

## Local News

# Headed for success

## Salute to Youth honoree Justin Katz has defined career goals

By Barbara Bayer

Special to The Chronicle

Many 18-year-olds don't know where they want to go to college or more specifically what they want to do when "they grow up." That's not the case with Justin Katz, the Jewish Chronicle's Salute to Youth honoree for November. He's already been accepted to the University of Indiana and plans to major in business and/or accounting.

Justin is well on his way to launching a career in the business world. The Blue Valley North senior has secured a business internship at the Bank of Blue Valley, where he works five afternoons a week as a teller.

"We take a three-credit class where we do projects relating to business. We did a brochure and we learned how to ask for raises and things like that," Justin said.

He starts working during the school's seventh hour. Justin got the same training as anyone else who was hired to be a teller, and performs the same duties as the other, and older, bank employees. He earns credit and gets paid as well.

The job is a lot of pressure but Justin likes it.

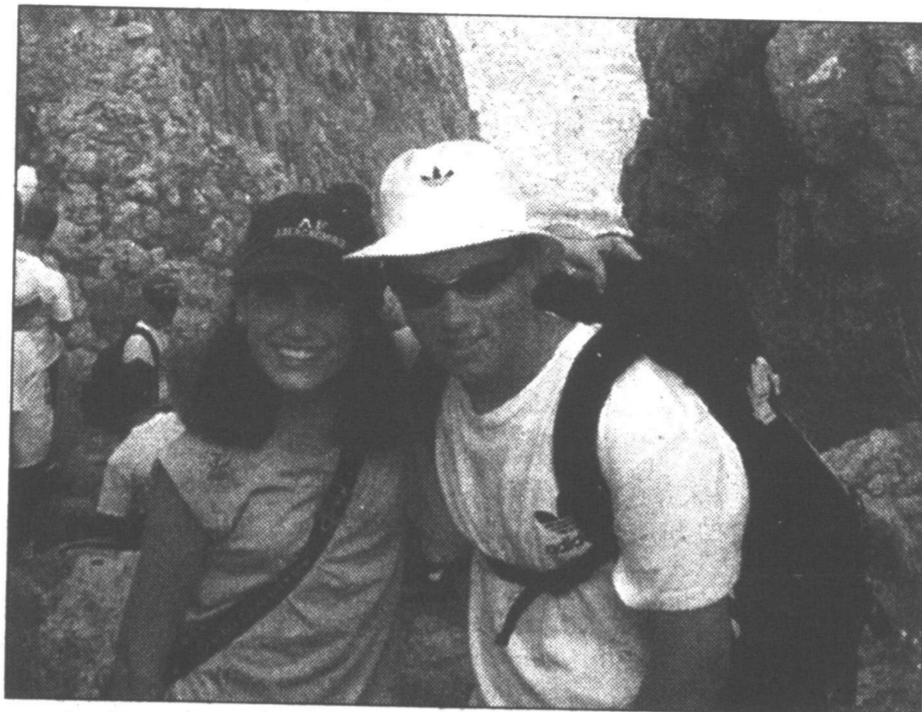
"I didn't realize how much money goes through a bank. People do some weird things. I learn a lot every day about people in general. The people are definitely interesting," Justin said.

"There's definitely a lot of facets to the job and I like it," he continued. "There's a lot of pressure to do it right and do it quickly."

One of the things he thinks set him apart from the other seniors, and may have helped him obtain the bank job, was his score on a state-wide accounting test.

"I got an accounting award. It was an Emporia State scholarship contest. I got an honorable mention, which means I was in the top 10 percent in the state in accounting," Justin said.

Since he's good at accounting, he thinks that's what he may want to do later in life. "I'm more interested in the guts of accounting, like finding out how people can make more profit in their business. I'm more interested in



Justin Katz took part in a USY trip to Israel during the summer of 1998. Here Justin and a friend, Erica Nevins, take a break while mountain climbing in northern Israel.

that than the day-to-day accounting, but I know you have to understand the day-to-day to do the business processing," Justin said.

If he doesn't become an accountant, he may want to do something in sales. "I love to sell, that's part of the

reason why I like being a teller. I get to interact with people all day and I get to talk to people to see what their lives are like. It's pretty interesting. You get all kinds of people that come in," Justin said.

Justin not only likes meeting people, he interacts

with them well. Just ask Patti Kroll, the education director of the Family Education Center for Conservative Education, where Justin served as a *madrich*.

"The kids love him. He has good kid instincts and he is a wonderful role model," said Kroll. "He is a hard worker and was very faithful about being here when he was supposed to. Since he has a job this year, we really miss him. He's a good, wholesome, nice young man."

Justin worked as a *madrich* to complete a community service requirement for the National Honor Society. When he completed his required service hours, he stayed with it.

"It was a lot of fun. The kids are great. I love them, they are so funny,"

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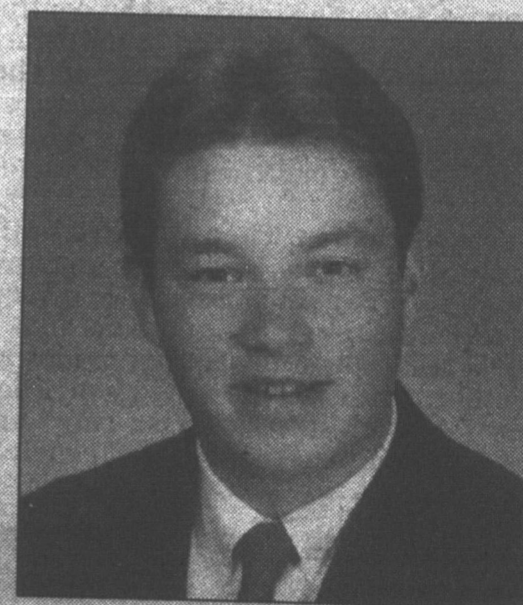
### News briefs

(JTA) A U.N. panel is calling on Iran to ensure a "fair and transparent trial" for 13 Iranian Jews arrested in March on charges of spying for Israel. The General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee approved a resolution critical of Iran's justice system. Iran's envoy, Mohammad Hasan Fadaifard, pointed out that non-Jews had also been arrested and said the criticism is part of a politically motivated "disinformation campaign."

(JTA) The U.S. Justice Department asked a federal judge to revoke the citizenship of a man accused of being an armed guard at two Nazi slave labor camps in Poland. The department's Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations alleges that Mykola Wasylyk, 76, of Ellenville, N.Y., trained at the SS-run Trawniki Camp in Poland and later lied about his activities when he applied for a visa to enter the United States in 1949.

### Salute to Youth Profile

**Parents:** Jeff and Carol Katz  
**Age:** 18  
**Grade:** 12  
**School:** Blue Valley North  
**Favorite subjects:** Business internship, debate  
**Favorite "Jewish" food:** Aunt Vivien's Kugel  
**Favorite book:** "Jack and Jill" by James Patterson  
**Last good book read:** "Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl"  
**College plans:** Indiana University  
**Career plans:** Accounting or business processing  
**Grandparents:** Stanley and Marlene Katz



JUSTIN KATZ

**Most enjoyable pastimes:** Lacrosse, hanging out with friends, basic teen-age stuff  
**How did your visit to Israel influence your life?:** It was amazing and it definitely changed me as a person. I came back with an even stronger Jewish identity and love for the culture.  
**Most memorable experience:** Negev Desert in Israel  
**What is your proudest accomplishment?:** Getting into Indiana University

**First priority if I were elected President of the United States:** Improving education and vocational programs  
**Most important value I would instill in a child:** Jewish identity  
**The people I most admire and why:** I admire my parents the most because of their hard work and dedication to family and their community.

## Local Village

By Anna Jaffe  
Staff Writer

Village complex on 123rd Street announced the group of homes to be built.

Village financing "use" fee. The life-use fee commutes that fee up to a million dollars.

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