students a view of the vast knowledge, wisdom and information in other cultures is vital for a person preparing to become a contributing member of society. . .The culture of the Western world is based, in large part, upon the laws, practices, customs and ideology of the ancient Hebrews."

"And, closer to home--our former rabbi, Dr. Steven Fink, was a scholar-in-residence at Drake University. During his fifteen years he impacted many lives here in Des Moines. He summed up his experience of working with more than 750 students, faculty and staff by saying, "The value of the seeds we planted cannot be estimated." And he recalled with satisfaction two opportunities that he had to give recommendation letters for students wishing to enroll in Christian seminaries.

"Each generation of leaders, opinion-makers, neighbors and parents is a new opportunity for the Jewish Chautauqua Society to sow and nurture

[opportunities]

Jewish Student Life Coordinator University of Iowa Hillel

The University of Iowa Hillel is seeking to fill the position of Jewish Student Life Coordinator (JSLC) for a one-year appointment to begin July 1, 2003.

The JSLC oversees all programmatic aspects of the University of Iowa Hillel's activities on campus, implementing Hillel's engagement and empowerment agendas through program initiation and facilitation, leadership development, and personal contact with Jewish students.

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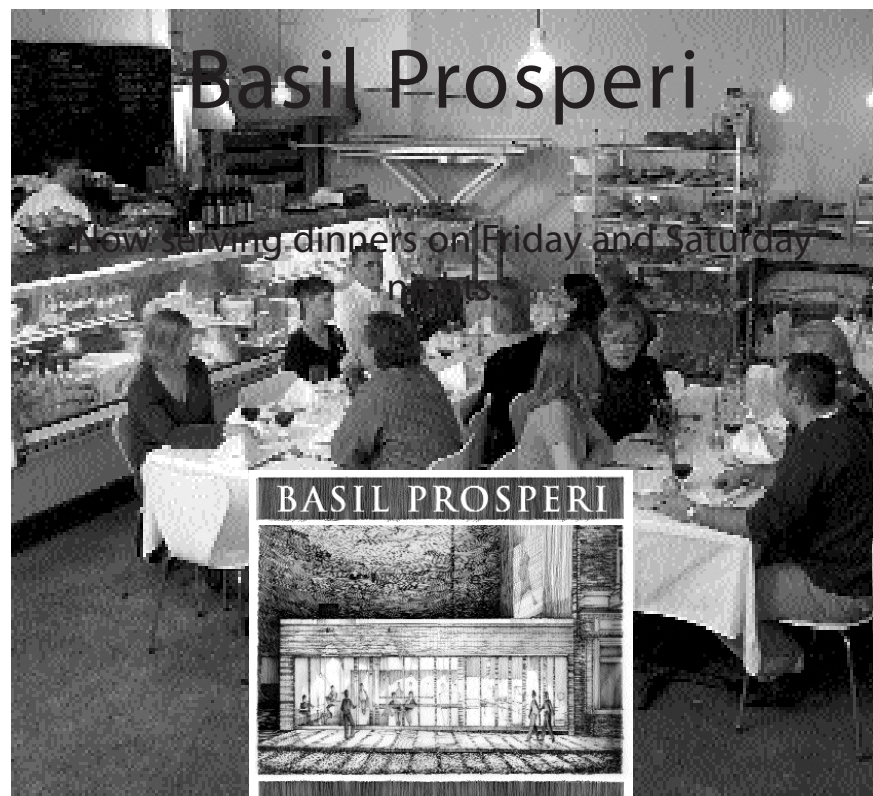
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Below the ad are pictures of officials

and candidates endorsing the IIPAC statement. Pictured are Rep. Leonard Boswell (D-Iowa 3rd District), Rep. Tom Latham (R-Iowa 5th District), Lt. Governor Sally Pederson, and presidential candidates Rep. Richard Gephardt and Governor Howard Dean.

The ad is available on the Iowa Israel Public Affairs Committee website, www.uiowa.edu/~iipac. An e-mail contact is samuel-nissim@uiowa.edu

The Jewish community organizations in Des Moines applaud IIPAC on its very positive and productive initiative to foster co-operation between the United States and the State of Israel, based on



Student leaders of IIPAC, including Des Moines's Steven Beckerman (at right)

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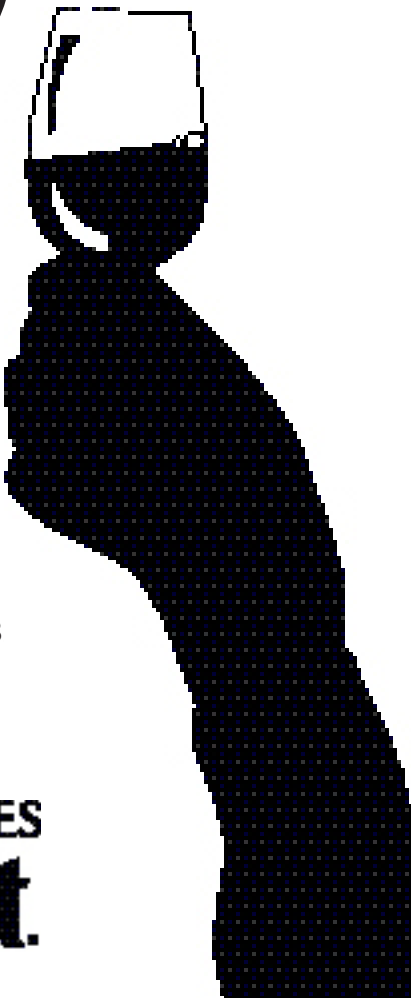
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Peter Pitzele is featured guest for Shabbaton Weekend May 16-18, 2003

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Schedule of Events:

Friday evening, May 16
Erev Shabbat services, followed by Shabbat dinner and a special session for families with younger children.

Saturday Morning, May 17
Shabbat Morning Service featuring Peter Pitzele as our featured speaker, as well as him working with our children in our Youth Services. A Kiddush luncheon will follow.

Please watch your mail for further details on this exciting, new Shabbat experience for our community members of all ages.

Passover Service Schedule 2003

Wednesday, April 16
Minyan
7:00 am
Siyyum B'chorim
7:40 am
Thursday, April 17
Service
9:15 am
Congregational Seder
6:00 pm
Friday, April 18
Service
9:15 am
SHABBAT HOL HA'MOED PESACH – April 18-19
Friday Service
6:00 pm
Saturday Morning Service
9:15 am
Youth Services – KinderShabbat & Jr. Congregation

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In major roles were Ira Lacher as King Ahashverosh, Wendy Beckerman as Vashti, Gary Greenberg as Haman, Stuart Feldstein as Mordechai, and starring Cathy Lesser Mansfield as Esther. The total cast numbered nearly 40, including a unicyclist and a juggler.

CHANGE IN SERVICE TIME:

Please note the change in Friday evening service times. All erev Shabbat services, including the third Friday Music Shabbat, will begin at 6:00p.m. year round. In addition, on the first Friday of each month the 8:00 p.m. Classical Shabbat will continue.

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Meet Jeanette Bear

by Toni Urban



Jeanette Bear, fondly called by her grandchildren, "Honey", was born and raised in Philadelphia and received a BA degree from the College for Women of the University of Pennsylvania in sociology. Jeanette met her husband, David, who is often lovingly referred to as "Bud" (or by his grandchildren as Teddy Bear) on a blind date in Philadelphia and they courted via airmail while David served in the Corps of Engineers in Korea in 1953. On David's return they married in the spring of 1954.

David was a Midwesterner, having been raised in Omaha and Council Bluffs, and brought his Philadelphia bride to Ames while he pursued a graduate degree at Iowa State. It was at Iowa State that they started their long friendship with Annette and Stanley Isaacson. Stanley was a professor of statistics there! After graduation they moved to Council Bluffs and eventually to Des Moines. Meanwhile, David started his own business, David Bear Inc., which cinched their continued stay in Iowa. David Bear Inc. celebrated its 30th year in business last year.

Jeanette worked for fifteen years for Lutheran Hospital as a medical and geriatric social worker. On her retirement in 1988, Jeanette worked an additional year and a

half as a social worker for the Life Center.

Jeanette's father, Leon Blumberg, moved to Des Moines in the 90's to reside at the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center where he lived to the age of 95. Jeanette had two siblings, a sister, Roslyn, now deceased and a brother, Herman Blumberg, who is presently presiding as the Rabbi of Shir Tikvah in Wayland, Massachusetts.

"I love the holidays because they mark another year with the family." They are special to Jeanette because she is able to surround herself with those she loves and cherishes. The Bear children, Philip, a cardiologist, with the Iowa Heart Center and his wife Robin have three children, Chelsea, Elliot and Mason and live in West Des Moines. Daughter Linda, who is a pharmaceutical representative, is married to Bob Carpenter, an Iowa native, who owns Carpenter Promotions and Uniforms. They have two sons, Blake and Jake and also live a short distance away in West Des Moines. Daughter Mary Jane lives in Washington, D. C. and is a professor of journalism at American University. For the holidays the Bears join

together as a family in Des Moines often including extended family and friends.

Jeanette's contributions in our community while her children were growing up were many and varied from Junior Congregation to Hebrew School. As a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue, Jeanette assisted in many capacities. Jeanette is specifically remembered for her initiative in young leadership development in Des Moines. She was involved in programming for the young leadership component of the

General Assembly as well. Jeanette also chaired the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal.

For many years the Seder was led by David, but Philip now has the honor with the women helping to make the event a special occasion. Jeanette spends at least a week getting her kitchen in order to make the transition to Passover; it's a commendable task.

Many in Des Moines' community have been the fortunate recipients of Jeanette Bear's Passover goodies and

Blueberry Muffins

A recipe from Jeanette Bear for Passover Pareve

1 cup (pareve) margarine
2 cups sugar
6 eggs
1/2 cup potato starch
1 cup cake meal
Pinch salt
2 cups frozen blueberries

Cream the margarine and sugar together and add the eggs, potato starch, cake meal and salt.

Fold in the blueberries.

Fill paper liners in cupcake tins.

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Day	Date	Time	Event
Tuesday	4/15/2003	7:00 PM	IJHS "The Art of Memoir", Temple Redstone Room
Wednesday	4/16/2003		NO SCHOOL - Passover
Thursday	4/17/2003		PASSOVER
Thursday	4/17/2003		2nd Annual Beth El Jacob Family Seder
Thursday	4/17/2003	6:00 PM	Congregational Seder at the Temple
Thursday	4/17/2003	6:00 PM	Second Night Congregational Seder at Tifereth
Saturday	4/19/2003	10:00 AM	Youth Services - KinderShabbat & Jr. Congregation at Tifereth
Saturday	4/19/2003	10:00 AM	Men's Club Meeting at Tifereth
Sunday	4/20/2003	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
Monday	4/21/2003	6:00 PM	Federation Executive Committee Meeting at The Caspe Terrace
Monday	4/21/2003	7:00 PM	Federation Board of Directors
Tuesday	4/22/2003	5:00 PM	IJSLC Executive Committee
Tuesday	4/22/2003	6:30 PM	Women's League Passover Lasagna Dinner at Tifereth
Tuesday	4/22/2003	7:00 PM	IJHS "The Art of Memoir", Temple Redstone Room
Wednesday	4/23/2003		NO SCHOOL - Passover
Saturday	4/26/2003	9:15 AM	Keilah Sandler Bat Mitzvah at Tifereth
Sunday	4/27/2003	10:00 AM	Temple Sisterhood Annual Meeting and Brunch
Sunday	4/27/2003	PM	Kollel Movie "Relentless" at local theater
Monday	4/28/2003	3:30 PM	Teachers' Institute at Tifereth
Monday	4/28/2003	8:00 PM	Daniel Levitas Lecture at Tifereth
Tuesday	4/29/2003		YOM HASHOAH
Tuesday	4/29/2003	7:00 PM	IJHS "The Art of Memoir", Temple Redstone Room
Wednesday	4/30/2003	5:30 PM	Community Holocaust Remembrance at the Temple
Thursday	5/1/2003	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
Saturday	5/3/2003	8:00 PM	Russian Film with English sub-titles at The Caspe Terrace
Sunday	5/4/2003		Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Breakfast & Trip to Omaha
Sunday	5/4/2003		Israel Carnival Celebration at Beth El Jacob
Sunday	5/4/2003	10:00 AM	Women's League Meeting at Tifereth
Sunday	5/4/2003	3:00 PM	Russian Film with English sub-titles at The Caspe Terrace
Monday	5/5/2003		Community Yom Ha'Atzmaut Trip / Breakfast
Tuesday	5/6/2003	11:30 AM	Leisure Time Luncheon at Tifereth, Sally Gottstein speaking
Tuesday	5/6/2003	4:00 PM	Caspe Terrace Promotion and Reception
Tuesday	5/6/2003	7:00 PM	IJHS "The Art of Memoir", Temple Redstone Room
Tuesday	5/6/2003	7:00 PM	Meditation at Rabbi HaLevi's Home
Wednesday	5/7/2003		YOM HAATZMAUT
Thursday	5/8/2003	8:15 AM	DMJA Overnight Trip to Springbrook
Thursday	5/8/2003	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
Saturday	5/10/2003	9:15 AM	Zachary Tobis Bar Mitzvah at Tifereth
Sunday	5/11/2003	10:00 AM	Men's Club Meeting at Tifereth
Sunday	5/11/2003		DMJA Spring Dinner at the Temple for the Performing Arts
Monday	5/12/2003	6:00 PM	AIPAC Community-wide Educational Event
Tuesday	5/13/2003	5:30 PM	Temple Board of Trustees
Tuesday	5/13/2003	7:00 PM	Meditation at Rabbi HaLevi's Home
Thursday	5/15/2003	5:00 PM	DMJA Academic Fair at Tifereth
Thursday	5/15/2003	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
Friday	5/15/2003		Shabbaton Weekend at Tifereth with Dr. Peter Pitzele
Sunday	5/18/2003		Jewish Food Fair at the Temple
Sunday	5/18/2003	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
Sunday	5/18/2003	11:30 AM	Tifereth Women's League Brunch and Fashion Show
Sunday	5/18/2003	5:00 PM	Tifereth Annual Meeting
Monday	5/19/2003	12:00 PM	The Book Club at Tifereth
Monday	5/19/2003	6:00 PM	Federation Executive Committee Meeting at The Caspe Terrace
Tuesday	5/20/2003	12:00 AM	DMJA Lag B'Omer Program at Tifereth
Tuesday	5/20/2003	5:30 PM	Lag B'Omer Bonfire and Cookout, Kollel event
Tuesday	5/20/2003	7:00 PM	Lag B'Omer Program at The Caspe Terrace, Kollel event
Wednesday	5/21/2003	PM	AIPAC Meeting
Thursday	5/22/2003	11:00 AM	Senior Day and Luncheon at The Caspe Terrace
Tuesday	5/27/2003	5:00 PM	IJSLC Board of Directors
Tuesday	5/27/2003	7:00 PM	Board Meeting at Tifereth

B'nai Mitzvah

Keilah Sarah Sandler



April 26, 2003

Tifereth Israel
Synagogue

Melanie and Peter
Sandler are delighted to
announce that their
daughter, Keilah Sarah

will become a Bat Mitzvah, on Saturday,
April 26, 2003

at 9:15 am at Tifereth Israel Synagogue.
Our family would be honored by your
presence for services and the kiddush
lunch immediately following.



Zachary Tobis

May 10, 2003

Tifereth Israel
Synagogue

Michael and Patsy
Tobis invite you to join
them when their

son, Zachary, is called to the torah as a
Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 10, 2003,
at 9:15 am. at Tifereth Israel Synagogue

A Kiddush luncheon will follow services.

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To Jacob Lederman and Christina
Punelli on the birth of their son, Meyer,
who was born on February 13 and
weighed in at 8 pounds.

To Nancy Altman and Bruce McDonald
on their adoption of a baby boy,
Oliver Ryder McDonald, born on
February 13 weighing 8 pounds
7 ounces.

To Sean Brown and Jennifer Jaskolka-
Brown on the birth of their son, Aiden
Cole Jaskolka-Brown, born Saturday,
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To Kieran Williams and Laura Belin on
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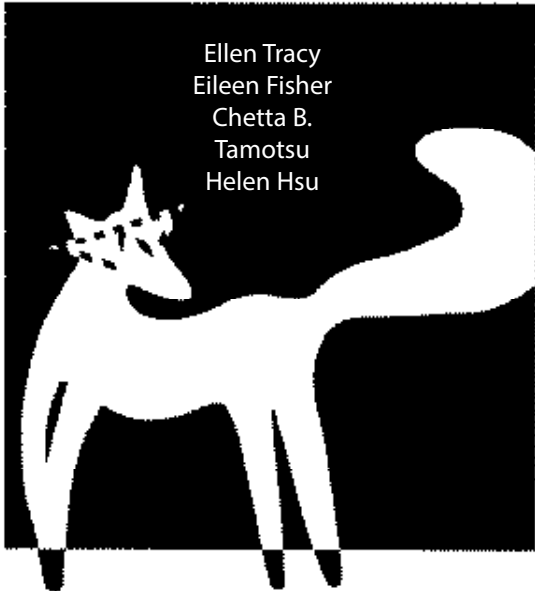


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