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## Israel

## JFCS Teacher Krys Phillips Named Covenant Fellow



Krystyna Phillips, a popular teacher in the Jewish Federation's Community School with teaching experience in the West Des Moines and Des Moines Public Schools, has been awarded one of the ten Covenant Fellowships for 2004-2005 by the Covenant Foundation. The fellowship enables educators with five to nine years of experience who have demonstrated promise and leadership in Jewish education to attend professional development seminars and to prepare a project that focuses on a critical issue in Jewish education. The proposed project would include a research component, an action plan, and a plan for presentation in their community or school.

Krys teaches a variety of courses for our community. For the Religious School, she teaches 2nd grade Hebrew, Bible, prayers and customs. She teaches 7th grade Jewish history and the 8th grade Holocaust curriculum.

Krys graduated from Drake University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Masters in Secondary Education. In addition to teaching in the public schools, she has tutored English, reading and study skills independently and at Drake's PEP Academy. She currently is an Adjunct English instructor at DMACC Urban Campus.

Krys enjoys spending time with her husband, Bruce, and three children, Lydia (8), Sophia (4) and Zach (6 months), volunteers at her daughter's elementary school; loves creating scrapbooks, gardening, cooking and baking, reading, and dreaming up ideas for the novel she someday hopes to write.

"I adore my second grade students and their vivacity and love for their Jewish heritage," says Krys. "My goal is to learn teaching strategies which will engage my middle school students in their study of Jewish History and the Holocaust....As a Jewish educator, I learn just as much as I teach. Each interaction with students that I have and every bit of research that I do directly complement my Jewish identity....My goal as an educator is to instill within my students a deeper understanding and appreciation of their Jewish heritage. Ultimately, I hope that my students form their own sense of Jewish identity, making use of what they have learned in the classroom to

## Engman Camp Shalom Welcomes New Camp Director



The Federation welcomes Kelli Moore as Camp Director for Engman Camp Shalom for this summer, 2004. Kelli grew up in Nebraska and went to the University of Nebraska and Hastings College. After college, she taught elementary PE and coached for four years in Hastings, Nebraska. She has also lived in Cozad, Nebraska, where she accepted a position as head girls basketball coach and worked as an assistant manager at Camp Comeca, a 300 bed overnight camp.

Last year, Kelli moved to the Des Moines area to be close to family. She was able to get back into the educational field as Freshman Head Volleyball Coach at Valley High School and worked as a one-on-one special education associate at Crestview Elementary.

With Kelli's past experience at Camp Comeca, she will be a great asset to our Camp. Kelli loves kids and the camp setting and is very excited to get things going at Engman Camp Shalom. For those of you bringing your children to Engman Camp Shalom, please make sure you stop and meet Kelli and welcome her to Des

## Engman Camp Shalom Begins 47th Summer

Engman Camp Shalom 2003 was a wonderful camping experience for many children. This year should be even better! Engman Camp Shalom is an eight week program and is located at The Caspe Terrace, 3320 Ute Avenue in Waukee. Our Camp begins on Monday, June 21 and runs through Friday, August 13.

Many new and exciting ideas will be introduced this summer. For example, a few of our Maccabim events are our basketball, a 1 week with the Drake Bulldogs at the Knapp Center and Martial Arts week at Farrell's in Waukee. Also new this year is an advanced horseback riding week, needlepoint, and metal design.

## Celebrate 350: JEWISH LIFE IN AMERICA

Beginning September 2004, the national Jewish community will initiate a year-long series of programs marking 350 years of communal life in America.

At the head of this endeavor stands the Commission for Commemorating 350 Years of American Jewish History. The Commission is comprised of four research institutions whose collections provide the public with access to the records that document the history of American Jewry: The American Jewish Historical Society, The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, the Library of Congress, and the National Archives and Records Administration. As part of its mission "to enhance all peoples' understanding of the uniqueness of American democra-

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# Project Elijah Update

## Welcome to Iowa!

In May, community members welcomed to Des Moines, the Badgens. They are the first of the Argentinean families to be resettled by the Federation's Project Elijah. We offer a warm welcome to Gerardo and Francis and their children Samantha and Joaquin. Look for an update in the next edition



## PROJECT ELIJAH YOUTH MISSION PLANNED



Members of the Project Elijah Youth Mission to Buenos Aires held their final pre-travel orientation meeting on June 7. The mission, to be reported in the next issue of the Press, will take place June 13-18. Pictured: (back row) Ken Sims; Jake Carpenter; Alan Zuckert; Laura Berkson; Mara White; (front row): Michael Moskowitz; Sarah Cramer; Emily Kreamer. (Not pictured:) Katya Dimenstein and Ben

# Senior News

## Calendar of Events

### Wednesday, July 7th MESQUAWKI CASINO IN TAMA

We will leave Beth El parking lot at 10:00 am for a day of gambling and return around 4:00 pm. Reservations need to be made.

### Thursday, July 29th MYSTERY TRIP

Meet at Beth El at 3:00 pm for a mystery trip and meal. Dress very casually.

Cost for this event is \$6.00.

This will take the place of our July luncheon. Reservations needed.

For reservations call Dorothea at 277-6321.



Seniors enjoyed the Pella Tulip Festival in May

## Iowa Jewish Historical Society Caspe Heritage Gallery

new exhibit:

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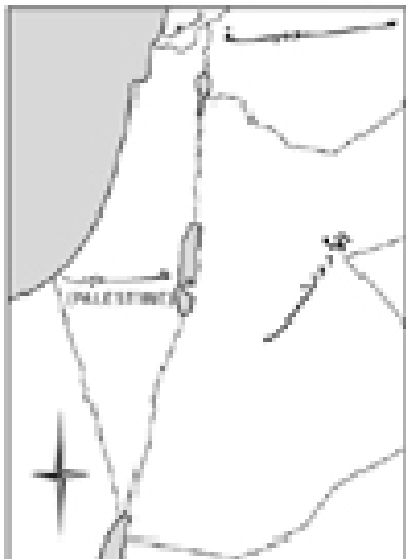
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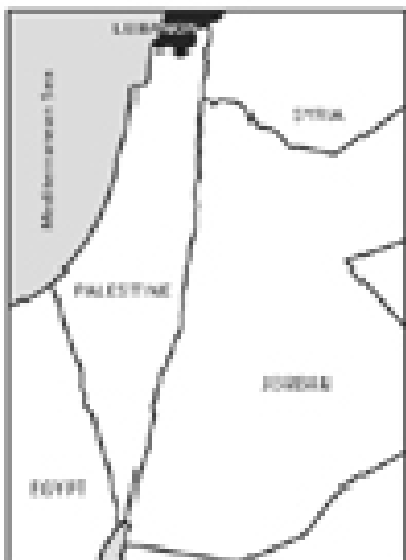
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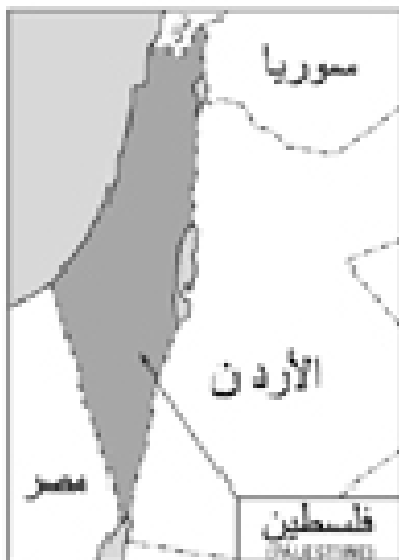
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## LETTERS

Dear JCRC,

Thank you so much for presenting the wonderful Teachers' Institute. We left encouraged and challenged, with the desire to motivate students to act to improve the world.

– Amy Lane, Sue Boyle, Kelly Butler, Johnston, IA

Dear JCRC,

I would like to thank the Federation for the efforts put forth to make the Teachers' Institute possible. As a Holocaust Resource Consultant, I specialize in the minority group of Jehovah's Witnesses. The educators I have worked with are concerned with teaching students positive ways to promote tolerance and respect within their own communities. Institutes such as yours help educators acquire the needed skills to effectively teach valuable lessons from the Holocaust.

– Sandra S. Milakovich, Davenport, IA

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## ISRAELI SCHLICHIM JOIN ENGMAN CAMP SHALOM

For the ninth summer, Engman Camp Shalom will have the wonderful opportunity to add to our staff two Israeli Shlichim. The summer Shlichim program of the Youth and Hehalutz Department of the State of Israel is committed to providing summer camps in the United States with qualified, professional staff from Israel to add a unique Jewish-Israeli dimension to the camp program. Our Shlichim have completed their service in the Israel Defense forces and an intense training program with other Shlichim who will come to the U.S. this summer. They will be part of our general counseling staff, in addition to being Israeli Specialists. Joining us this summer will be a young woman, Na'ama Levi from our Israel Partnership region, the Western Galilee, and a young man, Ran Veichman from Rishon LeTzion. Both are well qualified.

Na'ama and Ran will be staying with local host families, but are interested in getting to know as many people as possible. If you are interested in having them over or entertaining them in some way this summer, please let Lyanna Grund know at 277-

## THE ACADEMY

### The Tradition of Excellence Continues at the Academy

The dedication to providing an excellent religious education will continue at the Academy this fall. Classes will be provided during the 2:00–3:30 afternoon session Monday through Friday. A pluralistic education is the framework for the program. The Judaic courses will be taught by experienced certified teachers. Conversational Hebrew, Prayerbook Hebrew, Jewish History, Ethics, Torah Study, Holiday Celebrations and Cultural Activities are the focus of the curriculum.

Under the guidance of Rabbi HaLevi and with significant input from Rabbi Kaufman and our Rabbinical advisors, the program will seek to meet the needs of children from our entire Jewish community. The program will feature guest appearances and participation by our talented Jewish professionals. Rabbi HaLevi, Rabbi Kaufman, Cantorial Soloist Laura Berkson and Dr. Diedre Farr have agreed to assist the program.

With this Judaic Program in place, the Academy promises to make Kabbalat Shabbat, daily classes and morning minyan an inspiring and dynamic experience for our children. Art, music from our three Congregations, cooking, Israeli dancing, and serious Hebraic and Torah Study will make for an exciting and meaningful program for our students from Kindergarten through the Eighth grade.



(Far left) Jewish history comes alive as Moses Sloven plays Moses. (Left) Jamie Grossman studies Conversational Hebrew. (Below) Dr. Farr led Havdalah services weekly.

## JEWISH FEDERATION COMMUNITY

It seems just a short time ago that the 2003-2004 JFCS religious school year was just starting. We finished our last day on Sunday, May 9. JFCS is about making friends and making memories, learning about our culture and heritage and learning about what makes each of our students special. This year, our students, pre-Kindergarten through 10th grades spent time making new friends, learning with old friends and making memories from their experiences this year. Each grade learned a little more about their Jewish heritage and culture in different ways whether it was eating special foods, participating in a seder or program, reading and learning about our history, listening to speakers or taking special field trips.

Parents and students, during the summer, in case you run into any of our teaching staff, please take a moment to thank them for their dedication. As you know, even though our staff is paid, their dedication and time is worth so much more than we could offer. Our staff for the 2003-2004 school year included: Cynthia Shulman (Pre-K helper), Jamie Schnoebelen (Pre-K helper), Julie Seidenfeld (K), Julie Margolin (1st), Krys Phillips (2nd, 7th, 8th), Pat Johnson (3rd), Jane Abrams (4th), Rachele Hjelmaas (5th), Wendy Beckerman and Ben Kaufmann (Hebrew for 3rd – 5th grades), Rabbi Schwartzbaum (6th, Conversational Hebrew), Jody Hramits (5th, Ethics & Values Jr/Sr HS), Laura Berkson and Mike Siegel (youth group), Rabbi HaLevi (Ethics & Values, Confirmation), and Rabbi Kaufman (Jewish History, Confirmation). Stacie Franklin and Cathy Mansfield offer our Kindergarten through 2nd grades a musical Sunday morning service. On many occasions they will continue with the 3rd through 5th grades to offer them the opportunity to learn new songs, sing old ones, and join our students in their Sunday morning service. They have also helped to enhance many of our special programs throughout the year.

The help from our volunteers make it a little easier to get through the year. Volunteers in our classrooms were: Danielle Kitsis (Pre-K), Leah Cole (2nd), Arlene Wolf (2nd), David Brigham (Hebrew), Brandon Mazer (Hebrew) and Suse Lerner (snacks). I would like to thank all of the parents that have helped in the classrooms, during our programs, and cooking in the kitchen.

Teachers and volunteers, from the bottom of my heart THANK YOU. Our school is very fortunate to have the type of staff and volunteers that we do. Without you, our school would not be the success it has been from year to year. Keep up the good work and I look forward to another rewarding year.

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AMES JEWISH CONGREGATION RELIGIOUS

**Another year of school...**Where did the year go? Ames Jewish Congregation school year 2003-2004 comes to a close. The month of May was full of activity. The students celebrated Lag B'Omer with Smores and an archery demonstration by JAX Outdoor Gear. The kids got a chance to try archery. We only lost a few bows in the prairie. Our 4th-7th graders presented a program called Jewish Communities around the World. We learned about Jews in Spain through storytelling and a Bingo game. Famous Jews of America was presented using posters and tasting delicious food. Our last day of school involved a Shavuot Celebration. We enjoyed songs, a discussion about Shavuot, and dancing led by Susan Jackson. Thanks to Adah for baking cheese blintzes for everyone and bringing cheesecakes for dessert.

**Look at our year's activities!**

- Students made the AJC Mural for the 25th anniversary celebration
- Sukkah decorating
- Letter writing to family in Haifa who suffered a loss due to terrorism
- Making Mezuzahs for family Chanukah gifts
- Two Rabbi-led Torah Partners programs
- 6th and 7th grade Shul-in and Star Gazing Havdalah with DSM Federation School
- Tu B'Shevat Seder
- Making of Miriam/Elijah Cups with DSM Federation School
- Youth Group Purim Carnival
- AJC Clean up day
- Kindertransport Program with Ruth David
- Yom Ha'zikron- Israel Memorial Day assembly
- Yom Ha Atzma'ut Celebration
- Jewish Communities around the World
- Shavuot Celebration
- Class-led Shabbat services

Our year in review is really impressive thanks to the hard work of our teachers, staff and many parent volunteers. We have many teachers and families leaving this year. Best wishes to you all and stay in touch.

Have a wonderful, safe, healthy summer.

Ames Jewish Congregation is now taking enrollment for the 2004-2005 school year

- Jewish studies Kindergarten through 10th grade
- Hebrew classes 2nd through 7th grade
- Classes run September through May

FLORENCE MELTON ADULT MINI SCHOOL

Melton Graduation 2004

On Thursday, May 13, the sixth class of Melton Graduates in Des Moines celebrated their commencement in a moving ceremony in the Chapel at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. The students have successfully completed the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School curriculum. They have devoted two years of learning with their teachers and fellow students. In that course of time they have acquired a tremendous amount of knowledge and a true sense of friendship with their classmates. Louis Hockenberg and Barbara Hirsch-Giller were the Class of 2004 representatives. They gave their reflections of the past years' experiences. It was very meaningful to all of us.

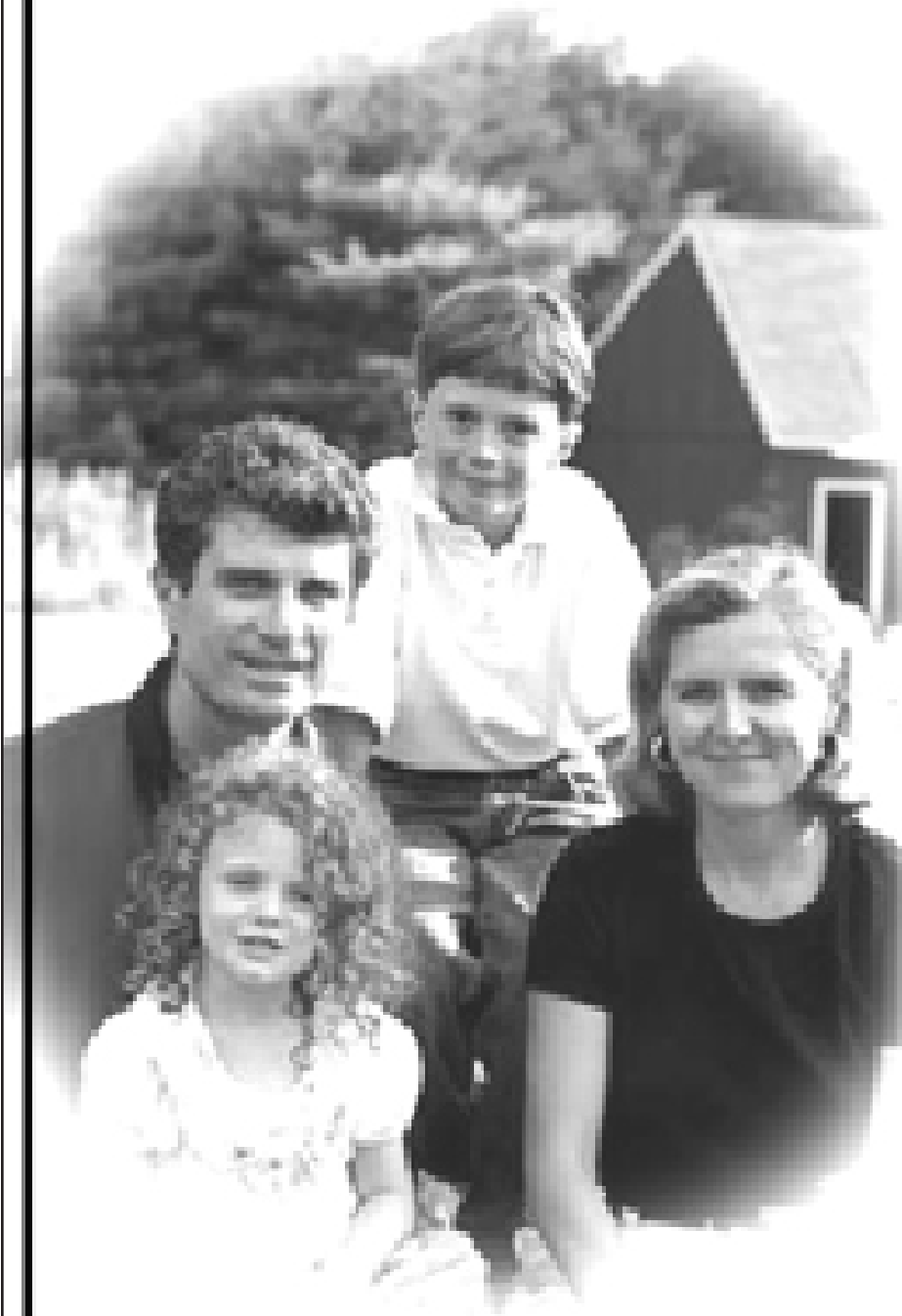
The Melton Graduates of Greater Des Moines Class of 2004 are:		
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## The Heifetz Family, Mixing Arts, Science, and Judaism



Did you know that we have with us in Des Moines an award-winning film director in Nava (Nussan) Heifetz? A graduate of Jerusalem's acclaimed Ma'ale School of Television, Film and the Arts, Nava produced two short-length films since 1998 that have been screened at over 16 festivals in Europe, Asia, North America, and Israel. She has also followed invitations to lecture on her films and cinematography at some of the venues worldwide. At least one of the films is currently available for sale on the internet.

Nava, her husband Eli, and their three boys, Yishai Yovel (5), Hillel Yosef (3) and Boaz Chaim (1), came from Israel to Des

Moines last August for a two-year period and live in Windsor Heights. Eli commutes to Ames where he holds a Post-Doctorate Fellowship in Genetics at ISU and the older boys attend the Des Moines Jewish Academy. The family are members of Beth El Jacob Synagogue, for which Eli conducts a class on the Torah.

It was at the Ma'ale School that Nava developed her artistic talents. The five year program at this religious-oriented school combined many areas of interest to Nava – art, music, philosophy, psychology, and aesthetic theory. These are all fields to which an aspiring screenwriter and director needs exposure, says Nava. Prior to entering the film school, Nava completed her undergraduate studies summa cum laude in Social Studies at Bar-Ilan University, outside Tel Aviv. Both she and her husband performed their military service, she in a teaching capacity and Eli rising in rank to First Sergeant in the infantry.

Nava looks forward to pursuing her art, but places her children's needs first. "While my children are young," she says, "I'll have to put my career on the back burner because working on films takes many hours and the deadlines can be rough. I'll go back to it more when my

children are more grown up." Nava does say, however, that she is absorbing all she can from living in Iowa, forming impressions that may well be included in some future film.

Both she and Eli are keen observers of American life and Jewish American life in particular. "Life here is so interesting, so different," she muses. "Living here makes me reflect on the differences between what I grew up with and what one finds here." Eli adds, "We are enjoying being here. We are both impressed to see how well people from different parts of the Jewish community get along together. Frankly, we haven't had much exposure at all to Reform and Conservative Judaism, living in Israel. Coming in contact with these other modes of living Jewishly is very rewarding and makes us think a lot about what we ourselves believe in and our own customs. Everything that was so obvious to us growing up in the society in which we grew up is now questioned. The challenge is very interesting." Nava and Eli are also fascinated by the diversity of religious life, in general, in Des Moines. As Eli says, "On every second street corner there are three churches, each one of them different. It's all very interesting." "The whole thing for us is an adventure," says Eli. And Nava adds, "And very fulfilling."

**Camp Shalom** continued from page 1

For a fun-filled summer, don't miss out on these wonderful opportunities.

### CAMP KIBBUTZ

K-2nd grade, hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Held at The Caspe Terrace, this program provides challenging activities from sports and games to creative drama, as well as a general camping program with swimming, arts and a variety of field trips. Campers have the option of half or full day.

### CAMP MACCABIM

2nd - 6th grade, hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

A specialty camp and leadership program designed to build confidence and skills within a specific activity. Focus on different activities allows campers to learn new skills, master old ones, enhance creativity and accomplishment. This year we are offering: archery, baseball, basketball, cheerleading, computers, horseback riding, Kosher cooking, magic, martial arts, metal design, pottery, science, soccer, and Sports Week along with swimming and field trips on Fridays.

### CAMP SABRA

7th & 8th Grade, Hours: 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Camp Sabra is for "older" campers who want to continue having tons of fun at Engman Camp Shalom while learning more about Israeli culture, leadership skills, building confidence and what it takes to be a "CIT" (counselor in training). Sabra campers will participate in the same activities as Camp Maccabim, but will spend some of their time shadowing



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# JCRC's Teachers' Institute 04



The 2004 Teachers' Institute on Holocaust Education, JCRC's 25th Institute, was held at the State Historical Building in May, in conjunction with the display of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum's exhibit, "The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936."

Our keynote speaker was Gerda Klein, noted author, whose Holocaust memoir, "All But My Life" was the basis for HBO's Academy Award-winning documentary, "One Survivor Remembers." Workshops at the Institute were given by former Social Studies Supervisor for the Des Moines Schools Carol Brown and Rabbi David Kaufman from Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

Thanks are extended to our speakers, to the State Historical Society for use of the facilities, to the USHMM for the provision of materials, to

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Keynote speaker Gerda Klein (right) with Institute Co-chair Roselind Rabinowitz\*



Teachers seated with community hosts Lyanna Grund (right), Jody Hramits, and Julie Seidenfeld

Table with H





(Left:) USHMM National Holocaust Council member Bud Hockenberg\* with Marvin and Rose Lee Pomerantz, primary patrons of the Olympics



(Top to bottom:) Institute Co-chair Elana Schneider\* along with Paulee Lipsman\*, Des Moines Schools Superintendant Eric Witherspoon, Roselind Rabinowitz\*, Toni and Tim Urban Joan and Robert Mannheimer\*, Joanne and Milt Brown\*, and Sheldon Rabinowitz\*  
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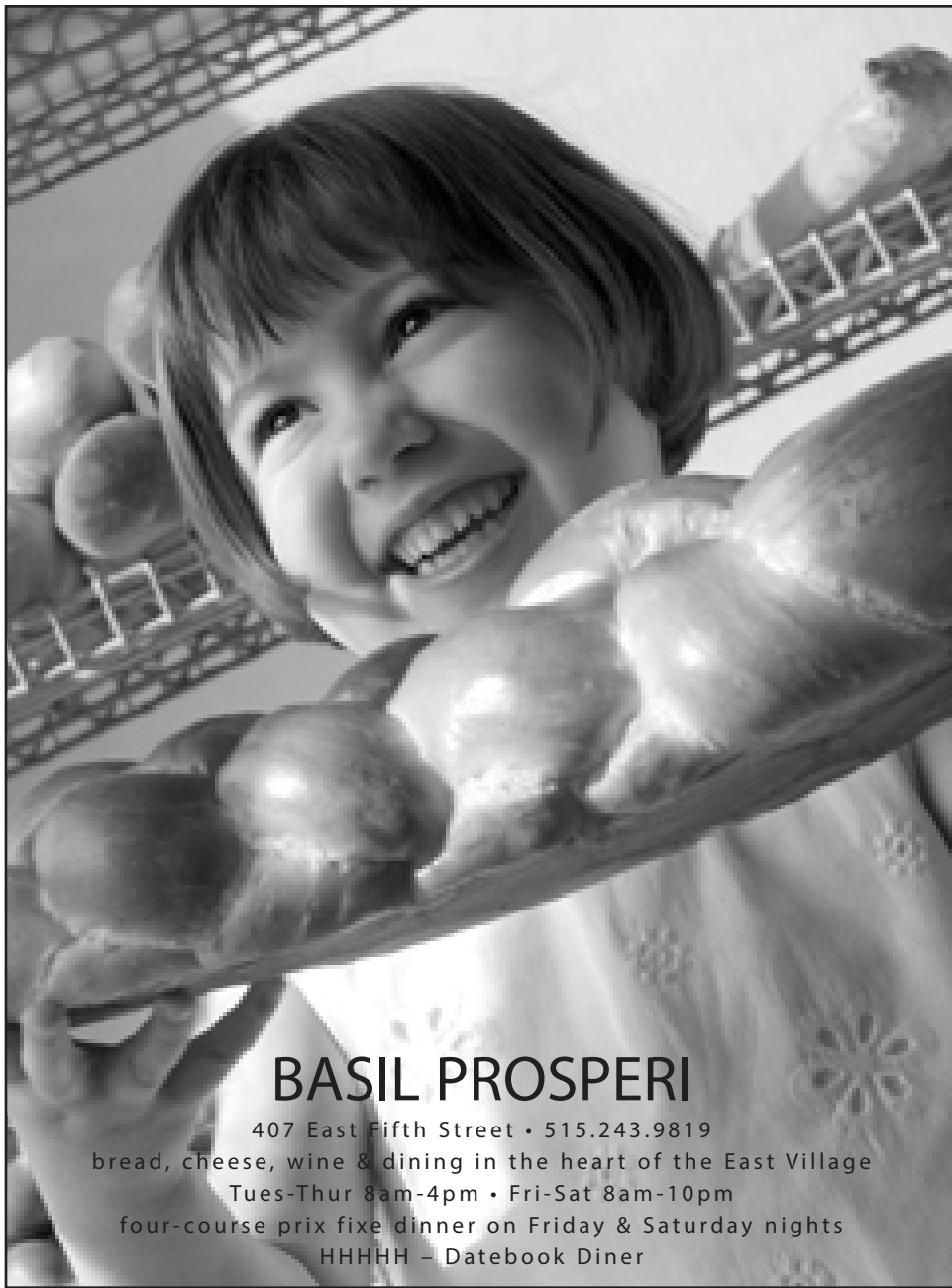


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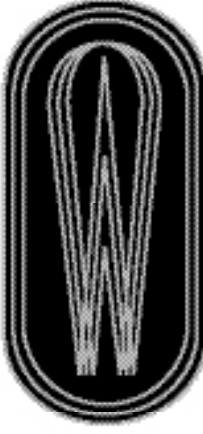
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## KEEPING UP WITH BETSY ROSENBLATT

By Robin Bear



Betsy Rosenblatt could walk into a room full of strangers and within moments the strangers would become her friends. She has an abundant laugh and energetic personality; she exudes friendliness. The problem might be keeping up with Betsy. As her junior year in high school comes to a close, she leaves behind a year of high achievement, success in sports, and an extremely active schedule.

Growing up in a home located directly behind Terrace Hill in Des Moines, Betsy, the daughter of Ron Rosenblatt and Suzy Robinette, attended Greenwood Elementary School. She lovingly calls those years her “best years”, but is passionate about her entire life; one gets the feeling that each of her years is a “best year”. Although Betsy moved to West Des Moines with her mom and dad and sister Katie several years ago, her heart stayed in the city. She chooses to attend Roosevelt High School and Central Campus, and loves the diversity of the student body that she finds there.

Betsy, a strong athlete, has been part of the Varsity Cross Country and Varsity Track teams since she was a freshman. This year she qualified for state in Cross Country, both individually and as a member of her team. Even though the school sports have ended, Betsy won't stop running. With a full time summer job, she still expects to run sixty to seventy miles each week. “Running is more than a sport and it has gained a lot of importance in my life,” says Betsy. She says she feels “thrown off” when she doesn't have the time or opportunity to run.

Between a class schedule filled with numerous AP classes and a heavy dose of sports, other school activities grabbed Betsy's attention. She participated in the National Council for Youth Leadership, Key Club, Rider's Club, French Club, Art Club and she was also invited to join the National Honor Society.

Betsy took an active role in USY, United Synagogue Youth, at Tifereth Israel Synagogue this year, serving as Vice President. She was responsible for one of the most successful USY events of the year. When Betsy heard one of her favorite musical groups,

### Celebrate 350 from page 1

the Commission will undertake to produce the following:

- An exhibit on 350 years of American Jewish history sponsored by the Library of Congress. This exhibit will include documents and records from all of the institutions in the Commission.
- A traveling exhibit on 350 years of American Jewish history that will open in a select number of communities in the United States of America.
- An internet website commemorating 350 years of American Jewish history. In addition to marking this historical milestone, the website will also serve as a gateway to the impressive historical resources that currently exist on the internet. See: [www.celebrate350.org](http://www.celebrate350.org).
- A series of public media productions that advance the public's awareness of the history of Jewish life in the American nation.
- A series of educational initiatives, electronic and in print, that will serve all organizations, institutions and individuals who are interested in the study and teaching of American Jewish history.
- A Scholar's Conference that will bring together scholars of American Jewish History.

The tri-sesquicentennial commemoration dates itself from the landing in New Amsterdam (today's New York City) in 1654 of a small group of Jews from Recife, Brazil. Fleeing persecution and seeking refuge, this first boatload was the vanguard of millions of Jews to follow. They wrote the first page of an extraordinary new chapter in the annals of the Jewish people. Since that time, Jews have been an inseparable part of this nation's history, and America an inseparable part of Jewish history.

As we approach this anniversary year, we recall the journeys that have brought Jews to America from every

**1654** Portugal recaptures Brazil and expels Jews and Protestants. While most Jews return to Holland, a boat with twenty-three Jews sails into New Amsterdam.

**1655** Jews win the right to settle in New Amsterdam, establish a Jewish community.

**1655-64** New Amsterdam has an organized Jewish community

**1664** The English conquer New Amsterdam and rename it New York

**1678** Newport Jews buy a cemetery but there is no permanent community

corner of the earth: Jews of diverse backgrounds and persuasions – men, women, and children who fled oppression and embraced opportunity, who escaped persecution and found freedom, who shunned indignity and pursued equality for themselves and their descendants. Finding their home in this nation of immigrants, they responded with enthusiasm to the promise of religious liberty and equality of rights, freely adding their own descant to the varied carol of American voices.

Here they built communities, schools, libraries, hospitals, houses of worship, and enterprises of every description. Here they developed the determination and capacity to aid their fellow Jews throughout the world. Here, as participants in America's civic, social, economic, and cultural life, they became ardent champions of America's highest values, active in great social reform movements, in the pursuit of justice, in the expansion of knowledge, and in the realization of human dignity.



## Meet Craig Shadur

by Toni Urban



Craig Shadur does not own a restaurant or hang out a shingle advertising his proficiency as a chef, but his reputation is wide spread!

Craig Shadur was born and raised in Des Moines with his sister, Nicki, who now lives in Chicago and West Palm Beach. His wonderful and loving parents, Marie and Mel Shadur, nurtured their children and passed along many treasures, but Craig insists that his cooking skills were not one of them!

Craig attended Cranbrook Prep School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and Northwestern University in Chicago for his undergraduate program. He returned briefly to Iowa to attend the University of Iowa Medical School and went on to do his internship and residency in one of Harvard's programs in Boston.

Craig returned to Des Moines and is in private practice in nephrology. He served as Medical Staff President at Iowa Methodist Hospital and currently chairs the Quality Committee at the Central Iowa Health System. Craig receives rave reviews as a physician, a very kind, caring and understanding one.

Having spent time in Mexico during Craig's youth, he became fluent in Spanish

and is an official Spanish interpreter for the Central Iowa Health System and Mercy Medical Center. He also gives medical lectures in Spanish.

But beyond Craig's skills as a physician are his many loves including his wife of eleven years, Kimberly. Kimberly and Craig met at a wine tasting session years before they wed. Craig was on the wine board, an appointment of the Governor, where decisions were made as to which wines should be sold in the Iowa Liquor Stores.

Craig has always enjoyed cooking and has participated in numerous cooking programs. One of Craig's many classes was in Des Moines with Florence Purnell. Under Craig's quiet demeanor is also a prankster who planted a canned container of parmesan cheese in a pantry at the Purnell's during a cooking class, only to tease Florence when it was found there. Canned parmesan cheese is a no no to the better chefs!

Craig's cooking instructions have taken him to California and various other locations.

Craig and Kimberly

attended a week of classes at Raymond Blanc's famous restaurant outside of Oxford, England called Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons. Each day after a full load of classes Craig rode his bicycle in the English countryside. One particular day he had a flat tire and unable to find the hole in the inner tube, he approached a farmhouse and asked the woman at home if he could borrow a pail of water to test for a leak. She was very obliging. Craig, appreciating her friendliness, had a huge chocolate mousse cake made for

her at Raymond Blanc's and had a limousine with driver take him in coat and tie to deliver it to her. Her response at that point was "how can I explain this to my husband?"

Craig's thirst for knowledge is endless and he reads newspapers with great interest. He is a member of the Prairie Club where individuals are intellectually challenged by presenting research papers to the group on obscure subjects from which they have had no previous knowledge

## Scones

A recipe from Craig Shadur

Dairy

2 lbs All Purpose Flour

1 cup Butter

1 cup Sugar

1 cup Golden Raisins

2 oz Baking Powder

1 cup Milk

2 Eggs

**Beat** butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs gradually mixing well until totally incorporated.

Gradually **stir** in sifted flour, baking powder and golden raisins. The mixture should resemble bread crumbs.

**Add** the milk and knead until dough is soft. **Roll** out on a slightly floured surface to a thickness of 1 to 1 1/2 inches.

**Cut** with a cookie cutter the desired size.

**Bake** at 375 degrees for 15 to 20 minutes. Enjoy with preserves of your choice.

**Note:** These scones freeze raw extremely well. They may be baked when frozen for a perfect scone.

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This is for all women interested in becoming members of our Women's League and also for our current members. Look for more information in your mail!

## AMES JEWISH CONGREGATION

**Friday, July 2, 8:00 p.m.** Shabbat service led by Rabbi Rosenbloom and Gretchen Wool. An Oneg will follow the service.

**Saturday, July 3, 10:00 a.m.** Shabbat morning service. Gretchen Wool's Bat Mitzvah. A kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

**Friday, July 16, 8:00 p.m.** Shabbat services led by the Kawaler family.

**Friday, July 30, 8:00 p.m.** Shabbat service led by Rabbi Rosenbloom and Nicole Robson. An Oneg will follow the service.

**Saturday, July 31, 10:00 a.m.** Nicole Robson's Bat Mitzvah Service led by Rabbi Rosenbloom and Nicole Robson. A kiddush luncheon will follow the service.

**Saturday, August 7, 10:00 a.m.** Shabbat morning services led by the Kawaler family.

**Friday, August 20, 8:00 p.m.** Shabbat services led by Rabbi Rosenbloom and Lauren Kawaler. An Oneg will follow the service.

## LIFE CENTER NAMED RECIPIENT OF CHUBB CHARITY GOLF CHALLENGE

The Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center is pleased to announce that it has received a gift of \$7,000 from the Fourth Annual Chubb Charity Golf Challenge. Since inception, this annual event has raised nearly \$750,000 for charities across the U.S. and Canada.

Golf teams representing insurance agencies, their customers, and Chubb representatives competed in the two-day event at the Hyatt Regency Lake Las Vegas Resort, Spa, & Casino in Henderson, Nevada. Based upon each team's finish in the competition, prize money was awarded to the charitable organizations chosen by each team.

Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. of Iowa, Inc. participated in the Tournament and selected The Life Center as the recipient of the prize money which resulted from their

successful finish in the Challenge. Golfing in the event were area locals, Kent Rosenberg, Area Vice President of Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. of Iowa, Inc., Dr. Phil Bear, Iowa Heart, Steve Fredrick, Principal of Frontier Leasing Corporation, Joe Palmer, Owner of Palmer Deli, and Rick Mauk, Branch President of Chubb Insurance Company.

The Life Center is grateful for the efforts of these individuals, as well as the



**Kent Rosenberg (l) and Richard Mauk (r) presenting Life Center Executive Director Stephen Blend with check**

## Jewish War Veterans

Members from the local JWV chapter decorated the graves of veterans for Memorial Day. If you are aware of a veteran's grave that had been neglected, please contact Jerry Geller at 276-3222.

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## A Report From CAMERA: NPR Turns to Guardian Reporter for Lessons in Israel Bashing

London's Guardian newspaper is notorious for its anti-Israel bias. Apparently indifferent to journalism's code of ethics, many Guardian reporters tend to value advocacy journalism over unembellished fact. For example, correspondent Chris McGreal routinely uses his reports from the Middle East to blame, deprecate, and attack Israel and its leader, presenting Palestinian claims as fact. His articles, with such titles as "The Real Obstacle to Peace is Not Terror, But Sabotage by Sharon-Backed Army" (6/20/03), "Caged" (9/3/03), "Israel's Deadly Thirst" (1/13/04), and "Land Grab in Gaza Casts Doubt on Pullout" (2/27/2004) are frequently reprinted on Palestinian websites.

It is to this partisan journalist, however, that NPR turned on Tuesday morning, May 18, 2004, to discuss Israel's military actions in the Gaza Strip. There was not a single Israeli voice heard on this segment to explain Israel's perspective. McGreal was introduced as a reporter for London's Guardian in Rafah giving listeners the impression that they would be hearing an objective journalistic account of events in the region. The segment was anything but that.

McGreal presented Israel as a brute aggressor, ignoring the context of Israel's military action and attempting to cast doubt on Israel's stated motives. Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Al Aqsa Brigade leaders were referred to by McGreal as "fighters." When asked about the network of weapons-smuggling tunnels which were the target of Israel's actions, McGreal replied: "Well they're not finding very many, and critics of Israeli policy say that the level of destruction bears no relation to the number of tunnels found. I think that over the past year, in the Rafah area, they discovered perhaps a dozen tunnels. In the past eight months, they destroyed more than 600 homes"

In fact, Israel has thus far uncovered and destroyed over 85 weapons smuggling tunnels on the Philadelphi route since the beginning of the intifada-- 34 in 2002, over 40 in 2003, and 11 since January 2004. Terrorist groups such as Hamas and PFLP, as well as the "rearmament network" of the Palestinian Authority use the Rafah tunnels to import illegal weapons into the Gaza Strip and arm their members. According to the IDF, dozens of RPG rockets and launchers,

hundreds of kilograms of explosives, hundreds of AK-47 Kalashnikovs, tens of thousands of bullets, and thousands of cartridges have been smuggled into the Gaza Strip via the tunnels. There have also been efforts to smuggle in more advanced weapons via the tunnels. According to the IDF, Israel's military actions are not to demolish homes but are aimed at stopping the transfer of smuggled weapons, arresting the tunnel builders, and ending the large-scale smuggling of dangerous weapons used against Israelis.

McGreal's numbers are suspect, aimed at minimizing the threat to Israel and maximizing the effect of Israel's military measures on Palestinians. For example, he states that on Friday, May 14 alone, "the Israelis destroyed about 200 homes in an assault on 2 areas of the refugee camp"

However, on Sunday, May 15, the United Nations stated that the IDF had demolished 88 homes in the Rafah refugee camp, and a later UN report stated that fewer than 200 homes (191) were demolished in all of Gaza during the first 15 days of May. The Israeli army differed, saying that it had demolished 40 houses that Palestinian gunmen had used for cover. But McGreal does not allow facts get in the way. He proclaims to listeners his opinion of the true motives behind the military actions in Gaza, vaguely attributing it to Israel's critics.

"I think that there is a consensus among Palestinians and amongst many Israelis, including left-wing MP's who describe what's going on as illegal, as a war crime, that, in fact, the excuse that they are hunting for weapons-smuggling tunnels is actually a cover for the wholesale destruction of parts of the refugee camp, and what the Palestinian prime minister actually described as ethnic cleansing."

With no Israeli to refute or supply context to McGreal's reporting, listeners are left with a one-sided, anti-Israel account of events and a repetition of McGreal's credentials as a Western journalist. Just in case NPR listeners did not catch McGreal's biased report on Morning Edition, the network's evening "All Things Considered" featured him once more, again casting doubt on the Israeli military's purpose by misleadingly suggesting that Israel

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To Craig and Kimberly's credit they have used their love of cooking for the benefit of Des Moines. Craig cooked with Martin Bucksbaum, Lou Schneider and Sig Anderson on behalf of the Des Moines Art Center in an event called Men Who Cook. They have frequently cooked for benefits on behalf of Orchard Place and have given Opera Dinners. Craig even hosted a benefit some years ago for the Des Moines Public Library by bringing in the famous chef, baker, and writer, Sylvia Thompson.

Craig is active in the community

having served for years on the board of the Jewish Senior Life Center, WOI and was the former President of the Des Moines Metro Opera Guild. He is chairman of the budget committee of the Des Moines Art Center Board of Trustees, on the Board of the Nature Conservancy and a member of the Government Affairs Committee of the American Society of Nephrology. He presently sits on the Gift Acceptance Committee at Caspe Terrace.

On a quiet afternoon Craig will often whip up some scones. Because of Craig's many trips to England he has enjoyed the tradition of afternoon tea of which scones are a perfect accompaniment. He has graciously shared his recipe with us.

## Israel Independence Day '04



Keynote address for Yom HaAtzma'ut was given by University of Iowa Hillel Director, Dr. Jerry Sorokin (pictured at bottom left with Bud Hockenberg).

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## A Polish Soldier's Story

David Weiczner was born in Krakow in 1922 to parents Pinchas and Rachel. When the Germans invaded Poland in 1939, David and his father, like many others, fled to the east in hopes of escaping the Germans. His mother Rachel and sister Shaindel (Shoshana) were thought to be safe in their homes. But safety from the Nazis was not possible and his mother and sister were taken to their death in Belzec concentration camp.

The eastern region of Poland soon came under the control of the Russians and David and his father found themselves under Russian leadership. All refugees from Poland were required by the Russians to register. Each refugee was asked a series of questions by the Russian government to determine suitability and loyalty to the Communist Russian system. Would you like to become a Russian citizen? Do you have any relatives in the United States? David realized that he must have answered in an incorrect fashion when he and his father were then isolated with other "undesirables". In the middle of the night, he and his father were taken to a labor camp in Russia. They were given a five year sentence because they were determined to be a "Social Danger". After two years in the camp, all Polish citizens were released. David went on to Kazakhstan, where he joined the Polish army. Since David was a high school graduate, he was eligible for Officers training and earned the rank of Lieutenant.

Pinchas informed the Rabbi of his son's education in a religious high school. There David Weiczner had received three hours of Judaic study each day. The Rabbi was looking for a replacement for his assistant who had immigrated to Palestine.

David finished his army career working for Rabbi Kahane in Warsaw. Their main mission was to locate Jewish children who had been hidden with Gentile families to escape the Nazi concentration camps. They were determined to find these children who were the sole survivors of their family and return them to the Jewish community. Whenever information about a possible Jewish child came to them, David would investigate the claim. His Lieutenant's uniform and the promise of monetary compensation for the foster families convinced the Polish families to acknowledge that the children were from a Jewish family. These hidden children were then sent to a Jewish Agency in England and from there, when safe passage and proper papers could be obtained, made aliyah to the new state of Israel.

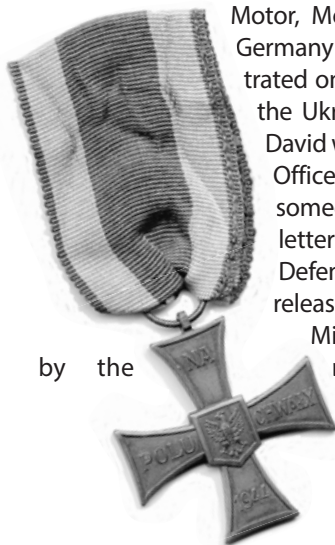
When Rabbi Kahane left Warsaw for Palestine in 1947, David left the military and returned to school. He received the equivalent of a master's degree in economics and statistics. Due to the increasing anti-Semitism and political unrest, David decided that there was no future in Poland. In January of 1969, David, his wife Janina, and children Tamara and Alexander crossed the border into Austria with six suitcases, no clothing, a few personal posses-



Pinchas and David Weiczner, 1946



David Weiczner with his unit in the Polish Army, 1944.



Cross of the Courageous, presented to David Weiczner,

Lieutenant David Weiczner commanded a unit of the Infantry Motor, Mortar Division. When the war with Germany ended, the Russian military concentrated on defeating anti-Communist forces in the Ukraine. While fighting in the Ukraine, David was called to report to the Regimental Office. He was asked if he was related to someone in Warsaw. He had received a letter from Personnel Department of the Defense Ministry requesting that he be released in order to report to the Defense Ministry in Warsaw. David was baffled request, but soon learned that he was needed to serve under the Chief Military Rabbi for the Polish Army, David Kahane.

Rabbi David Kahane became aware of Weiczner when visiting in Krakow. He was approached by David's father Pinchas.

## B'nai Mitzvah

### Gretchen Wool

Saturday, July 3, 10:00 a.m.  
Ames Jewish Congregation

Shabbat morning service. A kiddush luncheon will follow.

### Nicole Robson

Saturday, July 31, 10:00 a.m.  
Ames Jewish Congregation

Sevrvicce led by Rabbi Rosenbloom and Nicole Robson. A kiddush luncheon will follow.

### Lauren Kawaler

Saturday, August 21, 10:00 a.m.  
Ames Jewish Congregation

Shabbat morning service led by Rabbi Rosenbloom and Lauren Kawaler. A kiddush luncheon will follow.

### Jacob John Bruggemann

Saturday, September 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Temple B'nai Jeshurun

Susan Madorsky and Edward Bruggemann are delighted to

announce that our son Jake will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah. Please join us in worship and celebration at 10 a.m. at Temple B'nai

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JCRC members met recently with Congressman Leonard Boswell, who represents our local district.



Members of the Ames community with noted author David Horovitz (2nd from left) at recent Israel

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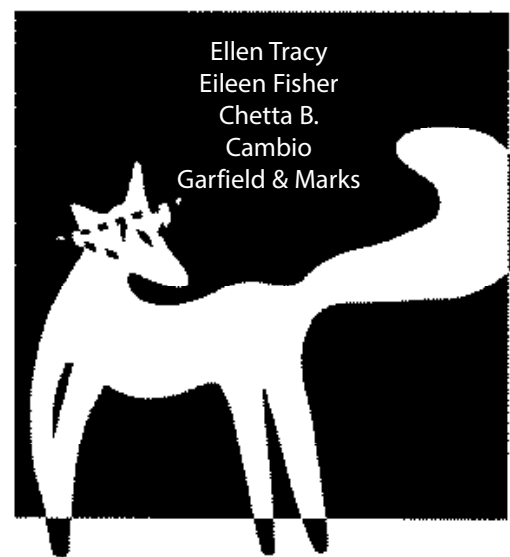
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Wednesday	07/07/04	10:00 AM	Senior Outing to Tama Casino
Wednesday	07/14/04		Republican Jewish Coalition, Washington, DC
Sunday	07/18/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
Tuesday	07/27/04	7:00 PM	Tifereth Board Meeting
Thursday	07/29/04	3:00 PM	Senior Outing – Mystery Trip
Saturday	07/31/04	10:00 AM	Nicole Robson Bat Mitzvah in Ames
Thursday	08/05/04	6:30 PM	Community School Board Meeting
Sunday	08/05/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Women’s League
Sunday	08/15/04	10:00 AM	Tifereth Investment Club
Saturday	08/21/04	10:00 AM	Lauren Kawaler Bat Mitzvah in Ames

## Mars Rover Falls Short in Mission

Despite the tangible and significant successes achieved by the Mars Rover in its recent mission, the endeavor failed to go far enough in its goal toward finding evidence of life.

Persistent calls by this author to NASA, urging them to go one step further, went unheeded. The result? The Mars mission remained content to have the Rover identify the former presence of water. OK. But the crucial evidence of seltzer went uncollected.

Seltzer goes with everything. Time was you wouldn’t have a pastrami sandwich without a little seltz. Moreover, where there is seltzer, there is usually a free side dish of pickles, and sometimes, although not nearly as common anymore, the free basket of deli rye bread. Now that’s living! And as anyone who has ever placed his dentures overnight in seltzer can attest, it is effective. Hoo ha!

So who would go all the way to Mars and not look for seltzer? Water is fine – for washing. But nothing quenches thirst like a good shpritz. Am I right?

So how could there possibly be life on Mars without seltzer? Beats me.

If on the next mission NASA wants to look for seltzer, that would be good. But while they’re at it, I think they need to determine if the rocks they’re studying are really rocks or matzoh balls, not that there are that many differences between these objects in my family’s cooking, if you know what I mean. And then if they have some time left over, they should look for the existence of a shul on Mars, which may be difficult to find if they aren’t looking in a suburb. But they should stick to looking for seltzer first, is what I think.

## Mazel Tov

Michael Drob, a graduate of Valley High School, was selected among the "Best of the Class of 2004" as featured on WOI-TV. Keynote speaker for the honors luncheon was Dr. David Skorton, President of the University of Iowa. Mazel tov to Michael and his parents Zina and Dimitry.

Gabriel (Gabi) Gershowitz graduated from the George Washington University in Washington, DC, with a BA in Political Science and a minor in philosophy. Gabriel will graduate as a University Honors Student and will be inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. Gabi has been accepted as a Masters in Public Policy (MPP) candidate in George Washington's School of Public Policy and Public Administration. Mazel tov to Gabi and to his parents Tova and

Rosenblatt continued form page 10 About twenty kids attended the event, some hearing the band for the first time.

Between family vacations and school trips, Betsy has been to Europe six times. She describes her favorite place traveled, so far, as Lake Lucerne in Switzerland; a pristine lake with cool, crisp air surrounded by mountains. It’s a place that has obviously captured her heart. Next summer Betsy is looking forward to traveling with Katie on a school trip that will take the two sisters on a tour of England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Greece and other countries.

Betsy enjoys her large extended family and has many relatives on her mom’s side living within the state of Iowa, while her dad’s side of the family lives in New York. She sees relatives often and loves hearing the stories her parents and grandparents tell, including a favorite told about her great-grandfather and his friendship with Albert Einstein. Several years ago her father made a video diary that captured her grandparents on tape. It’s no wonder Betsy feels the importance of family and preserving the history of their lives through stories.

Betsy describes her grandmother as an amazing role model who, at the age of 70, returned to college to complete her degree at Cornell. Betsy loves the talks she has with her grandmother about history, politics, and the role Betsy’s grandfather played in WWII.

Betsy says that her mom has been a positive influence motivating her to take an active interest in politics. Last



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