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uted 26,900 movies to 269 different children's hospitals. Marni, now 17,

explains that each hospital receives a "movie library of 100 assorted films that appeal to toddlers through teenagers."

"Even when we go to college we plan to continue with Kid Flicks," says 15-

year-old Berni. "We'll have someone take over the LA office and we will each start a Kid Flicks office wherever we go to school."

For more info visit www.kidflicks.org.

New & Noteworthy

Pope Benedict XVI Receives New Reform Prayer Book

Last October, Aaron Bloom, president of Men of Reform Judaism, and Charles Niederman, chancellor of the Jewish Chautauqua Society (MRJ's interfaith project), joined seventy-five lay leaders and clergy at the Vatican for the first-ever Catholic-Jewish Lay Leader Conference. As JCS provides books to the Vatican Library, the men brought *Mishkan T'filah: A Reform Siddur*. Learning the library was closed for renovation, Bloom gave the *siddur* to William Henry Cardinal Keeler—who, during the papal audience the following day, publicly presented it to Pope Benedict XVI.



Israeli Reform Jew Flies High

A lifelong member of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism has graduated as valedictorian from the elite Israeli

Air Force flight academy, where only 200 out of every 200,000 people are even admitted. Amitai (identified only by first name for security purposes) grew up at Congregation Kol Haneshama in Jerusalem, was a member of the IMPJ's youth movement, and participated in Reform's pre-military *Mechina* social justice program.

Re-humanizing Medicine, the Jewish Way

In partnership with Temple Chai's Deutsch Family Shalom Center in Phoenix, Arizona, HUC-JIR's Kalsman Institute on Judaism and Health has launched "Judaism, Health and Healing for Physicians," a Movement-wide course of Shabbat retreats and *chavruta* (talmudic-style study partnerships) which is helping sixteen Jewish physicians from all over the country integrate their clinical and spiritual lives, defusing stress and finding renewal through Jewish study. Ultimately, says Kalsman Institute director Michele Prince, this program is "providing physicians with the tools to continue to re-humanize medical practice." To sign up for the next session, slated to begin in September 2008, email kalsman@huc.edu.



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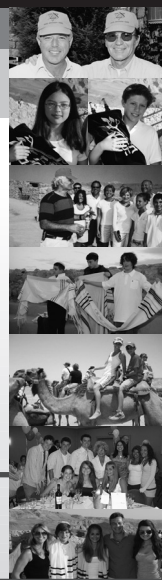
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alter the future of the United States.

On the other hand, the Bible's boundless energy flows awkwardly, unevenly, into a political grid powered by rational modes of thought and Enlightenment principles. To wit, the ancient Scriptures don't always speak very clearly, and modern democracies are not often structured or inclined to listen to them anyway. Highly visible and much revered, yet constrained in its ability to directly and profoundly influence the nation's public life—that is the fate of the Good Book in modern America. □

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