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The Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic
will be held on
Sunday, June 23, 2013
from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona.

Come and help us kick off the summer at this wonderful community event. Mark your calendar and watch your email and www.JewishMadison.org for more information. See the back page of this issue of Madison Jewish News for details!

We hope to see you there!



A Message to the Community from Executive Director Dina Weinbach

It is with great excitement that I write this letter to the Madison Jewish community after recently being named Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison. The Jewish Federation of Madison is an organization about which I care deeply and to which I have devoted my professional skills and abilities for the past eighteen years.

As a proud member of the Madison Jewish community, I know firsthand that we are unique, strong, innovative, progressive, and dedicated. My pride in and profound commitment to the Madison Jewish community comes from growing up here, raising my family here, and working as a Jewish community professional here for so many years.

It is beneficial in the near- and long-term to have this history and to have been a part of so many successes since I became the first Program Director for the then-named Madison Jewish Community Council in 1994. During my tenure as Program Director, I worked with over eighteen different programs ranging from well- established programs like Camp Shalom and Midrasha to new and innovative programs including Camp Shalom Bogrim, the Shlichut program, Family Education programs, Chug Ivrit, and the Future Directions young leadership program. I have been privileged to work with hundreds of volunteers, program participants and more than a dozen committees and panels.

While I truly enjoyed my position as Program Director, I welcomed the opportunity and the challenge when asked to be the Interim Executive Director last summer, and am thrilled to be the Jewish Federation's Executive Director.

The role during the past ten months has been wonderful, challenging, enlightening, and very interesting. I have enjoyed all of it and have loved the learning I know will continue throughout my tenure as Executive Director.

The Jewish Federation of Madison has so many strengths. Two became even clearer to me during the past ten months: its history and its people. Our founders did an amazing job establishing a solid foundation for what was then known as the Madison Jewish Welfare Council in 1940. They were insightful and intelligent in creating the foundational documents and in responding to the extraordinary crises then facing world Jewry and our own community. In doing so, they created a vision for what we were to become. Their successors, a generation later, codified all that we had become into a Mission Statement that respected the past yet spoke to an exciting future:

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Madison is to work toward building a

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Dina Weinbach was recently named Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

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Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund Needs Your Urgent Help

We are writing this article with a bit of urgency concerning Camp Shalom scholarships for this summer. We have 101 campers who have requested partial or full scholarships who will not be able to attend camp unless they receive financial assistance. The amount of funds needed to assist these campers is $102,911. At this time and despite our best efforts we have not raised the necessary funds to help these children. We want them to be able to have a fun-filled, stress-free, amazing outdoor camp experience, but we need your help.

We need to raise an additional $48,000 before Camp opens for its 59th summer

The applications for scholarships can be heart breaking. We hear from parents who have lost their jobs, parents who have had medical emergencies who cannot afford to pay for summer camp with their little to no income, grandparents who are the primary caregivers for their grandchildren because the parents have health issues or for different reasons cannot be involved in their children's lives. Camp Shalom is a wonderful place for these children to spend their summer. They will be nurtured, cared for, and exposed to many stimulating and fun experiences which can help them take their mind off any stress that presents itself outside of camp.

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Camp Shalom campers take time for a photo.

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Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable Successfully Ends its First Year with Curt Culver

The Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable ended it first year of programming on a high note with speaker Curt Culver, Chairman and CEO of MGIC Investment Corporation. More than 40 Madison Jewish community members met at Nakoma Golf Club to network and to hear from Mr. Culver about his successes and failures in the business world. Jon Eckhardt, co-chair of the Roundtable, skillfully guided Curt Culver through the interview-style program covering such topics as the financial crisis and the impact on all participants (Fannie Mae Freddie Mac, Dodd Frank, lenders, etc.), his upbringing and influence of his parents, his golf game (he is an amazing player), and politics, as well as his opinion on future economic development in Wisconsin. Roundtable participants offered positive feedback about the event. Eliot Butler summarized the program saying, "Curt spoke very openly about his concerns in regard to political leadership in the US, lack of jobs in the economic recovery and Milwaukee's ability to be the engine for Wisconsin's economy." Mark Frankel said, "The program was lively, informative, and a very good opportunity to network with others from the Madison Jewish business and professional community."

The roundtable was created in 2012 with the intention of connecting local Jewish business executives and professionals and with providing programming dedicated to the interests of this group. A sincere thank you to The Great Dane for their sponsorship of this engaging event. More roundtable events will be planned for the upcoming academic year, so please check the Madison Jewish News and JewishMadison.org for more information on the next event. This group is open to all members of the community who have an interest in joining the Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable. If you have questions, concerns, or feedback, please email Dori Falk at dfalk@jewishmadison.org or call 608-278-1808. If you are a business interested in sponsoring a roundtable event, please contact Dori Falk for more information on sponsorship opportunities.



Curt Culver and co-chair of Jewish Business and Professional Roundable, Jon Eckhardt.



Dan Lipman engages with others at his table.

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Jeff Levy listens intently.

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Esther's Story: How The Jewish Federation Helped Her Battle Illness and Reconnect To Her Daughter and Her Faith

"This birthday is going to be one of the best birthdays I have ever had because I'm alive, I'm here," Esther says with an aura of happiness and satisfaction that is uncommon these days. It is a mindset that does not always come easily.

Her story starts with a bad cold and an asthma attack. After a series of illnesses, copious tests and doctor visits, Esther was diagnosed with stage-four lung cancer.

When asked about her life before her diagnosis Esther recalls plenty. "I had two little girls in my life, my kittens: Cutie and Tutz. They made life so full of fun" She describes vividly how she loved working in accounting for the Town Hall Theater. Aside from being social and vibrant, Esther has also always been an independent woman. Having no close relatives she found it difficult to share her problems, including her diagnosis, with anyone.

The doctors concluded that immediate chemotherapy treatment was the best course of action. Affecting nearly every region of her lungs, the cancer was tough to target. The aggressive treatment left her weak and fraile "My girls," referring to her cats, "were my salvation at the time."

While eventually Esther shared her diagnosis with friends she found it hard to express the intensity of her fears and concerns.

Fortunately the Jewish Federation was able to provide her with the emotional, physical and spiritual support she needed.

"I got this wonderful woman, a social worker, who guided me through all of this stuff I was feeling," she explains. Esther battled depression, fear and anger, in addition to deteriorating physical health. "And she got me through it. She got me through it beautifully. Through her I regained a lot of trust in people and in the Jewish religion. The Federation was there for me in any way that I needed. Whether it was food, companionship, a hand just to hold."

The Jewish Federation also helped Esther find the daughter she had to give up for adoption when she was nineteen years old. "When I was diagnosed, I knew I had to find her and let her know what her health history was." Esther tried to contact the organization that placed the child fifty-three years earlier and came close to finding her. With continued encouragement from her social worker and cooperation from the adoption agency, Esther received the wonderful news she had been waiting for. "I've got good news for you," Esther remembers the social worker from the adoption agency saying, "We've found your daughter, and your daughter is looking for you." Overcome with joy, Esther and her daughter quickly made the arrangements to meet and have been in each other's lives ever since.

"She's wonderful. She's a grand woman. Her parents did a great job but she looks like me; she's my clone!" She jests, "It's wonderful to have family in my life again. She's made every day worth living and getting up for."

Spiritually, Esther was able to reconnect with her Jewish faith. The Federation connected her to a young rabbi who was able to instill a faith she had lost earlier in her life. With the reinstating of her faith came the embracement of a community from which she had previously felt alienated.

"The one thing I came to realize with this cancer was that the Federation has helped me to understand, that as long as I fight and get up every day, I'm doing well," she says with a determined grin, "I haven't beaten cancer but I've looked it straight in the eye and said 'You can't have me, I'm still here'."



With help from The Jewish Federations of North America, Esther received assistance and support when she needed it the most.

Dina Weinbach

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strong and unified Jewish community in order to ensure the survival, well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in this area, in Israel and throughout the world. The Jewish Federation of Madison acts to develop the resources and create the initiatives required to support agencies, activities, services and programs which strive to fulfill this mission.

I took the job as Program Director years ago because both the job and I were all about community building – that is what I cared about then, and it is still what I am passionate about today. There are many ways to build community, and at the Jewish Federation of Madison we strive to provide many different meaningful opportunities for people to get involved, participate in community programming, and connect to the Jewish community. This relationship is important for the members of our community, and it is important to build this relationship with the Jewish institutions, organizations and groups in town as well as around the world. My vision for the Jewish Federation of Madison and the Madison Jewish community is focused on just that – building a strong and unified Jewish community.

The second strength I mentioned refers to the people in our community. There are so many committed, dedicated, and hard-working people involved in our Jewish community. I am in awe of the time, energy, and generosity of so many. I continue to be amazed and feel so fortunate to work here.

I have enjoyed meeting so many new people and getting to know others in the community even better. There are still so many people I have not met. I hope I will have that opportunity in the near future. If anyone would like to meet with me, feel free to contact me at dina@jewishmadison.org or 608-278-1808.

With our strengths also come our challenges. We need to continue to reach out to new people in Madison and the surrounding areas. We need to engage, educate and interest people in the work that we do and help them find their own meaningful experiences to involve them. We need to continue the legacy that those who preceded us created by celebrating the past, using it as a foundation and guide to build our future. As it says on the back of our Camp Shalom t-shirts every summer, "The Past We Inherit, the Future We Create."

Over the past ten months, I have enjoyed working with and leading the professional staff and volunteer leadership in the overall mission of the Federation. I am deeply grateful for the confidence and trust that has been placed in me. It is a privilege to inherit the past as we, together, create the future.

Camp Shalom

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Please help us send these children to Camp Shalom

Since 1954, Camp Shalom has been providing children with an outdoor day camp experience in a safe, fun and nurturing environment. We will serve about 1,000 children this summer representing various religions, ethnicities and levels of physical and mental ability. For 59 years, Camp Shalom has never had to deny a child a camp experience because of financial need, and we hope we never do. We need your help to continue to make this a reality.

It is not too late to help. The first session of Camp Shalom begins at the end of this month. We hope that we can count on your invaluable support. We know that scholarship needs are greater this summer than they have been in recent years.

We extend a huge heartfelt thank you to the businesses and individual donors who have already contributed to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.

If you attended Camp Shalom or your children or grandchildren did or know someone who did, please make a contribution to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.

If you are a part of a business or a Foundation, we urgently ask you to make a scholarship donation.

If you care about kids please contribute to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.

Mostly, we ask everyone who is reading this to help us in making sure that no child is denied a Camp Shalom experience this summer because of their family's finances.

You can make a donation online at www.JewishMadison.org or you can mail a check, payable to the Jewish Federation of Madison, to Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our Executive Director, Dina Weinbach, at 608-278-1808 or dina@jewishmadison.org.

Thank you in advance for helping the children in our community have an amazing summer camp experience.

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Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS

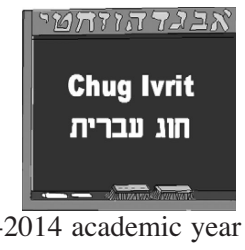
Family Education FroYoga Event



Sunday, June 2
1:15-1:45 p.m. and 2:00-2:45 p.m.
Blackbird Family Yoga in Middleton Hills

Join the Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education Committee for an afternoon of yoga and kosher frozen yogurt in Middleton Hills. Choose from a Family Yoga Class (1:15-1:45) or a Kids Only Class for ages 9 and up (2:00-2:45) $3/person or $10/family for yoga Schmooze at Menchie's before or after your class. See the complete ad on page 13 for more details.

Chug Ivrit Open House



Monday, June 3
4:30-5:15 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street

Prospective K-5 students for the 2013-2014 academic year are invited to come check out Chug Ivrit. Join us for a performance by current students, games and dancing, and meet the teachers. Enter from Randall Ave. RSVP if you can to Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org, or call (608) 278-1808 x232.

Cafe Ivrit



Thursday, June 6
7:00 p.m.
Michaelangelo's Coffee House
114 State Street

Come speak or practice speaking Hebrew in a relaxed environment with our schlichim and other Hebrew speakers in the community. This group meets about twice a month on Thursday evenings. To confirm future dates email Yehonatan at Israel@jewishmadison.org

Camp Shalom Info Session

Sunday, June 9
11:30 a.m.
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County PD, Verona

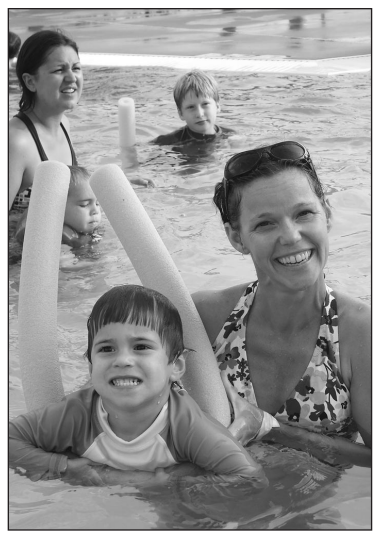
Parents of new campers are welcome to come to this information session, visit the camp grounds, and meet some of the staff.

Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic

Sunday, June 23
11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County PD, Verona

This annual event brings together Madison's various Jewish organizations and the people that make our community great -- all of you! Enjoy grilled hot dogs, fun activities, and the Goodman Aquatic Center pool! Register in advance and skip the registration line at the picnic. Just sign in and get your pool bracelet. If you'd like to help out at this year's picnic, contact Ellen at program@jewishmadison.org or call 278-1808 x232.

Oodles of Noodles Pool Party



Monday, July 15
4:00 p.m.; Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.
Goodman Aquatic Center

Join us at the Family Eduation Committee of the Jewish Federation of Madison's annual Oodles of Noodles Pool Party at the Goodman Aquatic Center. Bring your own pool noodles or buy them there. Enjoy a noodle dinner by ordering in advance using the form on apge 14. Then play with pool noodles, meet new people and have oodles of fun a this summer event. Register at www.jewishmadison.org or contact Ellen to RSVP at 278-1808 x232 or program@jewishmadison.org. Free pool admission for those who RSVP! See the complete ad on page 14 for more details.



Come to Israel with the Jewish Federation of Madison!

November 4-13

The Jewish Federation of Madison is planning a trip to Israel this November around the General Assembly, the conference of the Jewish Federations of North America. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see Israel. Please contact the Jewish Federation of Madison for more information at 608-278-1808 or info@jewishmadison.org. Come be a part of this amazing trip!





YJP Madison Lag BaOmer BBQ Celebrates Jewish Unity

The springtime Jewish holiday marked with outdoor celebration and entertainment, Lag BaOmer, came early this year, on Sunday, April 28, the earliest it has been since 1899.

As snow was still falling in parts of North America, in Madison we had gorgeous 70 degree weather for a full house at the annual YJP Madison BBQ. The event featured shish kebobs made by Mr. Emin Buzhunashvili, a local small business owner, with his secret ingredients all the way from Baku, Azerbaijan.

Lag BaOmer is a Jewish holiday that commemorates the end of a plague that took the lives of 24,000 Torah scholars in the second century CE. It is also the anniversary of the passing of Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai, a second-century Torah teacher and mystic who authored the Zohar—the most important text of Kabbalah. The day is celebrated with outdoor bonfires and picnics, especially in Israel, and more recently also with parades and carnivals.

According to Rabbi Avremel Matusof, Director of YJP Madison, "This is a day in which we celebrate Jewish unity and pride, with the sole purpose of coming together in a fun, positive and friendly atmosphere—and so we invited everyone to participate, and thank G-d we had an amazing turnout."

YJP Madison is sponsored by the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation, and is dedicated to building and creating a community for young people in Madison. For more information visit YJPMadison.com.



The Jewish Federation of Madison expresses its appreciation to these individuals who recently made a tribute donation to honor someone or celebrate a special occasion

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For more information please contact
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at the Jewish Federation of Madison.

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Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Plants Trees in Jewish Cemetery

By Diana Cohen

On a beautiful spring day on April 28, over 25 members of Congregation Shaarei Shamayim planted 53 white pine trees at Beit Olamim, Madison's Jewish cemetery, which is located at Sunset Memory Gardens. This effort was coordinated by Wes Slaymaker, who worked with Hiam Garner, President of the Jewish Burial Association of Madison (JBAM), Judy Sidran, board member of JBAM, and Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman.

This was originally conceived as a Tu B'Shevat program. Known as "The New Year of the Trees" it is common to plant trees for the holiday. Shaarei Shamayim wanted to observe this but because Tu B'Shevat fell in January, planting trees in Wisconsin was impossible. We therefore postponed our planting until the weather was warmer.

The trees that we planted, only 18 inches high now, could grow up to four feet per year and live 200 or more years. The trees were planted on one border of the Jewish section of the cemetery that has not yet been landscaped. They will provide shade and a visual barrier to the bustling Mineral Point Road in addition to being lovely in appearance.

The group of volunteers was made up of young kids, teens and adults. Three of the volunteers have family members buried in the cemetery and it was an especially meaningful project for them. Some people planted trees in memory of loved ones while others planted trees to make the cemetery more beautiful. Everyone, regardless of age, pitched in - digging the soil, spreading the roots, and carefully placing their tree into the earth with great pride, knowing that they are planting for the future.

Hopefully our children will come back several years from now and will appreciate the "fruits of their labors."



Charlotte Woolf and Arlen Slaymaker; Charlotte plants in memory of her husband, Hal Woolf, who is buried in Beit Olamim.



A group of volunteers hard at work.



Paolo Andrade and Dante Katz-Andrade plant in memory of Andrea Katz, Paolo's wife and Dante's mother who is buried in Beit Olamim.

Simchas and Condolences

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On Shabbat morning, June 8th

Adult B'nei Mitzvah!

In Pirkei Avot 5:8 we are taught that anyone who honors Torah will in turn be honored. Come honor and celebrate the achievements of our Adult B'nei Mitzvah class as they conclude a year of study and are called to and read from the Torah for the first time!

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We look forward to a fruitful year filled with a blend of Tikun Olam and social programs along with casual Jewish learning and menschlichkeit.

Yasher Koach to the outgoing 2012-13 executive board officers: Co-Presidents Micah Baum and Ariella Rader, 2nd VP Avi Bernard-Donals, Treasurer Ben Gellman, Corresponding Secretary Danny Lindholm, and Membership Secretary Naomi Goldman-Nagel for a rewarding year of adventures from our Veg-out in the Park to Glow-in-the-Dark Capture the Flag to No Sew Fleece Blankets to Casino Night to MOUSY Makes a Meal—ever-mindful of our partnership of giving to and receiving from American Family Children's Hospital. We are proud of our provocative discussions, flavorful food fun, a few life lessons, collaborative group accomplishments, meaningful Tikun Olam projects, and delightful get-togethers—always adding a bit of creative play to *Jewish tradition*.

Volunteers Needed for Jewish Community Picnic

If you would like to volunteer to help out at the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic on Sunday, June 23, 2013, at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, please let us know. The picnic takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and we need a lot of volunteers. We are happy to sign off on volunteer hours for students.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Set up**
- **Helping with games/activities for kids**
- **Grilling or selling food**
- **Clean up**

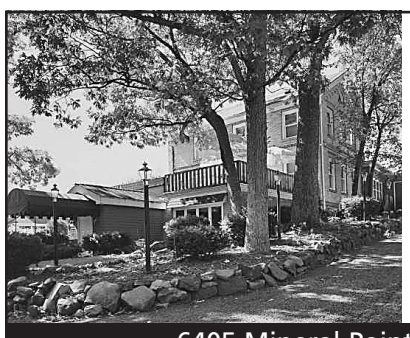
Please contact Ellen at program@jewishmadison.org or call 278-1808 x 232 if you are available. Thank you in advance!



Israeli Marketplace

We will be having an Israeli-style shuk (market) at the Hava Nagila Picnic again this year. If you are crafty or have goods (jewelry, Judaic art, etc) to sell at the picnic and would like to reserve a table please contact Ellen Weismer to discuss the details, program@jewishmadison.org or (608) 278-1808 x232.





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Temple Beth El

Our events listed below are open to the community. Check out our Temple Beth El website at www.templebethelmadison.org for more information on our worship times and special events.

We encourage members of the Jewish community to join Temple Beth El. We welcome prospective members to participate in programs and activities before joining. Please contact Heidi Lauhon, Executive Director, at 238-3123 or executivedirector@templebethelmadison.org for membership information.

Shabbat Morning Celebrations

Saturday, June 1 & Saturday, July 27
10:30am-12:30pm

All generations come together for this beautiful musical worship service followed by a light Kiddush lunch. Adults of all ages with and without children, this Shabbat is for you! Children ages 2-8 are welcome to stay for services or be with us for the first part of services, then join in a special Shabbat Experience led by a teacher and song leader. Come and bring your friends! RSVP for kids ages 2-8 to Sue in the office at 238-3123 or office@templebethelmadison.org

Mah Jongg Tournament

Sunday, June 2, 2013, 11am-3:30pm

Calling all Mah Jongg players to participate in Temple Beth El Sisterhood's 2nd Annual Mah Jongg Tournament & Raffle in the Temple Beth El Social Hall. Registration & raffle sale begins at 11am with lunch being served at 11:15 am. Play begins at noon. Tournament fee which includes lunch, snacks, and prizes is $32 per person with RSVP by May 22. RSVP's after May 22 are $40 per person. RSVP to Susie Jennings, 3009 Pelham Rd. Madison, WI 53713 with your check payable to TBE Sisterhood. Please include the names and email address of your players. If you do not have a foursome, please include your playing level and we will assist you in making a table. Each table needs to provide a Mah Jongg set. Proceeds will benefit DAIS (Domestic Abuse Intervention Shelter), YWCA Third Street programs & Youth Scholarships. For flyer and registration form visit http://www.templebethelmadison.org/our-community/sisterhood/ (upcoming events tab)

Picnic Shabbats

Fridays: June 7, July 5, August 2
5:30pm – Pre-Service Oneg Shabbat
6pm – Kabbalat Shabbat
7pm – Picnic
Wingra Park

Wind down from the week and welcome in Shabbat in the great outdoors. Come schmooze over food the first Friday of the month during the summer. Check our website for more information about the dinner each month or contact Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org. Please note these take place rain or shine. Check our website for any changes in venue due to weather.

Kesher Israeli Film Series

Wednesdays: May 29, June 26, July 17
Doors open at 7pm; Movie at 7:15pm; Discussion to follow

Schmooze, enjoy great snacks and participate in a lively post-film discussion. Please enter at Arbor Street.

May 29 – *Yossi & Jagger*

Based on a true story, Yossi and Jagger portrays a secret love, set in a remote army base along the Israeli-Lebanese border. In a time of strife and uncertainty, Yossi and Jagger find hope in their unforgettable and emotionally charged romance. (R rated)

June 26 – *The Matchmaker*

A Holocaust story told by weaving fable with realism, coming-of-age innocence with adult grief, and guilt with romanticism. Directed by Avi Nesher, and a winner of multiple Israeli awards

July 17 – *Footnote*

Footnote is the tale of a great rivalry between a father and a son, two eccentric professors, who have both dedicated their lives to work in Talmudic studies.

Project Lunch

June 24-August 16

One of the biggest missions of Camp Shalom is to make sure that kids have a safe place to spend their summer. They never want to turn anyone away based on financial need. That is why the Camp Shalom scholarship program is so important to this community. For one reason or another, many kids come to Camp Shalom each day without a healthy lunch. So please join together with the Temple Beth El Social Action Committee to provide 10 nutritious vegetarian lunches each day for children at Camp Shalom. Healthy kids are active kids. Lunches should include a sandwich, fruit and cut up vegetables. Lunches can be brought to the bus counselors at the bus stop. If 10 lunches are too much or you are not going to a Camp Shalom bus stop this summer, YOU CAN STILL HELP! Please contact Sherie to find ways, big or small, that you can help make sure all Camp Shalom campers get a healthy lunch this summer. Sign-up on Volunteer Spot at http://vols.pt/1DuVYn (TBE-Camp Shalom Lunch Bunch) or contact Sherie at 608-271-8108 or sherie.sondel@gmail.com

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

Shaarei Shamayim, Madison's Jewish Reconstructionist and Renewal congregation, welcomes new and prospective members, as well as visitors, to participate in our services, discussions, classes, and celebrations. For more information or to learn about events, please visit our website at www.shamayim.org, email us at office@shamayim.org, or call 608-257-2944.

Meditation and Chanting Havdalah, Dessert Potluck

Saturdays, June 1 and 29
6:30 p.m. – Please call the office for location

Join Shaarei Shamayim members and friends for our new meditation and chanting havdalah. We will begin with meditation and chanting, then do havdalah, and end with dessert. All are welcome, and no prior experience is needed. Please bring a dessert or healthy snack to share.

Erev Shabbat Vegetarian Potlucks

Fridays, June 7 and 14
6:00 p.m. – Please call the office for location

Celebrate Shabbat in community and join us on June 7 for our monthly potluck in a member's home. On June 14 we will have a brief service and discussion. Children are welcome to attend. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Shabbat Services

Saturdays, June 8 and 22
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On June 8 we will welcome to the community Autumn Jurkowski as a Bat Mitzvah; services begin at 9:30 a.m. On Saturday, June 22, we'll have Torah study at 9:30 a.m., Shabbat services at 10:30 a.m., and Kiddush at 12:30 p.m.

Special Talk by Rabbi Arik Ascherman, Rabbis for Human Rights

"The Israel I Cherish: A Discussion of the Connection Between Israel, Human Rights, and Judaism"
Tuesday, June 4
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

Join us for a special talk by Rabbi Arik Ascherman, a leading voice in the Israeli organization, Rabbis for Human Rights. Rabbi Ascherman will challenge us to confront human rights violations in Israel and understand Judaism's call for respecting the human dignity of all people.

Shabbat Gathering at Capitol Lakes – Documentary on Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Friday, June 14
3:00 p.m.
Capitol Lakes, 333 W. Main Street

For her Bat Mitzvah project Nora Feder-Johnson interviewed residents at Capitol Lakes about their experiences having (or not having) Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremonies. She'll be showing her documentary at Capitol Lakes at a Friday afternoon Shabbat gathering. Rabbi Laurie and B'nei mitzvah students will lead the service. All are welcome.

CSS Book Club

Sundays, June 2 and 30
2:00 p.m. – Please call the office for location

The book on June 2 is American Dervish by Ayad Akhtar. The book on June 30 is *The Ghost of Hannah Mendes* by Naomi Ragen. New members are welcome at any time. Contact Miranda Hay for more information (myrrh1950@yahoo.com or 298-7520).

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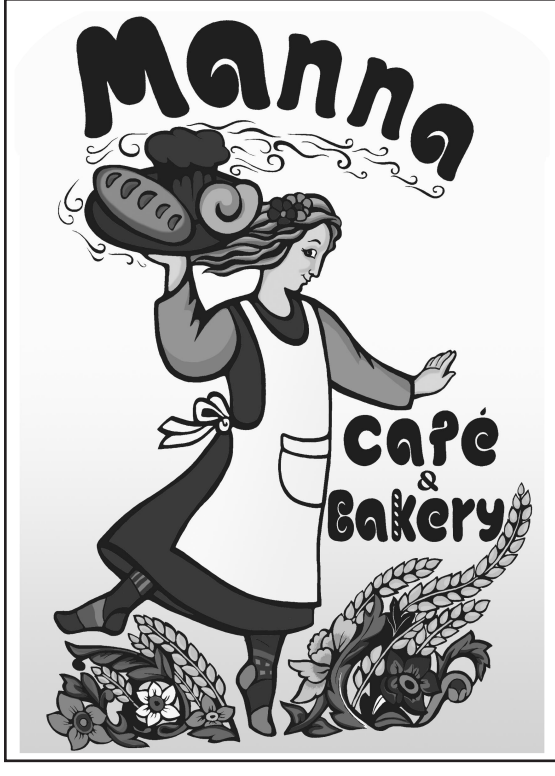

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Hillel Students Celebrate Accomplishments

Wow, what a wonderful year we have had at UW Hillel. Thousands of students found their home away from home at Hillel. From holiday observance, eating kosher meals and celebrating Shabbat to learning about Israel, baking challah and meeting new friends, Hillel is a Jewish home for all at the University of Wisconsin.

Jewop, Madison's only Jewish a Cappella group, placed second in Kol HaOlam, a National Collegiate Jewish a Cappella Competition. Challah for Hunger baked thousands of challahs throughout the year, with all proceeds going to Porchlight and AJWS Sudan Relief. Ask Big Questions, new to UW, engaged hundreds of students in meaningful conversations about life's big questions. MadPAC helped raise the level of discourse about Israel on campus. Through Birthright Israel, UW Hillel took a full bus to Israel in January and another in May. Jewish students in fraternities and sororities created the Greek Jewish Council and helped celebrate Lag B'Omer with a BBQ for 150 people. We built a Hanukah menorah out of tiki torches that made it onto the front page of the *Wisconsin State Journal*. Students created brand new programs this year: FLEX (the Freshman Leadership EXperience) engaged and helped develop leadership for dozens of committed (and amazing!) freshmen; the Hillel Peer Network paired incoming students with returning students who could help teach them the ropes; and the Senior Series brought in exciting speakers to help prepare our graduating class for life after college. We also reached 1000 "likes" on Facebook this year!

While success is measured in warmth, smiles and matzo ball soup on Friday nights, the student leadership came together on May 1st to celebrate those students and organizations who had achieved exceptional accomplishments throughout the last year at Hillel.

The classy evening commenced with heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts from Café O and a slide show highlighting the good times we have had at Hillel this past year. Marlee Katz (Milwaukee, WI), Hillel communications student intern and our MC for the evening, welcomed us all to the event. We then recognized our graduating class. UW mascot Bucky came to hand out Senior Legacy Books. We will miss our graduating seniors but are very grateful that we have met such fine individuals.

Bucky stayed with us while we proceeded to the Student Organization and Leadership Awards. The awards are as follows:

Emerging Leader – Becca Shertok (Milwaukee, WI)

Adam and Eve (most original and innovative program of the year) – Ilana Lerman (Highland Park, IL) and FLEX

Yuntif of the Year – Alex Zimmern (Green Bay, WI) and Seudah Shlishit

Sabra of the Year (student) – Emily Silber (St. Paul, MN)

Sabra of the Year (program) – Cory Meyer (Marblehead, MA), Alex Zimmern, Jenna Freeman (Los Angeles, CA) of MadPAC and their Expert Panel on the Iranian Nuclear Threat

Ruach – Elli Smerling (Deerfield, IL)

Mensch of the Year – Jeremy Hulkower (Skokie, IL)

Tzadik – Dana Mayber (Deerfield, IL), Cory Meyer, Jamie Tolmatsky (Northbrook, IL), Megan Meyer (Kenosha, WI), Beau Trapp (Johnson Creek, WI) for their Ask Big Questions "Week of Service"

Go the Distance (student) – Dana Mayber and Emily Grant (Tucson, AZ)

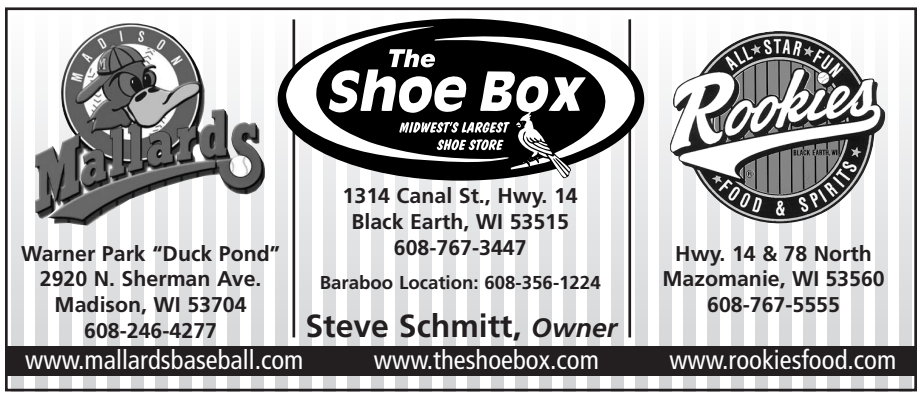
Go the Distance (organization) – Challah for Hunger

After the awards we were treated to a performance by Jewop. It was certainly a bittersweet evening to close an amazing year.

On that note, we say goodbye and wish a b'hatzlacha to several members of our staff. We wish nothing but the best to Assistant Director Josh Klemons, Director of Programs and Engagement Jonathan Eisen and Israel Fellow Eden Hazani Zion.

To all of them and all of our graduating seniors, stay in touch and come back to visit us soon!









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MJCDS Announces New Tuition Grant Program

The Madison Jewish Community Day School is pleased to announce that new students at all grade levels will be able to attend the school for free during the 2013-14 academic year. This new tuition grant opportunity is thanks to generous gifts from anonymous donors.

MJCDS, a K-5 private Jewish day school, offers a challenging and innovative dual curriculum of general and Judaic studies.

This new tuition program represents an unprecedented opportunity for more children to receive an excellent private school education and a rich grounding in Jewish heritage and Hebrew language. Students enrolling in MJCDS will also benefit from small class sizes, talented teachers, and a wonderful community of families.

"We are tremendously excited about the opportunity these donations give us to strengthen our school through enhanced enrollment," MJCDS Head of School Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon said.

The donations establishing the tuition grants are made in honor of Sam and Helen Ablove, parents of one of the school's founders, Dr. Robert Ablove. Robert Ablove and his wife, Dr. Tova Ablove, have played a key role in establishing the school and in supporting its growth. They have also been active supporters of Madison's other Jewish communal institutions. MJCDS donors established the grants as a farewell gift honoring the Ablove family as it prepares to relocate from Madison to New York.

"My parents have been life-long supporters of day school education and gave countless hours helping the Jewish day school in my home town of Buffalo. Their example, as well as the pivotal role that day school education played in our lives, inspired us to help establish MJCDS. As we depart Madison, we are warmed by the support we have received from the Jewish community and feel very strongly that the continued existence of MJCDS strengthens the entire Jewish community." Ablove said. "We will continue to be strong supporters of the school and are grateful for the generous gifts in my parents' honor to enable other families to take advantage of the school's programs."

New students must follow MJCDS standard application for admission, which is at the discretion of the school administration, and the number of open seats for new students may vary by grade.

MJCDS is now enrolling students from kindergarten through fifth grade for Fall 2013. Families interested in learning more about the free tuition opportunity for new students should contact Head of School Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon at (608) 204-9900.



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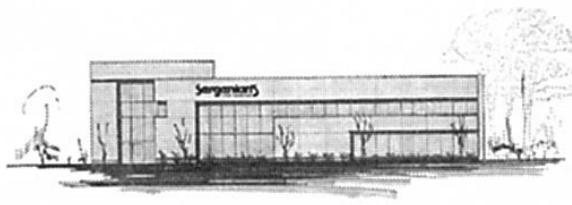

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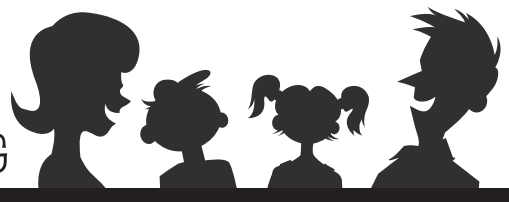

UPCOMING

Family Education Events

Organized by the Family Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Madison

Events to look forward to in the spring and summer:

(More details to come)

- **Fro-Yoga Event – Sunday, June 2**
  Yoga classes at Blackbird Family Yoga in Middleton followed by schmoozing and frozen yogurt at Menchie's in Middleton Hills.
  1:15-1:45 p.m. Family Yoga Class (kids ages 4+ can attend class alone)
  2:00-2:45 p.m. Kids' Only Yoga (ages 9 and older)
  ***Please arrive 15 minutes before the class you plan to attend*
  $3/person or $10/max per family
  RSVP to Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or register on www.jewishmadison.org

- **Oodles of Noodles Pool Party – Monday, July 15, 4 p.m.**
  Order your noodles for dinner and have fun playing with pool noodles after you eat. Sign up now at www.jewishmadison.org

- **Shabbat Oneg at the Zoo – Saturday, August 24, 12:30 p.m.**
  Join us for a Shabbat story and playtime at the park. Bring your own lunch; cookies and lemonade will be provided. More information coming soon.

Look for more details in future editions of the *Madison Jewish News* or check online at www.JewishMadison.org.

We hope to see you at all the Family Ed events!

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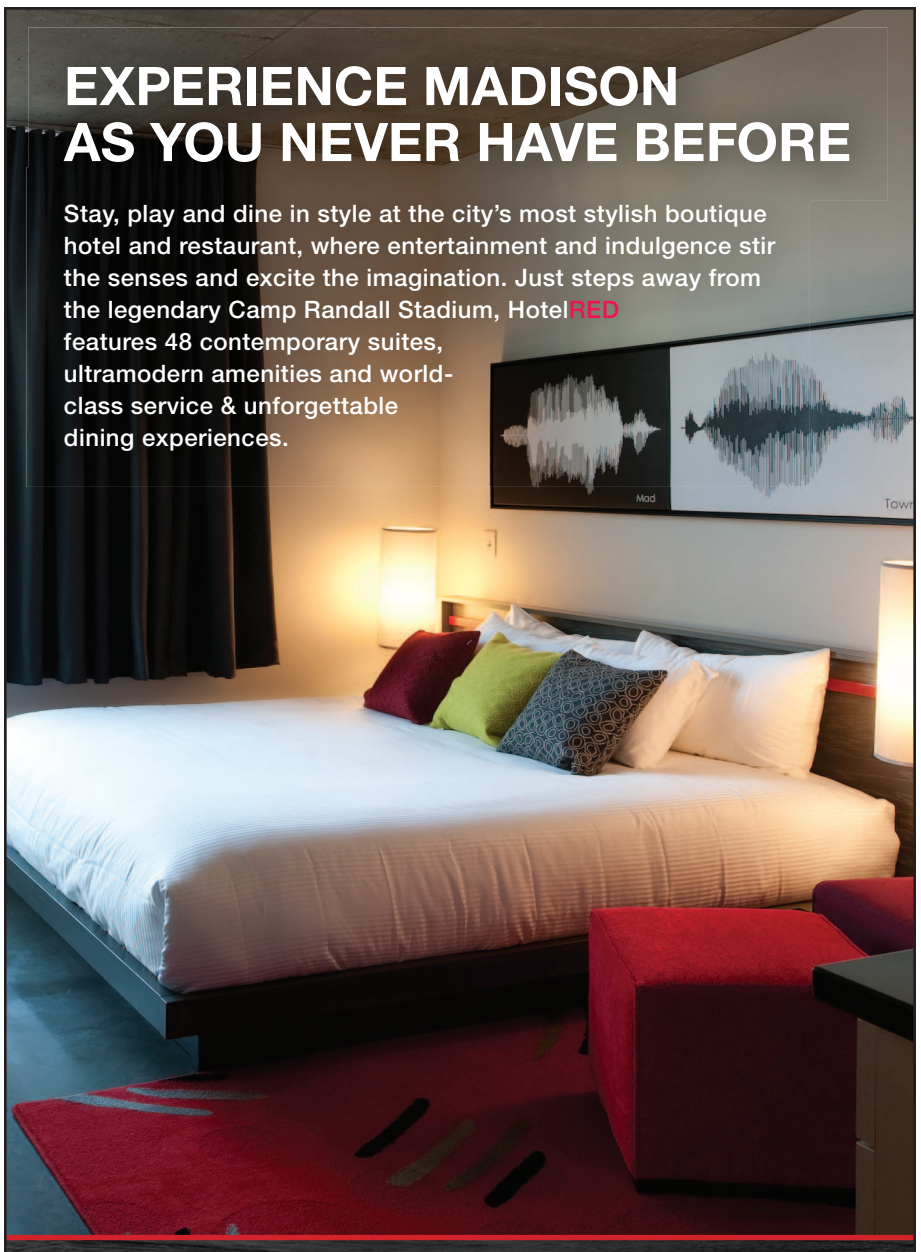

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TZOFIM DALET Aug. 15-18
This post-camp program is for adults and families (children up to age 12) who want to experience life in Kibbutz HaTzofim!

ALUMNI DAY August 17
OSRUI Alumni are invited to spend Shabbat with Tzofim Dalet! The day includes Shabbat morning T'filot, lunch and a "Lazy Shabbat Afternoon" (sports, the beach, and song sessions) and ends with dinner and Havdalah.

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❑ Pesto _____
❑ Japanese Pan Noodles _____

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PLEASE NOTE: All pool parties are weather dependent. If the weather is bad we will eat dinner in the Minkoff Center and play games indoors.

Jewish Education

Midrasha Graduates Celebrate

Mazel Tov to the ten students who graduated from Midrasha this year. All ten graduates were awarded the Laurence A. Weinstein Midrasha Incentive Award. The students will be able to use the $2000 award to further their Jewish education through college courses, trips to Israel and Jewish conferences and programs. We wish them the best of luck as they start a new chapter in their lives.

A BIG *todah rabah* to all of the teachers who worked at Midrasha this year. Without this incredible staff this program would not be possible: Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon, Rabbi Jonathan Biatch, Josh Davidson, Paul Davidson, Rachel Halstead, Yehonatan Hazani-Zion, Laurel Hefty, Aviva Kaiser, Meir Landau, Cantor Deborah Martin, Alison Miller, Elana Rabishaw, Becky Schiegel, Talia Shapiro, Rebecca Shwab, Sherie Sondel, Missy Sosman, Laura Toso, and Haya Yuchtman.

The Midrasha Class of 2013

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Sam Pressman
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The Midrasha graduates gathered together one final time.



The beautiful and delicious cake honored the Midrasha graduates.



Missy Sosman and Sherie Sondel, who taught a Healthy Jewish Cooking class, presented the seniors with a commemorative cookbook.

Students Share Midrasha Graduation Speeches

Sophie Shafer-Landau, one of the Midrasha 2013 graduates and recipients of the Laurence A. Weinstein Midrasha Incentive Award, submitted the following article as her application for the Midrasha Incentive Award. She gave a speech at graduation based on what she wrote in this application.

In eighth grade, I started Midrasha on a whim. Beforehand, Hebrew school and Talmud Torah were always a burden and an unfortunate requirement, and I had just finished the grueling year of preparing for and completing the ceremony of my Bat Mitzvah. I had never been particularly enthusiastic about embracing my religion or culture, and always felt slightly disconnected from it. After I had finished the Bat Mitzvah process, my parents boldly left the continuation of my religious involvement up to me.

In middle school, I was reluctant to let my friends know that I was Jewish, because none of them could even understand what it would be like to go to a synagogue and not a church every weekend. When I thought about what Judaism meant to me, I only thought about sitting in boredom in the back of the sanctuary every Saturday morning, or the hours spent memorizing trope and the Hebrew for my Torah portion.

Midrasha completely changed how I relate to Judaism, and how I identify as a Jew. Instead of a heavy religious focus or demand for biblical understanding, I was able to spend time with other people my age and learn about topics such as current events, world issues, media, and cooking, all through a Jewish lens.

I now feel that I have a deep connection to the cultural aspects of Judaism in my life. Because of how much I enjoyed Midrasha, I decided to give others at my school the same opportunity to connect to a Jewish community, no matter if they belonged to a synagogue or not, or even if they weren't Jewish. I created the club JAWs (Jews at West) at my high school, and have introduced over 20 of my peers to the Jewish culture that I now readily embrace. The majority of the club is not even Jewish, but everyone loves learning about traditions and aspects of the Jewish culture. We meet every week over an array of Jewish foods such as hamentaschen and hummus, all of which are prepared by the members of the club, and

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The following speech was written by Ari Pollack, 2013 Midrasha graduate.

Good evening.

What is a Jew?

That's the first question we get asked at Midrasha. It's an eighth grade class that everybody takes. For eighth grade me, it sounded like an extraordinarily silly question. A Jew is somebody who's Jewish, how complicated can it be? To be honest, my answer was probably more pretentious than that, but I digress. As I look back at the end of this five year journey, I realize that I've spent all this time finding new answers to that very first question.

A Jew, as we learned in Comparative Religion, is not a Christian, or a Hindu, or a Muslim, or Baha'i. But we learned that the difference is not as striking as we may have thought, and Jews can definitely be Buddhists, even if our laughter-ridden meditation implied that we were not those Jews.

We learned in Jewish Ethics and Law that a Jew follows a moral code, although that code need not be rigid, or the same as that of every other Jew. We learned in The Jewish Image in Film, Literature, & Culture that a Jew can be good at basketball, no matter what you heard in South Park, and that Keeping The Faith is a fantastic movie. We learned in Holocaust Studies that a Jew remembers their past, celebrating heroic acts and mourning tragic losses. We learned in Arab-Israeli Relations that a Jew strives to understand the issues pertaining to the Jewish homeland. We learned in our Fiddler on the Roof class that a Jew is cognizant of society's perceptions of their people, and should probably know all the words to "Tradition."

Over the years, we've learned from so many great teachers. Ellen's sunny disposition brightened all of our Wednesday evenings. Laurel has stricken fear into each and every one of our hearts. The rabbis have helped us a lot to discover our Jewish identities, although I'll admit that I still don't understand the iPhone metaphor.

On the first day of the semester, Ellen always asks us - Dina in the olden days - what the purpose of Midrasha is. Every semester, some conscientious 8th grader who read the handbook pipes up and gets a free candy bar. I think I've actually got-

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Sophie Shafer-Landau Continued from page 15

many recipes come from the cooking class I took at Midrasha last year.

Midrasha has helped smooth my transition from being a child in the community to an adult. When I was given the choice about my involvement in the community after my Bat Mitzvah, I initially thought that was the end of my days at the synagogue. Thankfully, Midrasha kept me connected and a part of the community that I am now so proud to identify with. I sincerely hope to continue this journey after I graduate this spring. I have been contemplating many options for my future after high school, including either taking a year off or going straight to college.

If I were to take a year off, one of my main interests is pursuing travel through organic farming or yoga. Israel is one of the world's frontrunners in organic farming, and spending time living and working on a kibbutz is a dream of mine. Also, last year during Midrasha, Ruthie Goldman came to speak to our class about the Olive Tree Yoga Foundation, an organization she runs based in Madison. I have been passionate about yoga for a few years now, and plan on becoming teacher certified in the next year or two. Having the opportunity to share my love of yoga while traveling through Palestine and Israel, connecting with people and hearing their experiences, would be an honor I can only dream about now.

If I do decide to go straight to college next year, I hope to become involved in the local Jewish community wherever I am. I am currently taking a Bible as Literature course at school, which has piqued my interest in religious studies. I never would have imagined that I would actually enjoy the text analysis or in depth discussion regarding Torah readings, but now I am positive that I would pursue courses in such fields if given the opportunity.

Midrasha has done for me exactly what it promises in the mission statement we are quizzed on each year: it connected me with my Jewish peers and strengthened my Jewish identity and education. Going to seventh grade Talmud Torah classes each year to promote Midrasha, I always tell the students what a great experience it is, and how much fun I've had since I began in eighth grade, all while learning so much. Midrasha has been a truly transformative program for me, and I hope to continue learning and exploring my connection to Judaism in the upcoming years.

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ten that particular question wrong more times than any other question I've ever been asked. But for me, the purpose of Midrasha is so much more than "to provide students with experiences and educational opportunities that will strengthen their Jewish identity and encourage and stimulate their desire to learn about their heritage." In addition to that, it is about coming together with great peers and greater role models to ask ourselves the question, What is a Jew?

What's Happening At Camp This Summer?



Camp season is here and there are many exciting things to look forward to at Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim this summer!

The Goodman House, home to Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim, is being renovated. The house will now feature a more open floor-plan and tons of space for the campers to enjoy. The updated kitchen opens up into a large gathering space that will be perfect for cooking activities. The garage now has windows and doors and is a usable space where campers can do activities like arts and crafts. The stair cases have been widened to make more space for moving about. Some of the walls on the lower levels have been knocked out to make a more open-space for large group activities.

The administrative staff at Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim recently met to begin making plans for this summer. On the first day of each session, a portable rock climbing wall from Boulders will be available for the middle school campers to enjoy. All campers will need a signed waiver to be able to participate in this activity. The waivers are available on the Jewish Federation of Madison's website, www.jewishmadison.org/campshalom. The talented staff is looking forward to teaching their skills in juggling, cooking, Israeli dance and a variety of sports with the campers making the 2013 summer one of the most exciting summers in camp history!

There are big things in store at Camp Shalom as well this summer. Last summer's heat was intense and thankfully, the Goodman Campus committee responded to the heat and installed air conditioning in the Minkoff Center. This summer, the campers will have the luxury of enjoying the AC again on very hot days. The Goodman Aquatic Center's fabulous salt water pool will also be refreshing and will offer hours of fun to campers of all ages.

Each session there will be some fun and exciting special programs. The Henry Vilas *Zoo to You* program will make the campers squeal with delight when they see those cute animals and slimy reptiles up close. During second session, the campers will participate in the always popular Olympic style competition day, Maccabbiah and the third session will bring the campers together for the annual Camp Shalom carnival. This summer, not only will the Gimel (4th and 5th grade) campers have their awesome sleepovers during 1st and 2nd session, but they will also have some special "Gimel Only" programming all summer long. Veteran campers and those who are new to Camp Shalom will really enjoy this new twist in our camp programming!

There are still spaces left in Camp Shalom. For more information about availability please email campshalom@ jewishmadison.org.

Spotlight on the 2013 Camp Shalom Staff

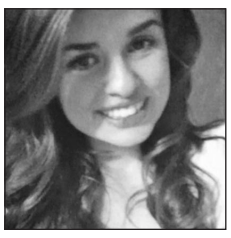
Last month we featured several staff members who will be returning to work at Camp Shalom this summer. Below are a few more. One of the greatest things about Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim is the amazing staff we have!

Chelsea Clark Edmiston will be returning to camp for her second summer on staff. During the school year, Chelsea is a student at West High School. She loves to act, write, sing and tutor. As a camper, Chelsea looked up to the staff at Camp Shalom. She felt that the positive teen role models were very influential in her life and is proud to be in the position to influence the campers now. She really enjoys working with her peers and learning from them. She is looking forward to being outdoors surrounded by beautiful land, a warm sun, and friendly people. She says, *"It feels more like a dream than a job!"*



Chelsea Clark Edmiston

Brooke Temme has worked at Camp Shalom for one year, which was the past summer as a CIT. She was a camper at Camp Shalom for fourth and fifth grade and was also in Noar and Bogrim for sixth through ninth grade. Her favorite thing as a camper was swim time. Her favorite thing about being a counselor is the singing; she always looks forward to singing songs throughout the day at camp. This summer she is really looking forward to spending time with the kids and is hoping to see some of the campers from her groups last year. Camp has taught Brooke to be less shy. During the school year, Brooke is a student at Memorial High School. Brook loves to horseback ride!



Brooke Temme

After 6 years as a camper, **Logan Ginther** is returning for his second year on the Camp Shalom staff. He is looking forward to his favorite activity, Capture the Flag, something he enjoyed as a camper as well! Logan also loves Maccabiah, the big Olympic-style competition during second session. As a counselor, he has learned to relate with kids and this has helped him in other areas of his life as well.



Logan Ginther

Sammy Toso is a veteran staff member who will be returning for her 7th year on staff. When she was a camper at Camp Shalom Bogrim she loved *Book Buddies*. Sammy will be working at Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim this summer and is really looking forward to this new model of camp that will bring the middle school campers all together. She used to be a dancer in the Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe. Sam is a student at Elmhurst College where she is studying to be a teacher in 6-12 grade education. Being a counselor has definitely helped her within the classroom! She has been able to use the planning and management skills she learned at camp.



Sammy Toso

When **Camille Carlson** was a camper, she loved chugim. Now in her second year on staff at Camp Shalom she is looking forward to working with the campers and to being outside all summer. Camille is a student at Verona Area High School who loves to ski, hike and kayak. She also loves arts and crafts, swimming and playing sports at Camp. What did Camille learn last summer? *Hot weather is easier to tolerate if you are swimming and playing GaGa twice a day!*

Skyylah Gordee loves to use her imagination. Her creativity and ability to think out of the box helped her to bond with the campers last year. She is a good leader and role model for the campers. Skyylah loves meeting new people at camp and spending time with the campers. She hopes to work with children as her job one day and knows that working at Camp Shalom is a great start to achieving her goals.



Skyylah Gordee

Logan is very athletic and likes to keep a positive attitude, something he is hoping to share with all of the campers this summer. He also appreciates a good apple pie ☺

Madison West High School student **Paul Miner** loves to play chess and design games. He also loves to spend his summers at Camp Shalom. Paul was a camper for 7 years and will be on staff this summer for his second year. He loves being with the campers and learned a lot about being responsible during his first summer on staff.

Camp Shalom Information Session For New Campers and Families

Is your child attending Camp Shalom for the first time this summer? If so, please join us for an information session to learn more about camp and the daily program. The Directors of each camp will be on hand to talk about the program and to answer any questions. All campers and their parents/caregivers are invited to attend. Please email campshalom@jewishmadison.org with any questions.

Camp Shalom Information Session
Date: Sunday, June 9, 2013
11:30 AM – Camp Shalom AND Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim
Location: The Minkoff Center at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, 7762 County Highway PD.

Look What's Happening at Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool!



Maor helps her abba (Zvi) do a science demonstration for the Dalet class.



Enjoying the first popsicle of the season.



Gan HaYeled would like to wish a giant MAZEL TOV to the Dalet graduates of 2013! We wish you all the best in Kindergarten!

Yonim Dancers Shine at Sharsheret 2013!

The 17th Annual Sharsheret Youth International Dance Festival took place at Edgewood College on May 5th, 2013. Yonim dancers connected with some familiar groups – Chug Ivrit and the Madison Jewish Community Day School as well as the Okinawan Taiko Drummers of Wisconsin. Dancers debuted Yonim's Camp Dance, choreographed by Li Chaio Ping – UW Dance Department Chair and internationally known choreographer. Yonim families and teachers ended the season with a fun celebration at the Goodman Center East with lots of recreational dancing and pizza!

To find out more about Yonim please join us at the Hava Nagila Picnic on Sunday June 23rd, from 11am-2pm. Yonim will have a booth with information and Yonim teachers will be leading recreational Israeli dancing. You can also check out our website at www.Yonim.org and contact Dana Prager at Yonim@jewishmadison for more information on how to register for Yonim for our 2013-14 season beginning in September!









Check out Chug Ivrit!

***Chug Ivrit** is an after school Hebrew program for K-5 grade students sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison.*

When: Monday, June 3, 2013 at 4:30 (ending by 5:15 PM)
Where: Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St. (enter through the Randall St. door)
What: All prospective K-5 students (for the 2013-2014 academic year) are invited to come and check it out. Join us for a performance by the current Chug Ivrit students, games & dancing, meet the teachers, and see what Chug Ivrit is all about.

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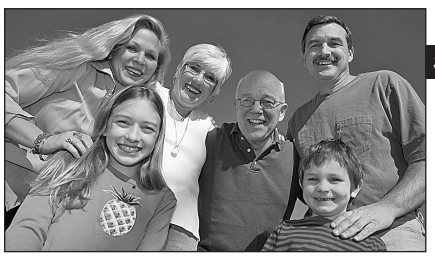

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JSS Community Programs

Wednesday, June 5
Tour of the Epic campus in Verona.

Wednesday, June 12
Levy Summer Series, Nakoma Golf Club. Rabbi Hannah Greenstein, "Not your Bubbe's Judaism (and what's a bubbe?), Jewish Identity in 2013."

Wednesday, June 26
Levy Summer Series, Nakoma Golf Club. Professor Rachel Buff, "DREAMing is Free? Working for Immigration Reform."

Thursday, July 11
Madison Mallards baseball game, with JSS as the Community Connections Night featured non-profit agency.

Wednesday, July 17
Levy Summer Series, Nakoma Golf Club. Jonathan Pollack, Ph.D., "From Sheepskins to Sheepskins, Scrap Businesses and Higher Education."

Wednesday, July 24
Levy Summer Series, Nakoma Golf Club. Professor Tony Michels, "Whatever happened to the Class of '68? The Jewish Student Movement and its Legacies."

Tuesday, August 6
"Rosh Hashanah around the World," Full Compass. Gil Marks cooking demonstration and fundraiser for Jewish Social Services.

Wednesday, August 7
Levy Summer Series, Nakoma Golf Club. Gil Marks "From Shmear to Eternity, the Mainstreaming of Jewish Food."

Wednesday, August 21
Levy Summer Series, Nakoma Golf Club. Professor Rachel Baum "Hurray for Hollywood! Jews and American Popular Culture."

Monday, August 26
Annual Senior Summer Barbeque at the Goodman Campus.

JSS Night at Mallard's Baseball!

www.jssmadison.org

Tailgate at 6:30 p.m. co-sponsored by the Temple Beth El Men's Club, pizza donated by Rocky Rococo.

Thursday, July 11, 2013 7:05 pm

Join us on Thursday, July 11 at the "Duck Pond" for Madison Mallard's Baseball, when JSS will be the featured "Community Connections Night" not-for-profit agency.

We are looking forward to an evening of fun for families and friends of JSS while at the same time helping to raise funds to support the important work we do everyday.

Visit www.jssmadison.org for details and to order tickets by credit card.

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Bikur Holim means visiting those who are sick. The Talmud says that such a visit removes 1/60th of the person's illness, but really, the good that is done through a simple visit is immeasurable. **There are a number of Bikur Holim opportunities, two on the southwest side.**

Friendly Visitors develop on-going, one-to-one relationships with a senior or person with disabilities in a nursing home, assisted living facility or living in his or her own home. Volunteers uniformly say that this is a very rewarding activity that brings meaning and a wealth of feeling to their lives. *Commitment is about an hour a week for a minimum of six months.*

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Choose "single servings" of volunteer opportunities if that's what best fits your life.

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Youth Volunteering, Youth Group Projects and B'nai Mitzvah Projects

Learn more at http://jssmadison.org/youth-volunteering

Come talk with us about doing a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services. There are also opportunities for older youth and youth groups to volunteer and contribute to the community, develop new skills and have fun. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-608-278-1808, ext. 227 for a brochure or to discuss doing a mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services.

Double Your Volunteering Mitzvah

Check with your human resources department to see whether your company has a policy of matching employees' community volunteer hours with a monetary donation to the agency for whom the employee volunteers. What a great way to enhance the benefits of your volunteer work!

Deducting Expenses Incurred While Volunteering

Some expenses incurred during volunteer work are deductible. Volunteers should keep records and save receipts for these expenses. Check with your tax advisor about these deductions.

JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES COMMUNITY PROGRAMS REGISTRATION

Please enclose your check made out to ***Jewish Social Services***, or use your credit card. Return registration and payment to Jewish Social Services, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719. *The Levy Summer Series registration form is available elsewhere in this paper.*

❑ **Wednesday, June 5**
Tour of the Epic campus. Registration is full; call 278-1808 to be put on a waiting list. No charge

❑ **Thursday, July 11**
Madison Mallards baseball game.
Number of tickets @ $10.00/each _____ Total for tickets _____

❑ **Monday, August 26**
Annual Senior Summer Barbeque. $10.00
(Scholarships available for BBQ)

Total program fees _____

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In Stacy's Words:

Finding what Still Remains



By Stacy Goldman

JSS Senior Adult Services

Last month, I had the privilege of attending a state-wide Alzheimer's Association conference. Experts from all over the country shared their wisdom with over 800 attendees. We all gained knowledge and inspiration as professionals, patients, and caregivers. While I accumulated a great deal of practical information at this conference, I found myself wondering about the Jewish perspective on Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia.

In her book, *Jewish Visions for Aging*, Chaplain Dayle Friedman describes dementia in biblical terms. She likens dementia to the *midbar* (wilderness), throughout which the Israelites trekked for forty years before arriving at the Promised Land. Friedman describes this experience as follows: "For the Israelites, the forty years of sojourning in the *midbar* after their liberation from slavery were mysterious and difficult. They wandered with few markers toward an unknown destination. They could not sustain themselves without Divine help. They were vulnerable to unsympathetic people they met along the way and to harsh realities of nature. They could not return to the place of their memories, Egypt, and they could not truly imagine what lay ahead."

Words cannot describe the pain of watching a loved one decline, and ultimately fade. But while our loved one might no longer be the person that we once knew, we are challenged, as Friedman suggests, to find the *neshamah* (soul) within that which still remains. Friedman describes one woman's view of her new responsibilities in caring for her mother, "It is not Mom who must remember who I am. Rather, it is I who must remember who my mother is. Who she truly is. Not merely 'an Alzheimer's patient.' Not merely 'my mother.' It is up to me to [continue to be]…keenly aware of her spirit, honoring her soul-essence. Meeting her with caring and love and respect in that sacred place of wholeness which nothing can diminish."

Let us do our best to reach out in love and support those who suffer from dementia as well as their caregivers. Let us notice what has been lost, but let us focus on what still remains—the human spirit.

B'Shalom,
Stacy

Levy Summer Series

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Food for Thought all Summer Long

JSS established the Levy Summer Series in 2013 with a generous donation from Jeffrey C. Levy, to provide a memorable summer experience for adults.

The six-program series features an after-lunch salon, with the opportunity to spend time interacting with the speaker in a more intimate way.

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Registration is now open for the new Levy Summer Series, with food for thought all summer long. Register with the form below, online using a credit card at www.jssmadison.org (look for "Levy Summer Series" near the top of the navigation bar), or call JSS at 608-278-1808. Thank you to Jeffrey C. Levy for making this series possible!

All programs take place at Nakoma Golf Club, with valet parking, and are followed by an elegant lunch and a salon experience with the speaker. Complete program descriptions and menus are at www.jssmadison.org.

Please check which day(s) you will be attending and the meal you prefer to have on that day.

❑ **Wednesday, June 12, Rabbi Hannah Greenstein**

❑ Vegetable Napoleon **or** ❑ Baked Salmon,
both with Garden Salad and Mango Sorbet. $12 per person

❑ **Wednesday, June 26, Rachel Buff**

❑ Goat Cheese & Spinach Strudel **or** ❑ Grilled Tilapia
both with Gingered Carrot Soup and Assorted Cookies & Bars.
$12 per person

❑ **Wednesday, July 17, Jonathan Pollack**

❑ Capellini Ensalata **or** ❑ Striped Sea Bass
both with Nakoma Salad and Chocolate Mousse Sundae.
$12 per person

❑ **Wednesday, July 24, Tony Michels**

❑ Grilled Portabella Mushroom Fettuccine **or** ❑ Tuna Nicoise Salad
both with Fruit Plate and Bananas Foster Sundae. $12 per person

❑ **Wednesday, August 7, Gil Marks** Recipes from Gil Marks' *Olive Trees & Honey* – Hungarian Asparagus Soup, Turkish Sweet & Sour Artichokes, Yemenite Cauliflower, Italian Spinach with Pine Nuts & Raisins and Ashkenazi Carrot Pudding. $20 per person

❑ Signed Copy of *Olive Trees & Honey: A Treasury of Vegetarian Recipes from Jewish Communities around the World.* $30 per person

❑ Signed Copy of *Encyclopedia of Jewish Food.* $40 per person

❑ **Wednesday, August 21, Rachel Baum**

❑ Quinoa & Spinach Salad **or** ❑ Stuffed Salmon
both with Minestrone Soup and Key Lime Pie. $12 per person

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Alice Loew discovered that a Pharmacy student, Tiffany, is a fellow member of the Ojibwa tribe.

Jewish Social Services Recognized for Partnership with Pharmacy School

In early May, Jewish Social Services was awarded a "Friend of WSPS Award" by the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students, for hosting their successful Health Assessments at Lechayim during the last academic year. JSS has partnered with the School of Pharmacy for many years, initially working with first-year student volunteers. In addition, for the last number of years, Louise Goldstein has been invited to provide some training to students who work with seniors. Plans are in the works for the Health Assessments to return to Lechayim next year.

Scenes from the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students' Health Fair

Photos by Milt Leidner and Louise Goldstein



Ginny Graff and Clara Sweet enjoyed visiting at the Health Fair.



Ruth Calden participated in the Health Fair.



Gary Geller found interesting information at the Health Fair.

Spotlight: Hilary Blue

By Pamela Phillips Olson

When Nelson Mandela was sentenced to prison in 1965, 15-year-old Hilary Blue was on the frontlines demonstrating against apartheid in her homeland of South Africa.

Hilary grew up in a lively home. In addition to dedicated anti-apartheid activists, her extended family included a famous flamenco dancer and the CFO of the Mary Quant "off-the-rack" corporation. The most vital element was music!



Hilary Blue

(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)

"My maiden name, 'Chosack', is synonymous with music in South Africa. My grandfather founded the first orchestra in Johannesburg. He had an office at city hall. The Chosack Music Library lent classical music scores to musicians across the country. My dad broke with tradition, becoming a jazz pianist, playing dance clubs in Johannesburg. I must have absorbed music by osmosis. By age five, I played Beethoven's 'Fur Elise' at a big charity event to raise money for Israel. At 15, I began teaching piano, my first profession. Then I studied biology and earned a graduate degree in librarianship."

Several events stand out in Hilary's memories related to her activism. When Robert Kennedy came to the University of the Witwatersrand, her alma mater, to deliver the Academic Freedom lecture, she participated in the vigil held annually in the 10 days leading up to Academic Freedom Day. "Some off-duty policemen came and pelted us with eggs. One hit me on the shinbone. I got a large bump that I displayed proudly for many days!"

Hilary remembers another moment which would have discouraged most from trying to exert change on government policies: "I was visiting London in 1973 and was at Norma Kitson's apartment." Kitson was Hilary's aunt by marriage and a Jewish South African anti-Apartheid activist. She was very influential in Hilary's life. "Her son came in with a friend who worked for the telephone company. He checked her telephone line, took apart the receiver, and there was a microphone inside. So, six thousand miles away from South Africa, the security police were still checking up on her!"

Despite this chilling memory, Hilary remained an activist. For example, she lobbies for funding for research on Parkinson's Disease, having been diagnosed with the condition at age 24. She also led support groups for the Parkinson's Foundation.

Hilary raised three children on her own. They are all doing well and live in Washington, D.C. and Virginia. Hilary enjoys visiting, especially since the birth of her grandbabies. She and her partner, Miranda, a former librarian, moved to Madison three years ago.

Some Scenes from Lechayim

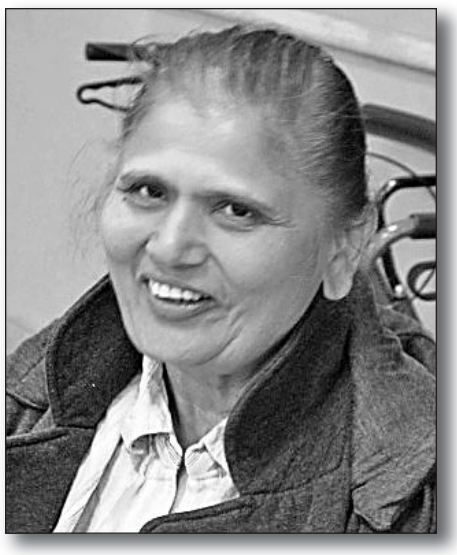
Photos by Milt Leidner and Louise Goldstein



Cherene Sherrard-Johnson introduced us to author Dorothy West.



Marc Kornblatt discussed his movie, "Because it's Small."



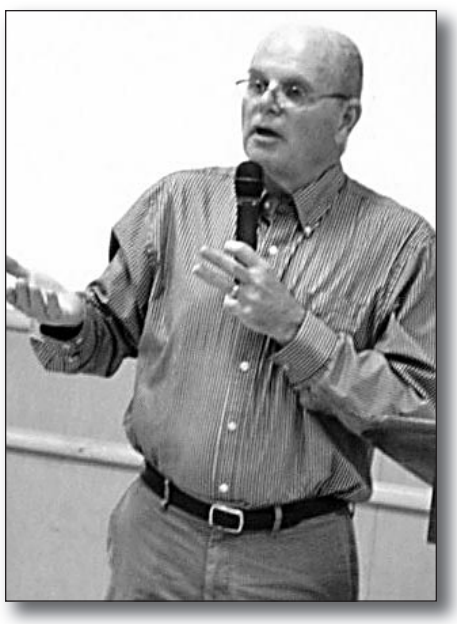
Harsha Keister is back from India.



David Dettman talked about the Muslim population in northwestern China.



Shaliach Yehonatan Hazani Zion told tales of growing up in the Old City of Jerusalem.



Dennis Dresang described the current state of politics in Wisconsin.



Lillian Deutsch celebrates her birthday with daughter Judy Karofsky.

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Israel and the World

Traveling On The Habonim (South Africa) Summer Camp Train

By Douglas H. Frazer

Kids get to summer camp in all sorts of different ways. These include car, bus, and plane. But what if you got to travel to camp in a train? A private train. On a trip lasting over 26 hours.

For over 50 years this is exactly how Jewish campers from the South African Zionist Youth Movement Habonim-Dror got to camp.

First, a bit of background. There have been Jews in South Africa from soon after the time that the Dutch first settled Cape Town in 1652. The larger Jewish immigration came in the late 1800's and early 1900's. By the early 1970's, the South African Jewish population approached 120,000.

Habonim-Dror (Habonim means "the builders") was by far the largest Jewish youth movement in South Africa. It was loosely affiliated with the Labor Party in Israel. The summer camp (remember mid-summer in the southern hemisphere is December) for many years was outside of East London on the Indian Ocean. In 1962, Habonim purchased its present summer camp on magnificent ocean property in the southern tip of the country in Onrust, outside of Hermanus, a few hours southeast of Cape Town.

Habonim began using trains as the principal means of transport to the camp beginning with the camp's inception in 1930. In the 1950's, the trains originated in the old Transvaal (Johannesburg) and from Cape Town. Starting with the camp in Onrust, when campers from Cape Town were now close enough to travel by bus, only one train, running south from Johannesburg, was needed.

This was a dedicated train and known affectionately by all as "The Main Train." That is, Habonim would hire out an entire train from South African Railways for the purpose of transporting campers and staff to camp. The train would be as long as 15 carriages made up of sleeper compartments that officially slept 6 campers. Sometimes an "overflow train" was put on for the years when the camp surged to as many as 1200 to 1400 people. The train had no dining car. Campers would have to pack their own food for the journey. Campers brought their own sleeping bags because no linen was provided. The trip included activities and the 6-person compartments could swell to 15 people squashed in singing a mixture of Jewish camping and Pete Seeger and Joan Baez folk songs, playing games, and simply reuniting with friends. Much raiding took place at night.

"We played cards all night," recalled Joel Linton, now of Chicago. "We looked out for buddies from previous camps. Remember, in those days we had no TV [introduced in South Africa only in 1976], or email, or Facebook, so reuniting on the train was particularly exciting. Those were interesting times that occasioned lasting friendships."

The train was assembled in Pretoria.



The campers and staff originating in Pretoria rode the train an hour south to Johannesburg where, in the early evening, the main journey began and most of the campers embarked. Campers from Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) would take an overnight train from Bulawayo and Harare and transfer to The Main Train. In those days, there were also a number of still vibrant smaller towns at which the train would stop and pick kids up. These included Vereeniging, Klerksdorp, Welkom, Bloemfontein and others.

The campers and staff would arrive at the platform in uniform: khaki shorts, blue shirt and a scarf held in place with a woggle. Later the scarf was replaced with red strings.

The journey would last two nights and a day. Each carriage was organized by *shichva* (age group) – from the *shitilim* (saplings) ages 10-11 to the *shomrim* (guards) ages 16-17. The *madrichim* (counselors) would sleep in three person compartments at the end of each carriage.

"We had something of a tradition," Linton recalls, "of tossing the green leather armrests (loose double football sized) while crossing the Orange River. Hundreds were lost every year. It was a sight to behold seeing these green objects flying through the air."

About midway through the journey, the train "shunted" in De Aar. The train would terminate in Stellenbosch and sometimes in Worcester. From these points, the campers would board school buses for the two hour ride over Sir Lowery's Pass to Onrust. According to Roland Frankel, now of Chicago, invariably at least one bus would break down crossing the Pass.

"The train was when camp began and as the first 2 day activity the countdown to the train's departure took on a life of its own" says Simmy Ziv-el, now of Milwaukee and a former *Rosh Machaneh* (head of camp).

Summer camp lasted three and a half weeks and into the new year. The journey home began in the morning and would conclude the evening of the next day. The campers and staff would return, exhausted, to their homes and families to prepare for the school term ahead – and, of course, for next year's camp, beginning with the camp train, a mere 48 weeks away.

** Douglas H. Frazer is a tax attorney in Milwaukee. Special thanks to Errol Anstey of Habonim-Dror South Africa for assistance with this article.*



From the Mid-east to the Mid-west: A Shaliach's Exploration in America's Dairyland

By Yehonatan Hazani Zion

Spring is here and it is a lovely time to be outside. As one who really loves to hike and travel, this is a great time to be outside. The city is becoming green, the flowers are growing, and in general the atmosphere is more positive after the long cold winter.

This time of the year is also the time for school and other educational program to come to an end. We had a very nice Midrasha graduation where we said goodbye to the seniors who did the program for 5 whole years. We wish them all good luck in all of their future plans. Chug Ivrit will also come to an end in the beginning of June. We will have an open house on June 3rd and the students will perform a small show. The parents will get to see a class in action and we hope that this will encourage more people to come for a next great year of Chug Ivrit! I am also finishing my job at the Madison Jewish Community Day School. After a year full of activities with the students, I hope I was able to bring more of Israel to the school. My part at Gan HaYeled is also over and I will sure miss the kids that I saw every Thursday. I hope they will also remember me and will feel connected to Israel!

My Hebrew programs are also coming to an end. We have only few more classes of adult Hebrew for advanced, which meets every Tuesday and even less Café Ivrit where we meet at Michelangelo Coffee every other Thursday to speak Hebrew with friends. I myself am leaving at the end of June and I think this is a great opportunity to say good bye to the people and the organization in Madison that made our experience here fulfilling and meaningful.

This past month was full of activities, too: on the 11th of May we had a "Taste of Israel" experience at Temple Beth El and I got the chance to meet the kids, share with them some Israeli Shabbat stories and play some games. At the beginning of the month a small group from Madison drove all the way to Chicago to hear the wonderful Ahinoam Nini – "Noa". Noa is a very successful Israeli singer that combines folk, rock and her Yemenite roots in her singing. It was a great performance!

So yes, we are starting to think about our moving back to Israel. Israel is again in the middle of a financial disagreement. Yair Lapid, the new finance minister just said that the new budget of Israel will include more taxes. This is something that will probably hurt Israel's middle class. Yes, there were more demonstrations and some of the public does not feel that Israel is a safe and comfortable place economically. Lapid also said that he is going to cut Israel's security budget. This decision is arguable – from one hand wars are changing and Israel knows that the threats are different than they used to be, from the other hand we all know that the threats are endless from Iran and other directions.

But as always – I want to end with a prayer for peace – in Israel and in the world and with a hope that we will never need any security budget at all!

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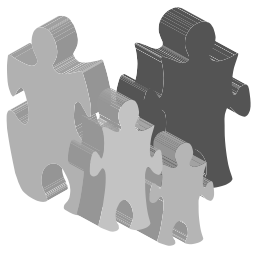

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Генрих Бабич

О двух социальных периодах в истории США ("Позолоченный" Век и Эра Прогрессивизма)

История Соединенных Штатов Америки – это история быстро развивающейся цивилизации. Ее развитие происходило в трех направлениях: 1) территориальное расширение вглубь континента, 2) бурный рост промышленного и сельскохозяйственного производства, 3) совершенствование социальных отношений. Однако в последней трети **XX** века в стране отмечен спад социальной активности людей. Чтобы понять историческое место этого явления, обратимся к истории США за период с 1865 по 1929 годы, который историки условно разделяют на два этапа: "Позолоченный" Век – с 1865 по 1895 годы и Эра Прогрессивизма – десятилетия с 1890-х по 1920-е (вплоть до Великой Депрессии 1929 года).

"Позолоченный" Век (именно "позолоченный", а не "золотой") – это время бурного развития капиталистического производства в США и обострения связанных с ним социальных проблем. Век назван позолоченным потому, что за видимыми материальными благами скрывались социальные и политические пороки. Производство и экономика росли невиданными до тех пор темпами, что сопровождалось ростом валового национального продукта, реальной зарплаты (при одновременном увеличении числа квалифицированных и неквалифицированных рабочих), богатства, а также накоплением капитала. Так, с 1865 по 1898 годы производство пшеницы увеличилось в 2,6 раза, кукурузы – в 2,2 раза, добыча угля – в 8 раз, протяженность железных дорог – в 5,7 раз. В 1869 году была построена первая трансконтинентальная железная дорога, в результате чего путь от атлантического побережья до Сан Франциско занял 6 дней, в то время как до этого требовались месяцы. К началу **XX** века США стали ведущей страной в мире по доходу и промышленному производству на душу населения, превосходя Германию и Францию в два раза, а Англию – в 1,5 раза. Страна развивалась на основе технических достижений: с 1860 по 1890 годы было зарегистрировано в десять раз больше патентов, чем за предыдущие 70 лет, что означало огромный технический рост. Развитие страны сопровождалось созданием огромных индустриальных центров, которые привлекали иммигрантов из Европы.

Радикальное изменение производственных и политических взаимоотношений произошло в результате появления богатейших магнатов и финансистов (Рокфеллер, Карнеги, Морган, семья Вандервильтов). Доминирующей формой бизнеса стали корпорации, что значительной мере предопределило развитие коррупции. Развивалось первоначально малочисленное, а затем все более расширяющееся профсоюзное движение, которое завершилось созданием в 1886 году Американской Федерации Труда. Деятельность Федерации была направлена на улучшение экономических условий людей труда. Требования рабочих по повышению заработной платы, установлению 8-ми часового рабочего дня, улучшению условий труда, ограничению использования детского труда часто вели к забастовкам. Так, всеобщая забастовка железнодорожных рабочих 1877 года длилась 45 дней и привела к вмешательству федеральных войск.

Последняя треть **XIX** века в США отличалась высокой политической активностью. В ряде штатов до 90% избирателей принимали участие в выборах. На социальном уровне широкое распространение получила теория социального дарвинизма, которая переносила на человеческое общество принцип выживания наиболее приспособленных. Наряду с этим были заложены основы американской филантропии, которая в этот период еще не распространялась на миллионы людей, а была ограничена крупными пожертвованиями со стороны богатых. Так, Рокфеллер отдал половину своего состояния на благотворительные цели. В это же время в американском обществе начались широкие социальные процессы, основанные на таких благотворительных организациях, как Христианская Ассоциация Молодых Людей (YMCA, в США создана в 1885 году), Армия Спасения (1865 год) и др. В 1889 году в Чикаго зародились поселения, ориентированные на активизацию социальной жизни.

Конец "Позолоченного" Века пришел с финансовой паникой 1893 года. Страна была подготовлена к изменениям в характере социальной жизни, которые распространились на миллионы людей и произошли во времена **Эры Прогрессивизма**. Эра Прогрессизма стала периодом социальной активности и политических реформ. В движении прогрессивизма принимали участие видные политические деятели как республиканской, так и демократической партии. Основной целью движения было создание честного правительства, которое ликвидировало бы коррупцию путем разоблачения политических махинаций, проводимых профессиональными политиками. В такую работу включились миллионы рядовых американцев.

Движение Прогрессивизма было направлено на модернизацию общества на основе достижений социальных наук (история, экономика, политика), медицины и инженерного дела. При этом в области социальных наук любители должны были уступить место профессионалам, которые сотрудничали с научными журналами и прессой. Важными составными частями модернизации были высоко квалифицированное воздействие политических структур на экономику и социальную жизнь, расширение и повышение качества образования, улучшение окружающей среды и условий жизни людей и, наконец, предоставление женщинам права голоса (конституционная поправка об этом была принята в 1920 году).

Первоначально движение Прогрессивизма действовало только на локальном уровне, а затем поднялось на штатный и федеральный уровни и затронуло все основные сферы жизни американского общества. Оно опиралось на поддержку среднего класса, к нему присоединились многие адвокаты, учителя, врачи, священослужители и бизнесмены. На федеральном уровне были приняты поправки к конституции, которые определили порядок взимания подоходного налога, вводили прямую выборность сенаторов, установили, а затем отменили, "сухой" закон. Пресса активно включилась в кампанию разоблачения коррупционной деятельности на федеральном и локальном уровнях. Развернулось движение снизу, направленное на совершенствование механизмов американской демократии. Так, штат Орегон принял систему референдумов, на которых избиратели рассматривали проекты основных законов и поправки к конституции штата. В этом штате также была введена система отзыва избираемых политических деятелей. Вскоре такую систему приняла половина штатов страны, включая Висконсин.

Прогрессивисты исходили из того, что семья является краеугольным камнем американского общества и правительство, в особенности на локальных уровнях, должно проводить работу по усилению роли семьи. Эта задача многогранна и затрагивает проблемы молодежи. В частности, во многих городах были созданы суды, ориентированные на рассмотрение молодежных уголовных дел с тем, чтобы по возможности избежать направления молодых правонарушителей в тюрьмы для взрослых, что облегчало воспитание молодежи.

В связи с совершенствованием технологии производства упорядочилось рабочее время и люди получили возможность больше посещать места развлечений. В этой связи прогрессивисты ратовали за цензурный контроль нравственности демонстрируемых фильмов. С увеличением свободного времени в городах создавались общественные парки, в которых проводились мероприятия, направленные на укрепление семьи.

Особую проблему составляло законодательство, связанное с "сухим" законом. Принятый закон запрещал производство, продажу и транспортировку алкоголя. В течение Эры Прогрессивизма проблема "сухого" закона была главной на локальном, штатном и федеральном уровнях. Антиалкогольная политика была поддержана большинством религиозных христианских конфессий. "Сухой" закон был принят в виде конституционной поправки в 1919 году и отменен в 1933 году. Отмену закона поддержали католические приходы, которые ратовали за свободу личности, а также многие бизнесы, которые делали акцент на доходы от продажи алкоголя.

Во времена Эры Прогрессивизма было много сделано для улучшения работы школ. В большинстве малых городов были созданы средние школы и к 1940 году 50% взрослых в стране имели среднее образование. Большая часть штатов приняла законы об обязательном среднем образовании. В результате ускоренно формировался средний класс, который поддерживал движение прогрессивизма.

Если во времена "Позолоченного" Века политические партии выступали за почти неограниченное применение принципа свободного предпринимательства и сопротивлялись вмешательству правительства в экономику (считалось, что правительство имеет право только принимать законы и контролировать их выполнение), то Эра Прогрессивизма привела к развитию среднего класса, который с большей готовностью принимал регулирующее воздействие правительства на экономику.

В течение десятилетий Эры Прогрессивизма сотни отраслевых и региональных профсоюзов при координационном участии Американской Федерации Труда боролись за права миллионов работающих при решении проблем оплаты труда и выработки приемлемых условий найма. В результате этой борьбы на федеральном и штатном уровнях было принято многообразное трудовое законодательство. И в наши дни в ряде областей трудовой деятельности, например, для учителей, в районах, охваченных членством в профсоюзах, условия труда лучше, чем там, где профсоюзы не действуют.

Первые полторы сотни лет после провозглашения независимости в американском государстве не было ограничений на иммиграцию (иммиграционные власти осуществляли только слабый медицинский контроль). Огромная территория и бурно развивающееся производство позволяли принимать всех. К началу **XX** века американский рынок труда стал насыщаться и многие общественные и политические организации ставили вопрос об ограничении иммиграции. В результате, в 1924 году Конгресс принял соответствующий закон. Он устанавливал квоты по объему иммиграции, а пропорции по этническим группам и регионам мира определялись в соответствии с положением, сложившемся в иммиграции на конец **XIX** века.

Мы рассмотрели два смежных периода американской истории и сопоставили их под углом зрения общественной активности людей. Как сказал в начале **XX** века известный американский журналист У. Липман, "Мы изменили окружающую среду быстрее, чем поняли как изменить самих себя". Все это, наряду с Депрессией 1929 года и последствиями Второй мировой войны, определило развитие американского общества в последней трети XX века.

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11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Open weekdays during scheduled hours



A 5,500 square-foot outdoor pool with six 25-meter competition lanes and zero-depth entry

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The Goodman Aquatic Center offers:

- 5,500 square foot outdoor pool
- Six 25-meter lanes
- Zero-depth entry
- Solar panels to heat pool
- Salt-water chlorination system
- Parties and celebrations
- Daily concessions
- Shaded areas
- Surrounded by nature
- Infants enter for free

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Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus Aquatic Center

Season Membership Registration Form

Name _____

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Phone_____ Email _____

Total requested	Type	Fee	Total
		Total Enclosed	

Please make your check payable to the Jewish Federation of Madison and send it with this registration form to 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, Wisconsin 53719. Season memberships can be purchased online with credit cards.

Names of Participants	Child's age/year of birth

By registering or participating, the registrant understands that individual accident insurance is not provided by the Jewish Federation of Madison and agrees to adhere to all rules and policies. I do hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators, waive, release, and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for damages that I may have or that may hereafter accrue to me arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in the Jewish Federation of Madison. Photos may be taken during participation for educational and marketing purposes.

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Pool Schedule

June 8-23	Daily . . . . . 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
June 24-Aug. 16	Monday-Friday. . . . . 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
	Saturday & Sunday . . . . 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Aug. 17-Sept. 2	Daily . . . . . 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Special Dates:	
Thursday, July 4	. . . . . 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Monday, July 15	. . . . . 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 5	. . . . . 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

The pool may be closed due to weather, private events, or other reasons

Call 848-1822 or email: pool@jewishmadison.org for changes in the published schedule

Memberships are for the 2013 summer season only.
Memberships are not transferable and are non-refundable.



Hava Nagila Jewish Community PICNIC

Sunday, June 23

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus

7762 County Highway PD, Verona

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ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

- Information tables for local Jewish organizations
- Face Painting and Balloon Animals
- Hayrides
- Inflatable Obstacle Course
- Boulder's Climbing Wall
- Water Balloon Toss
- Potato Sack Races
- Relay Races
- Ga-Ga
- Swimming
- Israeli Dancing with Yonim
- Music
- Hot Dogs, Veggie Brats and other Yummy Foods – Proceeds go to the Gan HaYeled Preschool
- And More!!

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