



# L'Chaim!

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## Synagogue, Temple tab spiritual leaders

### ■ Agudath Achim hires Delaware cantor.

Following Rabbi Ammos Chorny's departure, Agudath Achim Synagogue has turned to Canter Michael Horwitz of Wilmington, Del.



**Horwitz**

The new cantor begins his duties Sept. 1.

Canter Horwitz has spent the last six years at Congregation Beth Shalom in Wilmington.

His duties included developing innovative congregational and community events, officiating at services, life-cycle events and supervising

Hebrew and Adult Education students.

He previously served two years at congregations in Omaha, Neb., Fair Lawn, N.J. and Gainesville, Fla.

Center Horwitz and his wife, Heidi, are expecting their second child in August. They also have a 3-year-old son.

Horwitz, who graduated from Indiana University in 1990 and Jewish Theological Seminary in 1999, is an avid runner, having completed 28 marathons in the past 20 years.

### ■ TBI welcomes its new student rabbi.

Temple Beth Israel is prepared to welcome a new student rabbi.



**Hashmall**

Helayne Hashmall is also working toward her master's degree in religious education at Hebrew Union College in New York.

Helayne, who will be married in August, has spent the last year studying in Israel.

She succeeds Rachel Kort, who served Temple Beth Israel as a student rabbi for the past year.

"I thank each of you for

this wonderful and enriching opportunity, for your inspiration, for your warmth, caring, humor and critique," Rachel said.

Helayne says she is "passionate about Torah study" and is eager about her opportunity to come to Altoona.

"We look forward to meeting Helayne and at the same time we wish Rachel all the best in her continued studies," outgoing Temple president Michael Rosen said.

## Chorny bids Altoona farewell

By Bill Wallen

Rabbi Ammos Chorny, who has served at Agudath Achim Synagogue for the past seven years, has accepted a new position as Rabbi and Spiritual Leader of Congregation Or Shalom in London, Ontario.

Chorny is looking forward to the opportunity.

"I'm thrilled with the prospects of serving a new congregation," he said.

His three now-adult children -- Joel, Daniel and Michal -- are or will be attending college at different institutions throughout the East Coast.

Chorny and his wife, Aviva, are proud that they helped mentor not only their own children in Hebrew education but so many in the Altoona community who increased their proficiency.

"We are delighted as we see so many wonderful students who in the course of the years not only mastered the religious



**Rabbi Ammos Chorny and wife Aviva are headed for a new opportunity in Canada. We wish them well.**

school curriculum, but demonstrated before the entire Congregation their com-

mitment to Jewish values and traditions," he said.

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

# Around the community

By Bill Wallen

### Comings and goings

We are happy to welcome **Al Roth** to our community. "Uncle Al" has been a frequent visitor over the years to see his niece **Rozzie Sky** and is already known to many of us. He is residing at 402 Country Club Terrace and is currently recovering from successful knee surgery. He would love calls and visits – he especially likes brisket delivered by lovely ladies!

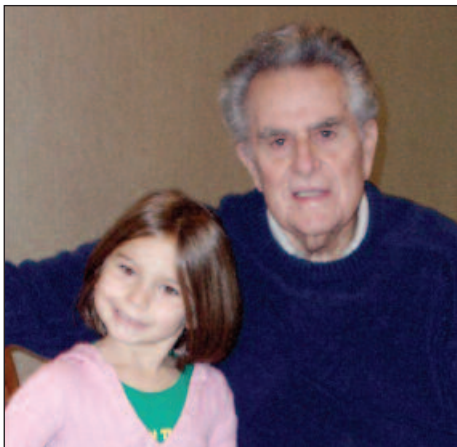
Welcome also to **Robb and Susan Markowitz** who have just relocated from Maine. Give them a call at 943-1529 to say hello.

We wish **Rachelle Cohen** good health and happiness in her new home. She has moved to Hilliard, Ohio to be closer to her family. Prior to leaving town, friends had a luncheon for her at Michael's Café. Her new address is 5863 Scioto – Darby Road, Apt. 421, Hilliard, OH 43026.

Best wishes to Tyrone pillar **Morris Levine** who has moved into Epworth Manor in Tyrone.

### In the news

The June issue of the Blair Business Mirror featured a profile on **Andrea Cohen**. She is vice chair of the WE-LEaD committee which focuses on continuing education for women in leadership positions. Andrea is very active in the Chamber as well as in the Jewish and general communities.



The community welcomes Al Roth, here with great niece Mandy Sky.



Rachelle Cohen has relocated to Ohio.

Earlier this year, **Chuck and Sandi Kaminsky** were featured on the Chamber's cover story celebrating Puritan Cleaners' 65 years of service to our community. The business was opened in 1941 by **Morrie and Jack Kaminsky**, Charlie's father and uncle. Charlie has operated the business since 1981. We wish Puritan many more years of success.

### Yasher Koach

Congratulations to **Barry Allen** on his election as board president at Temple Beth Israel. He was installed at the annual dinner on June 10. He had been the Temple first vice-president and previously taught in the community Sunday School. Barry believes that the Temple is "a place where we can explore our Jewish heritage, experience familiar as well as surprising elements of Judaism and find deeper meaning in our lives."

*Yom huledet sameach* to gabbai **Moe Antikol** on his 88th birthday. He celebrated at a special Shabbat service at the Synagogue on June 9 where he was the maftir. The chapel was filled with friends and family to help him celebrate.

**Dr. Josh Port's** procedure on Reverse Shoulder Replacement was featured in the recent Altoona Regional Health System publication, Healthy Living. Josh has introduced this successful new procedure to Central PA.

### Tikum Olam

We commend **Phil Devorris** and the other business leaders in our community on the creation of **Operation Our Town**, a non-profit organization to "Take Back Our Neighborhoods," from the plagues of drugs, violent crime and fear. The group is working with law enforcement, education, human service, health and religious communities to work on solutions. The Federation is part of the Religious Roundtable.

To help combat genocide in the Sudan, **Save Darfur Central PA** has been developed. Educational programs are offered, funds have purchased "cookers" through **Jewish World Watch** and efforts are being made to encourage divesting from companies that do business in Sudan. **Mickey Port** represents us on the local committee. See page 5 for more information about Darfur.

Commendations to **Doug Simon** and his team who brought in the most money in the recent **Easter Seals** VIP fundraiser. Thanks to all who worked and contributed with this project.

### Gurman honored

Altoona's own **Dr. Andy Gurman** was elected as Vice Speaker of the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates during their June meeting. He is also serving as Speaker of the PA Medical Society House of Delegates and has been an active and vital member of the State and County Medical Societies.



In addition to his medical activities, **Gurman** Andy is a devoted member of Temple Beth Israel and has been President of the Pennsylvania Region of the Reform Movement.

Congratulations and Yasher Koach to Andy for his local, state and now national service.





### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 14** Jewish Community Day at the Curve
- Aug. 27** Annual Federation Picnic (time, place TBA)
- Sept. 6** Commonality meeting
- Sept. 9** First day of Sunday school  
Parent Open House
- Sept. 12** Erev Rosh Hashanah
- Sept. 13** Rosh Hashanah – first day
- Sept. 14** Rosh Hashanah – second day
- Sept. 21** Kol Nidrei
- Sept. 22** Yom Kippur
- Sept. 26** Erev Sukkot
- Sept. 27-28** Sukkot
- Oct. 5** Simchat Torah
- Oct. 13** David Katz Bar Mitzvah
- Nov. 22** Thanksgiving
- Dec. 4** Chanukah – first candle
- Dec. 5-12** Chanukah
- Jan. 6** Sunday School resumes at TBI  
Parent Open House & Camp Fair
- Jan. 22** Tu B'Shevat
- Feb. 3** Super Bowl party (TBA)

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# Cohen to assume presidency

## ■ Federation installation of officers set for Aug. 26.

Michael Cohen is becoming the president of the Greater Altoona Jewish Federation.

Cohen was approved at an executive committee meeting on June 29. He will be sworn in at the annual Jewish Community picnic on Aug. 26.

Cohen replaces Roz Sky, who will remain on the Federation's executive committee.

Cohen has been an active member of the Federation for many years, most recently serving as its treasurer.

He is also a past president of Agudath Achim Synagogue.

"We've very fortunate to have some-one of Michael's leadership abilities and passion for Judaism in our community," Sky said. "I know he'll do an outstanding job, and I look forward to continuing to work with him."



Cohen

Sky served as president since February of 2006 after former president Michael Tomor left the area to pursue a professional opportunity.

"We're most appreciative that Rozzie was willing to serve us, especially on short notice, and we look forward to Michael's continued role as a Federation and community leader," Federation Executive Director Bill Wallen said.

A local periodontist, Cohen has served on a number of Federation committees and has spearheaded the Federation's "Campaign 100 percent," initiative. He also represented the Greater Altoona Jewish Federation as a speaker at the spring regional Federation meeting in State College.

Cohen is married to the former Andrea Devorris. The couple has two children -- Allison (15) and Scott (13).

# Jewish community night at Blair County Ballpark

## Saturday, July 14

With help from the Devorris family, the Federation has reserved 40 tickets for the Altoona Curve's 7:05 p.m. game against Akron Aeros.

We will have two skyboxes, side-by-side, for an evening of fun and fellowship.

The cost for Federation members is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 14 and includes ticket, food and non-alcoholic drinks. Cost for non-members is \$15 for adults and \$8 for children.

Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis and must

be reserved by calling the Federation office at 940-6001.

Hope to see you there!





## L' CHAIM PROFILE

# Judi Sue Meisner champions diversity

**Name:** Judith Sue Meisner

**Immediate family:** Husband: Marvin H. Meisner, MD; Son; Kevin, his wife Christine, grandsons Zachary and Jacob; Son: Jonathan; Brother: Bruce Eglin and his wife, Myrna and their son, Eric Eglin, family dogs, Maggie and Max.

**Education and employment:** Graduate of Shaker Heights High School and the Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. (Major in history and psychology.) I taught several school systems, and worked as a librarian in Cleveland. I owned a plant and floral business, "Slightly Potted," for 10 years and returned to my family roots in construction, by operating JSM Enterprises, supervising professional commercial construction projects.

**Leisure/hobbies:** Daily exercise, love to read, writing prose and children's and play Mah Jongg. I am my husband's main proof reader, and have been since he attended medical school. I love traveling, especially to New York City, Cleveland, Connecticut and D.C., Miami Beach, cruises and family vacations to the shore. "I vicariously participate in giant pumpkin and tomato growing as my husband's main cheer leader. My personal life would not be complete without my dogs. I have been owned by 16 fabulous dogs, currently Maggie & Max Meisner."

**Community involvement:** My parents and grandparents promoted service to community and set the



**Judi Sue Meisner is the driving force of Celebrity Diversity! She was recently honored as the 2007 YWCA Community Service Volunteer for her work with Diversity.**

example for me. I have been active in United Order of True Sisters, Hadassah, Greater Altoona Jewish Federation (past vice president and co-chair of Russian resettlement), Agudath Achim Synagogue (past vice president, past president of Sisterhood and creator and past editor of the synagogue's calendar/yearbook, The Chronicle for 27 years), and am a member of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Circle of Life. My primary focus the past 12 years has been Celebrate Diversity!

I am especially proud of my long and loving marriage, raising two wonderful sons, my close involvement with our grandsons and nephew and

my family and friends. I take great pleasure in participating in all of the various activities and programs that I listed above, particularly Celebrate Diversity!

My passion for people and working in worthwhile endeavors began through the examples learned as a child. I was taught ethics and values by my parents and grandparents that have formed my attitude and involvement in community and national organizations. I care deeply for others and try to do my best to help make the world a better place, even in small ways. There is an opportunity for value in every human life.

With Celebrate Diversity, I began as a board member representing Jewish Federation. I have been privileged to chair this outstanding educational program (whose mission is to eradicate hatred and prejudice in young people of Blair, Centre, Cambria and Bedford Counties) for 11 years.

**Jewish community pride:** Our Jewish community supports each other in times of celebration and sorrow. Our friendships are long lasting and often cross-generational. Friends who have moved away always look forward to "coming home" to their Altoona family.

**Hopes and vision for the future:** I hope for a more cohesive community that will grow in numbers, in joint activities and in community service. We are at our best when we provide for others as we did with the Russian Resettlement and Love Feasts.



PERSPECTIVE

# Focus on genocide in Darfur



When Holocaust survivor and civil rights activist Judy Meisel, visited Blair County schools last winter, she asked each class: "Do you know about the genocide occurring in Darfur?" Sadly most students never heard of Darfur and the 400,000 people slain there and over 2.5 million who have been forced to take refuge in other countries.

Over the last year, Jewish groups throughout the United States have taken action to let people know of this current genocide, to raise money and advocate for divestment from Sudanese companies. In Altoona and Blair County, our Jewish community has joined with activists from the general community to make a difference.

### Federation joins group "Altoona Cares about Darfur."

The Federation joined Penn State Altoona and other groups in sponsoring an educational and action evening on April 4th about the horrors occurring in this part of the Sudan.



Prendergast

The guest speaker was John Prendergast, Senior Advisor African Affairs, International Crisis Group, Washington D.C. He is the co-author of the book, *NOT ON OUR WATCH, The Mission to End Genocide in Darfur and Beyond*. The book is available to borrow from the Federation. From this meeting, a local action group was formed, Save Darfur: Central PA. Mickey Port is our representative on the group. The next meeting is Monday, July 16, at 7:30 P.M. at First United Methodist Church, 801



Sarah Lipitz

Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg. All are welcome.

The Federation also helped to sponsor a trip to Chad and Darfur for Penn State Altoona student Wendy Hartman. She is participating in a genocide research project and will give a presentation on her trip to our Jewish community sometime this fall.

### Our youth helped to purchase "cookers" for Darfur

Judy Meisel informed our community about solar cookers that can be supplied to the women in the Iridimi refugee camp in Chad. The cookers provide both heat and can be used to cook meals. They reduce the incidence of attacks on the women who would otherwise need to leave the camps to forage for wood. The women actually manufacture these solar cookers and train others in their use. This project is organized through Jewish World Watch.

Sarah Lipitz adopted the cookers as her Bat Mitzvah project and sought contributions from our Jewish community. She reported at her Bat Mitzvah on June 2, that over \$2,000 was con-

tributed by over 60 individuals and families.

The Jewish community Sunday school contributed one-half of their Tzedakah money collected during the 2006-07 school year to the cooker project. Co-principals Ilissa Zimmerman and Phyllis Thaler reported that the eighth and ninth grade class chose this project because all of the students felt that through the cookers they could really make a difference in the lives of people.

For more information about the cookers, visit [jewishworldwatch.org](http://jewishworldwatch.org).



Jewish World Watch launched this solar cooker project in May 2006 as an effort to reduce the incidence of rape amongst the women survivors of the genocide in Darfur. The premise of our project is that most women are raped when they leave the camps to forage for wood to cook their food, and if we can reduce the need for the women to venture outside of the camp, we can reduce the incidence of rape.

### The genocide in Darfur

- Black Africans are being terrorized and driven from their villages and exterminated by Arab militias, the Janjaweed, and the Sudan government.
- Up to 400,000 people are dead.
- 2 million people have been displaced, with many women and girls having suffered from rapes and beatings since 2003.
- The U.S. government and U.N. agree that "THIS IS A GENOCIDE" yet the terror continues.





# Smile for the camera: The



Mina Belenitsky (right), Shirley Levinson (middle) and Norma Sevel enjoy fellowship...and some food.



New members of the Jewish community, from left: Mindy and Daryl Newton and son Gunner.



Campers at Camp Sunny Skies, in its second year, include Casey Rispoli, Robby Smith, Abigail Simon, co-director Dana Sky, co-director Dana Sky and Sammy Sky. The camp is held at the Jewish Memorial Center.



Carol and Morley Cohn mug for L'Chaim photog Jeff Greenberg.



Relaxing at the Purim Carnival are, from left: Ava Kline, Ellen Kivitz, Sandra Knepp and Emily Knepp.



Ruth Ann Rosend helps entertain the children at the Purim Carnival. From left: Michael, Abigail, Laura, Nathan and Nathan.



# Jewish community in focus



include, from left: Phoebe Simon, Luke Keenan, Director Rachel Hollander, Felicia Devorris, Mandy Original Camp Sunny Skies ran for many years at the



Long-time Federation contributor George Strobert and friend Helen Casey.



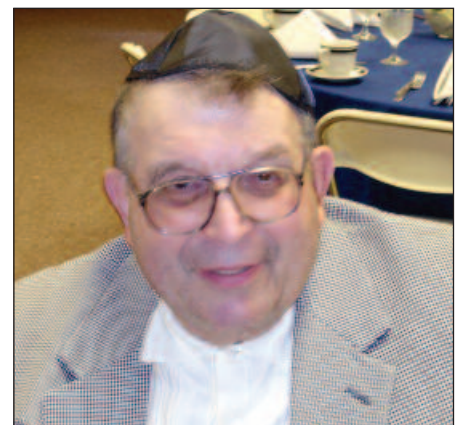
Bill and Carolyn Wallen flank Sharon Smith and her son, Robby.



Chernberg table, including, from left: Leah.



Adam Port flashes his thumb's up.



Dave Brooks is dressed for the occasion.





## L'CHAIM MILESTONES

### BIRTHS

**Levi Jacob Werstil** on June 24, 2007, son of Janine and Greg Werstil, grandson of Vicki and Alan Kivitz and great grandson of Genia Sommer.

### WEDDINGS

**Kevin and Jamie (Carey) Wallen**, October 10, 2007. Kevin is the son of Carolyn and Bill Wallen.

### RECENT B'NAI MITZVAH

**Joel Schocker**, April 14, 2007, Agudath Achim Congregation

**Howard Keenan**, April 28, 2007, Agudath Achim Congregation

**Sarah Lipitz**, June 2, 2007, Agudath Achim Congregation

### GRADUATIONS

**Brittany Thaler**, Hollidaysburg, attending the University of Pittsburgh

**Nicole Lipitz**, Hollidaysburg, attending the University of Cincinnati

**Michal Chorny**, Hollidaysburg, attending New York University

**Michael Schneider**, Hollidaysburg, attending Penn State Altoona

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

**Rachel Allen**, from Washington & Jefferson College with a BA in English and is working with Americorps and Montana Legal Services.

**Amanda Dudley**, from the University of Indiana. Her major was Judaic Studies and her minor was Religious Studies.

**Sam Patt**, from Skidmore College, with a BA in Math. He is continuing his education at Dartmouth College.

**Amy Pimentel**, from Duke University with a BS and has been accepted into the Peace Corps.

**Jennifer Singer**, magna cum laude from Hobart & William Smith Colleges and received her teaching certification in elementary education and special education. She was also elected to Phi Beta Cappa.

**Elizabeth Benjamin**, from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, magna cum laude.

**Jason Clayton**, son of Lynn and Mike Rosen, from West Virginia University and continuing his education in Palmer Chiropractic in Iowa.

**Erica Binus**, from the University of Pittsburgh with a major in Psychology.

**Rachel Hollander**, from George Washington University with a major in Jewish Studies and a minor in Religion. She will be continuing her studies in Israel.

**Heidi Housman Soloman**, from West Virginia University with a Masters degree in Speech Pathology.

**Sarah Williamson**, daughter of Sue and Rick Karp, graduated Cum Laude from the Robert E. Cook Honors College of IUP with a major in Biology and a minor in History. Sarah will begin her doctoral program at Ohio State University in Integrated Biological Medical Science.



Agudath Achim Consecration, held May 25, included, from left, first row – Claudia Devorris, Andrew Arlick, Tyler Rispoli, Sam Sky, second row – Max Devorris, Nathan Scheinberg, Jacob Port, Jacob Scheinberg, third row – Rabbi Chorny, Aviva Chorny.

## Opportunity awaits Chorny

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Chorny further indicated that Or Shalom offers him new opportunities to reinvigorate his commitment to serve Klal Israel (the People of Israel), and once again commit to his vision and drive to perpetuate the Jewish values of Shmirat Mitzvot (Observance), Talmud Torah (Learning) and Tikkun Olam (making the world a better place for all).

Challenged by the specific needs and expectations of his new congregation, Chorny expects to invest his time and talents helping Or Shalom increase its membership, develop creative programming opportunities, and building a model of a vibrant sacred community.

Chorny taught Jewish studies at Penn State Altoona, and said he expects to accept a teaching position in the recently established Department of Jewish Studies at the Western Ontario University in London.

"As everyone knows, I have always derived a special joy, and a sense of profound satisfaction from

my interaction with college students, and look forward to establish new relationships both with the Jewish students on campus as well as the entire student body," he said.

He said Aviva would continue teaching in the context of the Jewish Community Day School in London, where, after a brief period, she's expected to occupy the position of Director of Jewish Studies.

Rabbi and Aviva want to close with a word of thanks to all their friends, members of the congregation and the community at large, who in the course of the last seven years, participated in the process of seeing their children grow up and excel both in their academic endeavors as well as in their personal lives.

"We give thanks to God for the many blessings He bestowed upon our family during the special time we were here," he said, "and we look forward to maintaining the strong bonds which will forever ties to this community and its people. Shalom v'lehitraot."

Agudath Achim honored the Chornys on June 30.





### THE WAY WE WERE

*Memories...like the corners of my mind, misty, water-colored memories...of the way we were.*



**JMC 1963-64 Men's Bowling League**

Bottom from left: Nate Parish, Unknown, Kenny McGraw, Unknown, Howard Miller, Irv Berger, Marty Welcovitz. Middle row: Nevin Nederlander, Ron Getz, Swifty Karp, Hymie Adelman, Stan Miller, Sam Cohen, Unknown, Dave Brooks, Don Ruben, Sy Greenwald. Back row: Paul Preis, Ronnie Rosenblum, Justin Brenner, Harold Rosefsky, Saul Savitz, George Ruben, Jack Edelman.

# Celebrating 60 years of marriage

## ■ Kadanes, Schulmans were both married in Altoona on April 20, 1947.

On Sunday, April 20, 1947, Nissan 30, 5707 in our calendar, two young Jewish couples married in Altoona.

It was Rosh Chodesh Iyar, one of the few days that marriages were permitted between Passover and Shavuot. On that date, Yale Schulman joined Ida Karp and Mel Kadane joined Anna (Sissy) Kohn in marriage. Now, 60 years later, each couple celebrated this remarkable anniversary with their congregation.



**Sissy and Mel Kadane**

The Kadanes were honored at a Friday night service on April 20 at Temple Beth Israel. The service was conducted by Annette Shaw and a special presentation was led by incoming president Barry Allen. Letters of congratulations were read from former Rabbis Burt Schuman

and Nathan Kaber. A Joe Servello painting of Temple Beth Israel was presented to the Kadanes from Mel's friends and co-workers at Coldwell Banker Town and Country Real Estate.

The Schulmans were honored on a Saturday morning, April 21, at Agudath Achim Congregation. Their nephew, Rick Karp, conducted the service with the assistance of friends and family. Yale chanted the Maftir and Haftorah and Bill Wallen gave the D'var Torah. Synagogue President Joel Hollander made a special presentation and the Schulmans' children, Becky and Marty, were speakers.



**Ida and Yale Schulman**

Both couples have always been pillars of their congregations and active in our general community. The Temple and Synagogue were proud to honor them at this milestone anniversary, and we were honored that they chose to celebrate at their houses of worship.



# Mid-year campaign update—2007

As you are aware 2006 was the first year of Campaign membership 100%, your Federation's effort to have every Jewish resident of the Greater Altoona area become a member of our Federation. The last year has seen our community raise \$184,000 from the kindness of 137 family and individual memberships. This includes 21 new member families to our Federation.

Your Federation is your Jewish community in action meeting the needs of all of our members and your Federation is asking you to renew your annual membership by a gift to the annual campaign.

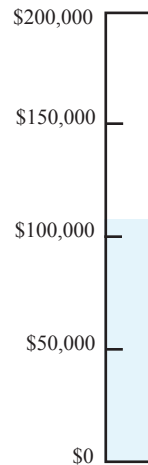
Your membership gifts supports: educating our children, providing Jewish cultural and education experience/programs, maintaining a visible Jewish presence in our interfaith and secular community, supporting the state of Israel in these challenging times and helping Jews in need throughout the world.

As Jews, we measure our good deeds on a yearly basis, and in this spirit it is time to meet our annual responsibility for our Jewish community and for Jews throughout the world by renewing our memberships in the Greater Altoona Jewish Federation by making a gift to our annual campaign. Please renew today.

Let us stand together as one, live generously, and be counted as a member of our community with your annual campaign gift. Judaism is not only about finding God but bringing Jews together, to live in peace and with purpose.

The 2007 Campaign kicked off in February. Our contributors through June include:

Mr. Hy Adelman  
 Mr. Ron Adelman  
 Mr. & Mrs. Clark Adelman  
 Mrs. Sue Ansin (Klatzkin Foundation)  
 Mr. Morris Antikol  
 Dr. Alexis Antracoli  
 Dr. & Mrs. Jay Arlick  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Bailingier  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Bergstein  
 Mr. & Mrs. David Binus  
 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Bloom



Amount Pledged

Total Pledged thru June 29th	\$102,229.00
# Contributors	81
Amount Paid	\$26,537.35
New Contributors/Members Amount	7 \$1,497.00
Increased Pledges Amount	29 \$2,384.83

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Campbell  
 Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Cohen  
 Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Cohen  
 Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Covitch  
 Mr. & Mrs. David Dolinger  
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 Mr. & Mrs. Ron Zollman





# We remember them...

*So long as we live, they too shall live,  
for they are now part of us, as we remember them.*

## Hilda Lurie

Hilda Lurie, 79, died on December 12, 2006 at Donahue Manor, Bedford. "Babe" was an Altoona native, the daughter of Roy and Lily (Solomon) Schulman.



Roy was killed by the infamous runaway automobile in 1936; when Hilda was only nine years old. She married Joe Lurie in 1946 in Pittsburgh and they shared the next 60

years of life together. Hilda was a self employed decorator and seamstress for 45 years and designed and made clothing for her daughters Jan and Royal. She loved gardening and canning fruits, vegetables and jellies. Hilda and Joe always opened their home to family and friends especially for holiday dinners. She is remembered with love by her husband Joe, her daughters, sons in law and five grandchildren. During her eulogy Jan stated "Every time I think of her, I am with her; my mother is with me constantly, my guiding star."

## Carole Kron

Carole Kron, 71, died on April 17, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia. She was a native of New York City and came to Altoona with her husband, Dr. Ira (Bernie) Kron where they raised their children: Robin, Charley, and Susan. Bernie died in 1992. Carole was a graduate of Hunter College and worked for Altoona Hospital and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. She was an active member of Agudath Achim and the Federation. She was the chair of the Sunday School Committee for a number of years. She maintained many close friends in Altoona who gathered at the meal of consolation and shared many touching and loving memories of their times with Carole. Her children always think of their visits to Altoona as coming home. Her greatest joys in recent years centered on her many activities with her grandchildren: Juliana, Kira and Ira Eide. Both Carole and Bernie are interred at Agudath Achim Cemetery.

## Sylvia Schulman

Sylvia Schulman, 89, died on November 14, 2006. She spoke often and lovingly about her childhood and family, the



Krentzmans in Lewistown. Their home was always open to peddlers and any Jewish travelers who wanted to have a meal and stay overnight. "The visitors were new to us but never

stayed strangers." Sylvia told many stories about family life in those days and about kosher butchering in their backyard! Sylvia married Max Schulman in 1947. They had three children: Reva, Marcia and Elaine. She was a real partner with Max in their store and was a "business woman before her time"; however, home and family were her first priority. She continued the Krentzman tradition of opening her home to countless old and new friends for a special meal. Even in recent years she made her famous tuna salad for people who helped her. Sylvia fought against some serious illnesses in recent years but always remained optimistic and in good spirits - she never lost her sense of humor. She was a loyal friend to many and always kept in contact by phone and cards. She was a devoted member of Hadassah and Agudath Achim and supported the Federation and other community services. She is sadly missed by her sister Anita, her daughters and grandchildren and her many friends.

## Elva Schmidt

Elva Schmidt, 73, died on October 7, 2006. She was a native of Hyndman who married Jack "Smitty" Schmidt in 1952 in Altoona. She was a loving homemaker, wife and mother. Elva and Jack had two children: Jay and Jackie and two grandchildren. Smitty died in April 2005. She was a member of Agudath Achim Congregation and supported all of her husband's service to the Synagogue.

## Bessie Lang

Bessie K. Lang, 93, died on February 3, 2007. She was born in Altoona, the daughter of Max and Gussie Kline and had six



brothers and sisters. Bess was married to Dr. Joe Lang and they were parents of two daughters, Frances and Myra. Sadly Joe died in 1955, at age 41, leaving Bess to raise and educate their girls.

She was extremely proud that both daughters graduated from Penn State University. Bess worked at the Bon Ton as a saleswoman and made many friends during her 20 years there. She proudly and meticulously maintained her own home on 31st Street until age 90, when her health required that she move to assisted living. Bess kept in touch with family and friends and read the Altoona Mirror daily until a few weeks before she passed away. She was honored on her 90th birthday with a special luncheon hosted by her daughter Myra. She was an active member of Agudath Achim Congregation and loved to speak Yiddish, with especially colorful expressions! Bess is survived by her daughters, grandson Joe, sisters Honey, Cele and Ethel and many friends.

### Condolences

Marilyn Muhlfelder on the death of her sister, **Dorothy Brown Lafferty**.

Vicky Dubrow and family on the deaths of her grandmothers, **Hazel Guiher** and **Mary Chiodo**.

Teri Primack and family on the death of her mother, **Mae Doherty**.

Morris Levine on the death of his brother, **Edgar Levine**.

Catherine Cox on the passing of her twin sister, **Karen Katz**.

Mary Boscaino and family on the death of her husband, **Dennis Boscaino**.



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Sunday School students gathered for a group picture following the Maccabean Games. For the fourth straight year the Games marked the end of Sunday School, and each student received a T-shirt and a trophy, courtesy of UNO's Chicago Grill.