

Grand Forks Herold

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Devils Lake Area Foundation donates to Jewish memorial

A memorial to honor Jewish settlers is one step nearer to becoming a reality. Jeff Klemetsrud, Devils Lake Area Foundation committee member, presented a \$500 check to Dennis Kitsch, representing the Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board, to assist with the creation of a permanent monument at the Sons of Jacob Cemetery located northeast of Garske, N.D.

The Sons of Jacob Cemetery is located on native prairie, and is the final resting place of at least 12 to 15 Jewish family members who homesteaded in the area beginning in the 1880s. The settlement area was served by a U.S. Post Office, known as Ben Zion, which was located in the homestead home of Bennie Greenberg, the postmaster.

The Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board is serving as the sponsoring agency for the fund drive to place the memorial at the cemetery in September of this year. Plans call for a dedication of the monument to be held at 1 p.m. on September 17 at the cemetery.

Anyone interested in making a contribution to the monument should make their check payable to: Sons of Jacob Cemetery Memorial and mail it in care of Devils Lake Basin Joint Water Resource Board, 424 4th Ave. N.E. #27, Devils Lake, N.D. 58301. Donations can also be dropped off at the joint basin office on the first floor of the Ramsey County Courthouse.