

Remembering Darrell

Congregation Beth Judea recently purchased 10 new bima chairs for their sanctuary that were formally dedicated in memory of **Darrell Pollack**.

Darrell, who was 38 years old when he passed away, was a very active member of the synagogue. A great deal of money was donated to Beth Judea in his memory, and the congregation board spent many hours trying to figure out the best way to use it, the way Darrell would have wanted.

According to sisterhood co-president **Judy Meservey**, "... We wanted a fitting and lasting tribute for Darrell. He enjoyed sitting on the bima, and this is a very visible way to acknowledge his memory."

It is obvious how loved this man was within the community. A group of devoted family members and friends have united to establish an extraordinary foundation in his memory. The Darrell Pollack DP9 Foundation (DP9 was his e-mail address) has a mission to provide support to children who have lost a parent.

The foundation has a Web site at www.dp9foundation.org. On the homepage, **Roy Kessel**, **Adam Berman** and **Steve Altman** explained more about the purpose of this special foundation.

"On January 30, 2004, we lost a tremendous individual when Darrell Pollack passed away, leaving behind a wife and three young children. Darrell was not only a devoted husband and father, but was very generous to the community as well. During his short lifetime, Darrell devoted countless hours of

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time and energy to improving the educational, recreational and religious experiences of the children around him. He constantly put needs of others ahead of his own. As a tribute to Darrell's memory, and to continue his generosity of spirit, we established the Darrell Pollack DP9 Foundation to provide support for children who have lost a parent. Our goal is to give educational and recreational scholarships, counseling services, medical grants and other support to children coping with such a tragedy."

I also spoke with Darrell's father, **Murray Pollack**, who, along with his wife, **Fran**, is on the foundation's board of directors. Murray is very enthusiastic about the foundation and extremely touched by the outpouring of love and affection for his late son.

"Five or 10 years from today, if the Darrell Pollack Foundation has grown and is helping people in need, that will be the last tribute to my son," said Murray.

The foundation is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, and contributions to the DP9 Foundation are tax-deductible. Plans are under way for an initial family-oriented fund-raising event that will be held in early 2005.

If you are interested in finding out more about the DP9 Foundation, or would like to make a contribution, log onto the Web site or call (312) 957-0900 Ext. 379.

Tube time

If you recall, I wrote about neighborhood kids **Danny Barry**, **Jordyn Malkin**, **Josh Friedman** and **Lauren Patterson**, who were lucky enough to participate in the television show called "Trading Spaces: Boys vs. Girls." Jordyn and Lauren transformed Danny's bedroom into a very cool game room. Danny and Josh redecorated part of Jordyn's basement into a Mexican-themed party room.

Now's your chance to see it. This Saturday morning, Dec. 11, the show will air at 11 a.m. on NBC. The show will also air on the Discovery Kids cable channel at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Monday. Don't miss it.

Holiday wish

To those celebrating Hanukkah, I wish you a wonderful holiday filled with lights, latkes and lots of presents! Please keep me posted on what's happening in your part of town. E-mail me at Thewritetouch1@aol.com.