



# LEGACY

FALL 2012 NEWSLETTER

## YAVAPAI COLLEGE ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS JEWISH FOUNDATION HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIPS

During a reception at the Performing Arts Center on August 30th, Yavapai College announced the inaugural group of Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholars. Enthusiasm and gratitude were the catch phrases of the day, as the group of twelve students expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to pursue their chosen healthcare careers. Coming from all walks of life and past experiences, the twelve scholars expressed one common theme – their desire to help others in our community. Ten of the students are enrolled in the Sciences and Health School of Nursing and two students are enrolled in the Allied Health School of Radiologic Technology.



*Inaugural class of Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholars are (front row, from left) Mary Dennis, JoAnn Beltran, Kristen Nelson, Jennifer Jording; (middle row, from the left) Michael McLeod, Raymond Trujillo, LaRee Gray, Linda Thornbro; (back row, from the left) Jason Sewell, Michael Kean, Sarah Little, Stephanie Reinger.*

Announced earlier in the year, the Jewish Foundation Healthcare Scholarship Program is the largest scholarship program in Yavapai College's history. Providing 96 scholarships over the next five years, the program is designed as a community effort to identify, support, and train students who are committed to pursuing a healthcare career in the local community. Dr. David Hess, president of the Jewish Foundation said: "The program simultaneously supports education and healthcare while ensuring a pipeline of vital healthcare professionals for the local medical community."

Dr. Penny Wills, president of Yavapai College, stated: "This forward-looking gift from the Jewish Community Foundation comes at a time when college affordability and financial resources are significant barriers for many students and their families, especially when the family may have limited funds

to help defray the costs of a college education. In providing scholarship support for healthcare students at Yavapai College, JCF has shown a commitment to ensure that the highest quality healthcare workforce is available in our community for future generations."

At the conclusion of the event, Jewish Foundation trustees, Phyllis Robinson, a retired ICU nurse, and Dr. Seymour Rife, a retired radiologist, presented each of the nursing scholarship recipients with a stethoscope engraved with the student's name and each of the radiologic technology students with a set of engraved X-ray markers. These gifts will accompany these energetic and committed individuals throughout their journey as healthcare professionals.



“DEEDS OF GIVING ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORLD.”

## JEWISH FOUNDATION SPONSORS NEW YORK METROPOLITAN OPERA SERIES

This fall the Jewish Foundation, in partnership with Yavapai College, brings the New York Metropolitan Opera Series **Live in HD** to the Performing Arts Center on the Prescott Campus. In 2006, in an effort to expand the availability of opera to the public, the New York MET began to broadcast their live opera performances via satellite to select theaters and venues in the United States. Over the past six years, the program has expanded to include more than 1,600 theaters in sixty countries - and now, due to improvements in sound and video technology at the Performing Arts Center, you can enjoy opera in Prescott.

Tom Galley of National CineMedia Group once described the **Live in HD** Series: “The Metropolitan Opera series is a unique opportunity for people to experience world-class opera in their local community, plus the movie theater environment and affordable ticket price make these events something that the entire family can enjoy. If you’ve never had the pleasure of attending a live opera performance before, this is the perfect opportunity to see why this magical art form has captured audiences’ imaginations for generations.”

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

*This issue of Legacy reflects the Foundation’s emphasis on education, programming for the arts, support of Israel, and religious expression. Our front-page education story introduces the inaugural class of healthcare scholarship recipients at Yavapai College.*

*The Foundation’s support for the arts is demonstrated by the newly announced sponsorship of the New York Metropolitan Opera Series, Live in HD. This highly acclaimed program brings the wonderment and pageantry of opera to the stage at the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center.*

*In November, the Foundation sponsored a delegation to attend Israel Day at the New York Stock Exchange and the AIFL Partners for Democracy Awards Dinner. And finally, the Foundation is proud to announce, in partnership with YRMC, Hanukkah Menorahs will be displayed at our local hospitals this holiday season.*

*These programs would not be possible were it not for the generosity of the Foundation’s donors, the efforts of its volunteers, and the support of its community partners – to each I want to say thank you. Together we aspire to improve our community.*

David S. Hess, M.D., President



*New York MET stars, Ambrogio Maestri as Dr. Dulcamara and Anna Netrebko as Adina in the comic opera production, L’Elisir d’Amore.*

Although JCF has worked with Yavapai College on this project for several years, it was the recent upgrade to the audio-visual system at the Performing Arts Center that made it possible to bring the New York Met to Prescott. The new 28-foot wide projection screen and the state-of-the-art 7.1 surround sound system makes the New York Met literally come alive at the Performing Arts Center. This inaugural season will bring twelve productions to Saturday mornings at the Performing Arts Center, with the season ending on April 27th with Handel’s popular opera, Giulio Cesare.

One of the real treats for audiences of the **Live in HD** events occurs during the intermissions, when they can enjoy specially produced features that offer the audience a look behind the scenes. These include live interviews with singers, directors, designers, and stage technicians, as well as documentaries and other short features. In the past seasons, New York MET stars like Natalie Dessay, Plácido Domingo, Renée Fleming, Susan Graham, Thomas Hampson, Patricia Racette, and Deborah Voigt have hosted the intermission features.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Box Office at the Yavapai College Performing Arts Center at 776 – 2000.



## JEWISH FOUNDATION SPONSORS DELEGATES TO 2012 PARTNERS FOR DEMOCRACY AWARDS EVENTS IN NEW YORK CITY



*AIFL leadership ringing the opening bell at NYSE. From the left: AIFL Chairman, Kenneth Bialkin, Ambassador Dan Gellerman, AIFL President, Harley Lippman, Ambassador Ido Aharoni, Consul General of Israel to New York, and Dr. June Dempsey, AIFL vice-president.*

Having received a special invitation from the America Israel Friendship League (AIFL), the Jewish Community Foundation (JCF) sent a delegation of eight representatives to New York City to attend the November 20th Israel Day at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) and the 2012 Partners for Democracy Awards Dinner. Traveling with Foundation president, David Hess, and Foundation secretary, Pamela Jones, were Foundation trustee Phyllis Robinson and her husband Dr. Jerry Robinson and 2007 Mission to Israel alumni Steve and Sue Rutherford of Rutherford Investments, Ron Fain of the Fain Signature Group, and Darlene Johnstone of Western States Fire Protection Companies.

The exciting day in New York City began with breakfast in the Board Room of the NYSE, a welcome by Larry Liebowitz, the Chief Operating Officer of the NYSE, and opening remarks from the leadership of AIFL. The Prescott delegation was then treated to a rare opportunity to tour the trading floor of the NYSE, to watch as the leadership of AIFL 'rang the opening bell' at the start of trading, and to see the CNBC studio setup for "Squawk on the Street" on the floor of the stock exchange – complete with investment personality, Jim Kramer.

That evening the Prescott delegation attended the Partners for Democracy Awards Dinner hosted by AIFL at the famous Plaza Hotel in Manhattan. Each year AIFL seeks to honor individuals who have promoted shared Democratic ideals between the countries of the United States and Israel. This year three recipients were selected: Professor Bernard Lewis, the renowned British - American historian who is the Cleveland E. Dodge Professor Emeritus of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University; Malcolm Honelein, the executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; and Sami Sagol, noted Israeli entrepreneur and philanthropist.

Comments from those making the journey to New York confirm the success of this Foundation initiative. Reflecting on the trip, Ron Fain stated: "I am once again overwhelmed with just how much Israel accomplishes under difficult and trying times. It makes me really appreciate the opportunities we have in America that we often times ignore." When asked about his thoughts about the events, Steve Rutherford said: "When I went to Israel in 2007 I gained a special insight into the industriousness and drive of the Israeli people; now here I am in 2012 with another unique opportunity to interact with impressive representatives of Israel and my friends from AIFL."



*Delegates from the 2007 Leadership Mission to Israel, Steve and Sue Rutherford on the trading floor of the NYSE. Note the electronic sign in the background recognizing the America Israel Friendship League.*



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## JEWISH FOUNDATION PROVIDES YRMC WITH HANUKKAH MENORAHS FOR HOSPITALS

This holiday season visitors to YRMC will see a Jewish Menorah among the holiday decorations. Hanukkah, which in Hebrew means 'dedication', commemorates the re-dedication of the holy Temple in Jerusalem following the Jewish victory over the Syrian-Greeks in 165 B.C.E. Once the Temple had been restored for services, it was discovered that only one vial of sacred olive oil had survived. Although the vial contained only enough oil to light the altar Menorah for one day, the sacred oil miraculously burned for eight days – enough time to prepare a fresh supply of olive oil for the Temple. An eight-day festival was declared to commemorate this 'miracle of the oil'.

Symbolizing Hanukkah, the unique nine-branched Menorahs at YRMC, stand almost seven feet tall, are four feet wide, and display nine candles. The Menorahs are electronically programmed to light an additional candle each night until on the eighth night all of the candles are aglow. The ninth, or raised candle, is called the shamash and represents the candle used to light the other candles of the Menorah.



*Hanukkah Menorah display in the lobby of Yavapai Regional Medical Center East Campus in Prescott Valley.*

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