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Only donations mailed by December 31, 2013 are eligible for a tax deduction this calendar year. For this reason, we strongly encourage you to make your year-end gift right now. Another important reason to mail your gift as soon as you are able is that the need continues to grow for the services the Jewish Federation of Madison provides."

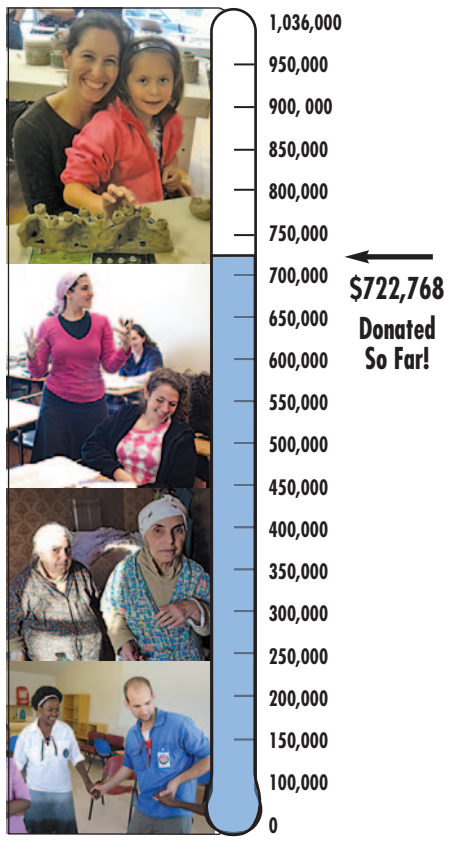
The difficult economic times we face have placed an unprecedented strain on resources. Many families and seniors in the Madison community are hurting. Although you may not see the need each day, it is real and it is urgent.

By making your generous year-end gift now, you will help to ensure that the Jewish Federation of Madison has the essential funding that is needed as 2014 begins; funding to feed, clothe, comfort and rescue people in need. Funding to inspire, educate and connect people to their Jewish identity. Funding to help the unemployed, to support families with special needs, and to ensure that the Jewish Federation of Madison will always be ready to rescue Jews in danger and respond to crises locally and around the world.

Take a moment to think about the good you want to do in the coming year. Perhaps you have already made a donation, could you consider donating more? Think about those who are suffering and our duty to ease their burden. Then, make your gift and be sure to mail it by December 31, 2013.

The volunteer leadership of the Jewish Federation of Madison has set a goal of $1,036,000. This will be a tough goal to reach. Please help us so that we can continue doing our good work.

Thank you for your commitment to our mission.



James Stein Elected President of the Jewish Federation of Madison

James Stein was elected President of the Jewish Federation of Madison at the organization's 73rd Annual Meeting held on November 24th. The following were his remarks at the meeting.

Although I still am in the shloshim period of mourning, I feel comfortable coming here today because this is a business meeting, not a social event or party, and Andrea would have been very proud to see such a great turn out for this important community event.

I am very honored and humbled to assume the Presidency of the Jewish Federation of Madison. I view this position as a person who will sit in someone else's chair – a temporary inhabitant, keeping the spot warm and comfortable for the rightful owner. In this case, the rightful owner is the **community of communities** that define the Federation. As President, I hope to continue to strengthen the bonds within and between our local and worldwide Jewish communities.

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Jim Stein, newly-elected President of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable to Meet on Dec. 10

Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable will kick off its series by hosting the Honorable Yariv Becher, Israel's Consul for Economic Affairs to the Midwest. We will meet On Tuesday, Dec. 10 from 12 pm-1:30 pm at Nakoma Golf Club, located at 4145 Country Club Road in Madison. Lunch will be served at noon followed by networking and an interactive session with the Honorable Yariv Becher. The cost for the event is $25 and you can RSVP to LKaplan@jewishmadison.org or online at www.JewishMadison.org.

Tiz Goff named Community Outreach Coordinator

The Jewish Federation of Madison is thrilled to announce that Tiz (Elizabeth) Goff has been hired as the Jewish Community Outreach Coordinator. In 2013, the Passport to Jewish Life Committee of the Jewish Federation of Madison met to brainstorm ways to engage more members of the Jewish community and how to reach out to those who are not currently involved in all that the Jewish community has to offer. When the committee decided to create a Jewish Community Outreach Coordinator position, we knew that we needed someone with charisma, Jewish knowledge, creativity, warmth and an ability to connect with people. Tiz Goff encompasses all of those characteristics and more.

Tiz grew up in Chicago and was a camper at OSRUI and active in NFTY. She received a BS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and an MSW from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Tiz moved to Nashville, Tennessee where she actively volunteered in the Jewish community. Tiz was a co-chair of the Jewish Families with Young Children Committee and on the Board of Directors for the Akiva Jewish Day School. Tiz, Pete and their three children moved to the Madison area in 2012. Since arriving in Madison, Tiz and her family have been active in the Jewish Federation of Madison family education programs, Temple Beth El, Jewish Kids' Club of Madison and the Jewish Women's Circle.

In her new role as Jewish Community Outreach Coordinator, Tiz will be available as a community concierge, a resource for all things Jewish in the Madison area. She will be working with the Passport to Jewish Life Committee to develop new programs and to find new ways to connect with Jewish community members. She is looking forward to meeting as many people as possible and hearing from community members about their interests. Please contact Tiz at outreach@jewishmadison.org.



Tiz Goff, Community Outreach Coordinator

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Why We Give ...

By Dan Mitchell

When my non-Jewish friends ask me what Tzedakah means, I often keep it simple and tell them it's a donation to a charity. However, Tzedakah is not just a voluntary donation to a charity. Tzedakah is fundamental to Judaism, not just a kindness but an obligation. It's one of the mitzvot Jewish people live by. We are taught in Judaism that in performing acts of Tzedakah, we seek to create a just world. Why does my family give to the Federation? We give because it's a mitzvah. We give because we want to create a just world. We give because it's important to us that we support the Jewish Federation of Madison and all of the programs that it supports locally and globally. We are proud of how strong the Jewish community is here in Madison, and it takes the entire community to keep it strong and vibrant. All three of our children attended and graduated from Gan HaYeled, attend Camp Shalom at the Goodman Campus each summer, and will hopefully continue their commitment to Judaism through Midrasha and Taglit-Birthright, in the future. These are all programs that are supported by the Federation and provide positive experiences that help our kids establish and maintain their Jewish identity. While we tend to be locally-minded most of the time, it gives us comfort to know that the Federation also supports many global programs. When a crisis such as the typhoon in the Philippines occurs, we know that our pledge to the Federation is also helping those in desperate need across the globe. Through our actions, we share the values of Judaism, community, and Tzedakah with our children, with the hopes that they will also contribute to a strong and vibrant Jewish and world community someday. We are proud to be part of the Jewish Federation of Madison and even more proud to contribute to the Federation's Tzedakah campaign.

Susan and Jonathan Lipp Receive Prestigious Philanthropy Award

By Andrea Stein, z"l

The Association of Fundraising Professionals – Greater Madison Chapter is pleased to announce that Susan and Jonathan Lipp will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 26th Annual Philanthropy Day Awards Luncheon on Friday, November 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Lipp have demonstrated a commitment to the community for over thirty years. Not only do they serve on nonprofit boards, volunteer their time, and make financial contributions to local nonprofits, but they also contribute the services of their business, Full Compass Systems Ltd, to numerous nonprofit events. The Lipps have made substantial contributions to the Jewish Federation of Madison, Circus World Museum, Journey Mental Health Center, Forward Theater Company and Madison Opera/ Opera In The Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Lipp embody the meaning of philanthropy through their work with various arts, cultural, and social service nonprofits in the Madison area. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes, honors and celebrates Mr. and Mrs. Lipp for their outstanding contributions to the quality of life in our community.



Pictured from left to right - Nominator Randy Hackbarth, Smith & Gesteland LLP, Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients Jonathan and Susan Lipp, nominator Steve Freese, Circus World Museum. Photo by Erin Halvorson of Melissa Grace Photography.

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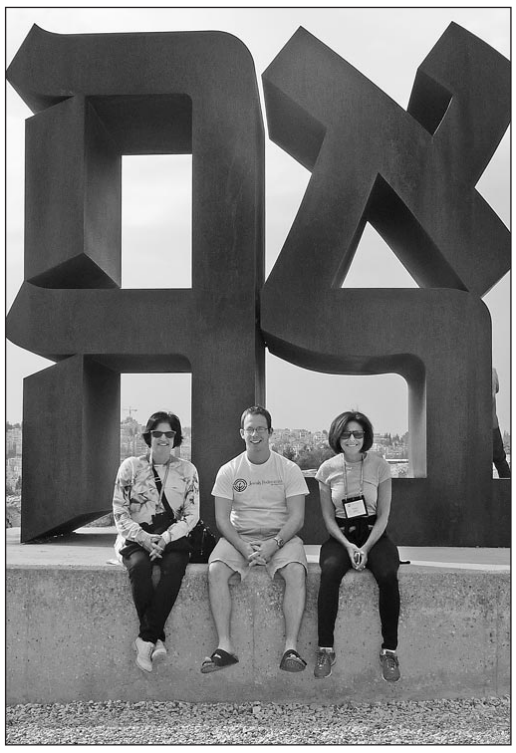
Madison Group Goes on Mission to Israel

By Marc Shovers

Wow. What a trip. Five intrepid adventurers from the Jewish Federation of Madison (JFM) have just concluded a most excellent adventure in Israel. From every perspective I can think of, the trip was a resounding success. The weather was beautiful, the food was outstanding, our guides were terrific, the historic sites were exquisite, our Federation site visits were inspiring, and the General Assembly (an international meeting of Federation staff and lay leaders) was informative. I was joined on this adventure by fellow JFM volunteers Debbie and Joel Minkoff, Diane Seder, and Joe Shumow. Also attending from Madison were Rabbi Yona and Faygie Matusof. It's hard to capture the whole trip in one short article, but I'd just like to highlight a couple of things to give you a taste of what we experienced.



Deborah Minkoff, Joe Shumow, and Diane Seder at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

After a night and day in Tel Aviv, our group traveled north to Haifa for a visit to the Galilee region to help us determine if we'd like to join Federations in St. Paul, Milwaukee, and Tulsa in partnering with a community in this region. One of the cities in the region is Tiberias and, although it may not be at the top of every visitor's "Must See" list, we all enjoyed our visit to this historic area. Tiberias is the final resting place of sages such as Maimonides and Rabbi Akiva, and is the home to the ancient ruins of a number of the 13 synagogues which existed in Tiberias many centuries ago. We were guided in part by the deputy mayor of Tiberias. This wonderful woman loved her city and this region of Israel. Her enthusiasm for Tiberias was infectious, and she told us that she loves to cook and would like nothing more than to have us all over to her apartment for dinner upon our next trip to the region.

Speaking of cooking, our group had the most wonderful dinner in the Arab village of Deir al-Assad. Our hosts were two Palestinian sisters, Kamla and Rim, who started a catering business over 25 years ago. Their business struggled to gain acceptance from the Arab community as it was unusual for women to start and run a business, but one of their earliest customers was a nearby kibbutz. The sisters and the kibbutz still have a very close relationship and Kamla and Rim are very appreciative of the support they've received over the years from the kibbutz. It was very heartwarming to see this cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian communities.



Liat, an Ethiopian Olim, with Marc Shovers. Liat arrived in Israel at age 5 and now works for the Jewish Agency at the Absorption Center.

While we were in the Galilee, we also spent some time in the port city of Akko, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. We saw some incredible structures there, including the remains of Crusader, Muslim, and Ottoman construction.



Dinner in Jerusalem with Menucha Baila Matusof, Rabbi Yona Matusof, Joel Minkoff, Marc Shovers, Joe Shumow, Marla Gamoran, Diane Seder, and Faygie Matusof.

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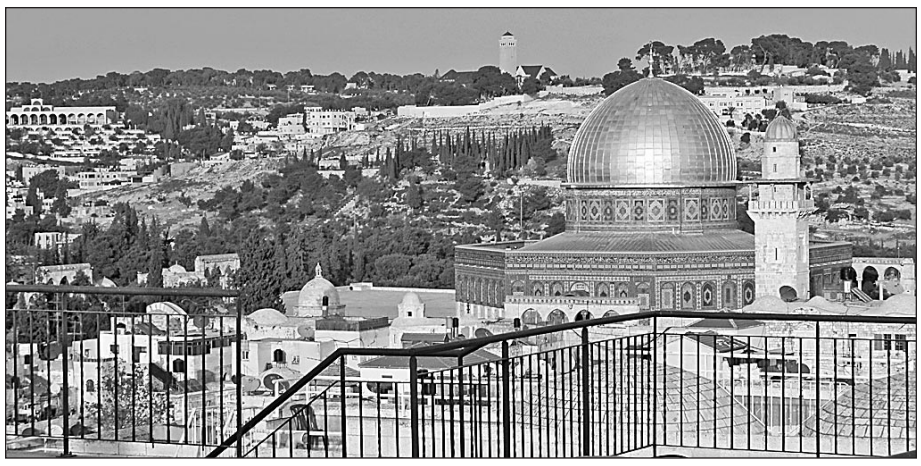

Dome of the Rock, with Hebrew University and Mount Scopus in the background.

Following our northern sojourn, we traveled to Jerusalem. The weather was terrific, and the energy in the city was incredible. From King David's Tomb, to the labyrinthine streets of the Old City, to the stunning views of Jerusalem's skyline at sunset, we were in awe of the city's beauty. One of my most memorable experiences in Jerusalem was my nighttime tour of the Western Wall Tunnel. This extension of the retaining wall was built by Herod the Great over 2,000 years ago to support the massive compound where the Second Temple once stood. Our guide was fantastic, and her knowledge of the architecture and history of the tunnel was truly impressive.

Other highlights of our time in Jerusalem included visits to Yad Vashem and Mount Herzl, a trip to Masada and the Dead Sea, and a site visit to the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Center, one of 23 absorption centers operated by the Jewish Agency for new immigrants from Ethiopia. The center includes a kindergarten where we observed about 20 beautiful three year olds, who had been in Israel for only a few weeks, laughing and playing; a craft area for adults age 60 and older who made lovely works of art that they sold in the center's store; and classrooms where the Olim (immigrants to Israel) learned about life in a modern 21st century society. The tales we heard of how the immigrants made their way from Ethiopia to Israel were frightening, and the work that the Jewish Agency is doing to help integrate the Olim into Israeli society was inspiring.

At the General Assembly itself, we heard addresses from quite a few prominent individuals, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, President Shimon Peres, Labor Party leader Shelly Yacimovich, Finance Minister Yair Lapid, and Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, former Chief Rabbi of Great Britain. We attended interesting breakout sessions on topics such as innovative Federation programing and fundraising; challenges facing the Jewish community as discussed in the PEW report; and how to effectively speak out for Israel in a changing world.

Thinking back on our trip to Israel, it's hard for me to believe all of the things we did in such a short period of time. We all had a wonderful experience, and we have returned to Madison with new levels of enthusiasm.



Joel and Deborah Minkoff, Marc Shovers, Diane Seder, and Joe Shumow pose for a picture in Israel during the Mission.

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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS



Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe

Calling all 3-5 year olds!
K'tantanim begins November 3rd
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Beth Israel Center, Multi-Purpose Room (lower level)
1406 Mound Street, Madison

Once a month, come to a fun-filled Israeli dance class. Sign up for all six classes ($25) or drop in ($5 per class). Also, new K-5th graders are welcome to sign up. Weekly rehearsals on Sundays.

For more information contact Laura Toso at yonim@jewishmadison.org

Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable

Tuesday, December 10th
Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Nakoma Golf Club
4145 Country Club Road, Madison


Yariv Becher

The Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable began in Fall 2012. Dedicated to the interests of Jewish business executives and professionals, the roundtable will support the development of the Jewish business community in Madison and the Jewish Federation. This initiative is co-chaired by Eric Schwartz, President of Sara Investment Real Estate, LLC and Jon Eckhardt, a professor in UW-Madison's School of Business and executive director of the Weinert Center for Entrepreneurship.

Each program includes breakfast or lunch along with opportunities to network and learn from Jewish leaders in the Madison business community.

The Honorable Yariv Becher, Israel's Consul for Economic Affairs to the Midwest, will be the speaker for the kickoff meeting. Lunch will be served at noon followed by networking and an interactive session with the Honorable Yariv Becher. A $25 cover will be charged. This event is open to all members of the community who have an interest in joining the Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable. RSVP by Dec. 5 to lkaplan@jewishmadison.org or 608-278-1808. You can also sign up online at www.jewishmadison.org.

The Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable program is dedicated to the interests of Jewish business executives and professionals within the Madison area.

If you are a business interested in sponsoring a roundtable event, please contact Lynn Kaplan at lkaplan@jewishmadison.org or 608-278-1808 for more information on sponsorship opportunities.

Future Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable Programs:

Friday, January 24, 2014
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Speaker: David Lubar

Friday, May 16, 2014
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Speaker: Kevin Conroy

Havdalah Karaoke Party



Saturday, January 25th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Goodman Community Center
149 Waubesa St., Madison

Join us at this event, sponsored by the Family Education Committee of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Ivrit Kala Registration is Still Open

Beginners - Mondays at 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Advanced - Mondays at 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

Racheli, our Community Shlichah, will be teaching two adult Hebrew classes. Classes take place October 7th - June. The fee is $18 per person.

Questions? Contact: Racheli at israel@jewishmadison.org

Chug Ivrit Registration is Still Open



Chug Ivrit, the afterschool Hebrew club of the Jewish Federation of Madison, meets Monday and Thursday afternoons at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison. Students in kindergarten through 2nd grade may attend either one or both days. Programming for students in grades 3-5 is offered on Mondays. For more information and to register: program@jewishmadison.org

It's Not Too Late to Sign Up for Midrasha



The Midrasha Hebrew High School, founded in 1975, is jointly sponsored by Beth Israel Center, Temple Beth El, and Jewish Federation of Madison. Midrasha offers classes in Hebrew and Jewish Studies, and in elective subjects for students in grades 8 through 12, who need not be affiliated with a synagogue to enroll. For more information and to register visit www.jewishmadison.org

Cafe Ivrit is Back!

Thursdays at 7:30 pm
Michaelangelo's Coffee House
114 State Street, Madison

Cafe Ivrit is a great place to chat in Hebrew about Israel or Jewish issues. It will be run by Mickey and Racheli, our new Israeli Shlichim.

To participate or for more information contact:
Racheli at israel@jewishmadison.org or Mickey at israelfellow@uwhillel.org

In Memory of Andrea Stein, *z"l*

Andrea Stein tragically passed away on October 29, 2013. Andrea was a beloved staff member of the Jewish Federation of Madison, and a beloved member of this community. These pages of the Madison Jewish News are a special tribute to Andrea.









Andrea Jennifer Zoll was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 26, 1964. Andrea grew up with a strong Jewish identity, immersed in the love of family and friends from Congregation B'nai Yehuda in Homewood, Illinois, NFTY, and of course, Camp Olin Sang Ruby Institute where she was a camper, counselor, and Assistant Unit Head. Andrea graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. But it was her time as OSRUI that led her to pursue and complete a dual Master's Degree program in Social Work, from Washington University in St. Louis, and in Jewish Communal Services, from Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. She met her husband Jim Stein while working as a staff social worker at the University of Chicago Medical Center. After dating for 4 months, they became engaged and got married on May 3, 1992. She had Hannah in 1995, moved to Madison in 1996, and had Jacob in 1997. Andrea immersed herself in the Jewish community, and frequently quoted Pirke Avot 2:5 – "Al tifrosh min hatzibur" – "Do not distance yourself from the community" as her Jewish communal watchword. Shortly after arriving in Madison, Andrea chaired the Gan HaYeled Preschool Committee and was on the Family Education Committee of the Madison Jewish Community Council. In 2001 she was awarded the Madison Jewish Community Council Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award and became Advertising Manager of the *Madison Jewish News*. In 2006 she became the Website Business Development Director and was incredibly proud to become the Managing Editor in 2012. She felt that her work with the Jewish Federation was her service mission to the Madison Jewish community.

Andrea's greatest joy, however, was being a parent and wife. Her goal was to raise happy, sensitive and empathic Jewish children with a strong Jewish identity, ones who were accepting, liberal, and kind – as she was. Andrea brought joy everywhere she went. She was funny, clever, positive, and always knew the right thing to say. She was beautiful, but tasteful and modest. She devoted her life to helping people. She loved her little Havanese dogs, Shayna and Tyra, and regularly visited Hospice patients with Shayna. She constantly made rhyming poems and songs that entertained her family. Andrea loved Israel and speaking Hebrew. This past year she started to immerse herself in Jewishkeit and derived great comfort from learning more about Jewish ritual and theology. She believed in G-d, recently came to believe in heaven, and in the revelation at Mount Sinai. Her acceptance of Jewish spirituality gave her great peace and comfort. Her joy and love hovered over her home and her loss is devastating. She is survived by her devoted and loving husband, Jim Stein, her loving children, Hannah and Jacob Stein, her mother, Roberta Nussbaum, her mother's husband Henry Nussbaum, her father Harvey Zoll, brother Adam Zoll, mother and father-in-law Dee and Ken Stein, as well as her brother- and sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

A special fund will be set up at the Jewish Federation of Madison (JFM) in Andrea's memory. More details will be forthcoming. Andrea was a dear colleague and friend to everyone at the JFM and her friendliness, passion and commitment extended far beyond her work.

May her memory be a blessing.

From the family of Andrea Stein, z"l

There are no words that can adequately express our appreciation for the outpouring of love, friendship, and emotional support that we have received since Andrea passed away suddenly on October 29th. Because of the large crowds at the funeral and during Shiva, as well as the sheer volume of food and other gifts that were delivered to our home, we regret that we will not be able to write a personal thank you note to everyone who blessed us with their consolation. Please know that your words, prayers, donations, food, and quite simply – your presence – have helped sustain us during this very difficult time. We intend to thank you personally when we see you. We hope that you always will join us in honoring Andrea's memory by engaging in Jewish life, welcoming new people to the Jewish community, and loving your family and friends with all of your heart. Thank you.

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Teaching Assistants Help Jewish Studies at UW-Madison Thrive

By Michele Waldinger

"As you teach, you learn." The average person may not know the source of this Jewish proverb, but it's a good bet that it could be identified by those to whom it most applies: the teaching assistants for Jewish Studies courses at the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies. The graduate students who assist professors by teaching discussion sections, assigning and grading work, and counseling and encouraging students play a pivotal role in undergraduate learning, while gaining vital teaching experience.

Rachel Gross is a graduate student in the History Department, and teaches four of eight discussion sections of "The American Jewish Experience: From Shtetl to Suburb" (cross-listed with History). She explains that for this class of 140, the discussion sections provide "the place where students are challenged to speak out loud." In her small groups, she teaches students how to think critically and develop opinions, and to identify and push their assumptions. Gross describes "The Jewish Experience" as an American history class, in which the history of Jews helps illustrate identity in a larger society. At the eighth week of class, after many discussions of "what is a Jew" and how questions of religion, class, race, and nationhood enter into our assumptions, one student told her she had a question that had never occurred to her before: "What is an American?" "That is why I teach," says Gross.

Kevin Mattison, a graduate student in Hebrew and Semitic Studies, teaches three of six sections of "Introduction to Judaism" (cross-listed with Hebrew and Religious Studies), where groups may be as small as three students. He agrees that in smaller classes, students feel more of a responsibility to speak up. The small sections also provide an opportunity for the TAs to get to know every student in a way the professor can't, and for students to do close readings of material. "One of the main things I do is guide the students through reading primary texts and seeing how texts interact."

In many cases, being a teaching assistant provides the only teaching experience for graduate students hoping to be professors one day. In addition to teaching discussion sections, Mattison was invited by Professor Jordan Rosenblum to give one of the semester's lectures. Mattison chose to speak about dietary laws in the Hebrew Bible and their importance as Jewish identity markers, a subject that reached even more diverse parts of the student body when he was invited to repeat the lecture for an Anthropology class.

Mattison's assistantship, along with those of two other teaching assistants for Jewish Studies courses, are funded by private gifts to the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, allowing them to both teach and learn. Rosenblum notes, "The University is an ancient guild, wherein students learn by working closely with professors. This is especially the case for graduate students. I watch them as they master difficult texts, concepts, and languages, and then seek to impart that knowledge onto others. Therefore, it is vital that graduate students have the opportunity to learn how to teach."



TA Rachel Gross leads a discussion with students in "The American Jewish Experience." Photo by Kesha Weber.

It Was a Great Night For Jewelry Making

Lots of new faces came out for the Women's Night Out Jewelry Making event at Fine Earth Studio. Beading, bonding and enjoying snacks was a great way to spend a Sunday evening. Thank you to everyone who came to this event. The Family Education Committee will be sponsoring a Passover craft event at Fine Earth Studio in the Spring. Check the *Madison Jewish News* in the coming months for more information.







Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:

Halia Marie Eisenberg, daughter of Jordana Thomadsen and Nathan Eisenberg, granddaughter of Bruce (Louise Goldstein) Thomadsen;
Layla Madison, granddaughter of Nancy and Michael Yaffe; and
Leo Zef Greenidge, son of Shanta Schachter and Bari Greenidge, grandson of Michael and Judy Schachter.

Condolences to the family of:

Harriet Klein-Starky, mother of Michael (Deborah) Klein;
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Lewis Mayron, father of Leslie (Russell) Coff;
William (Bill) Wilson, uncle of Patricia Litscher;
Beverly Schuminsky;
Kal Kunin, husband of Bobbie Kunin and father of Dale (Les Goldsmith) Kunin;
Natalie Fields, mother of Leslie (Jeff) Lindholm; and
Susanne Gellman, husband of Aaron Gellman.

UW Hillel Offers a Big Tent of Jewish Values and Experiences

When visitors walk through the doors of The Barbara Hochberg Center for Jewish Life, one of their first comments is "what a beautiful building!" The four-year-old modern building is definitely striking and impressive, and provides a wonderful home for community building and Hillel programming on the UW-Madison campus. And not only is the building impressive; it is busy. On any given day, students stream in to use the gym, to seek out the perfect study space, to stop by the café with a friend, and most importantly, to interact with UW Hillel staff and participate in Hillel programs. One student recently said, "I hold all my meetings at Hillel. It's my office. I say, 'I'll meet you at Hillel because I have a meeting here later with someone else.'"

UW Hillel offers students an inclusive, pluralistic Jewish community. It's more than a Shabbat dinner, Saturday lunch, or Seudat Shlishit (third Shabbat meal). It's three to four minyanim on Friday nights spanning the spectrum of religious observance: Reform, Conservative, Orthodox, and sometimes even Reconstructionist. It's a free Shabbat dinner open to all students. It's text study with visiting rabbis. Or a lunch with a rabbi and priest to discuss interfaith relations. It is large group holiday celebrations and one-on-one conversations about religion, happiness, and the meaning of life.

The program offerings at Hillel provide an access point for all Jewish students: the athletes, the student leaders, the artists and singers, and those seeking primarily a social experience. On Sundays, the basketball league pounds the gym floor, enjoying camaraderie and building Jewish community, while Jewop, the Jewish acappella group, practices, using the dining room piano. On Tuesdays, students use the meeting rooms all night long for Ask Big Questions and Badgers for Israel. These two distinctly different organizations offer unique opportunities to engage in Jewish life on campus. Students passionate about Holocaust education meet once a month to plan activities that educate, enlighten, and inspire. The Greek Jewish Council brings together the fraternity and sorority community and the Jewish community together through social events. Challah for Hunger fills the building with the delicious aroma of baking bread on Thursday nights. Every day, students come to Hillel to eat a Kosher meal with friends. In all of these ways and more, students learn about leadership, relationships, friendships, and identity as they move into adulthood as Jews.







UW students arrive on campus from across the country. And while some may have a few friends on campus, for others, they are looking for their new community. When students are asked why come to Hillel, the answers all give are fundamentally about finding a community. Graham Perner, senior, says, "I go to Hillel because it's a chance to experience something similar to home. It's also the chance to be able to socialize with other Jewish students. Hillel is a great place to meet and talk with them over a free dinner." UW Hillel is a big tent, open on all sides, and we provide Jewish programming to foster growth through religious, social, and leadership experiences. Alanna Koritizinsky, senior, says, "Hillel has provided me with a lot of opportunities to discover myself through community service as well as Jewish life."

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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Beth Israel Center

Searching for lively social events, dynamic educational programming and ruach-filled services? Looking for a warm community that is informed by tradition and actively and meaningfully engaged with the broader community and world? Try Beth Israel Center! All of our events are open to our membership and anyone who wants to see what we're all about. We sponsor and host a variety of workshops, study groups, classes and social events each month.

Here's a sampling of December's programming:

Hanukkah Party
Tuesday, December 3

Beth Israel's Hanukkah Party starts after evening minyan and Talmud Torah (around 5:45) on the seventh night of Hanukkah and will include candle lighting, dreidel games, songs, and comfort food. Oh, and latkes! Cost is $10/person, $6 per child under 5. Call (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org to inquire if it is still possible to make a reservation.

Havdalah Niggunim
Saturday, December 7

Last month, Beth Israel Center welcomed Joey Weisenberg — a musician, author, and educator whose specialty is enhancing participatory worship through music — for the first of three visits to work with our community. On Saturday afternoon, December 7, we will live what we learned with Joey with a song-filled, slow leave of Shabbat beginning at 4:00. Come for Mincah, a song-filled seudat shlishit, Ma'ariv, and a joyous Havdalah.

Hebrew on One Foot
Sunday, December 8

Learn to read Hebrew in one day with Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon! It doesn't matter if you can't tell an alef from a taf, by the end of the day, you will be able to read prayers in Hebrew in the prayer book. Take this fun and exciting opportunity to jumpstart your Hebrew reading skills. The cost is $36/person and includes lunch, materials, and snacks (including chocolate!). RSVP to office@ bethisrael center.org by Wednesday, Dec. 4.

Conversational Yiddish
Mondays, 7pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes at Yiddish class on Monday nights 7-8:30 at Beth Israel Center. Sylvia builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. Come learn from a master - all levels welcome and encouraged to attend.

Beit Midrash
Tuesdays, 7pm

Using the model of the traditional Beit Midrash (House of Study), participants spend an evening studying Jewish text and engaging in meaningful discussion. We will explore the world of hevruta (partner) learning and dive into both traditional texts and modern Jewish writings. Come every week, or just drop by when you can! Contact Interim Education Director Lily Nagy-Deak (education@beth israelcenter.org) with questions. The Beit Midrash will meet in December on the 10th and the 17th.

Talmud Class
Thursdays, 9:15am

Come study Talmud in its original Hebrew and Aramaic Thursday mornings at 9:15am. The group will be studying Masechet Berachot. New students are always welcome. Contact Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon (rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org) with questions.

Hebrew Reading Level II
Thursdays, 7pm

This class is designed for those interested in reading Biblical Hebrew through study of the weekly Torah portion. Whether beginner or intermediate readers, all levels of knowledge are welcomed. Led by Anna Heifetz. Class meets most Thursday evenings at 7pm. Contact the office to confirm the schedule and location.

For more information and to confirm schedules, please visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, or call (608) 256-7763.

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.

Special Presentation by Phillip Ratner, Renowed Artist of Judaica: "An Ark of Possibilities"
Sunday, December 1
1:00 p.m., Lakeside Street Coffee House, 402 West Lakeside Street

Phillip Ratner, father of CSS members Sari Ratner Judge and Jennifer Ratner Rosenhagen, will be presenting his vision for a new ark for our community.

Ratner is a distinguished artist of Judaic sculpture, painting, etched glass, tapestry and numerous other mediums. As founder of the Ratner Bible Museum in suburban Washington, D.C., he has developed over 250 works on the bible, as well designed arks and synagogue interiors for many U.S. congregations as well as those abroad. In addition, Ratner has completed numerous public and private commissions, including work at the Statue of Liberty national park, the Ellis Island Museum and the U.S. Supreme Court.

Annual Chanukkah Party
Tuesday, December 3
5:30 p.m., First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive

Gather in the early evening for a festive meal, followed by singing, lighting the menorah, and games for all ages. Please bring a vegetarian main dish, side dish, or latkes to share. Jelly donuts will be provided.

Erev Shabbat Vegetarian Potluck
Friday, December 6
6:00 p.m., in a private home – please call the office for location

Celebrate Shabbat in community and join us for our monthly potluck in a member's home. Children are welcome to attend. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Meditation and Chanting Havdalah
Saturday, December 7
6:30 p.m., in a private home – please call the office for location.

We will have a half hour of meditation and a half hour of chanting, followed by havdalah. You are invited to bring a healthy snack to share.

Adult Education: A Good Death
Sunday, December 8
9:50-11:30 a.m., Center for Families, 2120 Fordem Avenue

Join Judith Heilizer for this adult education session. We will attend to the practical, emotional, and spiritual experiences surrounding dying and death. We will focus on our participation in the journey of a loved one, as well as on the thoughts and feelings we bring to the realities of our own journey. We will strive to combine knowledge with wisdom and attempt to achieve emotional clarity, both for those whom we accompany and for ourselves as we prepare for these experiences.

Judith Heilizer is a Clinical Psychologist in private practice. Her work includes the care of dying patients and their families.

Shabbat Services
Saturdays, December 14 and 28
First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive

9:30 am Torah Study; 10:30 am Services; 12:30 pm Kiddush

Adult Education: A Good Mourning
Sunday, December 15
9:50-11:30 a.m., Center for Families, 2120 Fordem Avenue

Join Judith Heilizer for this adult education session. We will explore the many-sided feelings, thoughts and images which accompany the death of a loved one or our own death. We will consider how to be with our conflicting emotions and learn to accept the many ways in which to mourn safely, nourishingly, and wisely. We will learn to trust our inner process and our ability to manage this last great adventure.

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Adopt-A-School Update

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice News: Math Mentors Program Begins at Emerson Elementary

On Thursday, November 7th, nine members of the Madison Jewish community, representing three Madison-area synagogues, met at Emerson Elementary for the first "Math Mentor" training session held as part of the Jewish Congregations for Social Justice's adopt-a-school project. Starting this month, the once-a-week, thirty-minute one-on-one mentoring sessions will take place at Emerson either during school hours or immediately after school depending on student and volunteer schedules.

Last month's training, led by Emerson Elementary school principal Karen Kepler and instructional resource teacher Lisa Stein, covered many of the goals of the Math Mentors program and included a review of Madison Metropolitan School District math developmental guidelines by skill and grade. Ms. Kepler also gave helpful examples of the kinds of activities Math Mentors might do with kids such as such as grouping color coded magnetic blocks for adding or multiplying by twos or fives.

Ms. Kepler explained that while half the role of mentoring is to help students improve in math, with an emphasis on "math facts', the other half is to serve as a consistent source of encouragement in Emerson students' lives.

The initial goal is for the Madison Jewish community is to provide 20 math mentors, but the school has hundreds of students who could benefit from mentoring. The commitment for mentors is for the school year, but it would be terrific if mentors were able to continue with their mentees into next year.

Ms. Kepler and Ms. Stein plan to work with classroom teachers to identify the initial group of students that might most benefit most from a math mentor. They, as well as the rest of Emerson's staff, are thrilled to have Madison's Jewish Congregations for Social Justice as partners for this program.

The plan is to start the Math Mentors program the first week in December, but there is still plenty of time to get involved. If you are interested in finding out more about this program, or other volunteer opportunities in support Emerson Elementary, please feel free to contact us. We'd love to get as many people involved as possible.

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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. All events take place at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, unless otherwise noted. **The Temple office will close at 2 pm on Tuesdays, December 24th and 31st and will be closed on Wednesdays, December 25th and January 1.**

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.

Advertisement for Position:

Interim Educational Director of Temple Beth El, Madison

Temple Beth El, Madison, Wisconsin, seeks an Interim Education Director for its religious and Hebrew schools, youth programs, and adult education programs. Temple Beth El is a Reform synagogue, affiliated with the Union of Reform Judaism. Its approximately 630 family and individual members reflect Madison's demographic as the seat of state and county government, home of the University of Wisconsin, and a regional center for medical care, scientific research, and business. The advertised position is to serve as interim education director on a full-time basis for a one-year period, from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015. An orientation/transition period may be required before the official start date for the position, which would be compensated. For full application information visit http://www.templebethelmadison.org/apply/

Sisterhood Brunch with Ann Imig

Sunday, December 8, 12:00 pm
Temple Beth El Social Hall

Please make sure to join us as we welcome Ann Imig, a stay-at-home humorist, who began inflicting herself upon your internet with her blog *Ann's Rants* in 2008.

Ann's writing appears on numerous sites including *McSweeney's Internet Tendency* and *College Humor*. Babble recently named her their 2011 funniest *Top 50 Twitter Mom*, BlogHer named her a 2010-2012 *Voice Of The Year*, and her 5- and 8-year old boys deemed her *The Most Annoying Boss of Everything*. Ann founded the live-reading series *Listen To Your Mother*, spurring a national movement giving Mother's Day a Microphone.

Brunch price for Sisterhood members is $13 and non-members (entire Madison-area community invited) is $18. Visit www.templebethelmadison.org/our-community/sisterhood/ for more information and to RSVP.

Singles Creating Community

Sunday, December 8, 4:30pm-6:30pm
Great Dane at Hilldale Mall

Temple Beth El's Singles Creating Community is holding its inaugural gathering. Enjoy appetizers with fellow singles 40+ and discuss what you'd like your community to be. Whether you're divorced, widowed or never married, this will be an open forum to discuss our interests as a community and what Temple's role in meeting them could be. Come and bring your ideas! RSVPs by Tuesday, December 3rd are greatly appreciated. You can RSVP online at www.templebethelmadison.org/events/ or to Aleeza at 608-238-3123 or program@templebethelmadison.org.

Please let us know if you need a ride or if you can provide a ride for others. There is no cost for this gathering. This program is sponsored by the Temple Beth El Membership Committee.

Israeli Film Series

Tuesdays: December 17, January 21

Free and open to all. Enjoy popcorn, Bamba, coffee, hot chocolate, schmoozing, and a lively discussion following the film! Brought to you by the Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Committee.

December 17 – *Inside Jerusalem: Identity and the Ancient Past* (Documentary)

"Travel back in time on this journey to visit ancient Jerusalem with world class archeologists and biblical scholars who present the facts of history. Hosted and narrated by Israeli model and actress Shani Atias...." (45 minutes)

January 21 – *Sallah Shabati* (Comedy)

This sharp, often hilarious satire became the most successful film in Israeli history. *Sallah Shabati* is about new immigrants to Israel and their difficulties as settlers.

Chinese Food & Double Feature

Tuesday, December 24
5pm *Toy Story*
6:30 pm Chinese Food Dinner
7:30 pm *Keeping the Faith*
Temple Beth El

Bring your blankets and pillows and snuggle up for movie night at Temple Beth El. We'll be showing a double feature, come for one or both films, *Toy Story,* and *Keeping the Faith*. We'll have snacks during the movies and we're bringing in a yummy Chinese food dinner for $5 per person. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 18. Visit our website at www.templebethelmadison.org/events/ or contact Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3123 to let us know you'll be joining us and for more information.

Toy Story explores the secret lives of toys. See what happens when a cowboy doll is profoundly threatened and jealous when a new spaceman figure supplants him as top toy in a boy's room.

Keeping the Faith is a story about two friends, a priest (Edward Norton) and a rabbi (Ben Stiller), who fall in love with the same beauty (Jenna Elfman).

Thou Shall Retreat: Temple Beth El Congregational Retreat

Friday evening, January 17 through Sunday morning, January 19, 2014 (MLK Weekend)
At URJ Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute (OSRUI) in Oconomowoc, WI

Please save the date to join your Temple family for another awesome Congregational retreat this winter. We hope you can join us. Visit our website for more information and to register at www.templebethelmadison.org or contact our Program Director, Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3123. Open to all ages.

Share the Land of Israel with Temple Beth El

August 3-13, 2014

As part of Temple Beth El's 75th Anniversary year, we will travel to Israel where we will savor the sights, sounds, scents, and ambience of our ancient homeland. The land package for this eleven day trip starts at $2,499, and you can visit this website for more specific information about and the itinerary for our trip: www.arzaworld.com/temple-beth-el-madison-2014-israel-trip.aspx.

For more information, please contact Rabbi Jonathan Biatch, Temple Beth El, 238-3123 or rabbi@templebethelmadison.org.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor (20- & 30-somethings)

Madison's Jews' Next Dor is for the Jewish 20- & 30-somethings community in and around Madison. (Dor means "generation" in Hebrew.) We're open to all young adults and are organized through Temple Beth El Madison (http://www.templebethelmadison.org/

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, December 20, 7pm-9pm
Location TBD

Join Madison's Jews' Next Dor for the next installment of our Third Thursday Meet & Greet Dinner! Bring a friend and join with us to meet, greet, and eat our way through a tasty family-style meal. RSVPs to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org are appreciated. Dinner will be $20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Hungry and ready to mingle? See you there! Our Meet & Greet dinners take place on the third Thursday of each month at a different restaurant each time.

MaTTY (Grades 9-12)

For questions about MaTTY our High School Youth Group please contact Naomi, at matty@templebethelmadison.org

Bagel Schmooze

Sunday, December 8, 11:30am-12:15pm
Temple Beth El Youth Lounge

It is the last bagel schmooze of 2013 and we will be having a big raffle! Join MaTTY for delicious and free bagels and cream cheese in the MaTTY Lounge at 11:30am. All teens are welcome to attend this event. If you are a Sunday School staff teenager stop in after work to have a nice break after all of your hard work and relax with your peers.

MaTTY & MUTTY Social Action Day

Sunday, December 15, 12:30pm-3pm
Meet at Temple Beth El
For 6th-12th Graders

We'll kick off the day with lunch in the youth lounge and a presentation by one of our 8th graders on "How to Prevent Cancer in our Day-to-Day Lives." We will then divide into groups: 6th and 7th graders will stay at Temple Beth El and make gift bags and cards for Road Home Families and the 8th-12th graders will go to West Towne Mall to participate in the Adopt-a-Family program and a scavenger hunt. We will be shopping for a family who is unable to buy gifts this holiday season and make their lives easier. We ask for donations of $10-$20 that will be used in shopping for the family. Pick up 8th-12th graders at the food court at the Mall, 6th & 7th graders pick up at Temple Beth El.

NFTY-Northern and Chicago Area Winter Kallah

December 20-22, 2013
OSRUI in Oconomoc, WI

Contact Naomi for more information.

Gift Shop Hours:

Sunday, December 1, 8, & 15:
9:30am – 11:30am
Tuesday, December 3:
11:00am – 1:00pm
Wednesday, December 4:
11:00am – 1:00pm

Latkes & Vodkas Young Adult Event

Saturday, December 7, 2013
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm
UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street, Madison, WI 53703

Come celebrate the festival of lights with fellow graduate students and young professionals (21+) from the Madison area. $8 in advance, $10 at the door. Latkes, Vodka drinks by Rokker Vodka, dreidel twister, Hanukkah trivia. Co-sponsored by Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Young Adult Havurah, Temple Beth El's Madison's Jews' Next Dor, and UW Hillel Grad Plus, for the 21+ Young Adult Community.

Curious About Judaism? Get Yourself an Introduction!

Once again, Madison's synagogues – Beth Israel Center, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, and Temple Beth El – will offer a sixteen-session "Introduction to Judaism" course on Thursday nights this coming winter and spring. Coordinated by Rabbis Ben-Gideon, Biatch, and Zimmerman, and taught by local Rabbis and educators, the course includes the basics of Jewish thought and practice, and provides a mix of study, discussion and practical experiences designed for three kinds of people: Jews hoping to re-acquaint themselves with their tradition, non-Jews interested in exploring for themselves a Jewish life and considering conversion, and anyone interested in understanding Judaism on an adult level.

The course will begin January 16, and will take place on consecutive Thursday nights (except the week of Passover) through the middle of May. The course will take place at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, in Madison.

Session topics include Shabbat and its importance, Jewish holidays, the Jewish life cycle, theology and prayer, Israel, history and contemporary Jewish issues.

A minimum of 10 students will be needed for the course, and registration is due no later than January 9. Tuition for this sixteen-week class is as follows: Members of a Madison synagogue: $100 per person, $175 per couple. Non-members: $150 per person, $250 per couple. Undergrad or Graduate students: $50. This price includes the price of handouts, but not the cost of textbooks, which will be purchased independently. Scholarships are available. For more information and an application for registration, call Rabbi Jonathan Biatch at Temple Beth El, 608-238-3123.

Jewish Federation of Madison Annual Meeting Report of Executive Director Dina Weinbach

It seems like we just came together for the last Jewish Federation of Madison Annual Meeting, but that is how fast the past year has gone for me. The days fly by and as a result, the year flew by, but that is the life of the Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison and I could not be more thrilled to be in this role.

There have been highs and lows since we last convened. The lowest point was the recent tragic death of Andrea Stein. Andrea was a beloved wife, mother, colleague, friend, community member and leader. She was a smart, dedicated, talented and passionate person and that showed in everything she did. We miss her dearly, but her legacy will live on through her family, her work and this Jewish community. We will continue to publish the *Madison Jewish News* with the care and attention that Andrea always gave to it. She viewed the paper as the main vehicle to distribute the news of the Federation and the Jewish community; she was committed to its success. We will also continue to do the outreach and engagement which Andrea so naturally did on her own.

One highlight of this past year was the implementation of the Passport to Jewish Life program. The goal of the program is to connect with new or unengaged members of the community and encourage them to get involved. To date, eighteen stipends, up to $500 per family, have been distributed. In addition, Tiz Goff has been hired as our Community Outreach Coordinator. Tiz and this job seem to be a perfect match. With her outgoing personality and her knowledge of Jewish life in Madison and elsewhere, she has hit the ground running since she started on November 1st. We are thrilled to have her join the Federation staff.

We are in our eleventh year of hosting Shlichim – Israel Program Coordinators – in Madison. We welcomed Mickey and Racheli Aziz-Komar in August - definitely a high point this year. They bring such enthusiasm, warmth and energy and continue to educate and share Israeli culture with our community. Shlichut is a fabulous program to connect Madison to Israel as well as Israel to Madison.

Our 2012 campaign ended at $1,018,000, the highest campaign in our history. All of us, the community, the campaign leaders and workers, the staff and, most of all, the donors, deserve a very hearty Mazel Tov on this extraordinary accomplishment. By contrast, a low point this year was starting the 2013 Campaign with $40,000 in known losses and close to $50,000 in at-risk gifts. This is what we are seeing right now. Fortunately, we have one month of our campaign remaining to reach our $1,036,000 goal. Like last year, we have a fabulous, tireless group of volunteers, including the Financial Resource Development Committee led by Marc Shovers, with co-Vice Chairs Dan Mitchell and Beth Schreiber that are committed to helping us reach our goal. We also have a fabulous new Financial Resource Development Director, Lynn Kaplan, who has transitioned into her role so easily, gracefully, and naturally – it has been an inspiration and a pleasure to watch. I would also like to recognize Rozan Anderson, our extremely competent Campaign Assistant and Database Manager. Rozan keeps us organized and updated throughout the year. And, of most importance, we have a generous and amazing community of donors.

At this point, we are 62% of the way to our goal. If you have already made your pledge to the 2013 Tzedakah Campaign, thank you. If you already made your pledge and would like to increase it – it's not too late. Thank you. If you have not made your pledge yet, there is still time and today would be great. Thank you in advance.

There was another low point earlier this year which then turned into a high point. Last January, 80% of the interior finished area of the Goodman House [on the Goodman Campus] was extensively damaged when a few water pipes burst. Fortunately, because of our partnership with the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Foundation, we were able to restore and enhance the house so it was ready before camp started last June. We would not have been able to do this without the Goodman Foundation. Thanks to our partnership, we have a beautiful facility for many to use and enjoy.

During the past year, the Goodman Foundation has also funded a strategic business plan for the Federation. The purpose of this plan, which is not yet complete, is to evaluate the current and long-term needs of the Weinstein Building and the Goodman Jewish Community Campus. We look forward to seeing the final report which should be completed in December. This will be an excellent tool for the Board of Directors to use when thinking about the future of these facilities.

The Goodman Foundation has our utmost gratitude and appreciation for their support.

Another highlight of the year was the Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel. This panel was charged with distributing $28,000 from a board-approved Endowment Fund. The panel created guidelines and asked for new, innovative Jewish community projects and received ten requests in September. The Panel will make their recommendations to the Executive Committee at their December meeting and announce the awards later this year.

Another low point during the year was the November 9th typhoon that hit the Philippines. We are proud that the Jewish Federations of North America and the JDC were among the first to respond to help those in need. There is one Jewish world, and we put our values into action as we work to repair and strengthen our community here and around the world. We are part of a collective – a caring, engaged collective – and our success is based on the ability to act together.

Technology continues to play an important role in the work that we do. Anne Shlimovitz was hired last summer to be our Online Communications Manager. Anne has extensive skills and experience in social media and has already been an asset to help us improve our social media presence. We have a wonderful website, JewishMadison.org, for which I thank our Web sponsors, BMO Harris Bank, Madison Computer Works, Rubin's Furniture, Galin Education and Stafford Rosenbaum Attorneys who supported the website this past year.

While only highlighting a small sampling of the work of this amazing organization, it was also important to recognize our challenges. Knowing and boldly stating what our challenges are is the first and most important step in solving them. We have an excellent Board of Directors, excellent committee members, and an excellent staff. Together, we are working on engagement strategies, educational opportunities, and how to grow and strengthen our annual campaign and other income opportunities.

No report could capture the daily work of the Jewish Federation of Madison and the hundreds of volunteers who comprise it. Deborah Minkoff has served as President for the past two years and her leadership has been extraordinary. She stepped in during a time of transition and has gone above and beyond since the day she started. She has been invaluable to me and this organization as she guided us during her tenure. I am in awe over the amount of time and energy she devoted to this volunteer position. We were so fortunate to have her lead our Jewish Federation. This Annual Meeting marks the conclusion of her presidency.

It is a bittersweet occasion as we transition from Debbie's leadership and welcome James Stein, our incoming President. Jim is a tireless, dedicated volunteer whose passion for Jewish life and a strong Jewish community is contagious. His vision, hard work and extraordinary leadership will help shape the Madison Jewish community throughout his tenure.

In addition to having an amazing and committed volunteer network, our community is privileged to have an equally wonderful and committed Federation staff. I am fortunate to work with a fabulous professional team. They are smart, welcoming, hard-working and supportive. They believe wholeheartedly in the mission of the Federation and the work that we do.

While I have already mentioned a few staff members, it is important to thank the others who share in the duties of our organization: Lynne Ballesta, Administrative Assistant; Svetlana Govorukha, Finance Director, Melissa Sosman, Director of the Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool; Mollie Martin, Ann Wanless, Sara Popkewitz, Laura Felz, Jerri McCallum-Schwartz, and Tina Schwartz, the teachers at the Gan HaYeled Preschool; Laura Toso, Director of Yonim; Andy Voeltner, Facilities Manager and Caretaker of the Good-

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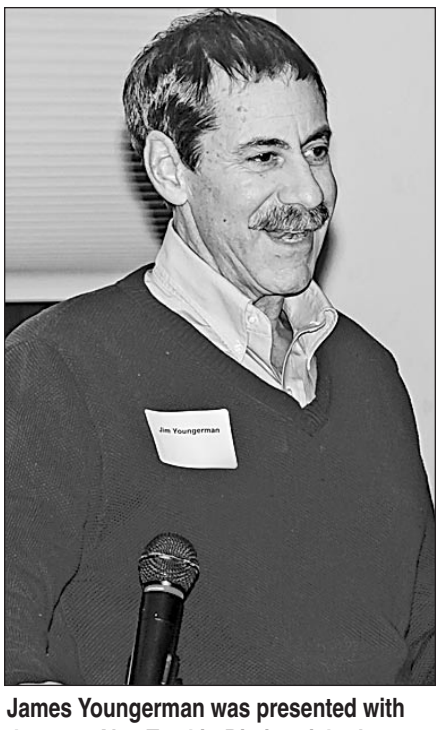
Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award Presented to James Youngerman at Annual Meeting



James Youngerman was presented with the 2013 Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award.

The Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award was presented by Thomas Palay, the 2010 recipient.

The Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award is named in memory of former MJCC president Alex Temkin. The recipient of this award is to have a long and committed record of service to the Jewish Federation of Madison, stretching over many years, serving as chair of several major committees, involvement as an officer and Board member, and involvement in leadership positions in the campaign. The recipient should have demonstrated outstanding service in special, innovative or emergency programs. The recipient should be generally respected and recognized as a community leader. There is no question the individual we honor tonight meets these criteria and more. While keeping the name of the honoree secret until the last moment before the award is presented is one of our traditions, it is never easy and will be quite the challenge tonight.

The person we honor tonight is a supporter of just about every Jewish organization in Madison, as well as national and international Jewish organizations. The award recipient comes from a long line of family members who have a tradition of giving back.

Arriving in Madison in the early 70s, the person we honor has served on the Jewish Federation of Madison Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Local Services Panel, the Budget and Planning Committee – just to name a few. Our honoree has been the Chair of the annual Tzedakah Campaign and has continued on the Financial Resource Development Committee long after the leadership position of Chairing the campaign had ended. Other volunteer roles included the President of Jewish Social Services, and many years on the Board of Directors as well as the Fund Raising Committee. Our honoree has been and still is willing to get involved in our Jewish community in whatever way is needed.

Our award winner tonight may not be the first to speak at meetings or the one to speak a lot, but when this person does participate, you can expect a very thoughtful contribution. Our honoree can be described as a great listener, skilled at sharing diverse view points, patient, intelligent, and knowledgeable.

While I think you've already figured this one out, let me also remind you that our honoree received the Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership award in 1996, and served as President of the Jewish Federation of Madison from 2004 to 2007. The honoree was recently the Chair of the Jewish Federation of Madison Executive Director Search Committee. Currently, he [now I know you have figured it out] is the new Community Relations Committee Co-Chair where he can focus on two of his interests; Jewish issues and politics.

It is my distinct privilege to present the 2013 Alex Temkin Distinguished Service Award to James Youngerman.

Remarks at the 73rd Annual Meeting from Outgoing President Deborah Minkoff

The following speech was given at the Annual Meeting by Deborah Minkoff after completing her term as President of the Jewish Federation of Madison

When I began my term as Federation president, I quoted Rabbi Hillel from Pirke Avot-

If I am not for myself, who will be for me?

If I am only for myself, what am I?

And if not now, when?

So I embraced this opportunity, and pledged to do my best. I could not have anticipated the impact this role would have on me. We have an amazing community, filled with passionate and committed individuals working together for the greater good. The best part of this responsibility was getting to know so many people I may not have had the pleasure to meet and work with.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve my community in such an important and meaningful way. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

In the book, *The Genesis of Leadership*, a Jewish tome on Leadership, the author defines leadership as "envisioning and initiating change by persuading others to alter the status quo in response to an urgent challenge or compelling opportunity. Leadership is a type of relationship that has change as its essential goal." Little did I know that change would define these last two years.

Some of our collective achievements in the past two years include:

1. Forging a new relationship – a partnership with the Goodman Foundation

2. Completion of a Strategic plan refresh – which allowed for the creation of new committees, helped us focus our direction, and paved the way for greater community awareness, conversation, and cooperation.

3. Increased participation in the Tzedakah campaign, and record campaign results

4. Staff stability and improved morale

5. Improved infrastructure including a renovated Goodman House, air conditioning in the Minkoff Center and other improvements at the Campus.

6. Increased Involvement of the next generation on committees and the board

7. A Federation Mission to Israel that nurtured future leadership

Almost every session of the recent Federation meetings began with a discussion of the recent PEW Research Center's report "A Portrait of Jewish America" which has been analyzed and interpreted as both the end and the beginning of Jewish existence in America. Distinguished sociologist Professor Steven Cohen boiled it down to one message- there is a rise in fundamentalism or Orthodox Judaism, and a rise of the "Noneists" - or those who have little or no interest in Judaism, and in turn, Israel, with a shrinking engaged and committed mainstream Jewish community, much like ourselves. With similar results in the United Kingdom 22 years ago, I would like to share Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks' perspective. He explains there is always more than one way to interpret facts: The PEW report is a reflection of three success stories:

1. In 1911 President Roosevelt attended a play entitled the "Melting Pot," by Israel Zangler. It tells the story of a Jew marrying a Christian, without anti-Semitism, and pursuing the American Dream of complete assimilation. This is a success story.

2. Rabbi Mordechai Kaplan proclaims that Jews don't need religion like they did in the old country. What is the future of Jewish identity in the United States? Ahad Ha-am proposes that religion creates community, and is both a culture and ethnicity. Kaplan goes on to found the Reconstructionist Movement, and Jewish community centers. He would view the PEW data as vindication that Jewish identity means cultural identity.

3. Orthodox Jews fled Germany and dreamed of an Orthodox presence in the US. Current retention rates show that 22% of American Jews identify as Orthodox, 80% of them are under 30 years old, and in marriage rate for Orthodox is 98%. This is another success story.

Rabbi Sacks explains that our real task is to know where we want to be in the future, and then we can calculate the route to get there. Judaism and Jews represent a voice of HOPE in civilization and humankind. Jews kept hope alive, and hope has kept the Jews alive. He suggests three methods for a more successful future: 1. Continue learning and expand creative learning opportunities; 2. Create a more welcoming and open door to conversion; and 3. Enrich Jewish home life.

I see a role for Federation in all of these areas. It will be our challenge to address concerns and recalculate our route for the future.

I want to thank Dina, and all the staff at the Federation for being such wonderful partners and role models of excellence; I thank the executive committee, board, and everyone I asked or begged to work on a project for your support and great work, and especially my family – extended and immediate – for guidance and support at every possible turn. I love you all!

So I wish Jim Stein great success and personal satisfaction as he assumes the mantle of responsibility.

As Rabbi Tarfon is quoted in Pirke Avot – Sayings of Our Fathers:

You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.

I look forward to continuing my involvement as Past President.

Thank you.



Past President Deborah Minkoff

President's Remarks

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I can't use the word "strengthen," however, without asking for a round of applause for Debbie Minkoff, the outgoing President of our Federation. Debbie took over as President two years ago, in a difficult time of professional and lay leader transitions. During that time, Debbie has been a role model that I personally have looked up to. As President, Debbie guided us through a national search that, after a critical vetting of 37 applicants, led to our fortunate hiring of Dina Weinbach as Executive Director. One of the most important lessons I learned from Debbie was not to let life's surprises stand in the way of growth and progress. In spite of all the organizational changes, Debbie led the charge to refresh our strategic plan, implemented the Innovations Panel that will award micro-grants to Madison Jewish community agencies later this year, helped organize a mission to Israel, and helped launch our Passport to Jewish Life program. It would have been very easy to be "too busy" to implement change, but Debbie always made the time to listen, approach problems with an open mind, and try new ideas. We are a much stronger community for Debbie's leadership. Thank you again, Debbie.

In my two years as President I plan, on a recurring basis, to return to theme of the Federation being a "**community of communities**." Here are some of my promises.

First, I promise to listen. Our Jewish community's evolution is just beginning, and I am not sure where it will head. I'd like to hear from you. What do you think about how we are doing? What are our strengths? What are our weaknesses? What are our unique communal opportunities? The findings in the recent Pew Center Report – "A Portrait of Jewish Americans" – cannot be ignored. We will be discussing them at next month's board meeting, and I hope to have a community program in collaboration with our partners to see if and how we should respond to its findings. I invite you participate and tell me what you think.

Second, I promise to challenge you. As an academic, I tend to be critical and to ask difficult questions. But please remember that my questions are in the spirit of community building and positive change. They are a way of challenging all of us – myself included – to be the best community and community leaders we can be. Sometimes that involves questioning organizational traditions and sacred cows. I invite you help me answer the hard questions.

Third, I will try my hardest to promote *Shalom Bayit* – peace in the house. That might be hard to do as we challenge ourselves, but we are at our community best when the congregations and houses of worship, the youth groups, our UW campus services, social services, and the Federation work not only **with** each other, but **for** each other. We can and should disagree, but in the end – *Klal Yisrael* – the community comes first.

And finally, I promise to keep in mind – at all times – that we are Jewish. We have nearly 6000 years of wisdom and values to guide our decisions. We don't have to go this alone – in fact, it would be a mistake to do so. We must consider the Jewish context of all the decisions we make. It is the *Jewishkeit* – the Jewish way of life – that we are trying to sustain but also that will guide us. We must use our uniquely Jewish outlook, philosophy, traditions, and theology to help us answer the challenges that we face, so we can meet our shared mission of ensuring the survival, well-being and continuity of the Jewish people.

Thank you.

Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award Presented to Karen and Harry Roth

The Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award was presented by Susan and Jonathan Lipp, the 2012 recipients.

The Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award is named in memory of former MJCC president and founder of Camp Shalom, Ben Minkoff. The recipient of this award must have a record of committed service to the Jewish Federation of Madison and the Madison Jewish community stretching over a period of time doing volunteer work beyond its usual definition. Traditionally, the identity of the award winner is kept secret until tonight, and we try and keep the audience in suspense as long as possible. Some years, that's easier to do than others.

There are two award recipients this year. They have lived in Madison since 1965. Whenever they are asked to do something for the Jewish community they always say "yes!"

Past volunteer roles included being on the Camp Shalom Committee, campaign volunteer for the Federation for many, many years, helping out on Tzedakah Sunday, and Chairing the campaign. Both were on the Board of Directors for the Federation for many years as well. In addition, through Temple Beth El, volunteer roles included being on the Religious School Education Committee, Chairing the Art committee, working on a Holocaust Memorial, working on the 75th anniversary celebrations, and being a long time worker at Food-A-Rama.

When their children were growing up in Madison they supported many of the Jewish programs their children participated in, including Gan HaYeled, Temple Beth El Sunday School, Camp Shalom, and Midrasha (which was non-negotiable for their teenagers!).

They have hosted Hillel fund raisers, Hadassah events, as well as other programs at their house as another way to support the Jewish community.

You will always find them at the Chai Club/Major Gifts Dinner if they are not out of town.

Twenty-two years ago, with two other host families, they sponsored a Russian Jewish family when they immigrated to Madison. They met them at the airport, helped set up an apartment, gathered clothing and housewares for them, and helped them find jobs. Now the family has good jobs, the kids are in graduate programs and working, and one is getting married. They continue to be good friends. When asked about this experience they said, "It has been a privilege to be a part of the resettlement program. With the help of the Jewish

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Volunteer Service Award

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Federation of Madison, Jewish Social Services and many volunteers, all of our lives have been greatly enriched."

When asked why they volunteer, we were told that they came to Madison without family. They found people in the community to be very welcoming and now, they feel like the community is their family. They also said that when it comes to volunteering, you get out of it more than you give.

As you can see, our award winners this year are an inspiration and have consistently been supportive of the Jewish community in any way they can.

We are thrilled to present the 2013 Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award to Karen and Harry Roth.



Karen and Harry Roth, Recipients of the Ben Minkoff Volunteer Service Award.



Daniel Mitchell and Sasha Kerlow, recipients of the Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award.

Executive Director

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man Jewish Community Campus; and Ellen Weismer, Program Director.

I am fortunate to work with such an outstanding group of people. All are talented and dedicated individuals whom we are fortunate to have as part of our Jewish Federation. To all my colleagues go my thanks, my respect, and my admiration. Together, we are a strong, knowledgeable, dedicated team.

The staff and volunteers are, of course, what make up the Jewish Federation of Madison. Our mission, however, extends us to the wider Jewish community of which we are a part: the congregations, the organizations, the institutions, the groups, and the people. I look forward to continuing our work together toward building a strong, dynamic and unified Jewish community.



Congressman Mark Pocan talked about his August trip to Israel.

Photos from the Annual Meeting by Diane Kravetz















Scenes from the 2013 Annual Meeting







































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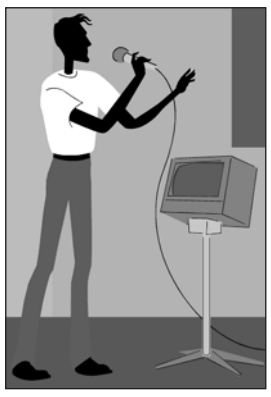

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Other events to look forward to:

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- ✓ Community Tot Shabbats

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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Art and Soul at MJCDS

If you walk into MJCDS on a Wednesday afternoon, you might see children filling life-sized self-portraits with a riot of color. Or you might observe groups of children rehearsing shadow-puppet shows. Or you could encounter students learning about the concept of perspective by drawing sukkot.

What's most fascinating about any of these projects is that the results are always so varied, revealing the unique ideas and feelings of each student artist, says MJCDS art teacher Trista Warrich.

"My goals for the kids are mainly that they will be inspired and love expressing themselves through art. Many of our assignments incorporate Jewish values and traditions, enhancing the dual curriculum experience here at MJCDS."



Appreciating Beauty

Each afternoon, a variety of MJCDS programs nourish the whole child by incorporating the arts, movement, and physical education into daily learning. Warrich, who is also the mother of two MJCDS first-graders, is thoughtful about the projects she chooses for the art program, which combine goals of acquiring new concepts and skills, using a variety of media and learning to use art as a means of self-expression.

"I want students to walk through an art gallery, see a great work of art and recognize techniques they use in their own art. This is why I am introducing classic concepts like shading, shadows, perspective, and composition, which the children are already incorporating into their work beautifully," says Warrich.

Projects this year have included:

• Creating a 3-dimensional sukkah by using new learning about perspective and vanishing points.

• Introducing the concepts of drawing a realistic still life along with Jewish concepts by drawing a table set for Erev Shabbat. "The children love drawing and I was so impressed with the attention to detail and time each student put into their work," says Warrich.

• Creating shadow-puppet shows for classmates.

Portraits

Students have begun studying portraiture and human dimensions. Students recently drew portraits of one another as they learned about the proportions of the human head.

Last month, students created self-portraits by tracing life-sized shadows. Students then used paint to fill in the outlines of their bodies with things they like about themselves, their interests, favorite things and thoughts they find beautiful.

In the coming weeks, students will end this unit by examining which blessings mean the most to us personally and painting a portrait of ourselves saying those blessings.

"The children love to expand upon the conceptual by adding abstract concepts in their work. A simple lesson plan often ends up being wildly creative and interesting," Warrich says.

"When I see the students' art, I see their own ideas are both original and full of personal meaning. Each student's art always ends up being very different, even if they all draw the same still life. Through seeing where they take the assignment, I really get to know them."

The students and their teacher are looking forward to building an exciting world of art that is filled with color as the year progresses. Look out for some fun Jewish Holiday greeting cards as they study color-mixing theory, water color and acrylic painting. Many of the children are also excited about a future unit on sculpture and can't wait to work in three dimensions with mixed media and clay.

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Your household is eligible for a Passport to Jewish Life gift if:

In the past two years, a member of your household has not participated in the major fee-based programs sponsored by the JFM (e.g. Gan HaYeled, Chug Ivrit, Camp Shalom, Midrasha, Yonim) or its beneficiaries (e.g. Madison Jewish Community Day School) and has not been a member of a Madison-area congregation.

Some guidelines for the Passport Gift funds are as follows:

The Passport Gift can be used towards programs or organizations such as, but not limited to:

- Gan HaYeled Preschool
- Chug Ivrit
- Camp Shalom
- Midrasha
- Yonim
- Madison Jewish Community Day School
- Introductory Synagogue membership fees
- Madison-area adult Jewish Education programs (e.g. offered by synagogues, UW, Hillel, Chabad, etc.)

The Passport Gift cannot be used towards:

- Overnight camp tuition
- A trip to Israel unless the trip is organized by JFM or one of its beneficiaries, after other scholarship funds have been used
- Goodman Aquatic Center memberships

Each eligible household will receive **up to** $500 to be used towards a qualified program or organization.

The gift funds will be distributed directly to the qualified program or organization by the JFM.

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Interested in applying for the Passport Program? Please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or 278-1808 x232 for an application. The Passport Gift funds are available as of September 2013 and will be distributed until they are gone! Individuals/families may apply for a second $500 Passport gift, if funds remain, after one year has lapsed from the initial award.



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What's New at Midrasha?

Wednesday, December 4th- Midrasha Hanukkah Activity Fair: 7:15-9:15PM

The Midrasha students will be participating in a Hanukkah Activity Fair during Midrasha. Some of the activities will include Hanukkah Karaoke, Dreidel Tournament, Hanukkah Crafts, a Latke eating contest and more!

Wednesday, December 11th- Last Wednesday of Midrasha this semester

Sunday, December 15th- Last Sunday Hebrew class of Midrasha this semester

Wednesday, January 29th- Midrasha semester 2 begins













KEF CAFÉ: FUN CAFÉ



Are you home from college for winter break and need something fun to do?

Are you in high school and missing spending time with your Jewish friends?

We've got the solution to your problems…join us for the Kef Café!

When? Wednesday, January 8th, 2014
Time? 7-9 p.m.
Location? Temple Beth El
Who? 14-20 year olds

The Kef Café is a chance for you to play games, catch-up on homework, eat some snacks and just hang out with your Jewish friends.

- Do your homework and hang-out in the **Bedouin Tent**
- Play Guitar Hero and Wii Dance in the **Moadon Wii**
- Enjoy snacks in the **Meesnon**
- Take a yoga class at the **Western Wall**
- Enjoy a cup of coffee in the **Café Café**
- Hear updates from past Midrasha graduates about how they have used their Midrasha Incentive Award funds

And more…

For more information or to RSVP please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org

***This event is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison and is open to all Jewish 14-20 year olds*

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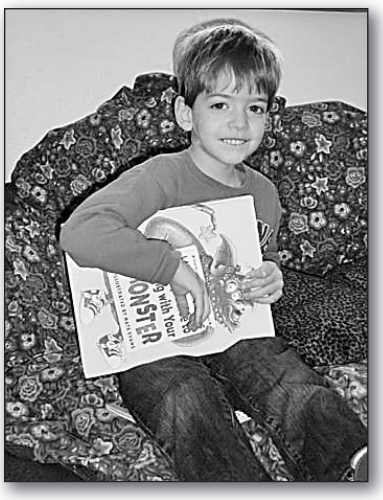

Ian loves reading books about dinosaurs.



Alexis is reading the book she made about "Creation."



Joey and Opal like playing with cars.



Piper is painting her Shabbat candle holders.



Daniel loves building with blocks.



Maor, Alexis, Lola and Nevaeh after their performance of *The Three Bears*.



Annie, reading to Opal, Elijah, Olive and Gabe.



Chug Ivrit: A Great Way to Learn Hebrew!

Sign up for the Spring Semester, January through June, 2014

Chug Ivrit, a Hebrew language after-school program, is a great way for students in elementary school to learn Hebrew. The program, which means "Hebrew club," is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison. Chug Ivrit is a wonderful program where children learn Hebrew in a fun, informal environment. It is an incredibly successful program since children are sponges for language development at an early age. Currently, Chug Ivrit for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students takes place on Thursday afternoons. The program is housed at Beth Israel Center. Programming includes arts & crafts activities, Israeli dancing, thematic units and projects, music, singing, and much, much more.

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Camp Shalom 60th Anniversary T-Shirt Design Contest!

Calling all artists…in honor of the 60th anniversary of Camp Shalom we are holding a t-shirt design contest. The theme for the contest is **Sixty Years of Shalom**. Design guidelines are below:

HOW TO ENTER

(1) Submissions will only be accepted from January 31, 2014, 12:00 PM (CST) to April 15, 2014, 11:59 PM (CST). Design submissions can be sent to Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or Jewish Federation of Madison, Camp Shalom T-shirt Contest, 6434 Enterprise Lane Madison, WI 53719.

(2) All entry emails should have the subject line "T-shirt Design Contest Submission – First Name, Last Name."

(3) Submit up to two designs per person. If you submit more than two, only your first two submissions in order of date and time will be considered.

(4) Submit only original designs. These designs must not contain copyrighted material and they cannot have previously won any awards.

(5) Submit front t-shirt designs only. There should be no text or visuals on the back of the shirt.

(6) Attach entries as medium resolution .jpeg or .pdf files.

(7) Any artwork and writing submitted will not be returned, and becomes property of Jewish Federation of Madison. **NO ADDITIONAL MATERIALS (VIDEOS, SAMPLES, ETC) WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH YOUR SUBMISSION.**

REVIEW & SELECTION

(1) Entries will be reviewed by the Camp Shalom Committee

(2) Judging criteria is based on: creativity, originality, and content related to the theme of **Sixty Years of Shalom**.

(3) The panel of judges will select 2 honorable mention designs and 1 winning design to be printed on the 2014 Camp Shalom T-shirts

(4) Winners will be notified before or by May 1, 2014.

Rave Reviews of the Yonim School Tour!

This past month, a highlight for the Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe was their annual School Tour. The dancers boarded the bus bright and early and travelled to perform a show at Randall Elementary School and two shows at Elvehjem Elementary School. It was an incredibly successful day. In fact, it was so successful that one of the younger dancers said, "I wish school tour could be twice a year!"

One of the Yonim parents also shared her perspective with the Yonim staff and Yonim Advisory Committee stating, "Congratulations on another set of beautiful performances. I saw the show at Randall and it had all the elements that make Yonim special: the unique music, fantastic dancing, adorable little ones, beautiful costumes and the warm spirit. The kids looked happy and danced beautifully. I think there is something special about kids performing for kids. It has a whole different quality and represents the goal of sharing and exchanging tradition and cultures."











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A la Carte Volunteering

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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 608-278-1808, 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.

For changes, updates or new information about any Jewish Social Services program, check our website at

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This article is about the history of Prohibition from colonial times to the 1930s (Part 1)

Генрих Бабич

О борьбе против употребления спиртных напитков и Сухом Законе в США

Проблема производства и потребления спиртных напитков, что называется, “стара как мир” и чрезвычайно многогранна. Она заключается в выявлении спиртосодержащих источников в природе, разработке технологий их освоения, выработке ограничений ради здоровья людей при употреблении спиртных напитков, и многое другое. В последние две сотни лет проблема приобрела политический характер как внутри государств, так и в части взаимоотношений между ними.

Кратко об истории Сухого Закона, который принимался в разных странах. В русской литературе слова Сухой Закон понятны без пояснений. В американских политических публикациях применяется громоздкое для русского использования слово Prohibition (с заглавной буквы) – запрещение продажи спиртных напитков.

В России в 1914 году, в начале Первой мировой войны, был издан царский указ о запрещении на время войны производства и продажи алкогольной продукции на всей территории страны. Хотя в ответ на указ появились многочисленные способы обхода закона, среднее потребление алкоголя на одного человека снизилось более чем десять раз. В декабре 1917 года Советское правительство продлило запрет на торговлю водкой. 19 декабря 1919 года Совет Народных Коммисаров принял антиалкогольное постановление. Однако 26 августа 1923 года было издано новое постановление о возобновлении производства и торговли спиртными напитками в СССР. В 1960-х годах среднее потребление алкоголя на человека достигло уровня 1913 года.

1 июня 1919 года Сухой Закон вступил в силу в Финляндии. Он закрепил за государством монопольное право на производство, импорт и продажу алкогольных напитков, разрешив использование алкоголя только в лечебных, научных и технических целях. Принятие закона привело к росту контрабанды и подпольного рынка. Самогоноварение и контрабанда спирта достигли угрожающих размеров. Расширилась коррупция. Осложнились отношения с экспортерами вина – Португалией и Францией. В конце 1931 года по решению правительства Финляндии был проведен референдум об отмене Сухого Закона и 70% избирателей проголосовали “за”.

Несмотря на тот факт, что употребление алкоголя прямо запрещено Кораном, не все исламские страны придерживаются Сухого Закона на государственном уровне. Де-юре только некоторые традиционно исламские страны (как Саудовская Аравия, Иран) ввели законодательные ограничения на оборот алкоголя. Однако де-факто в странах исламского вероисповедания потребление алкоголя невелико. Так, в Турции в 1983 году годовое потребление алкоголя на душу населения в пересчете на чистый спирт составило 1,2 литра, тогда как в СССР оно равнялось 6,1 литра, в США – 8,1 литра, во Франции – 13,1 литра.

В нашем Медисоне сегодня мы практически не встречаем пьяных, но так было не всегда в Америке. Сто-двести лет тому назад страна была наводнена так называемыми салунами (от американского английского – saloon). Салун являл собой питейное заведение вроде трактира, где, в отличие от его русского аналога, посетители почти не ели, но в изобилии употребляли спиртные напитки. В течение многих десятилетий вокруг проблемы салунов сосредотачивались социальные и политические движения. Кульминацией антиалкогольного движения стало принятие в 1920 году поправки к конституции США, которая повсеместно вводила в стране Сухой Закон. Виллебрандт (Willebrandt), которая в 1920-28 годы была заместителем Генерального Прокурора, с горечью так подвела итог действия Сухого Закона: “Политические деятели вовлекаются в различного рода махинации, кандидаты на выборные должности изворачиваются, Антисалунная лига процветает, люди травятся спиртным, бутлегеры обогащаются, государственные служащие втягиваются в коррупцию”.

А теперь обо всем по порядку.

Несколько замечаний, касающихся отношения американцев к **употреблению спиртных напитков в колониальные времена**, т.е. до революции 1776 года. Это было время, когда крепкий спиртной напиток рассматривался как подарок человеку от Бога и являлся панацеей от любой болезни.

Вторая половина XVIII века отличалась наименьшим воздержанием от употребления спиртных напитков. Старая Американская Энциклопедия, изданная в 1830 году так описывает отношение людей к алкоголю. “В обычаях Юга было принято выпить стакан виски как только человек просыпался. В 11 часов утра перед ланчем полагалось для апетита принять еще. В рацион обеда обязательно входил виски, разбавленный водой. Стаканчиком рома человек завершал свой рабочий день.” Большинство ранних поселенцев крепко пили. Хотя пуритане были поклонниками воздержания от многих телесных удовольствий, они не противились питью, но предостерегали от пьянства. Священослужители, ссылаясь на библию, были “в первых рядах” потребителей спиртного. Салуны обычно располагались в непосредственной близости от церкви, чтобы священник мог без затруднений встречаться с прихожанами в перерыве между службами. При каждом посещении прихожанина священнику подносили стаканчик рома или сидра, а перед уходом наливали еще. По всей стране, от больших городов и до сельской глубинки, салуны были центрами общения “по интересам” между людьми разных социальных слоев. Поскольку такое общение не обходилось без возлияний, то салуны становились средой распространения пьянства и алкоголизма. Владелец салуна стал ключевой фигурой в местной политике. От его связей зависело решение таких проблем как распределение денег на общественные нужды, создание рабочих мест и многое другое. Любое общественное мероприятие, сбор урожая, строительство дороги, заготовка леса, являлось поводом для коллективного распития. Часто зарплату рабочим выдавали бутылками спиртного. Для коллективного распития рабочих и их нанимателей устанавливались выходные дни. Поселенцы с восторгом вспоминали, что в пабах Англии, откуда они недавно прибыли, висели таблички “Будешь пьяным за пенни, мертвецки пьяным – за два пенни”.

Начиная с XVIII века, наиболее важными проблемами американской жизни стали сначала Воздержание, а затем движение к Сухому Закону. Согласно пуританской этике, Воздержание увязывалось с религиозными догмами. Священики этого толка основывали проповеди на фундаментальном положении, что “Вино дал нам Бог, но пьянство произошло от дьявола”. Небольшие группы активистов, которые проповедывали Воздержание, тоже боролись за влияние на поселенцев.

В отличие от Европы, в американских колониях практически не было войн, не возникали массовые волнения или другие потрясения, основанные на идеологических конфликтах, вокруг которых могли сталкиваться интересы большого числа людей. Поэтому проблема Сухого Закона оказалась в центре внимания людей и во многом лежала в основе политической жизни. Еще за 150 лет до принятия Сухого Закона в Америке **политика и употребление алкоголя** были **тесно связаны между собой**, поэтому отношение американцев к спиртному нужно рассматривать через этот социальный контекст. В 1810 году были опубликованы статистические данные, которые говорят о том, что в стране потребление алкоголя на душу было высоким. Вокруг проблемы употребления спиртных напитков начало формироваться политическое движение. БОльшую часть территории огромной страны составляли общины сельских малонаселенных районов. Социальная и политическая жизнь таких общин концентрировалась вокруг церкви и салуна. Не удивительно, что священник и владелец салуна были ключевыми фигурами, которые формировали общественное мнение. Статус владельца салуна существенно изменился во второй половине XIX века, в результате того, что большинство этих позиций перешло в руки новых иммигрантов, главным образом из Германии и Италии, поселившихся в сельских районах.

С начала XIX века среди пуританских сторонников Воздержания начались дискуссии с тем, чтобы положить конец пьянству – еще одному направлению получения удовольствий. Пуритане провозгласили, что пьянство – это смертный грех. В 1830-е годы священники уравняли пьянство с проклятием, а воздержание – со спасением. В это же время было создано Американское Общество Воздержания. По всей Америке движение за Воздержание набирало силу. Возможно поэтому, по данным за 1850 год, потребление алкоголя на душу существенно уменьшилось.

Гражданская война 1861-65 годов стала концом движения за Воздержание. Вместо Воздержания возросла терпимость к употреблению алкоголя. Например, президент Линкольн, сторонник Воздержания и многолетний трезвенник, просто закрывал глаза на пристрастие к алкоголю генерала Гранта, одного из ведущих генералов Гражданской войны, будущего президента США. Активисты Сухого Закона позже утверждали, что если бы Линкольн был жив, он стал бы его сторонником. Есть свидетельство того, что в последний день жизни Линкольн заявил, что “после восстановления страны будет положен конец свободному распространению алкоголя”. Сторонники Сухого Закона сделали это положение Линкольна своим знаменем.

Активную борьбу за ограничение употребления спиртных напитков вели женщины. В 1874 году был создан Национальный Женский Христианский Союз борьбы за Воздержание (дальше – просто Союз), отделения которого возникли во всех штатах. В 1875 году Союз направил в Конгресс петицию с требованием начать работу по введению Сухого Закона. Первой победой Союза стало требование ввести во всех школах уроки борьбы с пьянством. Союз стал одним из важных лоббистских инструментов за принятие Сухого Закона. В дальнейшем, благодаря Союзу, стало реальностью создание в 1869 году партии Сухого Закона. В ряды этой партии вошли видные либералы, которые, кроме того, включились в борьбу за избирательное право женщин и реформу тюрем. Справедливости ради скажем, что эта партия никогда не приобрела большого веса в политике.

(продолжение следует)

Harry J. and Belle Goodman, parents of Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman

Lechayim Lights

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December Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus at Temple Beth, 2702 Arbor Drive. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@jssmadison.org by **10:00 A.M. on the preceding business day, usually a Friday morning**. The kosher meals are catered by Café O Catering and **a vegetarian option is available with a reservation**. The cost of the meal is $7.50, with a minimum donation of $4.00 suggested for those over age 60.

Monday, December 2
11:00-12:00 *Operation Self-Care* with Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Turkey with stuffing, cranberry relish, mashed potatoes, lemon green beans, pareve pumpkin pie
1:00-2:00 Prof. Will Jones, *"The Forgotten History of the March on Washington"*

Monday, December 9
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Chicken stir fry, rice, Mandarin orange salad, ginger cookie
1:00-2:00 Prof. Herb Lewis, *"From the Shtetl to the Stage, the Odyssey of a Wandering Actor"*

Monday, December 16 – *Lechayim celebrates Hanukkah*
11:00-12:00 Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Tuna & egg salads, latkes with sour cream & applesauce, green beans almondine, sufganiyot
1:00-2:00 Klezmer music by Yid Vicious

Monday, December 23 – *Lechayim does not meet*

Monday, December 30 – *Lechayim does not meet*

January Dates
January 6
January 13
January 20 – *Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday; Lechayim does not meet*
January 27

Присоединяйтесь к нашему столу, увлекательной беседе и интересным программам на встречах «Лехаим. Больше чем обед»

Ждем Вас в Храме Бет-Эль (the Temple Beth), по адресу: 2702 Arbor Drive. Заказать место вы можете у Луизы Голдстейн по тел. 278-1808, ext. 227 или по электронному адресу: louise@jssmadison.org до 10:00 утра пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовят Шарон Лангер и Али Стриклер из "Café O Catering" Вегетарианское меню по предарительному заказу.
Стоимость обеда - $7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет - $ 4.00.

Понедельник, 2 декабря
11:30-12:00 Йога со стула с Бетси Хаймсон.
12:00-1:00 Мясной рулет, картофель жареный с чесноком, кукуруза, кабачки и банановый пирог.
1:00-2:00 Проф. *Уилл Джонс, "Забытая история Марша на Вашингтон".*

Понедельник, 9 Декабря
11:30-12:00 Техника Фелденкрейс с Хагит Варди.
12:00-1:00 Куриное жаркое, рис, салат с мандаринами и имбирное печенье.
1:00-2:00 *Ерб Льюис, "Из местечка на сцену: Одиссея странствующего актера".*

Понедельник, 16 - Лехаим празднует Хануку
11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн.
11:30-12:00 Йога со стула с Бетси Хаймсон.
12:00-1:00 Салат из тунца и яйц, оладьи со сметаной и яблочным пюре, зеленая фасоль, альмондин и суфганийот.
1:00-2:00 *Музыка Клецмера в исполнение Yid Vicious (Яростный Жид).*

Понедельник, 23 декабря - *Лехаим не состоится.*

Понедельник, 30 - *Лехаим не состоится.*

Даты января

6 января
13 января
20 января – День рождения Мартина Лютера Кинга-младшего; Лехаим не состоится.
27 января

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment, *Operation Self-Care* will be held at Lechayim on December 2, from 11:00-12:00. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your heartburn related questions and concerns.

WSPS Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students

The next health assessment, Operation Generation X/Med-Drop will be on January 27, 2014.

For changes, updates or new information about any Jewish Social Services program, check our website at

www.jssmadison.org

On the home page, click on the date of the program in question

Gay & Gray Discussion Group at the Madison Senior Center

Senior adults from the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community meet on Thursdays, December 12 and 26 from 2-4 pm. These are friendly conversations that are informal, open dialogues. LGBT persons, their friends and families are welcome. Participants determine the topics based on current interests; a facilitator attends each meeting. *Reprinted with permission from the Madison Senior Center December 2013 newsletter.*

Note: This group meets every other week. The Madison Senior Center is at 330 West Mifflin Street. For information, contact them at 608-266-6581.

Shalom *from Jewish Social Services!*

Do you know a senior who is new to Madison, or are you yourself a newcomer? JSS volunteers will visit and bring you a gift bag with information about programs for seniors and JSS' services, treats and a few surprises. Just contact us at 608-278-1808, ext. 227.

Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and Bagels Forever for their donations to this program.

About our Programs

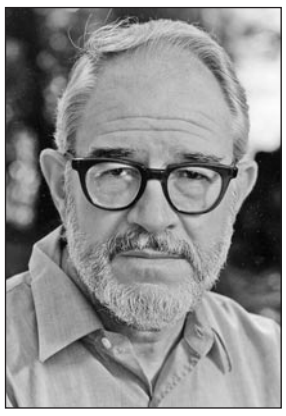
Just as civil rights should be enjoyed by everyone, every day, there's no reason to relegate the topic to a once-a-year airing. So, although we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday in January, on **Monday, December 2** we will hear from UW History Professor William P. Jones, whose most recent work is his book *The March on Washington: Jobs, Freedom, and the Forgotten History of Civil Rights*. In this work he looks at the roots of the famous March on Washington and how the close relationship among the labor, civil rights and women's movements that was part of the march influenced events afterwards.



Professor William P. Jones

Professor William P. Jones teaches History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is considered an expert in the history of civil rights and labor. In addition to many articles in journals and *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Nation*, he wrote the award-winning book, *The Tribe of Black Ulysses: African American Lumber Workers in the Jim Crow South*.

The world is full of interesting characters, and we'll hear about one of them on **Monday, December 9** when Prof. Herb Lewis discusses his book about actor Alexander Granach, *From the Shtetl to the Stage: the Odyssey of a Wandering Actor*. Herbert S. Lewis is a professor emeritus of Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a relative of Alexander Granach. He is the author of *After the Eagles Landed: The Yemenites of Israel* and *Jimma Abba Jifar, an Oromo Monarchy: Ethiopia, 1830-1932*. Research interests include anthropological theory, political anthropology, cultural change and ethnicity. His *Oneida Lives* is a scholarly presentation of personal accounts of Oneida Indians, originally collected through a WPA grant at the UW-Madison. Professor Lewis' BA in Anthropology is from Brandeis University and he received his Ph.D. in Anthropology from Columbia University in 1963.



Professor Herb Lewis

Our annual Hanukkah celebration at Lechayim combines holiday food with holiday fun. This year on **Monday, December 16** the food is the traditional latkes and all the fixings plus tuna and egg salad and other treats. The fun includes door prizes and the wild, zany klezmer music of Yid Vicious. Playing Lechayim for Hanukkah is one of their favorite gigs, and when you experience the synergy between audience and musicians you'll understand why that is. Don't forget to reserve a spot for this fun event!



Greg Smith and David Spies, members of Yid Vicious.

Lechayim Fun!

Photos by Louise Goldstein



Alice Hanau, Mary Jane Gavin and Linda Boger



Our newest volunteer, Bentzi Feldman



Alice Loew displays a pen and ink drawing she made years ago of her daughter, Patty.



Al and Lois Frank with Charlie Meyer



Louise Goldstein, Merilyn Kupferberg and Hilde Adler setting up the slide show.



Three Janices – Janice Beers, Janis Wrich, and Janice Oltman.



Pam Phillips Olson and Judy Zuckerman Kaufman



Sam Jacobs, Euna Staniforth, and Jean Esch-Theobald exchange stories.



Schlicha Racheli Komar Aziz spoke about volunteering in Israel.



Kathy Miner talked about volunteering vacations.



Evie Meadow, Barb Jacobson, and Charlie Shoham

Spotlight: Dorit Bergen

By Pamela Phillips Olson

As a little girl, Dorit Bergen read voraciously. Influenced especially by Laura Ingalls Wilder, Dorit would often put on one of her mother's old skirts and stand at her little blackboard, pretending she was teaching. She enjoyed it a great deal. She possessed the same desire her parents had-- to help build a better world.

"I really enjoyed school and learning new things," says Dorit. She was competent in all areas except for math. "It still surprises me that I taught math for years. I guess I knew how to teach math because I struggled a lot with it."



Dorit Bergen

(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)

Dorit loved teaching as a career and earned several awards; her most precious one was from the students. She tried to make each child feel cared for and valued.

"Growing up with a mother who went through the Holocaust took its toll. I always wanted to protect her. I realize now that I was so connected to my mother's life story that I sometimes felt fearful myself. What helped me a great deal was attending the 'Children of Holocaust Survivor's' group. I learned that what I felt was common to many children of survivors."

Soon after Dorit Bergen retired from teaching middle school math and social studies, she began volunteering at Lechayim. It seemed she had a mission. Helping at the greeter's table, serving food, clearing tables, or getting tea, she is attentive to everyone's needs and enjoys being with elders.

Her father Kurt and mother Livia attended Lechayim for years. This made her a second-generation Lechayim participant. Her mission was to return the gift Lechayim had given to her parents.

Dorit's parents met in Israel and she was born there. Her father became a flight engineer for El Al. When he was assigned the London-New York Route, he fell in love with America. He moved his family to Queens. Dorit's parents showed her much love and instilled confidence in her. She is grateful she was able to keep both of them comfortable at the end of their lives.

She is now studying how to take care of herself by practicing meditation. She has been taking an 18-month long course through the Unitarian Society. She meditates, enjoys deep connections with friends, volunteers and of course, continues to read voraciously.

Transportation to Lechayim

Transit Solutions provides door-to-door service for $1 round trip, payable to the driver. Contact Louise Goldstein (608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@jssmadison.org) by 10:00 a.m. the Friday before Lechayim to make a reservation. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request. Please contact us if you need to cancel a ride.

Transitions

Happy December Birthday

Estelle Katz
Francie Smith Saposnik
Helen Vukelich
Jean Esch-Theobald
Karen Shevet Dinah
Natalia Chubukova
Nena Dyhr
Ron Lapin

Mazel Tov

To Louise (Bruce Thomadsen) Goldstein on the birth of their granddaughter Halia Marie Eisenberg, daughter of Nathan Eisenberg and Jordana Thomadsen, great-granddaughter of Harold Borenstein.

Best Wishes for your wellness

Bobbie Kunin

Condolences to the family of

Kal (Bobbie) Kunin

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



Our monthly Shabbat gatherings include wine donated by Frank Liquor, candles and challah, singing and discussion.

Attic Angel Place at 2:30 in the Garden Room
8301 Old Sauk Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith and the assistance of Angel Volunteers.

December 6, March 7

Capitol Lakes at 3:00 in the Grand Hall
333 West Main Street
A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the UW-Hillel Foundation.

December 3 (Hanukkah celebration, not a Friday), February 7

Oakwood West at 4:00 in the Oaks Community Room
6225 Mineral Point Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. With the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Lauren Mazur.

December 13, January 10

ATTENTION REHAB PATIENTS: If you are going to be in one of these locations during your rehabilitation, please let Jewish Social Services know; we'd like to invite you and make sure you are able to attend if you'd like.

Lechayim Snow Day Policy

Lechayim is cancelled when the Madison Metropolitan School District closes schools due to inclement weather. Listen to WIBA, WTSO, WZEE, WMLI, WMAD, WOLX, WMMM or Charlie FM to hear if Madison schools are closed. Otherwise, we will cancel Lechayim if we think conditions warrant it. In that case, the decision will by made by 9:00 a.m. and someone will call you.

Share the celebration of a loved one's or your own special day with friends at Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus.

Celebrate with Lechayim!

Celebrate and Support Jewish Social Services!

1. Party Package – $200
- Recognition in the Lechayim calendar, Lechayim Lights and JSS E-Connect
- Includes balloon, token gift for honoree and special cake for all attendees
- Recognition during Lechayim program
- Recognition at our registration table

2. Holiday or Commemorative Package – $150
- Recognition in the Lechayim calendar, Lechayim Lights and JSS E-Connect
- Recognition during Lechayim program
- Recognition at our registration table

3. Sponsor a Week – $100
- Sponsor in honor of volunteers, a loved one or even yourself
- Recognition in the Lechayim calendar, Lechayim Lights and JSS E-Connect
- Recognition during Lechayim program
- Recognition at our registration table

Lechayim Dates:

~ December 2, 2013
~ December 9, 2013
~ December 16, 2013 – *Hanukkah*
~ January 6, 2014
~ January 13, 2014
~ January 27, 2014
~ February 3, 2014
~ February 10, 2014
~ February 17, 2014
~ February 24, 2014
~March 3, 2014
~ March 10, 2014 – *Purim*
~ March 17, 2014
~ March 24, 2014
~ March 31, 2014
~ April 7, 2014
~ April 28, 2014 – *Yom Hashoah*
~ May 5, 2014 – *Yam HaAtzmaut*
~ May 12, 2014
~ May 19, 2014 – *Volunteer Recognition*

For more information or to reserve a date, please call 278-1808 or visit www.jssmadison.org

Israel and the World

World ORT to Train Engineers for Israel's New Gas Industry

World ORT is setting up a groundbreaking vocational training program to ensure that Israel will be able to fully realize a multi-billion-dollar windfall from the massive gas fields which have been discovered off its coast in recent years.

The organization's outgoing Acting Director General and CEO, Sonia Gomes de Mesquita, led extensive negotiations with the Israeli Government to set up the new college certification program for practical mechanical engineers majoring in energy systems and specializing in natural gas.

Israel can look forward to decades of resource stability thanks to the discovery of gas field off its coast… but it needs to build a skilled workforce quickly in order to exploit this windfall to the fullest.

Now, following a meeting with the Directors General of the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources and the Ministry for the Development of the Negev and Galilee, the $1.8 million program is ready to start at a college in Be'er Sheva with plans to expand to another college in the Galilee – and maybe to further colleges as time goes on.

"This is the first program of its kind in Israel – and it encapsulates everything that World ORT is about: employability, responding to the needs of the markets, educational innovation, imparting practical skills, and supporting Israel's poorer peripheral communities," said Ms Gomes de Mesquita, who is leaving the organization after 14 years to take up a senior role at the World Jewish Congress.

Since 2009, about 30 trillion cubic feet of natural gas has been located off Israel's coast, enough to make the Jewish State energy self-sufficient for at least half a century and generate enough of a surplus to make it a major exporter to Europe and beyond.

It is estimated that Israel needs some 4,000 trained professionals in order to develop fully the new industry, the establishment of which is expected to add a full one per cent to Israel's GDP this year alone.

"There's no overestimating the impact the discovery of these huge gas fields can make on Israel's society, economy and geo-political reality, so we are delighted that the extraordinary relationship we have built with Israel's government ministries since 2007 has put us in the position of bringing the necessary resources and expertise to help the country fully exploit this windfall," said Avi Ganon, the CEO of World ORT's programmatic arm in Israel, Kadima Mada.

Under the agreement with the Israeli Government, World ORT will train 300 engineers over the next three years. The course will run for four semesters and not only give graduates a junior college certification but also three-year contracts with the state-owned Israel Gas Company, which is responsible for planning and supervising construction of a natural gas pipeline.

"As part of our on-going commitment to Israel's under-resourced communities not only are the colleges providing this course located in the periphery but graduates will be required to live in the Negev or Galilee for three years," Mr Ganon said.



Jewish Federations Organized Emergency Response to Typhoon Haiyan

The Jewish Federations of North America mobilized a communal response to the super Typhoon Haiyan, which brought widespread destruction in the Philippines. JFNA supported relief efforts by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), which is raising funds for relief efforts.

JDC consulted with local officials, the Filipino Jewish community and global partners to assess the situation on the ground in the Philippines, where one of the strongest storms on record wrought widespread destruction. More than 10,000 people were feared dead, with reports of ocean surges as high as trees. The central city of Tacloban on the island of Leyte was among the worst hit on the Pacific nation.

The Federation-supported JDC has led relief efforts for previous storms in the Philippines, and helped support the local Jewish community in a nation that sheltered 1,000 European Jews fleeing the Nazis during World War II.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Filipino people suffering from this terrible storm's unimaginable destruction," said Cheryl Fishbein, chair of JFNA's Emergency Committee.

The JFNA Emergency Committee coordinated the Federation response with the JDC and its global disaster relief partners.

Jewish Federations have a proud tradition of supporting the Jewish communal response to disasters around the world and at home, raising tens of millions of dollars for emergency assistance and longer-term aid. Most recently, Federations supported the national response to severe flooding in Colorado. In recent years, Federations responded to tsunamis in Japan and southeast Asia, the Haiti earthquake, and Hurricane Katrina in the Gulf Coast.

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

By Mickey & Racheli Aziz-Komar

The winter hit us and we are cold!! We know it will just get worse, so we decided if you can't fight it, love it! So that is our attitude for now… (We bet you are thinking to yourselves – just wait and see…)

Who would think – me an Israeli orthodox Jew who grew up in an ultra orthodox neighborhood would speak in a Lutheran school lecturing about Judaism in Israel. I had the pleasure of leading a session for a Lutheran Confirmation class. It's amazing to see how many people are interested in Israel and what's going on.

We love Madison more and more especially now that we are getting to know the community better. At the Hanukkah Tzedakah event we organized a project writing letters for sick families in Israel and to help them get through the winter with a smile! Chug Ivrit and MJCDS kids performed a song in sign-language as well as a dance to the song "Yachad Lev el Lev" (together heart to heart).

We organized a Thanksgiving meal for young adults and had a wonderful dinner hosted by Ken and Laura Felz – thank you! Stay tuned for information about future programs for young adults!

There are eight students enrolled in Ivrit Kala (adult Hebrew classes). We meet weekly to learn about Israel, Hebrew names, food, drinks, etc. We read the news from Israel, play Hebrew games and have a good Hebrew experience! There is still room, if you are interested you are welcome to check it out!



Chug Ivrit learned about our body parts, days of the week, an Israel map and more.



At Jewish Day School we are establishing a state called Israel. We met Herzl and we are following his dream.



Gan HaYeled students are learning about the Hebrew Aleph Bet, body parts, Israel stories, and have participated in active Hebrew games.



Have you always dreamed of going to Israel?

Do you want to re-visit Israel? Do you want to travel in Israel? Are you interested in Summer Programs? Gap Year? Internship? Volunteering? There are so many possibilities! For more information, email our community shlichah at Israel@jewishmadison.org

The Good News Corner ...

Zichron Menachem – the Israeli association for the support of children with cancer and their families – set a Guinness World Record for donating the most hair to cancer victims in a single day drive. Some 250 women – some of them cancer survivors – cut 53.1 kilograms (117 lbs) of their locks for wigs for cancer patients.

In the wake of Typhoon Haiyan's devastation, IsraAID, the Israel Forum for International Humanitarian Aid, has sent an aid team to the Philippines to provide critical health interventions in the hardest-hit areas. The Israeli team will help local NGOs and UN agencies in treating hundreds of thousands of people affected by one of the worst storms on record.

Israeli company Project RAY has developed the world's first smartphone for people with visual disabilities, opening up the benefits of digital access to a population excluded up to now. Already in use in Israel, the smartphone is now launching in the U.S.

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WHAT THE JEWISH FEDERATION DOES.

THE JEWISH FEDERATION FUNDS AND SUPPORTS A COMMUNITY-WIDE NETWORK OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO TWO THINGS:

1. **Care for people in need in Israel and around the world.**
2. **Nurture and sustain the Jewish community today and for future generations.**



HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY-WIDE NETWORK OF PARTNERS AND AGENCIES, WE ACTIVELY SEEK OUT AND SUPPORT INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS IN ORDER TO:

- Feed, clothe, comfort and rescue people in need.
- Inspire, educate and connect people to their Jewish identity.

WITH EACH GIFT, WE ADDRESS MANY OF THE CAUSES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO YOU.

- Feeding the hungry. Helping the unemployed. Supporting families with special needs.
- Funding Jewish education and Israel experiences for young people.
- Addressing the most pressing issues facing our community every day.

DURING TIMES OF CRISIS AND NATURAL DISASTERS, FEDERATION RESPONDS.

- We provided lifesaving humanitarian relief during the recent natural disasters in Haiti and Japan.
- We helped airlift thousands of Ethiopian Jews to safety in Israel.
- We helped rescue and resettle more than one million Soviet Jews.

OUR APPROACH TO FUNDRAISING EMBODIES THE CORE VALUES AND TRADITIONS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

- It says we care about people, not about their politics or religious practices.
- It gives voice and needed support to small, up-and-coming agencies.
- It ensures that we address critical, often life-threatening issues today and into the future.

THE EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT OF THE JEWISH FEDERATION.







AT HOME

In Madison, we provide immigrant and refugee services, elder and family support programs, and help to those victims of domestic abuse through Jewish Social Services. We provide social events for seniors and meals through Lechayim. We help fund and sustain Gan HaYeled Preschool, Midrasha Hebrew High School, Madison Jewish Community Day School, and provide scholarships for Camp Shalom. And, we help send young people on Taglit-Birthright Israel trips.

IN ISRAEL

Federation funds training and educational programs to break the cycle of poverty, mentoring and enrichment programs for children at risk, and programs to help new immigrants integrate successfully.

AROUND THE WORLD

Federation is active in over 70 countries. In Russia and other Eastern European countries, home to the world's poorest Jews, Federation-funded programs offer relief to 168,000 Jewish elderly while helping over 10,000 children attend Jewish day schools. In Latin America, we help over 50,000 Jews with financial assistance and identity and renewal programs.



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Through our community-wide network of partners and our strategic approach to funding, the Jewish Federation of Madison identifies, supports and addresses the full range of social service issues and community needs with compassion and foresight, today and into the future.

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