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Community Report

Engman Camp Shalom

- Engman Camp Shalom enjoyed 10 weeks of camp at Caspe Terrace this summer. Field trips, swimming lessons, art and cooking were just a few of the activities that kept kids busy
- Over 75 different children enjoyed ECS this summer
- Winter Break Camp is scheduled for December. Contact anna@jewishdesmoines.org for more information

Beit Sefer Shalom

- Sunday School began September 8
- Global Day of Jewish Learning is November 17 from 9-12 at Caspe Terrace. All are welcome!
- Teachers and Madrichim volunteered with Meals from the Heartland on August 28 at Hy-Vee Hall

Gan Shalom

- Gan Shalom Camp offered 11 weeks of camp, with 57 children participating in the program
- Gan Shalom Children's Garden is registered with the 'Plant. Grow. Fly' initiative with Blank Park Zoo. Children planted region-specific flowers and grasses for Midwestern pollinators.
- Gan Shalom Preschool started on Monday, August 26, 2019

Jewish Community Relations

- Federation co-sponsored the ADL's annual Supreme Court Review screened at Drake Law School
- JCRC conducted the third in a series of Antisemitism Forums
- JCRC held an Iowa Council for Holocaust Education meeting in Grinnell
- JCRC participated in the Summer Israel Partnership Summit via Skype
- Federation enabled the Iowa Department of Education's Echoes and Reflections Workshops to be held at Caspe Terrace

Iowa Jewish Historical Society

- IJHS Presents Talk by One of the Youngest Prisoners Liberated from Auschwitz – Join the IJHS on September 15 or 16 to hear Michael Bornstein and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat talk about Michael's experiences during the Holocaust. More details on page 26
- Interested in Jewish Genealogy? The IJHS is exploring the possibility of forming a Jewish genealogical group in central Iowa. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sandi Yoder at ijhs@dmjfed.org or call 515-987-0899 ext. 216

Jewish Family Services and Outreach

- On July 11, Bev Ellis came and worked with the seniors to make tote bags. We had lots of fun embellishing them!



Your support of this year's fundraising effort will strengthen the cornerstone that strengthens our community today and well into the future.

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Federation's New President Introduces The Cornerstone Campaign



Michael Wolnerman
President

I'd like to welcome, our new Executive Director, Jeff Kurtz-Lendner and his wife, Robin, to our community and home at the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. We should be grateful to Sharon Goldford for tireless service in her "temporary position" that lasted over three years.

We have begun our annual campaign and I am pleased to announce that we have over \$100,000 to kick it off in the right way. You may have heard there is a change to the campaign. This year we are calling it the Cornerstone Campaign. We selected Cornerstone specifically because it addresses something that is foundational.

When we look at the services provided by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, many of them are indeed foundational to our Jewish Community.

In today's climate, our reliance on the Federation to provide support is increasing.

My goal with the campaign is not to "boil the ocean," but perhaps some rivers and streams. The Federation relies heavily on your contributions. Your help to really kick start and ultimately succeed in this campaign is up to all of us.

Rabbi Berg and I talked about the Art of Giving a lot during our conversations. He always spoke of Maimonides. If we look at Maimonides' levels of giving, your tzedakah ultimately might fall along his level three, where the giver knows

who is getting the funds, but the receiver does not know who provided them. The greatest level, above which there is no greater, is to support a fellow Jew by endowing him with a gift or loan or entering into a partnership with him, or finding employment for him, in order to strengthen his hand so that he will not need to be dependent upon others.

It is an honor and challenge to be in the position to raise money for the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines.

Our Cornerstone Campaign has the goal of \$526,500 and we feel it is an attainable goal, but it is going to require some of you to look at your giving plans and perhaps reevaluate your giving priorities, just as it has mine. As I've been told time and time again, Jews have to support Jewish Organizations.

We can't expect others to support us if we don't do our part. Remember, Charity Starts at Home and this is our home.

Everyone will be asked to provide support for all of the services we offer to the extent they can. And know that we will gladly accept what you can contribute and please do contribute.

Give until it hurts mantra or give so it feels good is another. Count on me to take it either way.

Over the past several months, I have met with people face to face, attended special fundraising classes and learned a lot from both historians and transplants to our community.

We can agree on much where we excel and where we see weaknesses. In my discussions, it has become apparent that some things should be done "old school" and we will where appropriate.

Know that my family has skin in the game. Our children have participated in the educational programming. My father benefits from our terrific social services.

Our youngest son enjoys the friendships he's creating and we hope they last a lifetime. Missy and I continue to make the Federation a priority with our time and attention.

The Federation does so many things well. We provide a Jewish

Education and social network to our children through Gan Shalom, Beit Sefer Shalom, Engman Camp Shalom and our Madrichim program. We ensure that the seniors among us are supported with meals, transportation and other assistance. We take care of each other by helping to pay for utilities, rent, medication and food.

We ensure that children who might not otherwise be able to participate with school or camp can be involved through generous donations and endowments to our programming. We combat antisemitism by directly and immediately addressing it when we see it.

We reach out to our community with events and experiences like Holocaust Education or our wonderful Jewish Historical Museum.

Count on us to expand our exposure through local sources like our newspaper or Business Publications when there is something to report or good news to share with the community at large.

You will continue to see improvements in our Federation and its presence.

You may have noticed an increase in the technology used in our classrooms, bringing more opportunities to engage our kids.

This became available through one specific generous donor. All this also comes with a price tag that unfortunately, is happening all across America and the world today.

We have to continually upgrade our security to the building and grounds for the safety of our children, staff, visitors and ourselves. Our new Executive Director has wonderful ideas and a fresh perspective to share and implement in our community. All this happens with financial support.

Count on the Federation to listen and add to our services where it makes sense and is affordable. Things change, needs change, time marches on and how things once operated are not how they necessarily need to operate going forward.

We continually strive to address the needs for a healthy, resilient community and that is where you

come in.

So, please look around at the wonderful environment we have here today. Bennie had his bris here at Caspe. Many have had Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebrations here and other life cycle events. Eventually, we will have more celebrations here and out in the beautiful compound. Let's be sure it exists in the years to come.

Now, I am no John F. Kennedy, but he was on point to ask what we can do for our Country. I am encouraging you to think about what you can do for your Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. To build on our previous success and find ways to improve and

stay relevant to everyone who needs us, and those who may need us yet. This is my goal.

How can you help us get there? There are plenty of ways and it starts with your attention. If it is financial support, count on us to ensure that the funds are absolutely spent wisely and used where absolutely needed. You have a voice in all of this too.

Let me conclude with this conversation: As a Pharmacist, you can imagine the abundance of stories I can share that are sad and some that are funny. What the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines has in common can be interpreted this way:

I have patients ask me, "how do I know that if I spend this much money it's going to make me better?"

I answer, "There was a lot of research and development invested in this medication, there will be side effects, and you WILL get better, so take the medicine."

We've been around a very long time and I look forward to seeing great things continue here at our Jewish Federation, where we can call it home.

The Margo and Don Blumenthal Jewish Student Scholarships 2019-2020 Awarded Students

The Committee for the Margo and Don Blumenthal Jewish Student Scholarships is pleased to announce the awarding of scholarships for the academic year 2019 - 2020. The awardees are:

Ethan Adato | University of Iowa

Kayla Laufenberg | University of Northern Iowa

Emma Baxter | Iowa State University

Meier Lipman | University of Iowa

Jacob Copeland | Iowa State University

Alex Newman | Iowa State University

Jacob Goldstein | University of Iowa

AJ Pearl | University of Iowa

Hanna Kaufman | University of Iowa

Abigail Wahlig | Iowa State University

Ellen Koufer | University of Iowa

Jackson Yoder | Des Moines University

The scholarships were awarded on a competitive basis to Jewish students from or with parental or grand-parental ties to Central Iowa who will attend or are attending post-secondary schools within the State of Iowa.

Donations to the Blumenthal Scholarship Fund may be earmarked and sent to:
The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines, 33158 Ute Avenue, Waukee, IA 50263

For additional information, contact jcrc@jewishdesmoines.org

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

Ames Jewish Congregation

S'lichot | Saturday, September 21, 2019 | 8 p.m. Dessert Social | 9 p.m. Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah | Sunday, September 29, 2019 | 11:15 a.m. Children's Service | 8 p.m. Service

First Day Rosh Hashanah | Monday, September 30, 2019 | 10 a.m. Service | 4 p.m. Tashlich (meet at AJC)

Second Day Rosh Hashanah | Tuesday, October 1, 2019 | 10 a.m. Service

Erev Yom Kippur | Tuesday, October 9, 2019 | 8 p.m. Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur | Wednesday, October 10, 2019 | 10 a.m. Service | 1:30 p.m. Healing Service | 3:15 p.m. Children's Service | 4 p.m. Service | 5:30 p.m. Yiskor | 6:15 p.m. Neilah and Havdalah followed by community break the fast

Judaic Resource Center of Iowa - Chabad Lubavitch of Iowa

Erev Rosh Hashanah | Sunday, September 29, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. Mincha and Ma'ariv

First Day Rosh Hashanah | Monday, September 30, 2019 | 9 a.m. Service | 11 a.m. Shofar Sounding | 6 p.m. Mincha followed by Tashlich Service

Second Day Rosh Hashanah | Tuesday, October 1, 2019 | 9 a.m. Service | 11 a.m. Shofar Sounding | 6 p.m. Service

Fast of Gedalya | Wednesday, October 2, 2019 | 5:34 a.m. Fast Begins | 6:15 p.m. Mincha | 7:27 p.m. Fast Ends

Shabbat Shuvah | Friday, October 4, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. Service

Shabbat Shuvah | Saturday, October 5, 2019 | 10 a.m. Service | 6:30 p.m. Service

Erev Yom Kippur at The Sheraton in WDSM | Tuesday, October 8, 2019 | 7 a.m. Service | 6 p.m. Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur at The Sheraton in WDSM | Wednesday, October 9, 2019 | 10 a.m. Service | 12 p.m. Yizkor Memorial Service | 5 p.m. Service | 6 p.m. Neilah Closing Service

Temple B'nai Jeshurun

S'lichot | Saturday, September 21, 2019 | 7 p.m. Movie and Prayer Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah | Sunday, September 29, 2019 | 7 p.m. Service | 9 p.m. Party

Rosh Hashanah | Monday, September 30, 2019 | 10 a.m. Service and lunch to follow | 2 p.m. Afternoon Family Service | 3:45 p.m. Tashlich Service at Raccoon River Park

Kever Avot | Sunday, October 6, 2019 | 12:15 p.m. Woodland Cemetery | 1 p.m. Glendale Cemetery

Erev Yom Kippur | Tuesday, October 8, 2019 | 6 p.m. Kol Nidre Family Service | 8 p.m. Kol Nidre Adult Service

Yom Kippur | Wednesday, October 9, 2019 | 10 a.m. Service | 12 p.m. Interlude I | 2 p.m. Interlude II | 3 p.m. Torah Service | 4 p.m. Healing Yizkor Ne'ilah Service

Tifereth Israel Synagogue

Ma'ariv & S'lichot | Saturday, September 21, 2019 | 7:45 p.m. Service | 8:30 p.m. Film & Discussion

Erev Rosh Hashanah | Sunday, September 29, 2019 | 7 p.m. Service | 8 p.m. Oneg

First Day Rosh Hashanah | Monday, September 1, 2019 | 9 a.m. Service | 9:30 a.m. Alternative Service and Youth Service | 4:30 p.m. Tashlich location TBD

Second Day Rosh Hashanah | Tuesday, October 1, 2019 | 9 a.m. Service

Shabbat Shuvah | Friday, October 4, 2019 | 6 p.m. Service

Shabbat Shuvah | Saturday, October 5, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. Service

Kever Avot | Sunday, October 6, 2019 | 1 p.m. Service at Glendale Cemetery

Erev Yom Kippur | Tuesday, October 8, 2019 | 5:30 p.m. DMARC Food Drive | 6:30 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur | Wednesday, October 9, 2019 | 9 a.m. Service and Yizkor | 9:30 a.m. | Alternative and Youth Services | 11 a.m. Yizkor Service | 3 p.m. Class lead by David Friedgood | 3:45 p.m. Class lead by Robin Karney | 4:30 p.m. Class lead by Christine Dietz | 5:30 p.m. Mincha & Neila Service and Concluding Ma'ariv | 7:25 p.m. Havdalah and Shofar Blowing | 7:30 p.m. Break the Fast



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November 17, 2019

THE 2019 GLOBAL DAY THEME IS: SPEAKING VOLUMES

CASPE TERRACE, WAUKEE

Positive and Negative Effects of Words Regarding Miriam

Dr. David Friedgood
Torah Commentator

Prayer can come out in many ways. As human beings living in an uncertain world we are often driven to hope and to search for something out of our control. We often use speech to express these feelings. In other words, we pray. We use words of prayer to extort the deity, or some unknowable force, in an effort to change the course of what is going on about us. Prayer can give us hope and provide a sense of order to that which is uncertain. Our requests can be elaborate and associated with complex ritual or expensive offerings. They can be simple words or brief phrases expressing our hopes and desires. We may simply want to offer thanks as an expression of appreciation or relief as to how things turned out for us. Sometimes we search the heavens and just want to offer gratitude. (I hear a lot of praying, both profound and profane, on the golf course.) Prayer can be complicated but frequently it is short, simple, and to the point.

As an example of the latter, a brief simple prayer delivered as a request of God can be found in the fourth book of our Torah – Numbers (Hebrew Bamidbar, meaning in the wilderness) Chapter 12. Miriam and Aaron, Moses' sister and brother, spoke out against their sibling with malicious gossip. "He married a Cushite woman!" they said. The words were true but the intent slanderous. The speech was delivered to people on the side and not spoken to Moses or his wife directly. Zipporah (Moses' wife) could be described as a Cushite from Cushan, a tribe from the land of Midian where she was born and her family still lived. Midian was south of Israel on the Eastern shore of the Gulf of Aquaba. Cushite, however, was commonly used to identify dark skinned people from Nubia or Ethiopia. In that sense the words were likely an attempt to degrade Zipporah. Moses did not react to the slander

but may have been aware of it. It was initiated by Miriam and was associated with statements revealing the siblings jealousy of their brother's position as leader of the Israelite people: "Has the LORD spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us as well?" Now Moses was known as a very humble man (anav m'od). He paid no attention to the gossip, but the words angered the LORD. The three siblings were summoned to the Tent of Meeting (Ohel Moed) where God appeared to them in a cloud. Miriam and Aaron were told in no uncertain terms that Moses had a unique direct connection to the Most Holy God. Moses and the LORD communicated directly, mouth to mouth. Other prophets perceived the will of the Almighty through dreams or riddles. "How then did you not shrink from speaking against My servant Moses!" said the LORD. The cloud dispersed and the LORD departed, incensed. When the cloud lifted Miriam's skin was covered with snow-white scales with the appearance that her skin was peeling off her body (m'tzora). This skin affliction is usually translated as Leprosy, but appears clearly different from the progressive infectious skin and nervous system disease we call Leprosy (See Leviticus chapter 13). In the Bible it is frequently a transient condition, typically identified as a punishment for transgressing a Divine commandment. Aaron, who as a Priest was familiar with m'tzora, pleaded with Moses to intercede with God on Miriam's and his behalf. "So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying "O God, pray heal her!" (El na, r'fah na la). A short prayer of five words, but to the point.

The Holy One, however, was reluctant to let Miriam off easily. She apparently needed some time for atonement. He says to Moses: "if her father spat in her face, would she not bear her shame for seven days?" Spitting on someone was a way of indicating the recipient's humiliation in the Bible. Miriam was humiliated

by her actions and the Lord's punishment. She was repentant. Miriam was banished from the camp for seven days. During that time the people stayed in place and did not travel, out of their respect for Miriam. After seven days she was readmitted to the camp with clear skin. The people then continued on their journey to the Promised Land.

As we enter the High Holiday season this story serves as a reminder that words matter. Words can be hurtful; to us and those about us. Words can also have a positive effect. The five short words uttered by Moses praying on behalf of his sister began her effective rehabilitation back to her people. She returned spiritually and physically healed. Words can nurture our soul and enlighten those who hear us speak. They can also be malicious and destructive. Today we remember our prophetess Miriam fondly. She gave her brother Moses life when he was just an infant. She led her people, particularly the Hebrew women, in song and dance at the Red Sea, teaching all of us how to appreciate a Holy miracle. Miriam is associated with the water of life that sustained our ancestors on their journey through the desert after they left the narrow containment of slavery in Mitzraim (Egypt) to the expansive freedom of the Promised Land, now Eretz Yisrael (the Land of Israel). As a human being with human frailty, Miriam was not perfect. Her words could have been her downfall but with the help of her family and people, under the supervision of her LORD, she persevered and overcame her negative inclinations. She will forever remain in our hearts and remembered as a great Prophetess and a model for Jewish People in all times. We are here today and Am Yisrael Chai (the Jewish people lives) because of the efforts of leaders such as Miriam over the millennia.

L'Shanah Tova t'chatevu
v'techatemu.

"This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel (6th century BCE governor of Judea):

Not by might, not by power, but by my spirit - said the LORD of Hosts. Whoever you are, O great mountain (obstacle) in the path of Zerubbabel, turn in to level ground! For he shall produce that excellent top-stone (crowning the re-built Jerusalem Temple); it shall be greeted with shouts of 'Beautiful! Beautiful!'" (Zechariah 3:6-7)



Upcoming Senior Activities

Join us on Tuesday, September 10 for a trip to Prairie Meadows. The bus will leave Tifereth Israel Synagogue at 11 a.m. and we will return at 3 p.m. Cost for transportation and lunch is \$7 per person.

October 3, we will meet at Temple B'nai Jeshurun at 12 p.m. for lunch. Louise Kaufmann will provide entertainment.

The November senior luncheon will be held at the Iowa Jewish Senior Life Center on November 14, at 12 p.m. Join us for a trivia game luncheon!

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jody Ingersoll, Jewish Family Services, at 987-0899 ext 210



Tote bag embellishing activity led by Bev Ellis at the senior luncheon on July 11, 2019

The IHRA Working Definition of Antisemitism: An Important Tool to Understand All Manifestations of the Oldest Hatred

"You Can't Fight Antisemitism If You Can't Define It!" – Katarina Von Schnurbein, European Commission Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism

Mark Finkelstein
JCRC Director

There is only one international, intergovernmental organization mandated to work on Holocaust-related issues and that is the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance, the IHRA. Established in 2000, the IHRA has 32 member states and partners with organizations including the United Nations and the European Union. Its permanent office is in Berlin.

Responding to an increase in global antisemitism, between 2015 and 2016 the IHRA's Committee on Antisemitism and Holocaust Denial authored a non-legally binding working definition of antisemitism, which was adopted as a guide by the IHRA Plenary in 2016. It has since been formally adopted by the following governments and bodies: United Kingdom, Israel, Austria, Czech Republic, Scotland, Romania, Germany, Bulgaria, Belgium, Lithuania and the Republic of North Macedonia, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Republic of Moldova, Greek Ministry of Education, Hungary, France, and Canada. It has also been endorsed by towns including London and Berlin and by universities and civil society organizations, and the process of endorsement is continuing. Among the denominational authorities that have endorsed the definition are the Church of England and the Church of Scotland.

As explained by Katharina Von Schnurbein, the European Commission Coordinator on Combating Antisemitism, "Non-binding in its nature, the working definition is helpful in public discourse as well as training for media, educators and public authorities, without impeding the legal right to freedom of speech. It can support those at the forefront, like law enforcement agencies and teachers, to discern the

potentially antisemitic nature of an incident and thus improve victim support."

The working definition itself is only 49 words, but it is accompanied, as part of the package, with a set of examples to serve as illustrations. The definition itself reads as follows: "Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities."

The examples are provided as part of the full text, as Moshe Kantor the president of the European Jewish Congress notes, "in order to understand all manifestations of the oldest hatred." Together, Kantor has stated, "the full text of the definition and all of its examples ... is an indispensable tool."

Here then are the examples, and text, along with the document's three concluding determinations:

*"The IHRA definition is not an app for your iPhone to automatically tell you what is antisemitic. It is a framework which offers some help in making a sound political judgment."
– David Hirsh, author of Contemporary Left Antisemitism*

Manifestations might include the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity. However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as antisemitic. Antisemitism frequently charges Jews with conspiring to harm humanity, and it is often used to blame Jews for "why things go wrong." It is expressed in speech, writing, visual forms and action, and employs sinister stereotypes and negative character

traits.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere could, taking into account the overall context, include, but are not limited to:

- Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion
- Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as collective — such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions
- Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.
- Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust)
- Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust
- Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations
- Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, e.g., by claiming that the existence of a State of Israel is a racist endeavor
- Applying double standards by

requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation

- Using the symbols and images associated with classic antisemitism (e.g., claims of Jews killing Jesus or blood libel) to characterize Israel or Israelis
- Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis
- Holding Jews collectively responsible for actions of the state of Israel.

Antisemitic acts are criminal when they are so defined by law (for example, denial of the Holocaust or distribution of antisemitic materials in some countries).

Criminal acts are antisemitic when the targets of attacks, whether they are people or property—such as buildings, schools, places of worship and cemeteries—are selected because they are, or are perceived to be, Jewish or linked to Jews.

Antisemitic discrimination is the denial to Jews of opportunities or services available to others and is illegal in many countries.

Moshe Kantor has asserted the “Adopting the IHRA definition is only a first step and not an end in itself. We need... all relevant stakeholders to systematically apply the definition to identify all instances of antisemitism when they occur. Antisemitism is not ‘a la carte.’”

The IHRA working definition is online at <https://www.holocaustremembrance.com/node/196>. For further information about this and other topics pertaining to contemporary antisemitism, contact the JCRC at Jcra@jewishdesmoines.org. Those interested are encouraged to join <https://www.facebook.com/NewAntisemitism/>

Zubin Mehta, Renowned Conductor of the Israel Philharmonic, Retires



Zubin Mehta

Mark Finkelstein
JCRC Director

After 50 years of leading the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, its beloved conductor and music director—proclaimed “music director for life” in 1981—Zubin Mehta, has given his two final concerts the weekend of July 13, 2019.

The Indian-born maestro, who debuted with the orchestra in 1961, conducted two performances on that weekend in Tel Aviv. The first was an outdoor concert of operatic arias in Yarkon Park. The second, a performance of Verdi’s Requiem at the orchestra’s home, the Mann Auditorium.

As reported in the Israeli press, on Sunday night, “the musicians wept as Mehta stepped down from the stage.”

Mehta’s expressive conducting style, critics have said, was projected through his “precise and subtle hand gestures.” One music critic has written that “Mehta brought a visceral excitement [to his conducting.] “He really liked to make an orchestra loud and sweeping and passionate and let the strings have their way, and let the brass have its way.”



Lahav Shani

Mehta’s young successor, Lahav Shani, described as “the Israeli wunderkind” and musical perfectionist.

After Mehta’s retirement was announced in 2017, the Israel Philharmonic began its search for a successor. In January of 2018 the Orchestra announced the appointment of Lahav Shani, who was then 29 years of age.

Mr. Shani, who was born in Tel Aviv, is an accomplished pianist and conductor, having studied piano since the age of six. Shani progressed to studies at the Buchmann-Mehta School of Music at Tel Aviv University and, with the encouragement of Zubin Mehta, then went to Berlin to study conducting. In 2013 he won the International Gustav Mahler Conducting Competition, which propelled him into a career as guest conductor of many of the world’s greatest orchestras. He became the youngest ever principal conductor of the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra in 2018 before his appointment to the IPO. Shani had first performed, as a pianist and bass player, with the Israel Philharmonic on a tour of Asia in 2010.

West Des Moines-Mateh Asher Partnership News



The City of West Des Moines has a Sister City relationship with Mateh Asher in the Western Galilee, the Jewish Federation's partnership region. Recently, several members of the West Des Moines delegation that met with their professional counterparts in Mateh Asher spoke about their trip over dinner with friends from the Federation. We enjoyed hearing about their experiences.

Ariella Rada, Israeli Consul, Visits Des Moines

Israel's Consul for Academic and Community Affairs, Ariella Rada, visited Des Moines to educate on Israel.



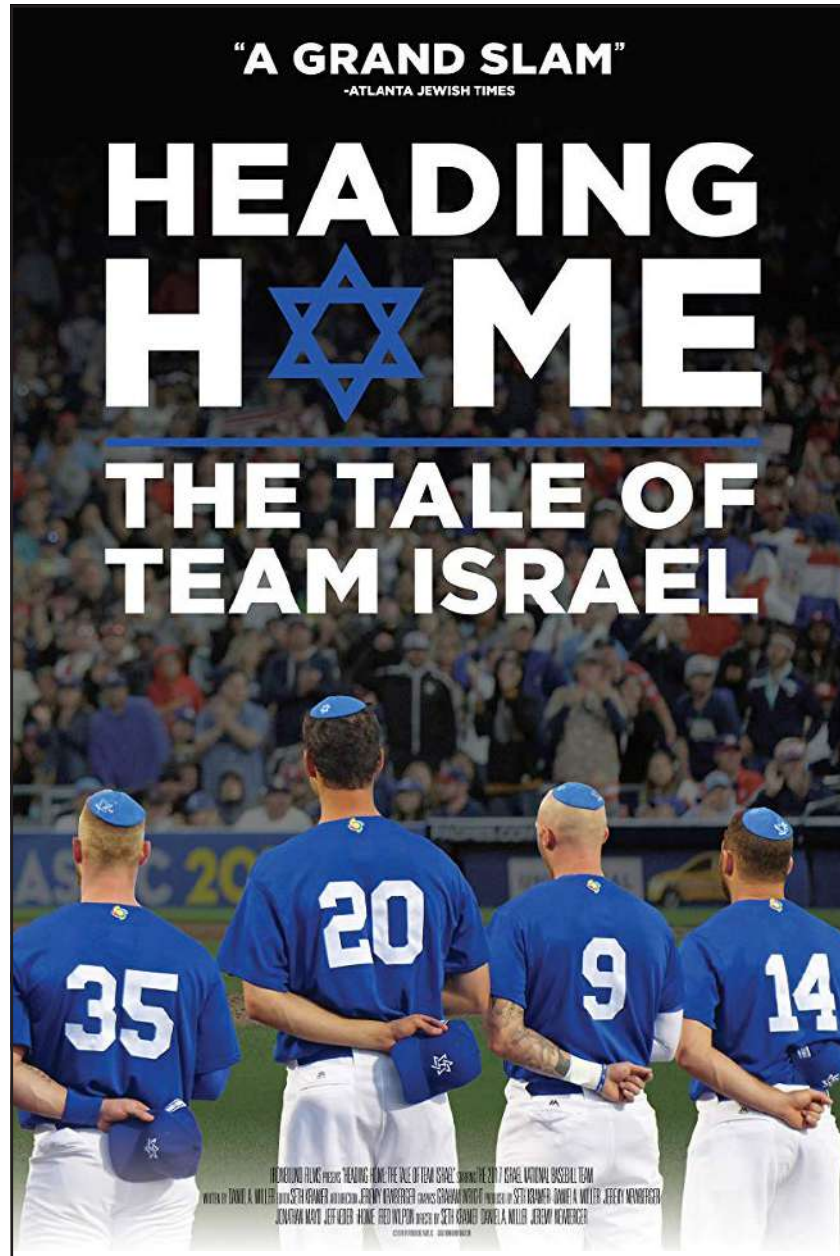
Top Left, Left to Right: Rada, Rabbi David Kaufman, Sharon Goldford and Sophie Homonoff at Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

Top Right: Rada at the Iowa Holocaust Memorial

Bottom Right, Left to Right: Terec Caldwell-Johnson, Rada and Debbie Gitchell



Jewish Film Screening
The Caspe Terrace
Sunday, September 22, 2 p.m.



Follow the exciting and emotional journey of an underdog — Israel's national baseball team, a team of nice Jewish boys — competing for the first time in the World Baseball Classic.

Screened at Jewish Film Festivals nationwide, *Heading Home* is coming to the Caspe Terrace on Sunday, September 22 at 2 p.m., presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines.

Documentary, comedy, drama (2018). 85 minutes. Not rated. Refreshments available.

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April: 5, 19, 26

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4:30PM - 6:30PM

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A Summer Full of Smiles, Learning and Friendship



Our summer started off with a wonderful gift. Dean Putnam, Gan Shalom parent built a spectacular Mud Kitchen with a sink for the children's playground. There is wonderful storage and counter top space for several children to work side by side. The kids have been busy baking mud pies and keeping the kitchen nice and tidy. Gan Shalom Camp had 57 children participate in the program. These children enjoyed coming to camp in their swimsuits every day. There was water play, bikes, walks, art, Yoga, slip and slide and more. We had the Nature Lady, Waukee Library,

Waukee Fire Department, Blank Park Zoo and Menace Soccer players visit the children. It was a busy summer.

The growth of Gan Shalom has made us realize that we have new needs. This year we are looking to increase our pool of substitute teachers. We are looking for those who have experience in the early childhood education field. If interested, please contact Anissa Deay at anissa@jewishdesmoines.org or (515) 987-0899. If your family is interested in preschool for 2020-2021, now is the time to come and take a tour.





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A Look Back at Ten Weeks of Summer Fun

Giovanna Zavell
Camp Director

It's hard to believe that 10 weeks of Engman Camp Shalom have come and gone. It feels like we were just out on the playground on a cool summer's day in June. Now our campers are transitioning to students as school begins again.

Caspe was bustling with smiling faces who arrived each morning eager to go out to the playground and see their friends and counselors. Sometimes, they wouldn't even take their backpacks to their cubbies they were so excited. Our outdoor space saw a lot of love this summer, and often campers asked for extra time on the playground.

When we weren't at Caspe we were busy riding roller coasters at Adventureland, jumping at trampoline parks, exploring nature at a number of parks and seeing all that the Iowa State Fair has to offer. With the heavy

heat, it was refreshing to take out the giant water slide or travel to a local pool or splash pad.

When the heat was too much to handle, there was plenty to do inside. The auditorium became a quick favorite location to cool off. Our campers are so talented and have no fear of performing in front of a crowd. The stage saw lots of freestyle dancing, lip syncing, talent shows, debates, joke telling and so much more. The campers were nothing but supportive for everyone who took the stage.

We had two special guests visit with us this summer, Abe Goldstein and Shelly Berkowitz. Abe brought his accordion to play music for campers, teach them about the instrument. Shelly lead art rotations each week where campers were able to create clay figures, drawings and origami.

This summer, like all summers, would not have been possible without the staff who lead activities each day. Each counselor brings their own strengths to the team and together

they brought a wide range of activities to the table.

A huge thank you to all the campers and families who joined us this past summer. I hope this summer was an unforgettable one full of new and old friends. Be sure to check the Engman Camp Shalom Facebook page for pictures from the summer.

I'd be lying if I said I wasn't already planning for next summer. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to give me a call or shoot me an email. I'd love to hear your feedback!

Already missing all the fun Engman Camp Shalom has to offer? We'll be back at Caspe when colder weather hits. You won't want to miss out on all the fun activities that will take place during Winter Break Camp in December. Come see your friends and some of your favorite counselors! For more information, email me at anna@jewishdesmoines.org or call 515.419.1269.





Fun at the Fair! Many of our campers had the chance to visit “Little Hands on the Farm,” and learn about the importance of farming in Iowa. Our little legs covered lots of ground and took advantage of the many kid-friendly activities.



Top left: Campers enjoying hammocking during the annual overnight. Top right: the gaga pit, where most days were started and ended. Many memories and friendships were made playing gaga.



We were able to use our best voices to sing a few songs at the senior luncheon. Above, campers are singing Od Yavo Shalom Aleinu.



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December 23, 24, 26, 27, 30 & 31

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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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How An Educator's First Trip to Israel Will Impact Her Teaching

Juli Margolin
Gan Shalom Teacher

This summer, I was lucky enough to travel to Israel on the JNF Summer Educators' trip, sponsored by the Jewish National Fund (JNF) and Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael (KKL). Educators from all over the United States, plus others from Canada, France, England, Switzerland, Morocco, and Israel were on the trip. The primary goal of the trip was to encourage teachers to return to our classrooms and educate our students about Israel, as well as inspire them to love and care for the country and its people.

I had never been to Israel before, so it was the trip of a lifetime. It was amazing to be in the place that I have taught about for so many years, but did so using books and pictures. Now I can actually teach my students about Israel from my own perspective based on what I saw and learned. When I landed at Ben Gurion Airport, I have to say I was overwhelmed. After going through customs, and taking a minute to take a few deep breaths, I realized I was actually in Israel!



Margolin (Right) and Giovanna Zavell (left) planting their tree in the Lavi Forest. Each tree had a sign indicating a state, so that all Americans were able to plant on behalf of their home state.

Walking along the beautiful beach in Tel Aviv my first day was quite an experience. When we were in Jerusalem, we ate freshly made falafel at a shop at the Jaffa Gate; and later, I practiced haggling with the t-shirt shop man at the Mahane Yehuda market. Smelling the spices and seeing all of the different foods at the market, walking on the old cobblestone streets, and going to the Kotel for Shabbat

were definitely highlights of the trip.

On our first day, we planted trees in the Lavi Forest near Tiberias. In the past, I have had students collect tzedakah to plant trees in Israel, but to actually be planting one of those trees was quite the experience. This year, during Tu B'Shevat, I want to share my experience planting trees with my class. It would be fun to collect tzedakah so the kids from Gan Shalom can plant a tree in Israel. We visited the Hula Lake Park, which was established by the JNF-KKL as a nature preserve and bird-watching park. Twice a year, more than 500 million water birds, birds of prey, and songbirds pass through the Hula Valley on their migratory routes. We were there at sundown and were able to see herons and pelicans on the lake. It was a peaceful and beautiful place. In the fall, I teach my class about animals that migrate. I am going to use the Hula Valley as an example, and show them a video of all the birds that land there during their migration.

We also visited Akko (Acre), a seaside city full of history surrounded by an ancient Crusader wall. The Old City of Akko is one of the oldest cities in the world. We were able to explore the remains of a Crusader city, walk through the Knight's Hall, and go into one of the Templar's Tunnels, which was discovered in 1994.



Left: Walking through the shuk on the way to the Kotel. Right: Fresh fruits line the walkways of the Ben Yehuda Market.

The highlight of the trip for me was going to Jerusalem and walking through the Old City. The city is so full of history. We walked to the Kotel for Shabbat, and I was not prepared for how large and beautiful it was. Walking up to the wall and placing my prayer into one of the cracks was more emotional than I thought it would be. I can't put into words how I felt at that moment. I want to make a mural of the Kotel for preschool this year, using sponges and paint to create the stones. This project will help bring the physical aspect of the wall to my students, and give them a better understanding of the Kotel and its importance.

Thinking back on the trip, and looking at all of the pictures I took, has made me realize how lucky and thankful I am to have finally visited Israel. I plan on making a book for my preschool class using the pictures from my trip. I not only want to show them the places I went, the people I saw, and the food I ate (and we did eat some delicious food); I also want to show them that even though Iowa is on the other side of the world from Israel, we are not all that different. Kids go to school and play with friends, and ride bikes, just like kids here. People ride in cars and buses, go shopping, go to the beach and spend time with friends and families. I want to say a big thank you to the Jewish Federation of Des Moines for supporting me on my first trip to Israel. It was an amazing experience and one that I won't ever forget. Todah raba.

Photos by Juli Margolin



Peace sign made from rocks next to the tree we planted.



View of the Kotel from the entering stairs. Many gathered Friday night to welcome Shabbat, pray and sing songs together. Members from our bus group gathered after putting our notes in the wall to sing songs such as Hinei Mah Tov, David Melech Yisrael and many others.



Sunrise from the King Solomon Hotel in Jerusalem. We were up very early each day. Taking a moment to take in the sunrise was a great way to start the busy days ahead.

Experiencing Israel Through and Educator's Eyes

Giovanna Zavell
Managing Editor

I think it's true for most of us who have been to Israel before that we are eager for the next time we are able to visit again. My last three trips to Israel have been with my family—usually around 13 of us. My cousins had their B'nai Mitzvot in Israel and each trip was jam packed with adventure. I always thought that this was the way to travel the state of Israel, with your family. Seeing, tasting, smelling and touching the land with the people you love the most. I never thought that I could have this same experience with close to 300 strangers.

This past July I traveled to Israel for my fourth time to take part in the Jewish National Fund's (JNF) Summer Educators Trip. Co Sponsored with Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael (KKL), the purpose of this trip was to show educators the land of Israel in a way they would be able to take back to their classrooms. With a total of close to 300 participants from around the world, we traveled from the north to the south seeing some of the most interesting places Israel has to offer.



Juli Margolin (left) and I in Akko overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

Lucky for me, a fellow coworker from Gan Shalom, Juli Margolin, was also on the trip. It was comforting having someone I already knew on the trip with me—making it only 299 strangers to meet. But it didn't take long for us to connect and make friends with some of our bus buddies. These are the people who, when I look back on this trip, made it feel like I was with family.

Many of the places we visited I have been to before—Tel Aviv, Akko, Ammunition Hill, The Kotel and others. The most memorable part of visiting these places again was seeing them through a completely different lens. Instead of finding the most adventurous way to experience the place (i.e. hiking, climbing whatever possible, maybe even repelling down a waterfall), I was able to take a step back and absorb it for what it truly is. I was also able to gain more knowledge about the history and importance of these places—information I plan to bring back to the students I interact with on a daily basis.

There were also many places I have never visited before, let alone knew existed. These are the places I learned the most and how the JNF and KKL partner to make these places successful and a positive impact on life in Israel.

On our first full day we visited Nahal HaShofet. Nahal HaShofet is a beautiful location to walk or hike along the river and even play beneath the waterfalls. This hike, located in the Ramat Mesashe Forest Reserve is accessible to both able bodied and disabled people. The paths were created to allow everyone and anyone to get out and enjoy nature. If you've ever been hiking in Israel before, you know that most paths are not easy, even for those who are able bodied. The existence of this path gives so many the opportunity to partake in an activity that otherwise might seem impossible. Whether the person is blind, has impaired vision or is wheelchair bound, the path can still be followed.

The Hula Lake, located in the Hula Valley, which lays in the belly of the



The Hula Lake at sunset. During our visit we took a tractor ride around the lake. The tractors are disguised in camouflage as to not disturb its inhabitants.

Upper Galilee, is best known for its bird watching that happens twice a year. More than 350 species of birds pass through the area, and attracts bird lovers from around the world. Although we were not visiting during peak migration season, we were able to see a number of birds that are native to the area year-round, as well as a native wild cat.

The JNF and KKL do a whole lot more than land conservation. On our fourth day we traveled to the KKL-JNF House of Excellence in Nazareth. This was one of my most favorite visits on the trip because of the importance this building serves for students. It is a place for learning, growth and socializing. The building is decorated with wall art that resembles graffiti seen in Tel Aviv, furniture with funky fabric patterns, and a great deal of technology. During our visit we were able to visit the classrooms and learn all the center has to offer. This is the first of its kind, and there are 10 more houses to be built throughout Israel.

While visiting the House of Excellence, we took part in an activity that was not only competitive and engaging, it taught about the amazing things we have in the world that were invented by Israelis or in Israel. We split into groups and were given clues about Israeli innovations. The goal was to answer the clue (or clues) first, and if correct, you would be given a letter. Once all clues were answered,



Left to right: Giovanna, Juli, Cindy, Margot (Top), Ellen, Shari, Gary and our driver, Roy. While traveling the north, we took a Jeep ride through the Golan heights. During this tour, we had to partake in a number of riddles and activities in order to continue to the next location.

the teams would then have to work together to put the letters in an order to spell the secret message. This activity is something I cannot wait to do with students in our community. We often focus on the older history of Israel, while each day new history is being made in this tiny state. This game brings those new histories to life through discovering amazing Israeli innovations.

I could go on forever about the amazing places we visited and the hundreds of things I learned, but what really made my trip special was the friends I made. As the youngest from the American group, and most likely the whole group of educators, I knew I'd be meeting educators with years of experience. It didn't take long for us to form a group—we sat together during meals, had a specific location we sat on the bus, participated in activities together and so on.

We joked and said I adopted five surrogate mothers (Shari, Ellen, Margot, Cindy and Juli) and one surrogate father (Gary). And they, in return, adopted me as a surrogate daughter. The seven of us were unstoppable. These became my people. My family. The ones who experienced Israel with me and made

it just as special as my experiences with my real family. I learned so much from each one of them, everything from how they experienced a place we visited on our trip to how they teach the Alef Bet. I feel lucky to have made these friendships and connections.

I would not have been able to attend this conference if it weren't for the support of The Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. Because of

their support, I was able to take a trip of a lifetime and bring new ideas to our own community.

Photos by Giovanna Zavell



Members of bus two from the American group in front of the Jewish National Fund's Western Galilee Tourist Information Center located in Akko's Old City. Juli and I are in the middle row, a few in form the left.

IJHS Presents Two Events with Auschwitz Survivor Michael Bornstein

*Sunday, September 15, 2019 | 2 p.m. Staplin
Performing Arts Center, Valley High School*

*Monday, September 16, 2019 | 7 p.m.
Ames Middle School
3915 Mortenson Road, Ames, IA 50014*

*Free Admission, First come, First Seated
Book Signings will follow both events*



Michael Bornstein is one of the youngest survivors of the Auschwitz death camp. At the age of four, he managed to stay hidden and evade murder in the most notorious death camp in world history. Photos of Michael being liberated by Soviet soldiers at the camp have been spotted on museum walls, book covers, and film clips around the world but he waited more than 70 years to step forward and share his story.

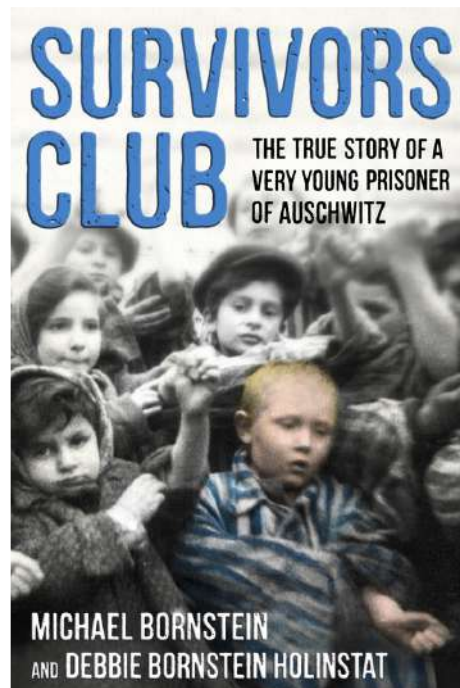
He wrote the New York Times bestseller "Survivors Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz," with his daughter Debbie, who is a broadcast news journalist and writer. Along the way, he and his family were stunned to uncover shocking new details about his survival that included a bribery scheme, untold acts of kindness by a German leader, and one perfectly-timed brush with illness.

Come hear Michael and Debbie describe how Michael was hidden in

Auschwitz for seven months before being carried out of the death camp in his grandmother's arms. Learn how a father's courageous wit, his mother's love, and a perfectly-timed illness saved his life. Hear, too, how other members of his family from Zarki, Poland escaped death time and time again.

Michael came to the United States six years after being liberated from Auschwitz, eventually earning his Ph.D. in Pharmaceutics and Analytical Chemistry from the University of Iowa and working for more than four decades as a scientist and researcher helping to develop life-saving antibiotics, growth hormone and cancer treatments.

Debbie Holinstat has spent her career writing for some of the biggest names in broadcast news, including Lester Holt of NBC Nightly News, CNN's Ashleigh Banfield and the Today Show's Natalie Morales. She is also a freelance corporate media coach. But her greatest professional reward has come from writing alongside her own father, Michael Bornstein, as they collaborated on Survivors Club. When her dad gave her the go-ahead to share his history publicly, neither of them knew how many surprises remained to be learned about his survival.



Special Thanks

The Iowa Jewish Historical Society is deeply grateful to our sponsors who are not only making Michael Bornstein and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat's possible but are also making it possible for the IJHS to make the public events at Valley High School and Ames Middle School and the program for students at Roosevelt High School free to all.

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Awarded Grant for Oral History Project

The Iowa Jewish Historical Society is delighted to announce that it has received a grant of \$21,603 from the State Historical Society of Iowa, Historical Resource Development Program.

The funds will be used for Phase II of the IJHS' multi-year project to preserve hundreds of oral history recordings dating from 1969 to 2018 and make them available to students, researchers, and the general public.

These tapes contain a wealth of compelling stories and untapped information, including one-of-a-kind interviews with members of the statewide Jewish community that provide personal perspectives and insight into Jewish life; recordings of special events in the Jewish community; and episodes from the "Light One Candle" television series produced by the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines.



Oral History Assistant Susan Jellinger sorting and prioritizing audio and video recordings in the IJHS collection.

This grant will enable IJHS staff to listen to, summarize, and create research files for another 180 recordings in our collection and begin a series of 20-25 new oral history interviews with Jewish community members and leaders across Iowa.

The grant covers a two-year period and requires the IJHS to raise nearly \$18,000 in matching funds. Help us meet the match requirements with a donation. Contact Sandi Yoder at sandi@jewishdesmoines.org or call 515-987-0899 ext. 216.

Come to the museum to listen to the recordings that were digitized and summarized in Phase I. Go to <https://www.jewishdesmoines.org/our-pillars/iowa-jewish-historical-society/our-collection/jewish-oral-histories/> and browse through the listings under Jewish Oral Histories. Pick out a tape(s) that you want to hear and call the museum to set a time to learn how members of Iowa's Jewish communities handled the challenges they faced and built productive lives in our state.



A selection of the audio tapes in the IJHS collection. Each must be digitized and then summarized to preserve the unique stories of Iowa's Jewish heritage.

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IJHS Oral History Collection at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

This spring, the Iowa Jewish Historical Society donated more than 130 audio and video tapes of interviews with Des Moines' Holocaust survivors to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. These recordings date back to the 1980s and early 1990s and include interviews with several Liberators as well as people who could provide detail about conditions before, during, and after the Holocaust.

At the present time, researchers must travel to the US Holocaust Memorial Museum—or to the IJHS—to listen to the tapes but within the next 18-24 months, the USHMM will re-digitize the tapes and make the entire interview available online. Access to the interviews is also available immediately at the IJHS.

The IJHS is one of only a few historical societies in the nation that has sent material to the USHMM which also houses materials from research institutions, filmmakers, students, and family members of survivors.

The IJHS is honored to be a partner with the USHMM in preserving these personal stories and providing greater access to them. This is another critical step in ensuring that the stories of everyone who died in the Holocaust or who survived its terrors will never be forgotten.

Called To The Torah



Meyer and Jen Lehman are proud to announce that their daughter, Avery Grace Lehman, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at 4:30 PM on Saturday, November 2 at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Avery is in seventh grade at Waukee Middle School.



Rebecca Shaffer is delighted to announce that she will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 16 at Temple B'nai Jeshurun.

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Saturday, September 7, 2019 | 10 a.m. | Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, September 14, 2019 | 10 a.m. | Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, September 21, 2019 | 10 a.m. | Shabbat Morning Service

October Events

Friday, October 11, 2019 | 6 p.m. | Mincha and Ma'ariv
Saturday, October 12, 2019 | 10 a.m. Morning Service | 6 p.m. Evening Service
Sunday, October 13, 2019 | 6 p.m. | Mincha and Ma'ariv
Monday, October 14, 2019 | 10 a.m. Sukkot Morning Service | 6 p.m. Sukkot Evening Service
Tuesday, October 15, 2019 | 10 a.m. Sukkot Morning Service | 6 p.m. Sukkot Evening Service
Friday, October 18, 2019 | 6 p.m. | Shabbat Chol Hamoed Mincha and Ma'ariv
Saturday, October 19, 2019 | 10 a.m. Morning Service | 6 p.m. Evening Service
Sunday, October 20, 2019 | 9 a.m. | Hoshana Rabba Morning Service
Sunday, October 20, 2019 | 6 p.m. | Mincha and Ma'ariv
Monday, October 21, 2019 | 10 a.m. Shemini Atzeret Service | 11 a.m. Yizkor Memorial Service | 6 p.m. Evening Service | 6:30 p.m. Simchat Torah Celebration
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 | 10 a.m. Simchat Torah Service Followed by Kiddush and Hakafof | 6 p.m. Evening Service

November Events

Saturday, November 2, 2019 | 10 a.m. | Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, November 9, 2019 | 10 a.m. | Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday, November 16, 2019 | 10 a.m. | Shabbat Morning Service
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Oct 4, Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 18, Oct 25
Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 15, Nov 22, Nov 29

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Sept 6, Sept 13, Sept 20, Sept 27
Oct 4, Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 18, Oct 25
Nov 1, Nov 8, Nov 15, Nov 22, Nov 29

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September 6,
October 4,
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September 20
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September 27
October 25
November 22

Saturdays

WEEKLY TEXT STUDY SATURDAYS, 9 A.M.

Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21, Sept 28
Oct 5, Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26
Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30

TRADITIONAL TORAH STUDY SATURDAYS, 9 A.M.

Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21, Sept 28
Oct 5, Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26
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SHABBAT SERVICE SATURDAYS, 10 A.M.

Sept 7, Sept 14, Sept 21, Sept 28
Oct 5, Oct 12, Oct 19, Oct 26
Nov 2, Nov 9, Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30

BAR MITZVAHS SATURDAYS, 4:30 A.M.

November 2, Avery Lehman
November 16, Rebecca Shaffer

Sundays

TYG Board Meeting at Panera in WDSM

Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 3, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

TIS Worship Schedule

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RECURRING EVENTS

Tuesday Minyan, 7:15 a.m.

Friday Services | 6 p.m. | Shabbat Evening Service

*Saturday Services | 9:30 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service | 11:45 a.m. Shabbat Cafe |
12:30 p.m. Shabbat Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Emily Barton*

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Friday, September 13 | 6 p.m. | Mishpacha/Acoustic Shabbat and Potluck

Saturday, September 14 | 9:30 a.m. Contemplative Service | 10:15 a.m. Torah Service

Sunday, September 15 | 11 a.m. Annual Mah Jongg Tournament, RSVP Required

OCTOBER EVENTS

Tuesday, October 6 | 5:30 p.m. DMARC Food Drive

Wednesday, October 9 | 7:30 p.m. Break the Fast, RSVP Required

*Sunday, October 13 | 9 a.m. Build the Sukkah | 3:30 p.m. YAD Decorate Sukkah |
4:30 p.m. Harvest Dinner, RSVP Required*

Monday, October 14 | 9:30 a.m. Sukkot Day One Services

Tuesday, October 15 | 9:30 a.m. Sukkot Day Two Services

Monday, October 21 | 9:30 a.m. Shemini Atzeret Services and Yizkor | 6 p.m. Family

Simchat Torah Celebration with the Java Jews

Tuesday, October 22 | 9:30 a.m. Simchat Torah Services

Saturday, October 26 | 9:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, November 3 | 1 p.m. Tikkun Olam Shelter Dinner Prep

Thursday, November 7 | 6:30 p.m. Women's League Wine & Cheese with Speaker

Friday, November 8 | 6 p.m. Mishpacha Shabbat, Consecration and Dinner

Saturday, November 23 | 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat

ONGOING EDUCATION

*Shabbat Lunch and Learn With Rabbi Emily Barton | Saturdays after Shabbat Cafe
at 12:30 p.m.*

*S.T.E.P. (Sunday Torah Education Program) with Michael Kuperman | Sundays at
10 a.m.*

University of Iowa Hillel Welcomes New Director



Newly appointed director of the University of Iowa Hillel, Ashley Carol-Fingerhut, came to Des Moines to discuss commonalities with Drake Hillel staff advisors Lilianna and Jarad Bernstein. And in the process, Ashley met several members of our community while at Maccabees Kosher Deli. Here Ashley (center) is pictured along with JCRC member Jake Jacobs and Grinnell professor Katya Gibel Mevorach. The Drake Hillel advisors meeting was facilitated by the Jewish Federation.

The Annual Iowa Jewish Leaders Meeting

Towards the end of each summer, JCRC Director Mark Finkelstein organizes a meeting for Jewish Leaders across Iowa. This year's meeting took place at Temple Judah in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



Iowa Jewish leaders who attended the meeting came from Sioux City, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, Davenport/The Quad Cities.

Jewish leaders gathered on Tuesday, August 21 at Temple Judah in Cedar Rapids, Iowa to connect and discuss Jewish life in Iowa and the world. After introducing one another, the leaders gave short updates on their communities. Guest speaker, Imam Hassan Selim, head of the Islamic Center of Cedar Rapids, spoke with the group about his community and the success and challenges that come with

leading it. He also touched on ways in which the Islamic Community and the Jewish community can work together.

Before, during and after lunch, leaders engaged in conversation surrounding three current topics that have received a large amount of attention. The first discussion, lead by Rabbi Kaufman, focused on U.S. and Israeli Relations. The second discussion, lead by Rabbi Karp, focused

on antisemitism from both the right and left. The final discussion, lead by Rabbi Rebecca Kushner, focused on teaching young Jewish adults about refugee and migrant issues from a Jewish standpoint.

This annual meeting serves as an important time for leaders to learn about other Jewish communities in the state and how they can support one another moving forward.

Rosh Hashanah Postcard from 1948 DP Camp



This postcard was sent 71 years ago to from Rose and Jacob Szneler. It is unknown who the postcard was sent to.

Rose and Jacob met in the DP Camp and were married there in 1946. They later moved to Des Moines, Iowa in 1950 for a better life and to raise their three children: Esther, Lola and Marvin.

This piece of history shows that even during difficult times, the High Holidays are still celebrated and observed. A wish for the New Year.

As we enter the year 5780, take a moment to be grateful for the family that surrounds you, the roof over your head and the food on your table.

This postcard, and more, can be seen in the IJHS Heritage Gallery located at Caspe Terrace.

Rose, Jacob and Daughter, Esther, pictured above. This postcard was sent in 1948 (5709) from a Bergen-Belsen Displaced Persons Camp. Photo Courtesy of IJHS.

ADL Conference Screened at Drake Law School

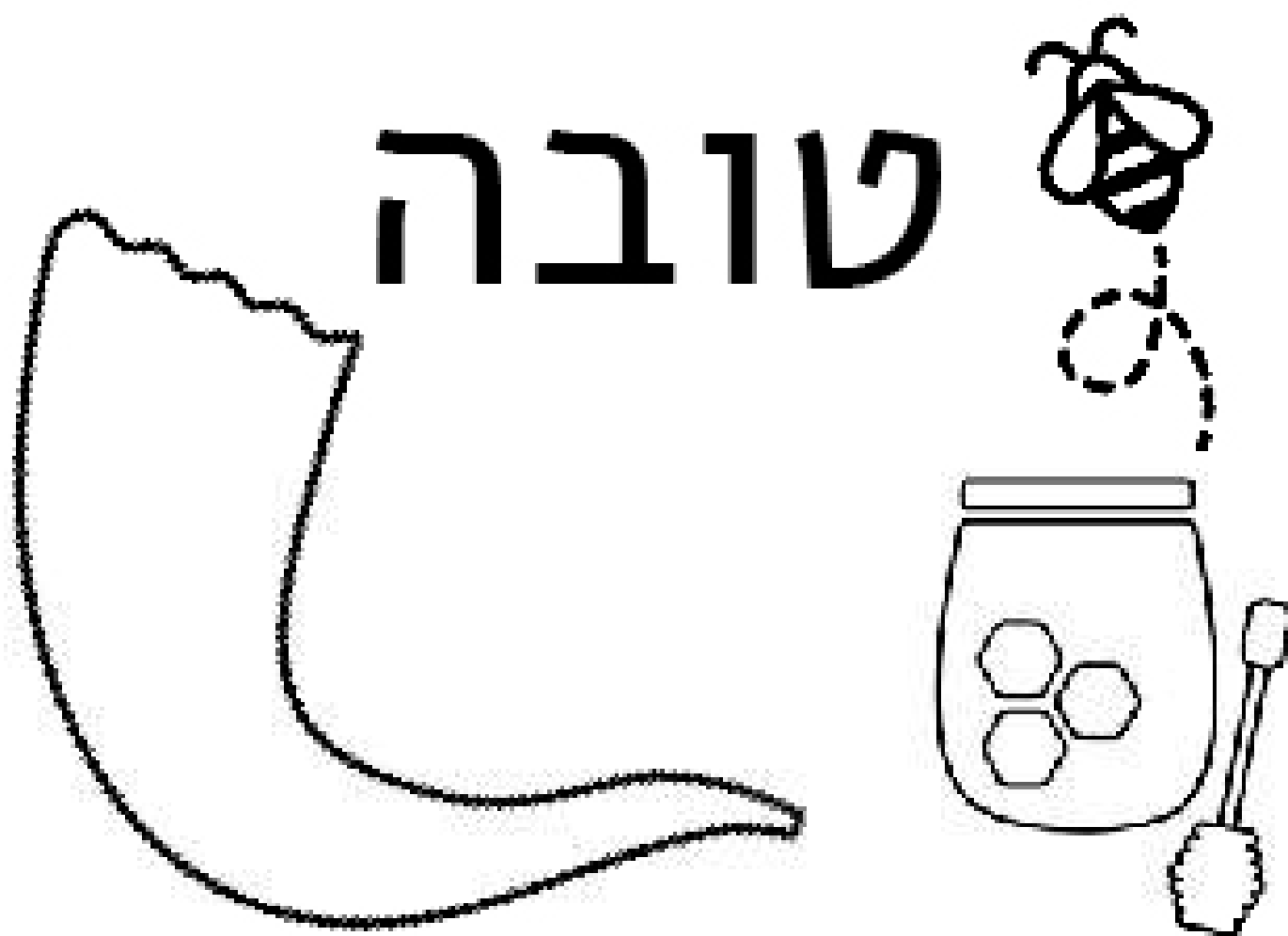


Law students at Drake University gathered to watch a webcast of ADL's (Anti-Defamation League) annual Supreme Court Review. The program was co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation.



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