

# Denver JDS students to be published

Three Denver Jewish Day School sixth graders whose stories will be published in *Grannie Annie*, vol. 8, to be released in May, will be honored by The Grannie Annie Family Story Celebration.

Students included in the anthology are by David Friedman, "Apartheid"; Sophie Pomeranz, "America, Here I Come?"; and Shaun Slamowitz, "The Kmart Disaster."

This is the fourth consecutive year that Denver JDS students have had stories included in this annually published collection.

Last fall, Denver JDS students in Sue Lamport's sixth-grade litera-

ture and composition class interviewed members of their family and wrote narratives of their stories as a way of preserving and passing on personal histories.

Upon completion of the class assignment, authors and their families were given the opportunity to submit their writing to the Grannie Annie contest.

"This is a special project because while my students are learning more about their histories, I am also learning more about them," said Lamport.

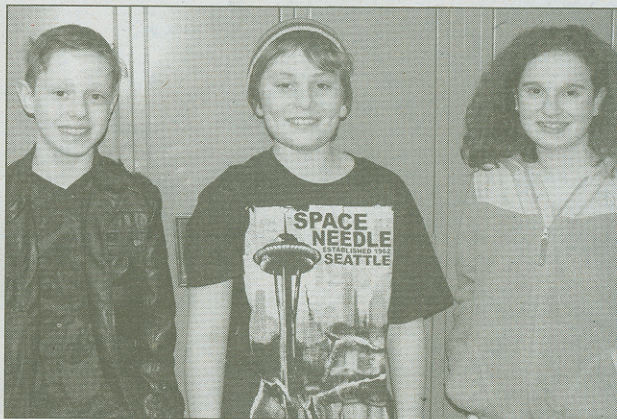
The Grannie celebration is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation based in St. Louis, Mo.

The upcoming *Grannie Annie* will be published in a paperback edition and a PDF edition. It will include 35 stories written by fourth-eighth graders in nine US states.

The stories, which will also be published on the Grannie Annie website, take place on four continents over a span of nearly 100 years.

"The Grannie Annie has become even more than we originally envisioned," said Co-Director Connie McIntyre.

"Not only have thousands of young people connected more deeply with their families and improved their



**Denver JDS *Grannie Annie* Volume 8 authors Shaun Slamowitz, David Friedman and Sophie Pomeranz.**

writing skills, but their Grannie Annie experience is enriching their view of the world and carrying them into their future with newfound confidence."

The young authors and artists will be honored at an author reading, art show and book signing in St. Louis on June 1.

Complete details about The Grannie Annie, including stories from previously published volumes, can be found at [www.TheGrannieAnnie.org](http://www.TheGrannieAnnie.org).

Stories to be considered for publication in *Grannie Annie*, vol. 9, must be submitted by Feb. 1, 2014.