



Summer 2007

Jewish Community
Foundation of
Greater Prescott

Legacy

Foundation Sponsors Mission to Israel

Historic Trip for Community Leaders

Events in the Middle East have been influencing U.S. foreign policy beginning with the seizure of American commerce ships by the Barbary pirates in 1784. Today the region is dominated by the topics of nuclear proliferation and terrorism. In order to gain a first-hand understanding of this part of the world, the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott, in conjunction with the America Israel Friendship League (AIFL), is sponsoring an educational mission to Israel for community leaders of the Greater Prescott area.

Until now, this type of Leadership Mission was reserved exclusively for groups such as the National Association of Attorneys General, the National Council of Churches, national journalists, and prominent Middle East scholars. As a pilot program for the America Israel Friendship League, Greater Prescott will be the first small community in the United States to have its community leaders experience this dynamic, in-depth program that explores the importance of Israel's democracy

in the Middle East. Founded in 1971 by a distinguished group of American leaders, including Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and Senators 'Scoop' Jackson and Nelson Rockefeller, the America Israel Friendship League's missions emphasize Israel's democracy, its vibrant culture, and the tiny nation's significant contributions to the world of science, technology, medicine, environmental protection, and the arts.

Local leaders traveling on this historic Mission are: Mayor Rowle Simmons, City of Prescott; Dr. James Horton, president, Yavapai College; Sheila Polk, Yavapai County Attorney; Pastor Dan Storvick, Senior Pastor, American Lutheran Church; Pastor Lee Wiggins, Lead Pastor, Heights Church; Kathleen Murphy, CEO, Yavapai Big Brothers, Big Sisters; and attorney, Ellen Simon. Rounding out the group are business leaders, Bill and Ron Fain, Fain Signature Group; Mike Fann, Fann Construction; Steve Rutherford, Rutherford Investments; and Tracey Horn of Helken & Horn.

In addition to visiting the important Holy sites of Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Temple Mount, and 'Via Dolorosa', the delegates will tour the leading universities, and the major museums of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. To understand the political importance of the region, mission delegates will meet with government officials, recognized scholars in Middle East affairs, and experts on terrorism. Other highlights of the trip will include interaction with members of the Knesset, Israel's legislative governing body, a visit with an Israeli Supreme Court Judge, and an evening with renowned refusenik, Natan Sharansky. Mr. Sharansky is one of only four foreigners to have received both the Congressional Gold Medal of Freedom and the Presidential Medal of Freedom from the United States (the other three foreigners being Pope Paul II, Mother Teresa, and Nelson Mandela). The eight-day trip promises to be a once in a lifetime opportunity for the delegates to gain valuable information about this event-making region. ★

The Vision of the Foundation is to develop, sustain, and ensure the social welfare, cultural heritage, and continuity of a strong and vibrant Jewish community for generations to come through the creation and growth of endowment funds.



Holocaust Survivor's Story Keeps Memories Alive

President's Message

New opportunities for disadvantaged kids, a capacity crowd for the Days of Remembrance, performances by Bill Cosby and Itzhak Perlman, and a Leadership Mission to Israel – wow!!! - can all that really be happening in Greater Prescott? The answer is yes.

The Leadership Mission to Israel for our community leaders is an extraordinary event; never before has the America Israel Friendship League offered this program to a small community. This honor is a direct reflection of the special nature of the Greater Prescott community and its leaders. We can all be proud of this honor.

Made possible by the Foundation's Dorothy-Ellen Morris Endowment Fund, the performance by Itzhak Perlman at Yavapai College Performance Hall can be considered the most significant cultural event of the decade for our community. This is an outstanding example of the impact of endowment funds.

These wonderful programs have been made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Foundation's volunteers and the generous support of our donors.



David S. Hess, M.D., President

Please know that your comments and feedback are welcome and can be sent by email to jcf@cableone.net.

On Monday, April 16th the Greater Prescott community remembered those who perished during the Nazi extermination of Jews and other minorities during World War II by observing the Days of Remembrance at the Davis Learning Center at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. The annual event was sponsored by the Jewish Student Association of Embry Riddle

Aeronautical University, Temple B'rith Shalom, and the Jewish Community Foundation.

Before a capacity crowd at the Davis Center, featured speaker Magda Herzberger, now age 81, described the horrors she experienced at the hands of her Nazi tormentors. Magda's idyllic childhood was shattered when Hitler's troops occupied her city of Cluj, Romania in 1944. Over the course of the next year, Magda endured hunger, severe weather, and disease at the death camps of Auschwitz-Birkeau, Bremen, and Bergen-Belsen. It was only through her indefatigable spirit and her abiding faith in God that Magda lived to tell her story.

On April 15, 1945, Magda, weakened by her year-long ordeal

collapsed into a pile of decaying bodies. Her last thought was to reach out for something "living". Magda saw a small tree a few feet away and somehow managed to separate herself from the pile of corpses and crawl to the tree. Clutching the small trunk of the tree, Magda felt at peace and was prepared to die. It was at that moment that a liberating British soldier found her and carried her to medical attention. Magda said: "I was so weak I could not even talk to say thank you." Magda went on to tell the audience: "I promised God if I survived, I'd keep alive the memories of all the victims left behind". Through her speeches and writings, Magda has kept that solemn promise. ★

From the left, Jeff Adler and Jonathan Wolfson, from the Temple B'rith Shalom Religious School, light the ceremonial candles with the assistance of Rabbi Bonnie Koppell.



All Smiles at "Sesame Street Live"

Foundation Provides Tickets to Kids

On the first of May, the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott partnered with Global Entertainment to provide 60 kids and staff from the Boys and Girls Club of Prescott Valley with tickets and refreshments for the performance of "Sesame Street Live" at Tim's Toyota Center. Youngsters from throughout the quad-city area attended the performance of "Sesame Street Live", for many the first time they had seen any type of live show. Casey Knight of the Boys and Girls Club said: "This was absolutely a first time for a lot of kids seeing something like this. It was great entertainment. They had a blast." Foundation trustee, Richard Brody, stated: "The

Foundation is going to do this two or three times a year for disadvantaged kids and adults of the quad-city area." The smiles on the faces

of those attending the event was proof positive that the program was a great success. ★



From the left, Shayann Bosick and Emma Lenihan enjoy the characters of Sesame Street Live at Tim's Toyota Center.

Cosby a Smash Hit at Yavapai College

Before two sold-out audiences on Saturday, May 12th, Mr. Bill Cosby demonstrated why he has won eight Grammy awards for best selling comedy album of the year and four Emmy's for his TV shows. Cosby literally brought the house down with laughter from his personal stories and his interaction with the audiences. Cosby's spontaneity was readily apparent when he mispronounced "Pres-scott", and was 'politely' informed by the afternoon audience that the correct pronunciation was "Pres-kitt". Cosby's ensuing impromptu routine had the audience in stitches. Continuing this interaction with

the audience, Cosby inquired if anyone at the evening performance had attended his old high school in Philadelphia. Sure enough, someone had actually attended Central High in Philadelphia. Before you

knew what had happened, Cosby had Dr. Lester Adler on stage and the two of them were singing the alma mater! If you missed this great performer, Cosby is returning to the Performance Hall in 2008. ★



Mayor Rowle Simmons and his wife Christa share their smiles with Mr. Bill Cosby at the evening performance at Yavapai College.



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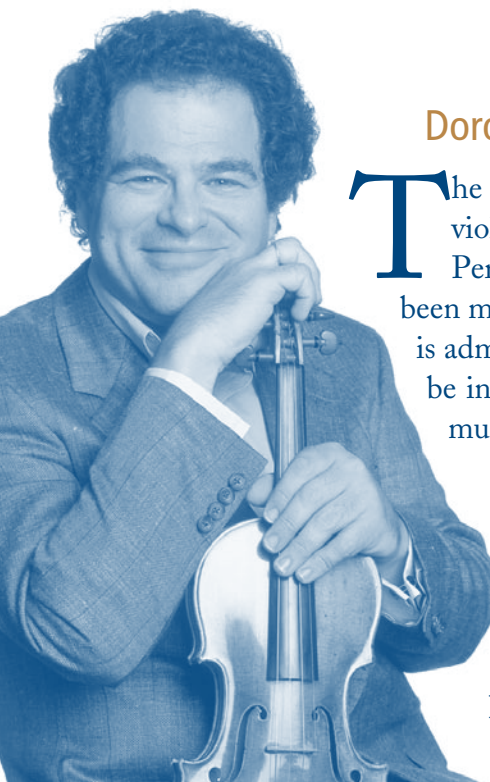
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Itzhak Perlman at Yavapai College

Dorothy-Ellen Morris Endowment Sponsors Renowned Musician

The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Prescott is pleased to announce that violin virtuoso, Itzhak Perlman, will give a performance at the Yavapai College Performance Hall on Thursday evening, January 17, 2008. This historic event has been made possible by a grant from the Dorothy-Ellen Morris Endowment Fund, which is administered by the Jewish Community Foundation. Mr. Perlman's performance will be in memory of Dorothy-Ellen and her significant contributions to our Jewish community.

The most proficient and respected violinist of his era, Mr. Perlman combines breathtaking technical skill, a passion for music, and a stage charisma that has earned him numerous honors including 15 Grammys and four Emmys. Mr. Perlman enjoys superstar status rarely afforded a classical musician. It is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to see Mr. Perlman perform - and we will have that opportunity in January 2008. For tickets call the Yavapai College Performance Hall at 776 - 2000. ★

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