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Exhibit on Display Through September

USHMM'S "NAZI OLYMPICS" EXHIBIT OPENS AT STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

A reception the evening of April 19 heralded the opening, at the Iowa State Historical Building, of the remarkable exhibit, "The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936." Sponsored by the Iowa Historical Society along with generous support from Marvin and Roselee Pomerantz, other patrons, and organizations including the Iowa Jewish Historical Society Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, the complete 4,000 square-foot traveling exhibit from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will be displayed at the State Historical Building, 600 East Locust, in Des Moines, through September 2004. For building hours, call 281-5111. Admission is free of charge. Docents have been trained by a staff member from the US Holocaust Museum, located in Washington, D.C.

With an abundance of photos matched

with concise, informative text, the exhibit presents an in-depth examination of the controversies, achievements, and consequences related to America's hotly-debated participation in the 1936 Summer Olympics orchestrated, for propaganda purposes, by Hitler and the Third Reich. Heroes of the Games included the tremendously talented track star Jesse Owens, who, to the chagrin of the Nazi racists, was African American. The exhibit may also be viewed online at www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/online/olympics

In conjunction with the exhibit, the Jewish Community Relations Commission will hold a Teachers' Institute on Holocaust Education on site at the State Historical Building the afternoon of Tuesday, May 11. Keynote speaker, will be the renowned author Gerda Klein.

IJHS Receives Gradwohl Family 'Iowa Jewish History' Endowment



The Iowa Jewish Historical Society is very pleased to announce the creation of the Gradwohl Family Endowment for Public Programming in Iowa Jewish

History. This generous and meaningful gift was given to the IJHS by Dr. David and Hanna Gradwohl. Both David and Hanna Gradwohl have served on the IJHS Board. Dr. Gradwohl, Professor Emeritus of Iowa State University, acted as guest curator for "Unpacking: The Iowa Story" which was part of the exhibit entitled "Unpacking on the Prairie: Jewish Women in the Upper Midwest". This exhibit was on display at the Iowa Historical Museum from May through December 1998.

Dr. Gradwohl has played a significant role as a board member of the IJHS. He was instrumental in acquiring a grant for the

cases in the Caspe Gallery and in the design and execution of the gallery, office and archival design of our new Waukee site and in the IJHS sponsorship of the Scattergood Exhibit this fall. In addition to acting as contributors to the Chaiowan, Hanna and David have conducted research into their own family history and the history of the Jewish cemeteries of Iowa.

Their generous gift will help ensure the continuation of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society's mission and expand its ability to provide speakers, traveling exhibits, and educate both the Jewish and general communities on contributions that the Jewish community has made to the State of Iowa. This Endowment will be a continuing symbol of the Gradwohl Family's commitment to historical preservation and education and to the advancement of the Iowa Jewish Historical Society. The Iowa Jewish Historical Society and the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines are grateful to David and Hanna for their generosity.

Federation Annual Meeting Features Damon Rose June 13

You are cordially invited to attend the 90th Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, to be held Sunday, June 13, 7:00 pm at The Caspe Terrace in Waukee.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be Damon Rose, the Jewish Agency's Regional Director of the Western Galilee, our Partnership 2000 district in Israel. Come hear from Damon about the triumphs and challenges in building the potential of this diverse area, which includes the urban Crusader city Akko, the banana and avocado plantations, and the beautiful cliffs and grottoes on the Mediterranean, Rosh HaNikra.

Join us for this special event, as we honor outgoing members of the Board and hold elections for the coming year. Among the outgoing members to be honored are **Michael Kuperman, Audrey Rosenberg, Kent Rosenberg, and Melanie Sandler.**

A dessert reception follows. We hope to see you there! RSVP to Emily at the Jewish Federation at 277-6321 or e-mail to emily@dmjfed.org

Gerda Klein to Keynote Teachers' Institute May 11



Noted author Gerda Klein will present the keynote address at the JCRC's 2004 Teachers' Institute on Holocaust Education, 7:30 pm, on Tuesday, May 11 at the State Historical Building, 600 E. Locust in Des Moines.

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Aaron's Booty Yields Loot for Youths and Others Follow Suit, Do Good

Aaron Rosenberg recently celebrated his Bar Mitzvah. As a result, residents of a Jewish orphanage in Argentina are now a little better off. The connection? Federation's Project Elijah, which assists members of the Argentine Jewish community in crisis.

After hearing a representative from Project Elijah speak about Yeladeinu ["Our Children"] orphanage at a recent USY meeting, Aaron was moved to select it as a worthy recipient of part of his Bar Mitzvah gleanings.

Aaron had in mind providing tzedakah to the children served by Yeladeinu. But he also learned that he could possibly inspire others to contribute to his designated cause, as well. And a number of community members have followed his lead.

So, thank you, Aaron for your generosity and for your positive influence on others to consider the needs of those less fortunate.

When asked, Aaron says he would like to stay involved with the effort to help Yeladeinu. Somehow, we think he will find a way to do so! Ya'asher Koach, Aaron.

This column is sponsored by Jewish Federation's Project Elijah, which invites participation in its initiatives and encourages contributions to the All-In-One Campaign.

Shabbat Across Des Moines a Great Success

In late March, the community sponsored a unique Shabbaton where all the local synagogues participated on one Shabbat. It was in conjunction with Shabbat Across America, the National Jewish Outreach Program's (N.J.O.P.) North American Shabbat initiative. We called it Shabbat Across Des Moines. It was the second straight year that it has been staged and was a big success. Shabbat meals included zemirot (Shabbat songs), divrei Torah, group Torah study sessions led by the local clergy and others, and of course, great Shabbat food. The weekend featured Shabbat dinner at the Temple, lunch at T.I. and Melave Malka after

Shabbat at Beth El. (The planned Shabbat meal at the Judaic Resource Center had to be changed because of Rabbi Jacobson's sudden surgery that Friday. Thank Gd he is well.) Such events generate great unity amongst the Jews of Des Moines and between its local institutions. It is a very unique program unmatched by other cities across the country. There will also be publicity about it in the national Jewish press. Thank you go to the local host synagogues, their leaders, and the Jewish Federation for co-sponsorship and the Community Kollel for conceiving the idea and again organizing the program from beginning to end.

SAVE THE DATE!

American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC)

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Senior News



Another fun outing with the Senior Adult Program. Thank you, to all who participated.

Calendar of Events

Friday, May 7, Pella Tulip Festival

The next Senior Lunch, 11:30 am, Thursday, May 20, at the Temple.

Monday, May 24, Tour "The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936" at the Iowa Historical Museum with lunch following.

Thursday, June 24, Riverboat Cruise.

Wednesday, June 30th, Lunch at Beth El Jacob Synagogue.

Project Elijah Update

The main goal of Project Elijah, was to assist Argentinian Jews who were hard hit by the economic crisis of the last few years to resettle in Des Moines. The process is unlike refugee resettlement that many of us are so familiar with and that we have experienced over the last two decades. Jews from Argentina are not classified as refugees. Therefore, to obtain a visa to come to America, immigration law has required anyone interested in relocating to have a job offer in place before moving here with their family. Because there are many requirements to fulfill such as specific wage earning levels, proof of a match between job need and the skills of the employee, etc. the process can be a long one and a great strain on the prospective family. And then, only immediate family members, excluding one's parents and siblings, are permitted to join them.

Locally, we formed a credentials committee last year which is headed by Alice Friedgood and consists of a group of Des Moines residents who have also emigrated from Argentina in the last 2 decades. Their job has been to go through the hundreds of potential candidates that can be found on the H.I.A.S. resume data base, and see who would be a proper fit for Des Moines' small Midwest Jewish community and then try and find a job for them.

Mr. Alan Zuckert, through his Family Foundation, has spearheaded these efforts from the start. In addition to his financial

backing of the program, he has been instrumental in contacting many business and communal leaders, including personally meeting with many CEOs about potential jobs for Argentinians. There have been many potential candidates reviewed to this date.

We are proud to announce that as of the end of April, the Badgan family will be moving to Des Moines. There are four family members - Gerardo and Francis and their two children - Samantha and Joaquin, and the family dog. Gerardo is a CPA who also owned his own software company in Argentina. He will be working at the Des Moines office of South American Beef Company which is located in Gibson, Iowa. His responsibilities will entail selling and marketing for the company. They are very excited about the new life they plan on making here in Des Moines.

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed furniture and other household items for families we are relocating. As always, if anyone has any frequent flyer miles they wish to donate to Project Elijah, please call the Jewish Family Services office.

Finally, as we reported in the last issue of the Jewish Press, our youth groups have been working to raise funds for the local orphanage in Buenos Aires. A mid-June trip to Buenos Aires is being planned for representatives of the youth groups and their advisors to visit other youth groups there and to see the activities of the orphanage first hand.

LAURA BERKSON JOINS PROJECT ELIJAH

The Federation is pleased to announce the addition of Laura Berkson to its staff as Project Elijah Coordinator. Laura's main focus will be to work with the youth of all Des Moines synagogues on fundraising projects to benefit Yeladeinu Jewish orphanage in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Laura will coordinate the upcoming Des Moines Jewish Youth mission to Argentina, which will include visits to the orphanage as well as to synagogues and other sites of Jewish interest in Buenos Aires. Laura will also work on communications and PR specific to Project Elijah.

A Jewish professional in Des Moines since July of 2000, Laura is known to many in the area through her capacity as Cantorial Soloist at Temple B'nai Jeshurun, where she is also advisor to the Temple's youth group. Laura performs as a singer in a variety of Jewish and folk venues throughout the U.S., and is a recording artist and composer.

Laura has worked in the field of Jewish Communal Service and Jewish education for over twenty years. Prior to moving to Des Moines, Laura lived in Rhode Island

for sixteen years, where she was Family Life and Jewish Experience Director at the Jewish Community Center; music director of the Schechter Day School; director of music and cantorial soloist at Temple Shalom; and artist-in-residence at Hasbro Children's Hospital. She holds a B.A. in psychology from Vassar College and a Master's Degree in Jewish Communal Service from Brandeis University.

As Federation's Project Elijah Coordinator, Laura looks forward to working with a broad spectrum of the Des Moines Jewish community. "My role in Project Elijah offers me the opportunity to work in a new capacity with our Jewish youth, involving them in social action and encouraging them to a deeper sense of Jewish identity while they develop leadership skills and make connections with the wider Jewish world. Ultimately it is their vision, energy, and commitment to helping other Jews that can engage all of us in acts of tzedakah and tikkun olam," she said. *Project Elijah is generously funded by the Zuckert Family Foundation.*

All-In-One Campaign

Telethon Volunteers Lauded for High Morale, Dedication to Community

In a statement issued on behalf of the Jewish Federation, Barbara Hirsch-Giller, Chair of the 2004 All-In-One Telethon, praised and thanked the hard-working volunteers who contributed their time and efforts to make this year's SuperSunday a success. "As part of the All-In-One Campaign," she stated, "the Telethon enables us to keep in direct contact with a broad spectrum of our constituents, the beneficiaries of the services provided on behalf of the community by the Federation. We are privileged to hear feedback from community members, discern if individuals are in need of special assistance, and enable community members to give Tzedakah. We hope that through this process, the people we call can get a better idea of the services provided by our very special Federation and will also come to know how important they and their participation in our community are."

The telethonists either came in and conducted the telethon at the offices of Don Schoen's Medinotes or participated in follow-up phone calling. "Along with the entire leadership of the Federation," Barb continued, "I am very proud of those who volunteered to help out during the telethon. My hope is that the volunteers know how appreciated they are." Barb extended special thanks to members of her committee including Julie and Tim Howald, Peggy Altman, Barbara Leventhal, and the Federation staff. Special thanks go, as well, to Don Schoen for the gracious use of his facilities.

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'Love thy Neighbor' practiced by Andrew DeKock's Dutch Family Family Hid Jews during the Holocaust



On a cloudy March afternoon, a visitor to the Federation building was announced over my intercom. I came down to meet him and learned he was in Des Moines for some other purpose but that he had a story to share with me, if I were interested. It was about how his parents, members of the Dutch Reformed Church, worked with

the Underground in Holland to hide Jews during the Holocaust.

Andrew H. DeKock is a genial, unprepossessing individual. He is now 65 years of age. He lives with his wife in Marshalltown. His elderly mother, Elisabeth, resides in an old age home in Knoxville, after spending the past forty years in Pella. His father, Andrew, who was in charge of the planting of tulips for the Pella festival, passed away seven years ago.

Mr. DeKock's father was a strawboss (a member of a work crew that supervises other workers) in the North Holland town of Sloodorp. As part of his work, he would go down to Amsterdam by horse and wagon and, between the years of the Nazi Occupation (1940 - 1945), he would bring back individuals from the Jewish neighborhood to be hidden. They would stay in the crawl space in the DeKock house for two or three days, until they could be transferred to the homes of other farmers in town or in the countryside.

When asked why his family risked their lives to do this, Mr. DeKock leans forward gently, taps his fist to his chest and says: "It came from the heart." It was out of love and responsibility to one's fellow man, he explains.

In the time we spent together, Mr. DeKock outlined the history of the period for me, in response to my questions.

He spoke of how Hitler informed the Queen of Holland that he was willing to destroy one city at a time until Holland capitulated and how Hitler then decimated Rotterdam as evidence of his seriousness. He spoke of how the Underground permitted any of its members to know only three other members, in case they were caught and tortured to reveal information. He spoke of how the Underground tested prospective members to see if they could pronounce the name of a certain Dutch town, which the Germans couldn't pronounce correctly and that informers were everywhere. He spoke of how the Dutch internees in Dachau had created a makeshift American flag in honor of the Land of Freedom. He spoke of how there was no milk for him, as a baby, that his parents gave him the water in which potato peelings were boiled to drink. And he spoke about how his mother sat stoically knitting while the Nazis pointed a gun to her head, trying in vain to compel her to reveal the hiding place of people in her house.

Having come as an eight-year old to Pella, Iowa, Mr. DeKock has returned about nine times to his native Holland. During one visit, he notes, the local Jewish community presented him with a plaque honoring his family for their courageous efforts during the Holocaust.

I told him how moving his story was, and on behalf of the Des Moines Jewish community, I offered Mr. DeKock the sincere thanks of our people, thanked him for coming to share his story, and invited him back anytime, as a friend of the community. He indicated the desire to return and show us slides of the Dutch towns where his family spent those terrible days, those six decades ago. We look forward to welcoming Mr. DeKock again, soon.

— Mark Finkelstein

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correction

We are happy to note that **Miriam Mintzer** is a member of the distinguished Pomegranate group of women in our community. We are sorry for omitting her name from last edition's listing.

[education]

JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY SCHOOL

April was an exciting month with lots of fun things to learn and do.
Pre-Kindergarten

On March 7th, Mrs. Schulman's class learned their newest Hebrew letter, Koof, played a game called the Purim Parade with Esther, and made shalach manot baskets. The children also played a game of "Put Mordechai on the Horse," much like "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." The children loved putting Mordechai's head on the king's horse.

On March 14th, the Hebrew letter Resh was introduced. Our example word for Resh was rafrefet, which means pudding in Hebrew. They learned many different things that Jews do for Passover today, such as: eating matzah, searching for chametz or leavened foods, the Seder and the telling of the story of the Exodus, and the story leading up to the reason we celebrate this holiday. In addition, the children learned about the Hebrew slaves and how they came to receive their freedom. They even performed an interactive puppet show while learning about the ten plagues. The children made a karpas plate for their craft. After a snack, the children played a game of "Find the Afikomen."

Kindergarten

The Kindergarteners in Ms. Seidenfeld's class have now learned and discussed the letters in the Hebrew Alef-Bet up to Nun. During the next month, there will be a greater emphasis on learning the rest of the letters. They will learn Samech through Tav in April, and review all the letters for the remainder of the school year. Along with learning the Hebrew letters, they will have the opportunity to learn about the Passover Seder, and experience fun activities for Israel Independence Day.

First Grade

Mrs. Margolin is preparing her first graders for Passover by making their own Plague Bags. They continue to work on their Alef-Bet, and are learning many new sight words from prayers. They will study the people and the country of Israel in preparation of Israel Independence Day.

Second Grade

Mrs. Phillip's second graders have been working on the Hebrew letters: Ayin, Pey, Fey, Sin, Shin, and Tzadee. They have now been introduced to new vocabulary words, such as: Shabbat, Tzedakah, Siddur, Sh'ma, and Shalom. The students have made Purim puppets, graggers, and Haman's hats as well as putting together a Megillah scroll. They have also heard bible stories about Joseph, Miriam, and Moses that have added to the study of Jewish history and holidays.

Third Grade

The third graders in Mrs. Johnson's class are busy learning sign language for the Shabbat Candle Blessing. They are arranging the words to make a poster, which will soon be on display in our school hallway. Be sure to look at their Oseh Shalom poem in the hall.

The next prayer they will work on is the Avot. April will include another project, probably something that smells spicy.

Fourth Grade

The Fourth graders, with the help of Ms. Abrams, are reviewing prayers using some new material. Each prayer module has vocabulary words that are color coded. The words are repeated frequently on the page, which increases practice and understanding.

Fourth graders are currently working on the Amidah. As the students work through each prayer, the module will be put in a binder that they will take on to fifth grade.

A big todah, thanks, to Susan Bassman for helping with our mezuzot. They are currently on display in the glass case in the hall.

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Hjelmaas's fifth graders have been studying the Torah and Haftarah blessings, and each student receives a reading tape to reinforce the learning of these prayers at home. Parents, please encourage your child to review these tapes and practice the prayers. Students have also been assigned selected stories from Prophets and the Writings to present to the class in April.



Pictured are several of our JFCS preschool students preparing to take their planted flowers to the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center for their Tzedakah project.

Front row: Eva Saltzman, Hanna Kaufman, Aleyah Brigham. Back row: Abby Wahlig, Emma Baxter, Mitchell Shulman, Anna Feldstein, Jacob Schnoebelen, Simone Jacoby.

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Spring is a Time of Creative Learning at the DMJA

Spring semester has been very busy at the DMJA. The students enjoyed trips to Hoyt Sherman to see The Wizard of Oz and Project Unity, a city-wide multi-cultural dance and music presentation.

The Judaic Staff sparked up the semester with their annual model seder. Second through seventh graders made their way through the Haggadah around their own festive seder table and enjoyed a scrumptious meal, with the help of teachers Rabbi Sytner, Malka Wolfe and Jody Hramits. Fifth, sixth and seventh graders wrote their own essays on the symbols and themes of the seder. Their presentations at the model seder added a greater dimension to the event while deepening each student's own understanding through their own research and writing. Kindergarten and first grade recreated the seder with their own packets of props. K through 1st teacher, Janice Swartzbaum, helped the students to create their own materials for their family seder. Their seder kit included nine packets each representing one plague, as well as a Haggadah that they designed on their own. As their families take part in their own seder at home, the children can live up the table with exciting items to share. In this way the seder has greater meaning for each child and will certainly be more memorable for each person at the seder table.

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Good Writers Commended: DMJA Fourth Grade students Katie Frye won first, Ellie Ginsberg took second, and Moses Sloven won third-place in the NCCJ's recent essay contest. At the Fifth Grade level, DMJA's, Sheya Finkelstein placed second and Dorrie Bruggeman, of the Jewish Federation Community School, placed third.

(below) Feldmans: Olivia and Sabrina Feldman enjoy reading their handmade haggadah with their father Dr. Bernie Feldman.



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[commentary]

George F. Will: Resolution 242: New U.S. policy gets it right at last

George F. Will,
April 18, 2004
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. government is not a speed reader, but after 37 years of reading United Nations Resolution 242, on Wednesday the government finally read it accurately. The government saw what is not there — the missing definite article, "the."

Passed after the 1967 Six Day War, 242 mandated the withdrawal of Israel "from territories occupied in the recent conflict." Not from "the territories." Israel insisted on deletion of the "the" because it implied, as Arab and other powers acknowledged by their vehement opposition to the deletion — withdrawal from all territories.

This was strategic ambiguity. On Wednesday, ambiguity was abandoned. In his letter to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, President Bush said:

"In light of new realities on the ground, including already existing major Israeli populations centers, it is unrealistic to expect that the outcome of the final status negotiations will be a full and complete return to the armistice lines of 1949, and all previous efforts to negotiate a two-state solution have reached the same conclusion."

It is fine to talk about "new realities," such as patterns of settlement, but this new U.S. policy also comes to terms with an old reality. It is that 242 also recognized the

right of every state in the region to "secure and recognized boundaries," which Israel's 1967 borders were not.

But wait. Palestinian spokesmen, denouncing the new U.S. position, speak not of the 1949 armistice lines but "the 1967 borders." It is not in the interest of the Palestinian Authority to have the world reminded — being willfully forgetful, it needs much reminding — that the borders of Israel in 1967 were accidents of the military facts on the ground 18 years before that.

Bush, by emphasizing 1949 rather than 1967, reminds those who are forever saying "Israel is being provocative" that for 56 years — since Israel's founding in May 1948 — the problem has been that, to Israel's enemies, Israel's being is provocative. Hostility to Israel would not be cured by a return to 1967 realities.

The territories occupied by Israel since 1967 have been lawfully held because a nation that occupies territories in the process of repelling aggression launched from them can hold them until the disposition of the lands is settled by negotiations between the relevant parties. Palestinians and their supporters have tried to erase this fact by semantic infiltration of the world's political vocabulary, getting the territories routinely referred to as "Palestinian lands." Actually, in law the territories are unallocated portions of the 1922 Palestine

Mandate, the final disposition of which is still to be settled by negotiations.

And there, for 56 years, has been the rub — the absence of a suitable interlocutor for Israel. Meaning a negotiating partner not committed to the destruction of the "Zionist entity," or completion of the project interrupted but not abandoned when the last Nazi death camps were liberated 59 Aprils ago.

It is instructive — and wonderful — how few and optional have been references to Yasser Arafat in discussions of Wednesday's developments. In a life of terror, his only service to peace was his demonstration, at Camp David in July 2000 with President Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, that the most that Israel could ever offer in the way of concessions is less than the current Palestinian leadership will accept.

Which is why Wednesday's policy flowed ineluctably from Bush's June 24, 2002, pronouncement that the first prerequisite for progress is for the Palestinian people to produce "regime change": "I call upon the Palestinian people to elect new leaders, leaders not compromised by terror."

That prerequisite being unattainable, Sharon has chosen unilateral disengagement — the fence — and a long wait for the time when, in Bush's words, "the Palestinian people have new leaders, new institutions and new security arrangements."

In 1998 the then-governor of Texas, preparing to run for president, visited Israel and was given a helicopter tour of the nation's vulnerabilities. Bush saw the place where Israel, from 1949 until 1967, had been nine miles wide. Back home, Bush said: Why, in Texas we have driveways longer than that. Bush's host in the helicopter was Sharon.

Sharon, who is 76, is a reminder of why it is reasonable to prefer young doctors but old politicians. Young doctors because recently in medical school they learned the latest panaceas. Old politicians because, having lived long enough to not hope for miracle cures to political problems, they do what they can, on their own.

Gerda Klein continued from page 1
The talk entitled "Tolerance in the 21st Century: Positive Lessons from the Holocaust" is free and open to the public. An adaptation of Mrs. Klein's memoir "All But My Life" won an Academy Award. A book signing and reception follows Mrs. Klein's presentation.

The Iowa Historical Society is co-sponsor for the event, organized in conjunction with the display, at the State Historical Building, of the US Holocaust memorial Museum's exhibit, "The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936."



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[art and culture]

The Jews Of Norway, An Exhibit At The Vesterheim Museum

By David M. Gradwohl



The Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa, recently hosted a traveling exhibit that was put together by the Norwegian Folk Museum and the Norwegian Directorate for Public and School Libraries in cooperation with the Jewish Community (DMT) in Oslo, Norway. This exhibit is entitled "Jewish Life and Culture in Norway: Wergeland's Legacy" and premiered in New York City before coming to Decorah.

The photomural and text panels cover Norway's Jewish history from initial settlement in the 1850s through the Second World War. It is a small exhibit but very well done. It tells a remarkable story through high quality historical photographs that are both instructive and poignant, and a text that is succinct and well written. Topics include the "Jewish clause" in Norway's constitution, which prohibited Jewish settlement in that country up to 1851, Jewish immigration to Norway (particularly Oslo and Trondheim) between 1852 and 1920, the experience of specific Jewish immigrant families prior to the Second World War, the establishment of synagogues and other Jewish institutions in Norway's larger cities, the growing anti-Semitism after the First World War, the persecution of Norway's Jews between 1940 and 1945 associated with the Nazi occupation, the return of a few Holocaust survivors who had been "deported" to extermination camps in Germany and Poland, and finally the attempts of the Norwegian government in 1999 to right the wrongs of the past by passing a parliamentary bill which provided restitution funds to Jewish Norwegian citizens and also funding for educational exhibits such as the present one traveling in the United States.

The exhibit is named after Henrik Wergeland (1808-1845), Norwegian poet and philosopher who worked tirelessly to repeal the so-called "Jewish clause" in the Norwegian constitution. That clause was

repealed in 1851, six years after Wergeland's death. A large, impressive, cast-iron monument was placed on Wergeland's grave in 1849, paid for by Swedish and Danish Jews in gratitude for his efforts in behalf of the Jews of Norway, a country which was formerly part of Danish and Swedish kingdoms. Each year on May 17 (Norway's Constitution Day), the Norwegian Jewish Youth Organization places a wreath on Wergeland's monument.

During WWII the Norwegian Nazi puppet government under Vidkun Quisling reinstated the "Jewish clause" in the Norwegian constitution and assisted in the deportation of many Norwegian Jews to Auschwitz and other extermination camps. After the war, the restored Norwegian parliamentary government executed Quisling by firing squad and removed the clause from the constitution. Even more impressive is the 1999 national legislation, which gives Norway the distinction of being the first European nation to complete restitution and accept responsibility for its own moral transgressions during WWII. Best of all, the Norwegian government is renovating Quisling's former mansion in Oslo: it will be a Holocaust museum and education center.

As though all of the above were not moving and informative enough, I realized that I had photographed Henrik Wergeland's huge grave monument when my wife and I visited the Vår Frelser Gravlund (cemetery) in Oslo in 2001.

We were in Oslo for the wedding of a young American friend who was marrying a Norwegian woman. The cemetery was just a few blocks from our hotel, so we decided to visit it. We found out that this cemetery is Norway's equivalent of our Arlington Cemetery in terms of the social and political importance of people buried there. At the time I photographed Wergeland's monument, I did not know the full extent of his activism as portrayed in the exhibit at the Vesterheim Museum. Interestingly enough, however, we were in Oslo for Norway's Constitution Day celebrations, and the photo I took of Wergeland's grave has two large red, white, and blue floral wreaths at the base of his monument! I would like to believe that they were placed there by the Norwegian Jewish Youth Organization.

The government and institutions in Norway that put together and funded this impressive traveling exhibit deserve both praise and thanks. And the Vesterheim Museum performed a real service to Iowans by bringing the exhibit to our state. Those who missed the exhibit and want to know more about this compelling story can purchase the book entitled "Jewish Life and Culture in Norway: Wergeland's Legacy" (New York: Abel Abrahamson, 2003; \$29.95), which includes not only the text and photographs from the exhibit but also lectures and associated symposia which accompanied the opening of the exhibit in Oslo and New York City.

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[spotlight on the arts]

Red Rodney, Bird's Sideman



The great klezmer bandleader Dave Tarras (known as "The Jewish Benny Goodman") had hired a young, Jewish trumpet player for a stint in the Catskills, in the 1940s. But the job didn't last long -- because for his solos, Robert Chudnick was playing Bebop! "Vus shpilt ihr?" asked Tarras -- "What the heck's he playing?"

Nu, Robert Chudnick didn't quite fit into the Catskill scene... but via Dizzy Gillespie, he made his way into the Bebop world.

Red-headed Robert Rodney Chudnick was born in 1927 in Philadelphia. At his bar mitzvah, a great-aunt gave him a trumpet, and within two years, he had learned to play very well. So well that in his teens he played with Jimmy Dorsey and Benny Goodman. This was followed by jobs, in the late 1940s, with Gene Krupa and Woody Herman.

It was through Dizzy, however, that Chudnick replaced Miles Davis (!) in Charlie "Yardbird" Parker's quintet, Parker being the cutting edge of the Bebop world, whose creative genius is undisputed. Chudnick, called "Chood" by Parker, but known to the public as Red Rodney, stayed with the quintet for about three years (from 1949 into 1952) and played trumpet on many of "Bird's" recordings. (During this time, Parker endeavored to room Red along with the band on a tour of the segregated south -- by marketing him, unsuccessfully, as an albino black.)

Being with Parker, he says, in an interview on the NPR radio show "Fresh Air," was like "going to college and graduate school" for all he learned from him. Unfortunately, Red also emulated Parker's drug habit and as a result, that which killed Charlie Parker at age 34 destroyed Red's career for twenty years.

Red Rodney made a successful comeback, however, in the early 1970s, cutting about 20 new albums. His popularity soared after the 1988 movie, Bird, about Charlie Parker portrayed him as a main character. He, by the way, recorded the tune Ornithology for the soundtrack.

In the words of one record reviewer, Red's legacy can be summed up, as follows: "By [the time of] his death from lung cancer in 1994, he had been voted into the DownBeat Hall of Fame, played at the White House and inspired young jazz musicians through his master classes at various universities."

Clips from his music may be heard over the internet at entertainment.msn.com/artist/albums.aspx?artist=110224.

And his radio interview, along with a clip of him playing with Charlie Parker, can be found on the internet at freshair.npr.org/guest_info_fa.jhtml?name=redrodney

— Mark Finkelstein

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about themselves and their school along the way. Thanks are extended to the Des Moines and West Des Moines Public Schools (and to our Jewish Federation Community School and DMJA, too) for welcoming the teachers. Once again, we couldn't have done this without our cordial host families: Stacie and Tom Franklin, Silvia Klein, and Sally and Chava Frank.

We hope to see our new friends soon, when next we are in the Western Galilee of Israel.

Our participation in the essential program, Partnership 2000, bringing our communities closer together and developing the potential of the Western Galilee, would not be possible without your generous support for the All-In-One Campaign. We thank the staff of P2K and the Federation for coordinating the visits to Des Moines. If you would like to become involved with Partnership 2000, contact the Federation at 277-6321.



We were pleased to host not one, but two, P2K delegations from our sister region, the Western Galilee, within the past few months. Each brought to Des Moines their vitality and their quest to learn about us and share themselves with us.

In February, we had the pleasure of hearing the Kolit Lohamei HaGettaot (The Singers of the Ghetto Fighters Kibbutz, pictured bottom right) perform at the Caspe Terrace to an enthusiastic audience, with a

special combined segment with the local Java Jews Klezmer Band. Our thanks go to the performers along with our wonderful host families: Dr. Lou and Lois Fingerman, Ilene and Zach Gilson, Sally and Chava Frank, and Stacie and Tom Franklin.

Then in March, a delegation of three teachers visited a fair number of local schools in a short period of time, observing classroom practices and patterns of school administration, and explaining a little

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Members Of Jewish Burial Society Honored

Appreciation for the work performed by members of the Des Moines Jewish Burial Society, the Chevra Kadisha, was expressed by leaders of the organization, audience members, and the professionals at Dunn's Funeral Home at a dinner and program held February 29 at The Caspe Terrace.

The Chevra Kadisha provides the respectful care and traditional practices in preparation for burial. From the earliest moment after death, a member of the Chevra Kadisha attends to the body.

Members of the Chevra Kadisha serve on a voluntary basis. Throughout the ages, membership in the Jewish Burial Society has been seen by the community as a great honor. Traditionally, the members are not acknowledged publicly, in accordance with their own personal modesty and the sacred tasks with which they are entrusted.

Rabbi Sytner, who currently heads the Chevra Kadisha, believed the members deserved recognition and that the community should be aware of the Chevra's existence. In his remarks, he stressed that there are opportunities for many people to be involved in the work of the Chevra, from phone calling to performance of traditional practices for which training is required. He encourages those who wish to help to please come forth.

The mitzvah performed by the Chevra Kadisha is that of "kindness for which one will never be repaid." In Hebrew, it is called Chesed Shel Emet.

Information about the work of the Chevra Kadisha may be found on the website of The Hebrew Free Burial Association at www.hebrewfreeburial.org.
—Mark Finkelstein

National Hadassah Board Member and Leader Leah Reicin, National Chair of Youth Aliyah, to appear in Des Moines on June 3, 2004.

Leah Stern Reicin, a Hadassah national board member, will speak to the Des Moines community Thursday, June 3, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. at the Caspe Terrace. She will address topics ranging from medical breakthroughs at Hadassah Hospital to the important link to Israel that Hadassah provides American Jews. Reicin, a member of the National Hadassah board, is a well-known and admired advocate for Israel. Born in Israel with American citizenship, Reicin currently lives in Chicago. As an ardent Zionist, Reicin speaks eloquently about Hadassah and Israel.

The Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) is on the cutting edge of medical research in many areas including genetic therapies, cancer, Parkinson's disease, cystic fibrosis, and more. Reicin will update the community about HMO's work, the area of greatest interest for local Hadassah members.

The Upper Midwest Region of Hadassah, in conjunction with Des Moines' Hadassah members, is sponsoring Reicin's appearance. Hadassah has a long distinguished history in Des Moines and

many active members in the community. The Upper Midwest Region and those members, working cooperatively with other organizations, hope to revitalize Hadassah in Des Moines and reinvigorate the Des Moines Chapter.

Reicin has held many positions with Hadassah, including Chicago Chapter President and national board portfolios. Reicin has also served on the National Board of Directors of the American Zionist Federation and is a member of the Vaad Hapoeel (Actions Committee) of the World Zionist Organization. She was the National Vice President of WIN PAC, a women's pro Israel Political Action Committee and was an active member of the Washington Club of the American Israel Political Action Committee. Leah is a Chicago lecturer and teacher and has also appeared on television presenting topics of Jewish Zionist interest.

For more information or to reserve a space, contact Laurie Rosenwasser at the Upper Midwest Office of Hadassah. 952-924-4002 or L.Rosenwasser@Hadassah.org.

JCRC Presented Panel on Gibson's Movie



In February, a panel discussion was held at the Temple on aspects of the Gibson movie, "The Passion" and interreligious relations.

Panelists, as shown, were (from left) Bob Wolfson, ADL Director (Omaha), Rabbi Kaufman, Rabbi HaLevi, and Dr. David Hunter, Catholic Studies Professor at ISU.



JEWISH GENETIC TESTING COMES TO OMAHA

One out of four Jewish persons of Ashkenazi descent could be a carrier of at least one of the following Jewish genetic diseases: Tay Sachs, Canavan, Meman-Pick, Gaucher, Familial Dysautonomia, Bloom Syndrome, Fanconi Anemia, Cystic Fibrosis, Usher Syndrome and a specific hearing loss.

"It's terribly important to know your family's genetic make-up...to be tested, informed and prepared to make whatever (personal and private) decisions are right for you," said Jean Dutich, chairman of the Greater Omaha Committee for Jewish Genetic Testing.

"Individual testing can be very expensive," Dutich continued, "but for the first time in Omaha and surrounding communities (Council Bluffs, Lincoln, Sioux City and Des Moines), we will be offering carrier testing, free of charge, to the first 100 men and women who register."

The testing, which involves a single blood draw, will take place at the Omaha Jewish Community Center on two different dates: Sunday, July 11 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and again on Wednesday, September 1, from 3:00 – 8:00 pm. It will be administered by medical personnel from Boys Town National Research Hospital, and all test results will remain at the hospital and be kept strictly confidential.

An Informational Meeting will be held on Monday, May 17, at the Omaha Jewish Community Center beginning at 7:30 pm. On hand to answer questions about Jewish genetic diseases and the upcoming testing process will be Drs. Edward Cohn, William Kimberling and Patrick Brookauer; Development Director, Toba Cohen-Dunning; and Genetics Counselor, Krystal Platt, all of Boys Town National Research Hospital, along with Mrs. Dutich. Those who attend the meeting will have the opportunity to register for the July or September testing.

Dutich is a grandmother with a mission. When her grandson was five months old, he was diagnosed with Canavan Disease. It meant he would never crawl,

never walk, never talk, lose the use of his muscles, develop seizures and probably die by the time he was five. Gershon is now nine years old, and while he still lives at home with Jean's daughter and son-in-law and his two seven-year-old twin sisters (who do not have the disease, but are carriers), he has been tube-fed for the last three years.

"My goal is to make sure families have the information they need," said Dutich. "Knowledge is power. We don't always have to leave our destiny to 'chance.' We can educate ourselves. We can prepare ourselves to handle the most challenging of times. But we can't do any of that if we don't know the facts. Genetic testing will give us those facts and enable families and prospective families to make thoughtful and unhurried decisions."

Dutich was determined to make genetic testing available in the area. She set out to find a partner, a hospital or laboratory that could implement the actual testing and provide a support network for the project. After several setbacks, she spoke to Dr. William Kimberling at the Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha and met with "tremendous enthusiasm."

Dr. Kimberling's group had recently reported a genetic change causing a common hearing loss problem in Ashkenazi Jews and had also been working on Usher Syndrome. Anxious to do more research, Dr. Kimberling knew that genetic testing in the Jewish community would offer him that opportunity.

"A partnership was born between the Jewish Federation of Omaha and Boys Town National Research Hospital," explained Dutich. "All I needed to do was raise \$50,000!"

Dutich has single-handedly raised over \$36,000, to date. "The goal is to test 100 men and women, free of charge. I have every intention of meeting that goal," she stated firmly.

To make a donation or for further information, contact Jean Dutich, 402-393-1141 or Toba Cohen-Dunning at 498-6729.

United Jewish Communities (UJC) Wins Fight To Save Medicaid From Drastic Cuts!

Lobbying efforts by UJC and the Jewish Federations of North America played a pivotal role in defeating proposed Medicaid cuts in the Senate Budget Resolution last week. The proposed cuts would have cost Jewish nursing homes, hospitals and social service agencies an estimated \$100 million dollars.

Community leaders and professional staff from across the country came together to lobby their Senators to support an amendment to remove \$11 billion in Medicaid cuts from FY 2005 Federal budget.

"We can all breathe a sigh of relief that this bipartisan vote has protected our nursing homes, hospitals, home healthcare and social service agencies from Medicaid cuts that would have significantly scaled back vital services," said Stephen H. Hoffman, UJC President and CEO. "We are proud we were able to do our part to support our elderly and disabled community members."

The Jewish Community's network of health care services for the poor, elderly and disabled receives \$2 billion annually in Medicaid funding to provide long-term

care, home care, counseling and other health services. This network includes 170 nursing homes, 150 Jewish Family Service agencies, and a dozen hospitals. "Without these funds, many of our nation's nursing home residents, people with disabilities, and millions of low-income children and their mothers would be adversely affected," said Michael Gelman, Chair of UJC's Human Services and Social Policy Pillar and President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

Chuck Konigsberg, UJC Vice President for Public Policy noted, "We appreciate the work of everyone in our extraordinary network of Jewish Federations who called key Senators, particularly Senators Bond (R-MO), Chafee (R-RI), Coleman (R-MN), Collins (R-ME), DeWine (R-OH), Smith (R-OR), Snowe (R-ME), and Specter (R-PA) who supported the elimination of the cuts. Their calls played a key role in passing the amendment to protect Medicaid funding".
To see how your Senator voted or to learn how you can get involved, visit UJC's online action center at www.ujc.org/advocacy.

Drake Law Professor Composes Holocaust Opera

By Lisa Lacher, Director of Media Relations, Drake University

"There is a spirit in men, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Cathy Lesser Mansfield has lived that passage from the Book of Job in the last few years, as the Drake University law professor strives to complete an opera that superimposes the biblical saga over the tale of a Jewish family caught up in Hitler's Germany.

"The Sparks Fly Upward" (the title comes from Job 5:7, "Man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward") will debut in concert at 8 p.m. Monday, April 19, in Drake's Performing Arts Hall, Harmon Fine Arts Center, 25th Street and Carpenter Avenue. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature a cast of 15, including many Drake music faculty and students.

"Even though the opera isn't complete, it's an amazing achievement," says Leanne Freeman-Miller, assistant professor of voice at Drake, who sings in the cast. "The text and music paint the emotions and terrifying experiences the Jews went through. It's very moving. I've sung a lot of Jewish music and this work is very much in the Jewish musical tradition."

Composing an opera may seem unusual for an international expert in consumer protection - Mansfield has lectured throughout the United States, testified before Congress and been quoted in The New York Times and Consumer Reports

magazine. But the portions of the work dealing with Job predate her law career. The Cleveland native, 44, wrote its precursor in 1977 after her junior year of high school. The result, produced at the Jewish

"I decided that it was very important that the piece be historically accurate so it could memorialize what happened, educate the public and oppose the revisionist historians who claim the Holocaust never happened."

Community Center in Cleveland, earned Mansfield a scholarship to the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. Eventually, she transferred to New York University and discovered the law.

"By the time I graduated from college I was on the track that led to my present career," says Mansfield, who has taught at Drake since 1996. "I kept doing music all along as an avocation, but didn't really do anything with this whole show that I had written."

It was after her twins, Sarah and Megan, were born in 1994 that Mansfield quit teaching for a while, dusted off the composition and began notating it. "We had a Baptist nanny with whom I became really good friends," Mansfield says. "She suggested combining the Job stuff already written with a story about the Holocaust."

The opera follows a German Jewish family in Berlin beginning with the

autumn of 1938, which culminated in Kristallnacht, a night of orchestrated attacks against Jews, their businesses and synagogues. At various times during the war that ensues, the family goes into hiding. To entertain each other, they play-act the story of Job, the righteous man who refuses to speak against God despite terrible events that befall him and his family. As the opera progresses, they relate more of Job's tale, and the audience sees how his story parallels the family's.

The extensive research Mansfield undertook for the opera brought her to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., the Leo Baeck Institute in New York, the Jewish Museum and the Centrum Judaicum in Berlin and to countless unpublished biographies of Holocaust survivors, contemporaneous news accounts and books.

"I decided that it was very important that the piece be historically accurate," says Mansfield, who lost distant relatives to the Nazis, "so it could memorialize what happened, educate the public and oppose the revisionist historians who claim the Holocaust never happened."

What began nearly 30 years ago as a production produced at a community center has become the driving force in her life. Mansfield would like to take a year off to complete the work.

"My ultimate dream," she says, "is to have the piece performed widely, serving to educate and combat hate and bigotry of all sorts."

[short takes]



The Winter AIPAC Meeting featured Brian Abrahams, here shown with Iowa AIPAC Co-chair Steve Schoenebaum (right).



In March, the first Israel Lecture Series event in Ames featured renowned scholar Howard Sachar. Sachar is shown flanked by Tim and Toni Urban, along with President of the Ames Jewish Congregation, Dr. Murray Kaplan. The set of three lectures, the final of which was on May 6, was sponsored by the Ames Coalition for Peace, JCRC, ISU Lectures Program, and ISU Hillel.



From the Temple

Highlights from the Purimspiel left, and below; working with youth below

[book notes]

The New Anti-Semitism - The Current Crisis and What We Must Do About It

by Phyllis Chesler © 2003 Josey-Bass (Wiley) 305 pp.

Reviewed by Sarah L. M. Christiansen

This book is the result of a very intense labor; it was researched and written beginning on September 11, 2001 by one of the leading feminists and academicians, whose entire life has been devoted to very liberal causes and left wing politics. She was married twice, first to a Muslim man from Afghanistan and then to an Israeli. Phyllis Chesler is an American professor of psychology, who is fluent in Arabic and Hebrew and is a well respected author. The research that went into this book is impeccable.

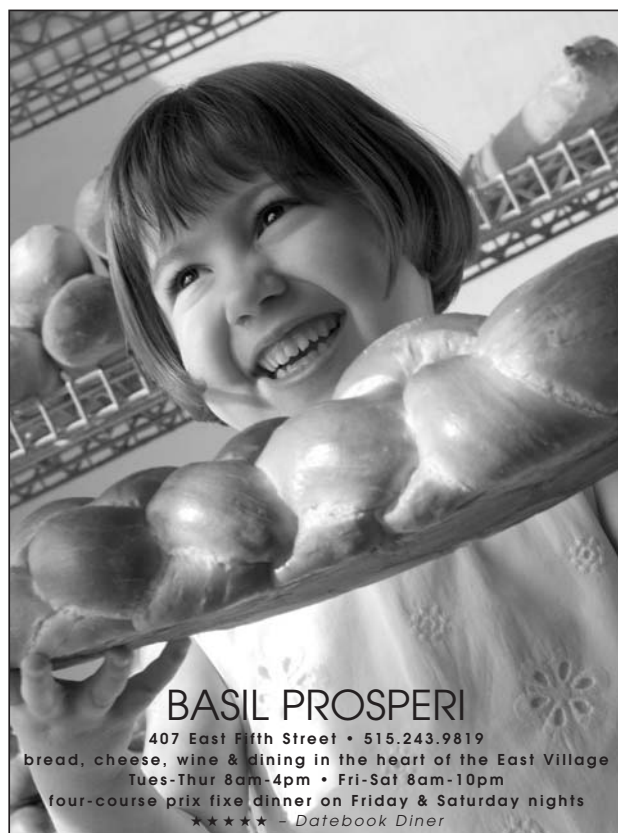
Before discussing the new Anti-Semitism, a chapter is devoted to a review of the "old" Anti-Semitism where the political right or the Church used the Jews as scapegoats for the ills of the world. Historically she traces Anti-Semitism from "Christ killers" to the Holocaust. Then she enlightens us as to the fact that after the birth of Israel, Anti-Semitism was not dormant, with many examples; every incident is appropriately noted and referenced.

The new Anti-Semitism is the result of a double standard applied to the world, with a high standard for Israel and the Jews and a lower standard for the rest of the world. It is practiced under the rubric of Anti-Zionism by the liberal left, and it uses technology to spread its virulent hatred very fast. She points out that

National Public Radio and CNN as well as most of the major networks continually point out a distorted and anti-Israel view of every event, including using edited videos to make their point. The European left has adopted the "Zionism is Racism" as its core philosophy, thus permitting Anti-Semitism to be politically correct, while claiming that they are against racism. Winston Churchill's statement "A lie gets half-way around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on" has never been so true.

The final two chapters are devoted to answers to questions that would likely be posed by liberal "friends", and to what we can do about this crisis. Her suggestions include being fair to Israel, fighting the Big Lies; restoring Campus Civility; forming Jewish-Christian alliances and even forming Jewish-Palestinian Alliances. She even suggests not only buying Israeli, but boycotting European products. However, the most important "suggestion" is that we Jews must stop fighting among ourselves. Our in-fighting gives our enemies leverage, consumes our resources and wastes our energy.

I highly recommend reading this important and timely book, and then buying it for your reference shelf. It would be an excellent book to use for a discussion with your neighbors and friends.



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Kelsey Elizabeth Kupitz



Saturday, May 15,
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Kelsey Elizabeth Kupitz,
daughter of Robert Mark
Kupitz, will celebrate

becoming a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday,
May 15, 2004 at 9:15 am at Tifereth Israel
Synagogue. The community is cordially
invited to join our family for services and
the Kiddush luncheon following.

Jeremy Sacks Pour-El



Saturday, May 29,
at 9:15 am

Tifereth Israel Synagogue

Please join us as Jeremy
Sacks Pour-El is called to
the Torah as a Bar

Mitzvah on Saturday, May 29, 2004 at
Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Services begin
at 9:15 a.m. A Kiddush luncheon will follow.

The Pour-El/Sacks Family

Sean Buchsbaum



Saturday, May 29
at 10:00 am

Temple B'nai Jeshurun

Bruce and Mary Kay
Buchsbaum ask that you
join their family as they

celebrate the Bar Mitzvah of their son,
Sean, on May 29th, 2004. Services begin
at 10:00 AM, at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.
A Kiddush luncheon will follow.

Bruce & Mary Kay Buchsbaum

Samuel Isaac Engman



Saturday, June 5
at 9:15 am

Tifereth Israel Synagogue

Samuel Isaac Engman,
son of Sharon and Josh
Engman, will celebrate

becoming a Bar Mitzvah on June 5, 2004,
at 9:15 am, at Tifereth Israel Synagogue.
The community is cordially invited to join
the family for services and a Kiddush
luncheon following.

Jeremy Franklin



Saturday, June 12
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Temple B'nai Jeshurun

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is invited to celebrate with
us as Jeremy Franklin

becomes Bar Mitzvah on June 12,
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Tom & Stacie Franklin

Anna Aldridge



Saturday, June 26
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Temple B'nai Jeshurun

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with us as Anna Aldridge

honors the Jewish people by becoming
Bat Mitzvah on June 26, beginning at
10:00 a.m. A Kiddush luncheon will follow.

Danny & Jan Sarlat-Aldridge

[next generation]

EREZ NAGGAR: LOOKING AHEAD

By Robin Bear



If you're looking for Erez Naggar, try the gym. He is a seventeen year old Valley High School junior who spends long hours in the weight room, on the football field, and running track. Not all players have the opportunity to be part of the Varsity football team as a sophomore, but Erez had that opportunity during the 2002-03 season. Since the fifth grade, football has been his passion. It still is.

Erez lives in Clive with his parents, Haim and Malka Naggar, and several of his siblings. He is the second youngest in a large family that includes his three brothers and one sister. They are a close knit bunch. Friday night dinners are spent celebrating Shabbat as a family, including Erez's grandparents on his father's side. They also live in Clive. Erez has another grandmother, his mother's mom, who lives in Florida. He recently enjoyed spending time with her during spring break this past March. Jewish holidays also serve as a time when the Naggar family gathers; together they attend services at Beth El Jacob Synagogue.

During two of the summers past, Erez attended sessions at Camp Herzl in Wisconsin while last summer he worked as a lifeguard at Des Moines Golf and Country Club. He also life-guarded at the Ashworth Swimming Pool and taught swim lessons.

At other times Erez likes to relax and hang out with friends. He also likes to travel. He has been to Israel once and plans to go again, especially since he has family there. He has traveled to several destinations in the United States and once traveled to a cousin's wedding in British Columbia. He hopes to spend his senior spring break next year in the Bahamas with friends.

Along with his dedication and his affinity towards football, Erez keeps his name on the academic honor roll. As a junior, he's already thinking about college and although he's keeping his options open, he likes the idea of attending school in California. Since the age of five, Erez says he has been interested in becoming a doctor. Looking ahead, he sees medical school in his future.

[for teens!]

The New England Patriots' owner is backing a football team of Jewish women—many of them Orthodox—in Israel. Find out why in "Israeli Women Throw Around the Pigskin" Interested? Check out www.jvibe.com/israeli_women_throw.shtml

Meet Shelley Brody

by Toni Urban



It was a distinct honor to interview Shelley Brody for this article. She was born and raised in Des Moines, the only child of Bill and Dorothy Miller. Dorothy, Shelley's mother, grew up in Oskaloosa, Iowa, where Shelley's maternal grandfather was Oskaloosa's only Rabbi. He played a part in the lives of many Des Moines individuals, having married Sarah and Max Gendler, parents of Annette Isaacson of Des Moines, and was the Rabbi at the bar mitzvah of Martin Bernstein, whom many Des Moines individuals remember. Oskaloosa had a small Jewish community but it was supplemented from the students who attended Parsons College (now known as Maharishi University) in Fairfield.

Dorothy was a single young woman living in Oskaloosa and Bill, a member of Beth El Jacob Synagogue, was coaxed by one of the Winick brothers to go to Oskaloosa to meet Dorothy. Love took its turn and Dorothy moved to Des Moines to marry Bill.

Shelley graduated from Roosevelt High School and the University of Iowa, and knew her husband, Marty Brody, as they grew up through AZA and BBG (B'nai B'rith Girls) the popular Jewish youth organizations. Marty was actually the beau of the BBG group!

When Shelley graduated from the University of Iowa she worked for a small grain company at the Board of Trade in Chicago before moving back to Des Moines to marry Marty. Marty had received a BA and MBA from Northwestern University and had returned to Des Moines to work alongside his brothers, David and Elliot, at Central Tractor Parts Co., a company owned by their parents Rae and Jack Brody. Today Marty owns Landmark Luggage, a small chain of luggage retail shops.

Shelley and Marty have three sons, Jay, Will and Matt, who have distinguished themselves in academia and now live in various parts of the country pursuing their careers.

Shelley and Marty both were active in the community as their sons were growing up and set an example for them today. Both Shelley and Marty have held the Presidency of the Jewish Federation, showing their tremendous leadership in the Jewish community. Shelley has been President of the Bureau for Jewish Living, presently serves on the Board of the Jewish Senior Life Center and is a Lion of Judah. Her Jewish community positions have run the gamut and she has distin-

guished herself as an important and well-respected member of the Jewish Community. Shelley belongs to Tifereth Israel Synagogue, where she most recently co-chaired the 100th Anniversary weekend.

Her many activities in the Jewish community have still left Shelley time to serve as the President of the Des Moines Symphony Board and participate as a docent at the Art Center. Her activities in Des Moines have left a lasting mark on the community and she has been praised for her outstanding contributions.

Shelley's home is always open to

organizations for their events and she graciously entertains. Her recipe records on her computer attest to her organization skills and her attention to details. Her beautiful kitchen was pictured in the April edition of the Des Moines Register's Homestyle Magazine. Her culinary prowess will be further enhanced by her elegant surroundings! With summer approaching and the availability of fresh vegetables, Shelley shared her recipe for Gazpacho with us. It is refreshing in the summer served cold and can be served as a soup or as a main course.

Gazpacho

A recipe from Shelley Brody

Pave

2 Hothouse Cucumbers - halved and seeded, but not peeled	48 oz tomato juice, (6 cups)
3 red bell peppers- cored and seeded	1/2 cup white wine vinegar
8 plum tomatoes	1/2 cup good olive oil
2 red onions	1 tablespoon kosher salt
6 cloves garlic, minced	1 1/2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper

Roughly **chop** the cucumbers, bell peppers, tomatoes and red onions into one inch cubes. Put each vegetable separately into a food processor fitted with a steel blade and pulse until it is coarsely chopped. Do not overprocess!!!

After each vegetable is processed, **combine** them in a large bowl and add the garlic, tomato juice, vinegar, olive oil, salt and pepper. **Mix** well and **chill** before serving. The longer it sits, the more flavor develops.

Serves 8 to 10.

May be served with Parmesan croutons on top.

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The Confirmation Class of 2004/5764 cordially invites you to attend the Music Shabbat Confirmation Service Friday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. Oneg following.
Your presence will make this important occasion even more meaningful.

The confirmands are:

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Matthew Lamale

Ellen & John Lamale

Michael Moskowitz

Heidi & David Moskowitz

Annual Meeting

Make plans now to attend the Annual Meeting which will be held Friday June 11, 2004 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with Hors d' Oeuvres. Shabbat Service will follow at 6:00 p.m.

TIFEREH ISRAEL**TIFEREH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE Men's Club Mother's Day Brunch**

Sunday, May 9 from 10 am – 1 pm. Celebrate Mother's Day in a special way this year by coming to the Brunch at Tifereth. Come when you can between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. The Brunch will include omelettes, bagels and lox, herring, potatoes, soy sausages, berries, mimosas, juice and coffee. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. Bob Dutch will be serenading all mothers on the piano. Each Mother will receive a small gift! Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 5, 2004.

Family Shabbat and Potlucks at Tifereth israel Synagogue!

We have a wonderful tradition of celebrating a special Shabbat followed by a potluck dinner, once a month on Friday evenings. Join us for our Erev Shabbat Service at 6:00 PM and then stay for the warmth of food and friendship. Everyone is welcome to come! Our remaining special Family Shabbat and Potlucks for this school year are:

May 14

On this Shabbat our Men's Club will also be presenting our next year's B'nai Mitzvah class with their Siddurim.

June 11

On this Shabbat we will be recognizing our youth that will be attending Jewish Camp this summer.

To join us and for more information please call the Tifereth office at 255-1137.

TIFEREH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE RECOGNIZES CONFIRMANDS.

On May 21, 2004 Tifereth Israel will recognize its confirmands at its Erev Shabbat Service at 6:00 pm. Completing their Confirmation Class this year are **Joey Farber, Ben Bremen, Scott Koslow, Chelsea Bear, Sara Cramer, Reid Rosenberg, and Kevin Mond.**

SHAVUOT SERVICES AT TIFEREH ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE**Tuesday, May 25**

Evening Services and Tikun L'eyl Shavuot Study Session

Wednesday, May 26

Shavuot First Day, Morning Services at 9:15 am, Evening Services at 6:00 pm

Thursday, May 27

Shavuot Second Day Morning Services at 9:15 am

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[view from Israel]

Season of Freedom

By former Areiva to Des Moines, Ayelet Kleinman



Dear Friends, Shalom!

I hope you have all had a good Seder and celebrated the holiday with your loved ones. I attended my family Seder in Nahariya and it was great. We read the entire Haggada, sang all the songs, and even found the Afikoman.

I had the whole week off, both from school and from work, so I took advantage of my free time and traveled a little bit around the country. The weather was great and it seemed like everyone enjoyed it. It was reported

in the news that 1 million people visited the different national parks all over Israel this Passover, which I think is amazing, and I would like to share with you, why.

There was a feeling in the air that something really bad was going to happen after the IDF killed Ahmed Yassin. People were saying that it was only a question of when and how bad the revenge taken by the terror groups will be. During the week that it happened, the buses (at least the ones in Jerusalem) were almost empty, because as you know, buses are a good target for terrorists. Everyone thought something was likely to happen either Passover evening or during the holiday itself. Many people said that they would stay home, not take unnecessary trips or risks, for that matter. Some of my friends wanted to travel to Sinai, which would mean crossing the border through Egypt, they had to think twice if it was a good idea. There were specific instructions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, not to do so because if something happens to you while you are in an Arab country, even though we have peace with Egypt, it will be harder to get you out of there. There was a request that people possessing weapons (legal ones...) carry them during this week so in case of an emergency, they will be able to use it, till the police or the army arrives. The police gathered all its forces to secure the people of Israel. Many soldiers stayed at their army base, in case of an emergency. The Chief of Staff celebrated the Seder along with his family at an army base and so did the Minister of Defense.

And still, 1 million people traveled and saw the beauty of Israel during this holiday. 1 million people "said" that they would not stay at home; that they trust the army and the police to secure the state of Israel; that – as you know – Passover is the Holiday of freedom where the Israelites left Egypt from slavery to freedom and we should do the same!

And this is what Israel is all about. We cannot stay home and wait for the terror to attack. We should go on with our lives. It might be that by the time you are reading this paper, a terror attack already took place, but I will tell you something, which is up to you to decide if it is good or bad: life goes on.

In two weeks from now the people of Israel will observe Yom HaZikaron. We will remember with love the soldiers that we have lost since the State of Israel was established and we will remember all who lost their lives in terror attacks. And just a few hours after that, the celebrations of Independence Day are going to start – because as I told you, life goes on.

My wish for this year, for the 56th Birthday of Israel, is that the people will stay as strong as they are now, and that hopefully one day we will be able to use these powers for better things. – Lots of love, Ayelet.

[focus on the middle east]

Without Israel, Still No Peace in Middle East

by Sheldon Rabinowitz



When recently showing the film "Relentless" to a group of non-Jewish friends at our home, a very thoughtful and intelligent person asked— "Assume that the US quit supporting Israel, it were wiped off of the map, and the area became a Palestinian state—would there be peace in the Middle East?"

An interesting question. My answer was simple and succinct—Based on history, no!

There have been numerous major conflicts in the Middle East in which Israel was not involved in any way. Several major recent examples emphatically make the point.

The first would be the Iran-Iraq war that lasted about eight years. That war killed more Moslems than any other conflict in history. Moslem vs. Moslem – no Israel, no Jews.

The second would be the 1991 Gulf War resulting from Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. It was a result of Saddam Hussein's belligerency and an attempt to gain territory and oil. Two Moslem countries—no Israel.

There have been other serious conflicts in the last 20 years involving Libya, Sudan, Yemen, as well as major terrorism within Algeria—none of which involved Israel in any way. There has been eternal conflict between Sunnis and Shiites for over a thousand years, and it promises to continue. Israel was obviously not the cause of any of these problems. Additionally Syria invaded Jordan, but withdrew based on a threat from Israel to intervene.

Thus, the existence of Israel has been a deterrent to conflict and avoided war. While at best in a shaky truce or a cold peace with its neighbors—Israel's military strength and moral posture actually helps create a degree of stability in the troubled Middle East.

In the effort of encouraging democratization or discussion of other related issues by the US diplomats or European "peacemakers"—the Arab heads of government (all presidents for life, kings, or glorified dictators) respond by first saying that the Palestinian problem must be solved first. Obviously, a nonsensical answer, used only to avoid facing their real issues.

The Arab countries won't even begin to start catching up with the world or be able to achieve broader prosperity or peace until they have major reform—freedom of the press, women's rights, free elections, religious freedom, independent judiciary, etc. Not much has happened so far to give anyone a lot of reason to have optimism.

The disappearance of Israel would not bring peace to the Middle East, and the world would even become more dangerous than it already is, if that were allowed to happen.

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From the Iowa Jewish Historical Society Archives

Memoir of Sam Bassman

By Jody Hramits, IJHS Project Director
Sam Bassman was born in Vilna, Lithuania in 1894 and died in Des Moines in 1991. On June 23, 1977, he shared his history with his granddaughter, Sandra Bassman Speier.

At the turn of the century, life for Jews under the Russian czar was harsh and often dangerous. Many Jewish boys were forcibly conscripted into the Russian army for 25 years' service, where they faced considerable brutality and a high chance of death. Faced with the threat of conscription, like many Jewish immigrants to the US, Sam followed his older brother Jake in immigrating. Jake Bassman came in 1908 to Des Moines to join members of his mother's family who had already settled here – Max and Ida Hockenberg and Joe and Rose Hurwitz. Sam followed in 1910 at the age of 16.

Sam traveled by horse and wagon from Vilna to the Grednetz, the river crossing into Germany. For a few dollars, travelers were carried "piggyback" across this border between Russian territory and German. For 120 rubles, Sam gained passage from Bremen to the US. Since Sam could only afford the least expensive pas-

sage, he rode on a coal freighter, The Hannover, setting sail on October 1, 1910. Sam remembers the ride as uneventful. Each person had his own bunk. Though many were sea sick as they made their way out to sea, once they entered deep water, the ocean ride was more peaceful. Usually the sea voyage took two weeks, but Sam's journey took eight weeks. The freighter needed to stop in various ports along the way unloading coal and taking on cargo, which included bananas. The freighter finally docked in Galveston, Texas. Though Sam had never seen a banana before, by the time he landed in Galveston, he had had his fill. "I did not know what a banana was—whether it was kosher or traif." Landing in Galveston meant other new foods, Sam especially enjoyed his first meal on land -- hard boiled eggs and crackers.

Sam's relatives quickly found him a job which paid \$4.00 per week. This would cover his \$3.00 per week room and board. Sam's first job was in the cleaning business. After four years of saving, he purchased a store front for \$30 and opened his own tailor shop. Sam soon learned English by

interacting with others and by attending night school with other Jewish immigrants.

It was his cleaning business job that led him to his future wife, Anna Friedman. Sam met Anna when he made a delivery to her family's house. One day he wrote her a note requesting that she call him at noon on Sunday to arrange a date. Sam stood waiting by the phone in anticipation. Anna was his first date. Their dates included walks to the state capitol on Grand Avenue, which was truly "grand" back then. Grand was lined with beautiful oak and maple trees. Anna worked in a candy factory and Sam would meet her at 6:00pm, the end of her work day and accompany her on her stroll back to her boarding house and to other sites in town. They would often rent a horse and buggy and once went to the circus. They enjoyed the five cent picture shows with the great silent movie stars – Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd and Fatty Arbuckle. Anna especially liked the love stories.

One day Anna's father, Joseph Friedman, was delivering meat to Sam's boarding house. He stopped to make inquiries about Sam's character. How did

he behave? Did he come from a good family? Pleased with the responses, Joseph saw Sam as an ambitious man and told his daughter, "Anna, that's the man for you to marry!" Sam and Anna were married on January 15, 1915. Sam was 21 and Anna was 17.

Like many of the new immigrants in the east-side Jewish neighborhood of Des Moines, the Bassmans lived in close proximity to their business. Jake and his wife Sara Bassman's house was behind their store and Anna and Sam lived in the rooms behind his tailor shop on Grand Avenue. They would take in boarders from time to time. Often the boarders would include family members. Their daughter Tiby was born in December, 1915, and their son Harry was born in 1917.

Sam's tailor business began to expand during World War I. Much of his business included the shortening and lengthening of pants for the new army recruits. The government sent in truckloads of men for fittings. To complete the work as quickly as possible, Sam asked the sergeant to send in ten men at a time. "He would order them into the shop like in the army. Hupp, Hupp, Hupp." The government's poor planning was good business for Sam. "Four-foot men and six-foot clothes. Six-foot men and four-foot clothes. Aach! Such a management!" Sam was making up to \$300 a month.

After the war, in 1920, Sam purchased a new home at 1017 Forest Avenue. The family lived there for 25 years. Morris was born in 1922. Morris, Harry and Tiby attended Nash Grade School and then North High School.

Preserve your family history in the Iowa Jewish Historical Society Archives. Materials donated often are used for display and educational presentations. For more information about how you can contribute your story, contact the IJHS at 910 Polk Boulevard, Des Moines, IA 50312; 277-6321 or 987-0899 ijhs@dmjfed.org



The Bassman Family, August 20, 1922. Taken at the wedding of Roberta Bassman and Robert Wynn.

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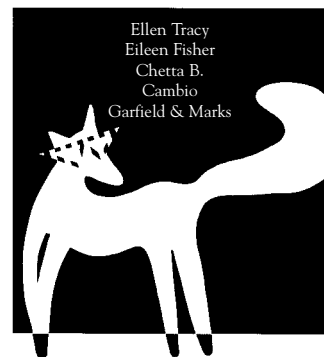


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DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday	05/01/04		Ben Nadler Bar Mitzvah in Ames
Sunday	05/02/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Women's League
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Sunday	05/02/04	5:00 PM	Tifereth Annual Meeting
Thursday	05/06/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
Friday	05/07/04	9:00 AM	Senior Outing to Pella Tulip Festival
Saturday	05/08/04	10:00 AM	Joshua and Julia Lacher B'nai Mitzvah at the Temple
Sunday	05/09/04	9:30 AM	Men's Club at Tifereth
Sunday	05/09/04	11:30 AM	Beth El Sisterhood Mother's Day Brunch
Sunday	05/09/04		Men's Club Mother's Day Brunch at Tifereth
Tuesday	05/11/04	4:00 PM	Teachers' Institute at the Iowa Historical Museum
Thursday	05/13/04	7:00 PM	Second Year Melton Class Graduation
Friday	05/14/04	6:00 PM	Family Shabbat Potluck at Tifereth
Saturday	05/15/04	9:15 AM	Kelsey Kupitz Bat Mitzvah at Tifereth
Sunday	05/16/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
Sunday	05/16/04	11:00 AM	Jewish Food Fair at Temple B'nai Jeshurun
Sunday	05/16/04		DM Jewish Academy Spring Dinner
Monday	05/17/04	6:00 PM	Federation Executive Committee Meeting at The Caspe Terrace
Monday	05/17/04	7:00 PM	Federation Board of Directors Meeting at The Caspe Terrace
Thursday	05/20/04	11:30 AM	Senior Luncheon at the Temple
Thursday	05/20/04	7:00 PM	Melton Classes at Tifereth
Wednesday	05/26/04		SHAVUOT
Tuesday	05/25/04	7:00 PM	Tifereth Board Meeting
Saturday	05/29/04	9:15 AM	Jeremy Pour-El Sacks Bar Mitzvah at Tifereth
Saturday	05/29/04	10:00 AM	Sean Michael Buchsbaum Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
Sunday	05/30/04	5:30 PM	Jenny Khalastchi & Phil Blumberg wedding at Tifereth
Thursday	06/03/04	7:30 PM	Hadassah Speaker at The Caspe Terrace
Saturday	06/05/04	9:15 AM	Samuel Engman Bar Mitzvah at Tifereth
Sunday	06/06/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Women's League
Friday	06/11/04	6:00 PM	Family Shabbat Potluck at Tifereth, Camp Send-Off
Saturday	06/12/04	10:00 AM	Jeremy Scott Franklin Bar Mitzvah at the Temple
Sunday	06/13/04	7:00 PM	Federation Annual Meeting
Thursday	06/17/04	7:30 PM	AIPAC Council Meeting
Saturday	06/19/04	10:00 AM	Jacqueline Bassman Bat Mitzvah at the Temple
Sunday	06/20/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
Tuesday	06/22/04	7:00 PM	Tifereth Board Meeting
Thursday	06/24/04	7:30 AM	Big Band Cruise on the Mississippi, Senior Trip
Saturday	06/25/04		Ema DuBois Bat Mitzvah in Ames
Saturday	06/26/04	10:00 AM	Anna Aldridge Bat Mitzvah at the Temple

Mazel Tov

Mazel Tov to **Dr. Michael Schatz**, son of Sheldon and Dorothy Schatz, was installed as President of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology at their annual meeting in San Francisco, California.

Dr. Schatz is Chief of the Allergy Department of Kaiser Permanente, San Diego, CA. Dr. Schatz was valedictorian of the Roosevelt High School Class of 1964 and a National Merit Scholar.

Mazel Tov to **Laura Belin** for her inclusion among this year's "Under Forty" listing of top achievers by the Des Moines Business Record. The accompanying article lauds Laura for her efforts "to boost appreciation for culture and to help groom future leaders." Currently the President of the Iowa Foundation for Education, Environment and the Arts, Laura holds a doctorate in politics from Oxford, with specialization in Russian politics. As noted in the article, the Iowa Jewish Historical Society is among the non-profit organizations supported by the foundation she heads.

Laura, known to all of us as Laurie, is the daughter of the late Connie and David Belin of Des Moines. Both Connie and David set an example for their children by their outstanding leadership in both the Jewish Community and the community at large.

We are delighted that Laurie has chosen to make Des Moines her home with husband, Kieran Williams and their son, David.

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