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

Come and help us kick off the summer at this wonderful community event. Mark your calendar and watch your email and www.JewishMadison.org for more information.

We hope to see you there!

Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable finishes first season strong with Curt Culver as speaker

Please save the date for May 10th, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. at Nakoma Country Club for the last Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable of the academic year! This is your last opportunity until fall to network, enjoy breakfast, and hear from our guest speaker, Curt Culver, about his trials and tribulations as he built what has now become the nation's leading private mortgage insurer.

Curt S. Culver is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MGIC Investment Corporation and its principal subsidiary, Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation (MGIC), the nation's leading private mortgage insurer. MGIC Investment Corporation is a publicly held corporation traded under "MTG" on the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Culver began his career in the mortgage insurance business in 1976, joining MGIC in 1982. He has been Chief Executive Officer of the company since January of 2000 and has been Chairman of the Board since January of 2005. He has served as President from January, 1999 to January, 2006. Prior to MGIC, Mr. Culver worked for six years at private mortgage insurer Verex. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Madison, earning both a B.A. and M.S. in Real Estate Finance and Urban Land Economics. Curt Culver is very philanthropic and sits on the board of directors for the following organizations:

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- Metro Milwaukee Association of Commerce
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- United Performing Arts Fund
- West Bend Mutual Insurance Company
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As with previous events, there will be a $25 charge per person to attend. Please call 608-278-1808 or go online at jewishmadison.org to register and pay by May 5th. A sincere thank you to The Great Dane for helping to sponsor this event. If you have questions about this event, please contact Dina Weinbach, Interim Executive Director, at dina@jewishmadison.org. We look forward to seeing you there!



Curt Culver

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Studies Say Cost, Language Are Obstacles To Citizenship For 'Green Card' Holders

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You've heard hard-liners demand that would-be immigrants wait their turn in line to enter the United States — just like their ancestors did before becoming the hard-working citizens of the last century. But a new study suggests that the $680 fee to apply for citizenship prompts many immigrants legally in the country to indefinitely delay becoming citizens and full participants in American life.

About 8.5 million eligible immigrants currently have not taken the final step to citizenship.

"Nurturing Naturalization: Could Lowering the Fee Help?" released Thursday by the University of Southern California's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, found a correlation between increases in the application fee by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and drops in the rate at which low-income immigrants naturalize. The impact of fees on naturalization rates is most pronounced among low-wage workers, many of whom are Mexican immigrants.

Earlier analyses had found no correlation between naturalization and recent increases in the fee, which was $95 in 1997.

The National Partnership for New Americans, the advocacy group that commissioned the latest study, is calling on the government to lower the cost of applying for citizenship.

"In short, price matters," say the study authors. "For a nation of immigrants, encouraging naturalization and full participation in our civic and economic life would seem to be one of those goals on which many Americans can agree — and so it seems entirely appropriate to change the fee structure to reduce the financial barriers to integrating fully into our society, economy and democracy."

As immigration bills take shape following last month's bipartisan call in the Senate for comprehensive reform, proposals for a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants will open debate on how severely to punish people living in the country without documentation.

Immigration reform advocates want any new immigration law to give undocumented immigrants a real chance to integrate into society. "A path to citizenship must be broad, simple and affordable for the 11 million aspiring citizens in the U.S.," says Christine Neumann Ortiz, executive director of Voces de la Frontera and a member of the board of directors at National Partnership for New Americans.

Immigrants who hold "green cards," and so are in the country legally, also need an affordable path to citizenship, says Janice Beers, director of Immigrant and Refugee Services at Jewish Social Services of Madison, where she assists clients from many countries, including Mexico.

"It's $680, and if there is more than one in the family who wants to file, it adds up," Beers said. "Some people who are working can't afford the application." The filing fee can be waived if need is shown, but many people are not aware of that, Beers said.

"When someone is applying for a fee waiver — for any immigration benefit in general — it's best to complete it with someone who has expertise," says Beers, who is an accredited representative with the Board of Immigration Appeals. She estimates she applies for a fee waiver on one thing or another two or three times a week for clients at JSS, which offers low-cost services.

Last week, a Pew Hispanic Center survey identified not only cost, but another bar to citizenship for Mexican immigrants that Beers said she sees even more frequently: English language skills.

Applicants for citizenship must take civics and English tests, and although waivers are available on these requirements also, they generally require proof of a medical condition making learning of a new language not possible.


Janice Beers

With free and low-cost classes offered through the Literacy Network, Madison College, and Jewish Social Service's own tutors, Beers said immigrants have adequate opportunity to learn English. But it is difficult for many adults, especially older ones.

"For some people, it's overwhelming. But that doesn't mean that they are not smart or wouldn't make good citizens," Beers said.

Attaining citizenship brings the right to vote and carry a U.S. passport; previous research has demonstrated that it can improve incomes and enhance civic engagement, notes the Partnership for New Americans study.

Beers has seen the benefits of naturalization up close with her clients.

"It's life-changing," she said.



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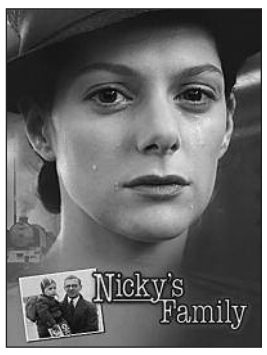
Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS

Yom HaShoah Service & Program



Sunday, April 7
2:30 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street

The annual community-wide Yom HaShoah service and program features a screening of the film Nicky's Family, following a special service that begins at 2:30. After the service, Madison Jewish community member Renata Laxova will introduce the film, in which she appears three times. Renata will also answer questions following the film. Nicky's Family tells the nearly forgotten story of Nicholas Winton, an Englishman who organized the rescue of 669 Czech and Slovak children just before the outbreak of World War II. For more info, visit www.jewishmadison.org/nickysfamily.aspx or www.nickysfamily.com.

K'tantanim – Israeli Dance for Preschoolers



Sunday, April 7
3:30-4:00 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street

The Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe offers a special class about once a month for 3- to 5-year-old dancers. Cost is $5 per session. This is the last class before the K'tantanim performance on May 5. Send questions or RSVP to Dana Prager via email at yonim@jewishmadison.org.



Challah Baking Workshop

Sunday, April 14
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive

Learn the basics of dough making and loaf braiding. Leave with fresh-baked challah, dough to bake at home, a recipe, and perhaps a new friend or two! Children under 13 should bring a grownup. Cost is $5/person. RSVP online or via email to program@jewishmadison.org.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration



Sunday, April 21
11:00 a.m.
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, Verona

Celebrate Israel's Independence Day with...torch lighting, performances by MJCDS, Yonim dance troop, Chug Ivrit, and Gan HaYeled, Banzo Israeli falafel, Israelitinis by Rokker Vodka (grownups only!), arts and crafts, booths with Israeli activities, and a special performance by Daniel Barash, a local shadow puppeteer.

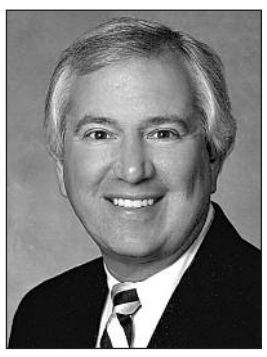


Noa Concert

Thursday, April 25
8:00 p.m. show
City Winery, 1200 W. Randolph St., Chicago

Noa (Ahinoam Nini), a famous Israeli artist, is coming to Chicago. Yehonatan and Eden, our community shlichim, are trying to organize a carpool and a group tickets purchase for the 8:00 p.m. show on April 25. More info. Please contact Yehonatan on Facebook or write to israel@jewishmadison.org by April 4 to express interest.

Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable



Friday, May 10
7:30 a.m.
Nakoma Country Club
4145 Country Club Road, Madison

The next Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable program is scheduled for Friday morning, May 10, at Nakoma Country Club. The May program will be the last program of this school year. Curt Culver will be our featured speaker. Each program includes breakfast along with opportunities to network and learn from Jewish leaders in the Madison business community.

As with previous events, there will be a $25 charge per person to attend. If you would like to receive email notifications, please drop Dori Falk a line at dfalk@jewishmadison.org. A sincere thanks to The Great Dane for helping to sponsor this event.

Adult Hebrew Classes

Yehonatan, our community shaliach, is teaching Advanced and Beginner Hebrew classes for adults on Tuesday nights. The Advanced class meets at 6:00pm, Beginners at 7:15pm at the Jewish Federation of Madison building, 6434 Enterprise Lane. New students are welcome any time. To register or ask questions, please contact Yehonatan at israel@jewishmadison.org.

Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic



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11 a.m.-2 p.m.
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The Levy Summer Series Proudly Announces This Year's Speakers

JSS is proud to announce the distinguished speakers for the Levy Summer Series *"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: Where have we been, Where are we now, Where are we going?"* Knowledgeable, engaging speakers from Madison, Milwaukee and New York will examine our theme through a variety of intriguing lenses. Listeners can be sure of an intellectual experience leavened with humor and wit! We are pleased to invite you to register for these programs:

June 12: Rabbi Hannah Greenstein, *Not Your Bubbe's Judaism (and what's a bubbe?): Jewish Identity in 2013*.

June 26: Professor Rachel Buff, *'DREAMing' is Free? Working for Immigration Reform*.

July 17: Jon Pollack: *From Sheepskins to Sheepskins: Scrap Businesses and Higher Education in the Creation of Madison's Jewish Community*.

July 24: Professor Tony Michels, *Whatever Happened to the Class of '68? The Jewish Student Movement and Its Legacies*.

August 7: Gil Marks, 2010 James Beard Award Winner, *'From Shmear to Eternity,' the Mainstreaming of Jewish Food*.

August 21: Professor Rachel Baum, *Hurray for Hollywood! Jews and American Popular Culture*.

All programs take place at Nakoma Golf Club, and are followed by an elegant lunch and a salon experience with the speaker. You may see complete program descriptions and menus, and register by credit card for one or more programs at www.jssmadison.org, or through the JSS office by check. Brochures with registration forms will be available soon.



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Community Yom HaShoah Service and Program

We hope you will join us for a special Yom HaShoah service and program beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, April 7 at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street.

Following the Yom HaShoah service, in which we remember the Holocaust, its victims and survivors, Madison Jewish community member Renata Laxova will introduce the film *Nicky's Family*, in which she appears.



Nicky's Family tells the nearly forgotten story of Nicholas Winton, an Englishman who organized the rescue of 669 Czech and Slovak children just before the outbreak of World War II.

Winton, now 103 years old, did not speak about these events with anyone for more than half a century. His exploits would have probably been forgotten if fifty years later his wife hadn't found a suitcase in the attic, filled with documents and transport plans.

Today the story of this rescue is known all over the world. Nicholas Winton has been knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed H.R. 583 recognizing his remarkable deed.

Winton's story is very emotional. It has inspired thousands of children throughout the world to follow in his footsteps and do something important. They have started various charity projects including one which helps save the lives of undernourished and sick children in Cambodia and Africa.

120,000 children in the Czech Republic have signed a petition to award Nicholas Winton the Nobel Prize for Peace. Dozens of Winton's "children" have been found and to this day his "family" has grown to almost 6,000 people, many of whom have gone on to achieve great things themselves.

It is incredible that all these people are alive due to the heroic deeds of one man – Sir Nicholas Winton. Film producers Matej Minac and Patrik Pass set out to ensure that these fascinating, little-known stories and precious facts about the rescue mission were not lost to time. They also wanted to show the unique phenomenon that has emerged from Winton's story, how his courageous acts many years ago continue to influence people from all over the world and motivate them to do good.

Their film demonstrates that members of *Nicky's Family* are not only the thousands of people who owe their lives to Sir Nicholas Winton, but also all those who want to do something positive for our world.

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Jill Ries, daughter of Judy and Gary Ries, to Mark Noyce;
Luba Krichevsky, daughter of Julia and Alex Krichevsky, to Aaron Kats; and
Sara Maier, daughter of Louise (Bruce Thomadsen) Goldstein and Gary Maier, and **Andrew Kushner,** son of Ken Kushner and Erica Serlin.

Mazel tov to the parents and grandparents of this new arrival:

Emma Sydney Ries, daughter of Joshua and Andrea Ries, granddaughter of Judy and Gary Ries; and
Ezra Stanley Friedman, son of Elizabeth and Marc Friedman, grandson of Lottie and Joel Frank.

Condolences to the families of:

Andy Schauer, brother of James (Diane) Schauer;
Melvin Gittleman, father of Marci (Randall Blumenstein) Gittleman;
Herbert Leon Gronik, father of Nan (Jim) Youngerman;
Jessica Forman, sister of Jacki Forman;
Donald Goren, father of Len (Terrie) Goren;
Paula Scarr, aunt of Betsy Abramson (David Seligman) and sister-in-law of Corinne Cohn;
John Boll, father of Cathy (Neal) Miller; and
Sarah Cutler, mother of Donna (Jeff) Landsman.



Pictured from left to right are Jamie Tolmatsky, Cory Meyer, and Megan Meyer.

Ask Big Questions: UW-Madison Hosts Week of Service

By Dana Mayber

Ask Big Questions (ABQ) is a national initiative of Hillel International. It is currently in its first year at UW and has already connected a diverse group of students across the campus and throughout the greater Madison community. ABQ seeks to engage people in conversations about questions that matter to everybody and that everybody can answer. The purpose is to gain a better understanding of self and others by moving beyond the shallow differences that divide us and by attempting to uncover the deeper connections common to us all. Five student fellows, Dana Mayber, Megan Meyer, Jamie Tolmatsky, Cory Meyer and Beau Trapp launched ABQ at UW this fall. The ABQ fellows host small group dialogues, initiate one-on-one conversations and create and implement campus-wide campaigns designed to reach out to the larger UW community.

This semester, ABQ is hosting a campaign with the intention of bringing the campus and community together for a Week of Service. The campaign centers on the big question: "What is your perfect tomorrow?" Throughout March, ABQ engaged the community in dialogue about each person's individual role in creating his or her perfect tomorrow. The goal was that simply asking the right question would translate into action, helping to make the world a better place.

The campaign not only affords the Madison community a platform to discuss ways that they might give back but also provides numerous outlets for participants to act. During the ABQ Week of Service, which runs from April 7-12th, Madison students and community members may choose a service activity that best aligns with their vision of a perfect tomorrow. ABQ has planned several service projects, and students and community members can volunteer for one or more of the activities throughout the week.

To kick off the Week of Service, volunteers will be heading to Lakeshore Forest Preserve on campus to help beautify, clean and maintain the grounds. This hands-on activity involves pulling invasive garlic mustard and working together to make a substantial impact right in our own backyard.

There will also be an opportunity to visit O'Keeffe Middle School in Madison. Participants, including several Badger athletes, will visit students' athletic practices to help run drills, provide short training clinics and interact with the students. O'Keeffe Middle School serves many of Madison's homeless children, so after school activities and sports are a highlight for these students.

ABQ will be partnering with student groups, such as Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), and manning stations around campus, swabbing volunteers to help get them registered into the national bone marrow list and potentially save a life down the road.

Another service option includes raising money and social awareness for genocide and similar atrocities that continue to occur around the world. Participants will fundraise to contribute to Change 4 Change, a group collecting 400,000 coins in honor of each of the victims of the Sudanese Civil War. The money will benefit a Darfur refugee who is now living and studying in Illinois, but is unable to pay his school expenses.

Finally, ABQ will bring the community together for an evening of music and service. Guests are asked to bring canned and packaged food to benefit the Second Harvest Food Bank. Redamté Coffee Shop, located in the heart of State Street, has generously agreed to host the event which will feature local Madison bands and will provide a space for participants to continue reflecting on their "perfect tomorrow."

As the Week of Service approaches, ABQ is looking forward to engaging the community in projects that will make the world a better place. For more information or to sign up to participate in any of these events or future ABQ conversations please contact AskBigQuestionsUW@gmail.com.

YJP Madison's JLI Course Teaches How Judaism Helps Navigate Everyday Ethical Dilemmas

By Jim Stein

The practice of Judaism can be a source of spiritual inspiration and a way to connect with a greater being, one's community, and one's history. But can an ancient religion really inform how we live our lives in the 21st century, where modernity has created complexities never imagined 100 years ago, let alone thousands of years ago? Can Judaism help us decide what actions are "right" and "wrong" in a culture where moral relativism oftentimes is considered the ideal? I was eager to see if Judaism really could help me address some of the ethical decisions I have to make, so I enrolled in the Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) course "Living with Integrity: Navigating Everyday Ethical Dilemmas."

Rabbi Avremel Matusof, Director of YJP Madison, taught this thought-provoking and information-packed course to over 30 participants who met for 6 consecutive weeks. During this time, we learned how Judaism and Jewish scholars tackled ethical issues related to privacy, forgiveness, charitable giving, responsibility to our parents, telling the truth, and honoring commitments. Each class started with a stimulating and challenging thought exercise that set the stage for learning about philosophical and theological approaches to ethical issues that we face in everyday life. For example, we discussed the ethics of using a "nanny-cam," reading emails or text messages intended for your spouse, and "creeping" on Facebook pages. We also discussed when we should forgive and when we are not required to forgive, Jewish guidelines for charitable giving and tithing, and what it really means (or does not mean) to "honor" ones' parents. I was especially intrigued to learn that Judaism inherently values telling the truth, but Jewish scholars have argued that the "white lies" all humans tell may be acceptable if they serve to avoid shaming others or they promote harmony. The content was incredibly interesting - I had no idea how relevant Judaism was to situations that we face every day. Rabbi Matusof taught the course masterfully by combining wit, scholarly insight, and kindness in addressing complicated and sometimes emotionally charged issues. This was my second JLI course and both have been excellent.



The next JLI course is "Curious Tales of the Talmud: Finding Personal Meaning in the Legends of our Sages." It will be offered at the Lussier Community Education Center on six consecutive Monday nights from 7:30-9:00 PM, starting on April 22, 2013. For more information, please contact Rabbi Avremel Matusof (Director@YJPMadison.com) or visit myjli.com. I already have signed up!







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April 12-14: A Weekend of Music with Gerard Edery

Friday, April 12th, A Sephardic Shabbat, with Gerard's participation and his "Sermon in Song" on Sephardic music. Musicians – Bring your instruments to jam with Gerard after the service!

Saturday, April 13th, Gerard will present a concert called "Treasures of World Song," Gerard's instrumental virtuosity, rich baritone and masterful arrangements will create an unforgettable musical experience. Check out: http://www.templebethelmadison.org/our-community/committees/music/ to see a video of Gerard Edery.

Saturday Morning Shabbat Celebration: April 13, June 1, July 27

ALL generations gather for this beautiful worship service with the T'fillah Band followed by a light Kiddush lunch. Adults of all ages with and without children, this Shabbat is for you! Children ages 2-8 are welcome to stay for services or be with us for the first part of services, then join in a special Shabbat Experience led by a teacher and song leader.

Give it a try, and let us know what you think! Services begin at 10:30am.

Lag B'Omer

Sunday, April 28, 5:30 – 8 pm,
Picnic Point

Come join us for a potluck bonfire to celebrate this holiday. Bring your own picnic, blanket and flashlight and Temple will provide the s'mores. Please RSVP to:http://templebethelmadison.wufoo.com/forms/lag-bomer-bonfire-picnic/ or call 238-3123 and ask for the Program Director.

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 the entire community, and we sponsor and host a variety of workshops, study groups, classes and social events each month.

Please visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, for details on programming and membership, or to join our email and paper mailing lists. For more information on the events below, contact the Beth Israel office at 608-256-7763 or office@bethisraelcenter.org.

Pesach Services

Services will take place at 9:30am on April 1 & 2. Please join us!

Fiction with Friends: Nora Gold joins us on Skype

April 8, at Beth Israel Center

Read works by contemporary Jewish authors or books with Jewish themes and then trade reviews and perspectives on what you've read with old and new friends. Discussions are facilitated by Elana Matthews, MATC writing instructor and graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

For our next meeting, 7pm April 8, please look at Issue #9 of Jewish fiction.net (14 works of short fiction written by women from around the world. Nora Gold, the editor of Jewishfiction.net will be joining us via Skype. If issue #10 comes out before you read #9, you will have to join Jewish Fiction.net {it's free} so that you can access #9 in the archives.

Yom Rishon – April 14

Held approximately once a month on Sunday mornings, "Yom Rishon" ("The First Day" or "Sunday") is a theme-based program for preschoolers, including art, movement, music, stories, and projects as well as further learning on the subject for parents and other adults who accompany the children. It is family education at its finest.

Classes take place at 10am downstairs at Beth Israel Center (watch for signs as to which room). Our next class will be April 14! Please tell your friends—everyone is welcome to this innovative program. For more information, please contact Beth Copelovitch at 256-7763 or education@bethisraelcenter.org.

Utopia Unlimited: Women, Fundamentalism, and Science Fiction

April 15, 7 p.m.

Feminist science fiction writers imagine the advent of religious theocracy and its consequences for women, people of color, and other often marginalized groups, For these authors, science fiction becomes a way to explore feminist theory that is not only colorful, but reaches a broad audience. In this session, Naomi Mercer will treat us to a sampling of feminist science fiction that crosses genre boundaries, disseminates social commentary, and offers blueprints toward egalitarian utopia. Join us at 7pm on April 15 at Beth Israel.

Army Lieutenant Colonel Naomi Mercer is an assistant professor at West Point who teaches English composition and literature, completing her doctorate in literary studies at UW Madison.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Kumzitz

April 16

Celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut at Beth Israel Center! We'll have a light dinner with an Israeli themed menu and follow it with a lot of singing. Check www.beth israelcenter.org for details.

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Tuesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.
Beth Israel Center

Join area Rabbis and speakers from across Madison's Jewish community for a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 14, at Beth Israel Center. Dairy delights to keep learners sharp throughout the evening will be served!

This year's theme: HAPPINESS. What is it? How does one pursue it? Psychology and philosophy have much to say on this topic. What can Jewish wisdom and tradition contribute the the conversation?

These questions and more will be examined through a variety of teachers and approaches.

If you are interested in teaching, please contact Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon at rbengideon@gmail.com. Topics creatively related to this year's theme are encouraged, but all ideas are welcome!

A program of Beth Israel Center's Adult Education Program, co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

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.

Join Us for Special Events in the Month of April

Deepening our Connection to Jewish Springtime: An Exploration of Texts and Tradition
Taught by Rabbi Renee Bauer
Sundays, April 7, 14, & 28
9:50-11:30 a.m.
Center for Families
2120 Fordem Avenue

The weeks following Passover are a rich period on the Jewish calendar. Rabbi Renee Bauer will teach a series of classes that will help participants deepen their relationship to this period. On April 7, Holocaust Memorial Day, we will explore Torah commentaries that connect the Torah portions to remembering the Holocaust. On April 14, we will explore the traditions and mystical practices of counting the Omer (the 49 day period between Passover and Shavuot). On April 28, we will prepare for Shavuot by exploring the Book of Ruth, a text that is traditionally read on Shavuot. No prior knowledge is required. Participants are encouraged to attend the entire series but are welcome to participate in individual sessions. Please contact the office if you'd like to attend.

Planting Trees at Beit Olamin Cemetery

Sunday, April 14
12:00 p.m. (after Bet Sefer)
Beit Olamim Cemetery
at Sunset Memory Gardens

The Shaarei Shamayim community will take a field trip to the Beit Olamim Cemetery at Sunset Memory Gardens to plant 50 white pine trees in (belated) celebration of Tu B'Shevat. These trees will help to beautify the cemetery as well as to reforest the area, making it more pleasant in the summer with added shade and reducing the wind in the winter. Beit Olamim, Madison's new Jewish cemetery, was dedicated in December of 2009. It is located along the far northeast corner of Sunset Memory Gardens, 7302 Mineral Point Road, bounded by Westfield Road and Tree Lane. If you are interested in participating in the tree planting, please contact the office.

Erev Shabbat Vegetarian Potluck

Erev Shabbat Vegetarian Potluck
Friday, April 5
6:00 p.m.
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.

Shabbat Services

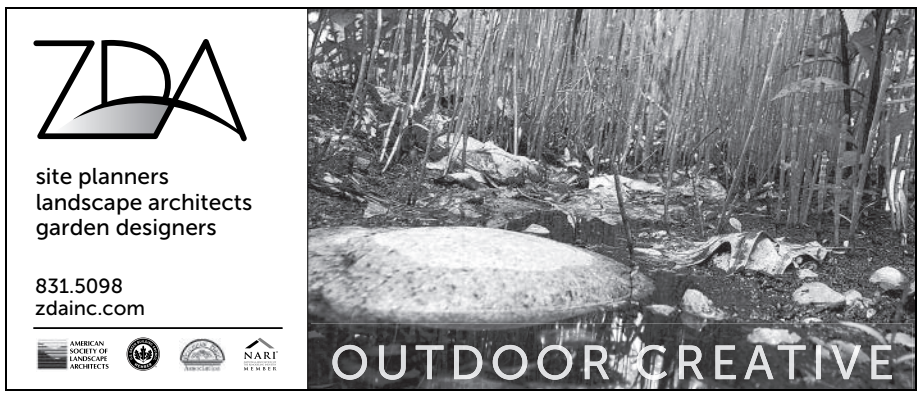
Friday, April 19
Saturdays, April 13 & 27
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On Friday April 19, we'll gather for children's services at 5:30 p.m., a potluck dinner at 6:15 p.m., and adult services at 7:15 p.m. On April 13, we'll have Torah study at 9:30 a.m., services at 10:30 a.m., and kiddush at 12:30 p.m. Yehonatan Hazani Zion, Madison's shaliach, will give a D'var Torah on April 13. On April 27 we will welcome to the community Tamar Rubin-Calvert as a Bat Mitzvah; services begin at 9:30 a.m.

Exploring Judaism

Wednesday, April 24
4:30 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
1123 Vilas Avenue

Join Rabbi Laurie for an informal monthly gathering to discuss your personal exploration of Judaism. This group is for people who want to deepen their knowledge of Jewish practice, who have questions regarding Jewish identity, and who are looking for an opportunity to ask questions in a relaxed environment. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the office.



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Conney Conference Explores Jewish Arts

By Allison Bloom

The Conney Project on Jewish Arts, initiated in 2005 by Professor Douglas Rosenberg, has proven to be a dynamic force in the field of Jewish arts and scholarship. Sponsored by the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, the Conney Project aims to raise awareness of Jewish artists and scholars and to support new scholarship and production in the field. The cornerstone of the project is the biennial Conney Conference, which will be held this year from April 9-12 at UW Hillel, 611 Langdon Street.

The conference is structured around a "practice-theory" model that brings working artists and their creations together with scholarship of contemporary and historical Jewish arts. The program features performances and presentations by artists, as well as research papers on a wide variety of topics related to Jewish arts.

This year's conference focuses on the theme of "Diasporas" and features keynote speaker Josh Kun, director of the Popular Music Project at USC Annenberg, whose research focuses on popular music, the cultures of globalization and Jewish-American musical history. His talk begins at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10 at UW Hillel.

The conference will include several evening performances open to the public. RAKHMONES, a Ramones tribute band (composed of UW–Madison faculty members) whose Yiddish punk rock covers are "a window into an alternative universe, where Yiddish remained an everyday language in the U.S. well into the 1970s," will perform at UW Hillel at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9.

On Wednesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m., the musical ensemble Barbez will perform in Lathrop Hall at 1050 University Avenue. Their adventurous music draws on art rock, European folksong, and contemporary classical styles. For this performance, the group will present *Bella Ciao*, a song cycle built around the radical re-imagining of ancient Roman-Jewish melodies. It is scheduled for release this year on John Zorn's Tzadik record label.

Another highlight is a performance of *If the Whole Body Dies: Raphael Lemkin and the Treaty Against Genocide*. Written by UW Professor Emeritus Bob Skloot, the play follows the story of Raphael Lemkin, the Polish-Jewish lawyer who coined the term "genocide" and his attempts to lobby the United Nations to adopt a treaty against genocide. The performance will take place at the H'Doubler performance space in Lathrop Hall (1050 Lathrop Avenue), at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11.

For the first time this year, the Conney Conference will also feature the Jewish Choreographers and Performers Workshop, which will provide mentoring for dancers and other performers exploring Jewish identity in their work. Facilitated by Judith Brin Ingber, a longtime Conney participant and active choreographer, the workshop will take place at the Gates of Heaven synagogue at 302 E. Gorham Street.

The entire conference is free and open to the public. It begins with an opening reception at UW Hillel at 5:00 p.m. on April 9. Paper presentations begin at 8:30 a.m. on April 10–12. A detailed schedule and videos of past Conney Conference presentations are available online at http://conneyproject.wisc.edu.

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Madison Minyan Celebrates *Chai* Minyan

By Aleeza A.
Madison Minyan Volunteer & Participant

If you walk into the historic Gates of Heaven synagogue in James Madison park on the second Friday of the month, you'll find yourself at Madison Minyan, a non-denominational minyan that's 100% volunteer run. In February, Madison Minyan celebrated its chai (18th) Minyan since it was founded by a dozen passionate Jews from across the religious spectrum in late 2011.

Over its lifetime, many have come to Madison Minyan for the lively Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by a Kosher meat potluck. The minyan is proud to boast that every Friday night gathering has had at least one new person attend, and usually many. They've enjoyed hosting many out-of-town guests over the months, and have grown from a predominantly young adult minyan to one that proudly represents the entire age spectrum as well.

So what's the magic that has brought the minyan to this most recent milestone? It's the combination of a dedicated volunteer core, donations, and of course, participants. Each person who helps contribute to the potluck or lends their voice to the *ruach* and *kavanah* during services or makes a donation is an integral part of Madison Minyan.

Each participant has his or her own reasons for attending, from the energy in the room during services to simply being around other Jews. But no matter what brings someone to the minyan, it's clear that this is a labor of love by the many founders, volunteers, and newcomers who pitch in every month to ensure its success.

Madison Minyan has had several recent successes and looks forward to even more. In December, the minyan was awarded a grant to help with growth and operations for the first six months of 2013 by the Young Adult Department of The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, and in March, they enjoyed a near record-setting attendance. In April, the minyan will welcome Rabbi Kenneth Katz to give the monthly *d'var Torah*. In May we'll gather on the 3rd Friday of the month instead of the second, as we celebrate yet another marriage of a pair of founders.

The future is bright for Madison Minyan, and we hope that you will soon join us to see for yourself what all of the fuss is about. The next minyanim are April 12, May 17 (3rd Friday), and June 14 at Gates of Heaven on the near east side. To ensure that everyone is comfortable eating the potluck contributions, a cooking party is held the Thursday before each minyan for those who want to cook but don't have a kosher kitchen. A volunteer meeting is held following each minyan, and everyone is invited to attend. For more information about these events, Madison Minyan, ways to volunteer, or how to make a donation, please visit our website at www.madisonminyan.com or e-mail info@madisonminyan.com. You can also sign up for the Madison Minyan newsletter from the website, and connect with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/MadisonMinyan.

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Day School Students Get Involved:

Tikkun Olam is Part of the Curriculum at Madison Jewish Community Day School

On a snowy Wednesday in late February, students and faculty from Madinah Academy of Madison visited Madison Jewish Community Day School. MJCDS teacher Geri Goldman led the Jewish and Muslim students in an engaging afternoon program that invited the children to explore the similarities between Hebrew and Arabic.

"It's always such an uplifting few hours when we eat, learn and catch up with our friends from a school that in many ways is very similar to our own." says MJCDS head of school Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon.

This is the third year that the two schools have partnered, gathering once each winter and once each spring. MJCDS has a similar partnership with Edgewood Campus School as well.

In these visits, students get to know children of other faiths through learning and play. Getting involved with the wider community in Madison through initiatives such as this one is an important value at MJCDS.

"Part of our school mission is to nurture a strong sense of community and social responsibility in students," says Ben-Gideon. "Our programs help children understand the importance of being involved in our community, knowing our neighbors and being empowered to make a difference."

Along with cultivating a love of learning and of Jewish life, community involvement is a key part of the MJCDS experience. Among the school's guiding principles is the value of working to repair our world (Tikkun Olam), and the importance of acting on our values and treating one another with respect. (Derech Eretz)

These values come alive through a combination of study, service projects and community activities throughout the year.

Each Thanksgiving, students make a trip down Monroe Street to Trader Joe's, where they purchase food and personal items that are then donated to the needy through Jewish Social Services of Madison. While helping others is the main point of the trip, the experience gives students a chance to learn about many subjects at once: social responsibility, nutrition (students must select what to purchase) and a bit of math, as students shop within a budget.

Each December, students celebrate Hanukkah by visiting local senior communities and performing holiday songs for residents. This past winter, students performed and then visited with audience members. Watching young students visit with new senior friends is always inspiring, and it is obvious how much the seniors enjoy interacting with the children.

Each spring before the holiday of Purim, students create Mishloach Manot, gifts of food for family and friends, and contribute to Matanot L'Evyonim, gifts to the needy. Performing these mitzvot fit in with what has become a key idea that pervades school life: that being Jewish means getting involved and knowing that each of us has a role in improving our world.

For more information about Madison Jewish Community Day School, a Jewish elementary school serving all branches of Madison's Jewish community, contact info@madisonjewishdayschool.com or call 608-204-9900.





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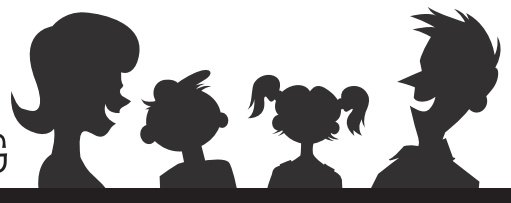

UPCOMING

Family Education Events

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

- **Challah Baking Workshop – Sunday, April 14, 2-4 p.m. at Temple Beth El:** Come and join us for this fun event. It will be an interactive, entertaining and informative session on the Do's and Don'ts of Challah baking. Cost is $5.00 per person. Adults and children of all ages are welcome. RSVP to program@jewishmadison.org or complete the registration form in this issue of the *Madison Jewish News*.

Other events to look forward to in the spring and summer (details coming)**:**

- **Fro-Yoga Event – Sunday, June 2**
  Yoga classes at Blackbird Family Yoga in Middleton followed by schmoozing and frozen yogurt at Menchie's in Middleton Hills.
- **Oodles of Noodles Pool Party – date TBA**
- **Shabbat Oneg at the Zoo – date TBA**

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

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

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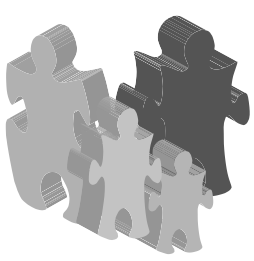

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Fun and Fabulous Women's Night Out!

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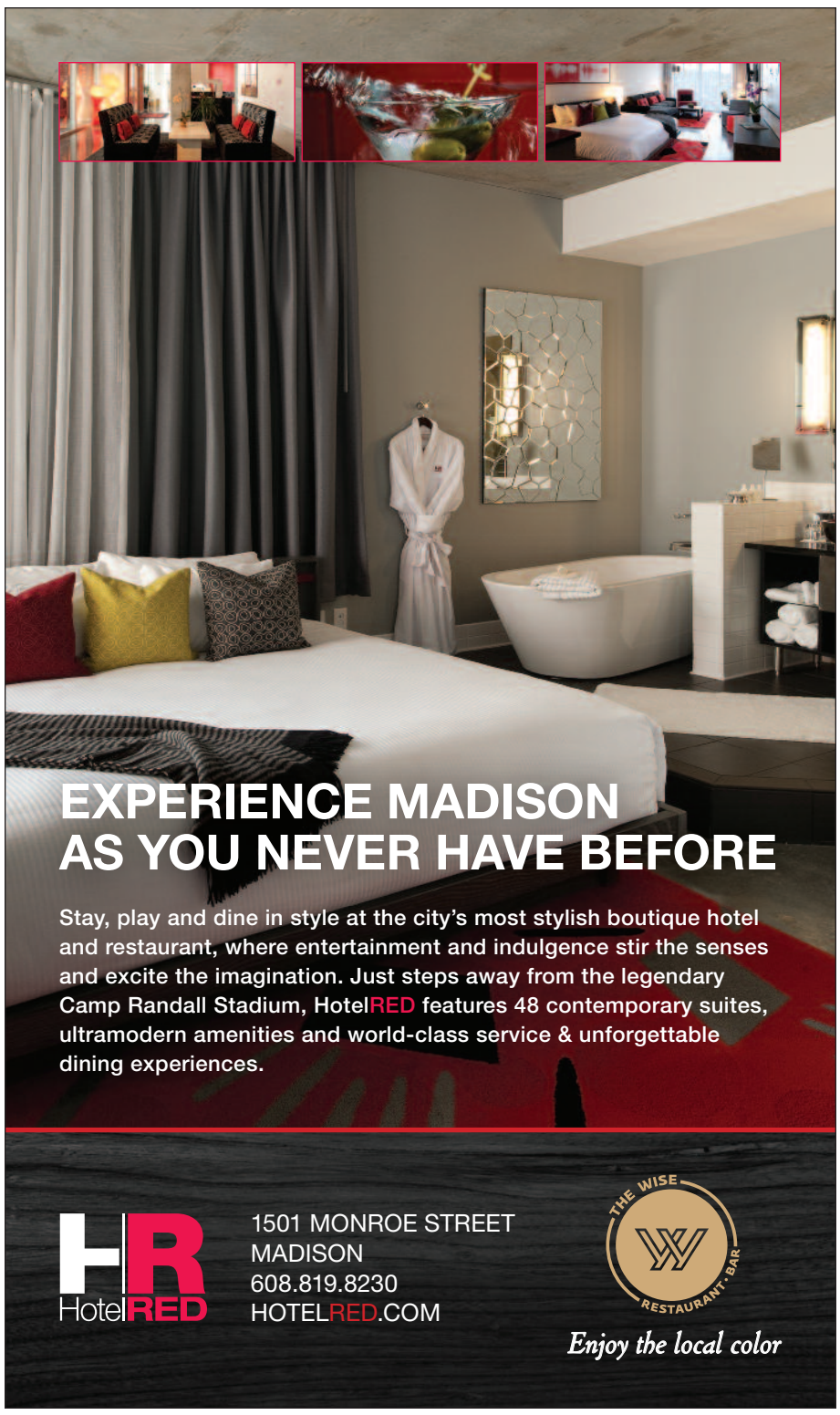

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Come and join us for this FUN event. It will be an interactive, hands-on, entertaining and informative session on the Do's and Don'ts of Challah baking. Adults and children of all ages welcome.

Sunday, April 14, 2013 • 2:00-4:00 PM
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive
Fee: $5 per person

Please register by April 10, 2013 ONLINE at www.JewishMadison.org or by sending in the form below. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen at 278-1808 x232 or program@jewishmadison.org

Registration Form for the CHALLAH BAKING WORKSHOP

Please list the names of those in your family who will be participating:

Adult's Name: _____

Adult's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Children's Names: Age:

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Current Friendly Visitor Opportunities

• An elderly woman with some memory issues, who grew up in France and later ran a business (Near East side)

• An older gentleman with a good sense of humor, who enjoys fishing, cards and history (Southwest side).

• Another elderly man who has a passion for history, especially the Holocaust (Southwest side)

• A long-time, fiercely independent and straight-talking Madisonian

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

Current Bikur Holim Opportunity with an elderly woman at a West Side nursing home.

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

A la Carte Volunteering

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

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Youth Volunteering 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.

Award-Winning Chef Gil Marks Headlines Summer Fundraiser for Jewish Social Services

Writer, historian, rabbi, social worker, and self-taught chef Gil Marks, a leading authority on culinary subjects in general and Jewish food in particular, will conduct a cooking demonstration featuring, "Rosh Hashanah Recipes from Around the World," on Tuesday, August 6, in a special event fundraiser for Jewish Social Services. The recipes will be taken from his James Beard Award-winning *Olive Trees and Honey: A Treasury of Vegetarian Recipes from Jewish Communities around the World* (Wiley 2004).

The cooking demonstration, to be held at Full Compass Systems, will be followed by a chocolate and wine tasting. *Ticket sales and reservation information are forthcoming*. Registration for Marks' presentation the following day at the Levy Summer Series, described elsewhere in the *Madison Jewish News*, offers the opportunity for attendees to purchase a signed copy of this book. There may be additional opportunities to buy a signed copy of this book.

Reviewer Norene Gilletz, in gourmania.com, says of *Olive Trees and Honey*: "This outstanding collection of 300 vegetarian dishes has been woven together with cultural and historical details that will intrigue armchair travelers, history buffs and cooks alike. *Olive Trees and Honey* will take you on an exciting global journey, allowing you to experience the way Jews have been eating meatless meals for centuries."



Chef Gil Marks

In 1986, Marks combined his interests in food, history, Judaism, and writing to become founding editor of "Kosher Gourmet" magazine. Three of his books have been nominated for the James Beard Award, including the *Encyclopedia of Jewish Food* (Wiley, 2010), the James Beard Award-winning *Olive Trees and Honey*, and *The World of Jewish Cooking* (Simon & Schuster, 1996). In January 2012, Saveur Magazine included *Encyclopedia of Jewish Food* in its "100 New Classics," as "an indispensable resource" and noting, "Whatever topic we're researching, whether it relates to Jewish food or not, we always find what we're looking for inside."

In 2010, Marks was included in the Jewish Forward's annual "Forward 50," a list of the fifty most influential Jewish-Americans. On his website,gilmarks.com, he explores food and flora in the Bible and in Jewish culture and history.

Batter Up! JSS Heads for the Northside Duck Pond

On Thursday, July 11, Jewish Social Services supporters – that means all of you! – will be at the Warner Park Duck Pond for a 7:00 p.m. baseball game against the Wisconsin Woodchucks. Naturally, we will be tailgating before the game. In addition to baseball there's entertainment, silliness, giveaways, and the evening game means we will not fry in the hot sun.

We are delighted to tell you that Jewish Social Services will be that evening's "featured non-profit," giving us some great community exposure and the opportunity to raise funds to support the important work we do every day.

Everyone is welcome! Families, friends, people of all ages, groups, let's make our mark with great attendance at this game. Tickets are $10 each and are on sale now at http://jssmadison.org/ upcoming-events. Let us know if you need help with transportation.



Touch it.

Smooth silver, shiny gold, simple wood. Whatever they're made of, when we hang them on our doorposts, they all say the same thing. This is who I am. This is the community I'm part of. There are as many ways to leave a Jewish legacy as there are beautiful mezuzot, and as many reasons to make it a priority. When you leave a legacy, this simple act speaks volumes about your passion and commitment, telling your children and grandchildren what you cherish, and touching the lives of generations. To learn more about leaving a legacy gift, contact the Jewish Federation of Madison by calling 608-278-1808 or visit www.jewishmadison.org

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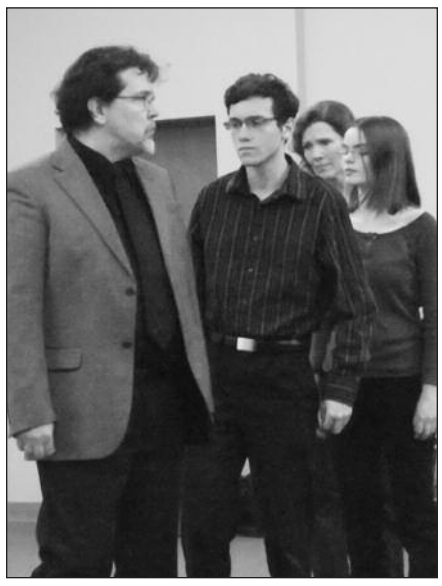
Jewish Education

Midrasha Students Remember and Reflect About the Holocaust

On Wednesday, March 20th, Midrasha hosted a youth symposium called *Remembering and Relating to the Holocaust*. The program was sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison and CTM's production of *And Then They Came for Me… Remembering the World of Anne Frank*. It was an interfaith program attended by students from St. Dennis School, Blessed Sacrament School and friends of the Midrasha students. The cast from the play came and acted out several scenes using the unique multimedia approach that makes this production so powerful. Professor Bob Skloot then came and talked to the students about the connection between the theater and the Holocaust and why these plays are so meaningful and important. After a short break and some schmoozing, the students were divided into multiage, interfaith discussion groups where they reflected on the performance, discussed the emotional impact of the play and how they related to the characters and their stories. Finally, as a large group the students reflected on the program and expressed that they felt it was a meaningful way to learn about the Holocaust. One student explained that he liked the multimedia approach of this play because it helped him connect with the characters. Another student reflected that she enjoyed the interfaith discussion because in school when they learn about the Holocaust she is often the only Jewish student and in Midrasha or Hebrew School she is surrounded by Jewish students. This program gave the participants a chance to learn new perspectives and engage in meaningful dialogue as well as meet some new people. A big thank you to Roseann Sheridan, Lindsey Hoel-Neds and the cast of *And Then They Came for Me* from CTM as well as to the teachers and students from Blessed Sacrament, St. Dennis School and Midrasha who participated in this program!









A Spring In Our Steps!

Our Bet and Gimel dancers enjoyed their spring retreat at the Goodman Campus in Verona with recreational dance instruction led by guest teacher Cheryl Soref.



Back in Madison, all of Yonim performed at Oakwood Village West and on the *Celebrating Youth!* stage at the Kids' Expo.

All of the Yonim groups have been busy preparing for the upcoming end of the year performance at 2pm on Sunday, May 5th. The festival will be at the Edgewood College Anderson Auditorium and will not only feature Yonim but will showcase the talents of the Okinawon Taiko Drummers of Wisconsin and performances by Chug Ivrit and the Madison Jewish Community Day School students. This event is open to everyone and will be entertaining for audiences of all ages!

For more information about the upcoming Sharsheret weekend retreat please contact Dana Prager, Yonim@jewishmadison.org





Got Cabin Fever? Come & Join the Fun!

Yonim Israeli Folk Dance

SHARSHERET DANCE CAMP

All 5th-12th graders welcome – boys and girls

Camp Beber, Mukwanago, WI (1 hour & 20 minutes from Madison)

Friday, April 12th – Sunday, April 14th

Cost: $175 by March 21st or $190 after March 21st

Registration includes Kosher meals & snacks, lodging, t-shirt, dance workshops with guest choreographer Li Chiao-Ping. Camp begins Friday, April 12 at 5:30pm and ends Sunday, April 14 at noon. Also included is a rehearsal on Sunday, April 21, 4-5:30pm at Beth Israel Center AND a performance on Sunday, May 5 at 2pm at the Edgewood College Auditorium!

For more information please contact Dana Prager at Yonim@jewishmadison.org





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TUNES...

The Hilde Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool has created a special program with our own music teacher, Susan Valko. Susan will be teaching *Music Together®* classes for families in the Jewish community on Friday mornings in the conference room of the Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building. *Music Together®* classes involve informal singing, chanting, moving, listening, and instrument playing activities that are developmentally appropriate for very young children and their care givers. Each week we'll have a little SCHMOOZING in the conference room with a challah snack and then head into the TUNES part of the program with a music class. This is a great way to meet other families and introduce your children to Jewish friendships that may last a lifetime!

Program	April 5th thru June 7th, no class on May 17th. Cost: $160.
Fridays:	Class 1: 9:15am-10am (schmoozing until 10:15am)
	Class 2: 10:15am-11am (schmoozing until 11:15am)

Minimum enrollment of 8 children is required. Contact Lynn at 278-1808 for more information or visit www.jewishmadison.org.

MIDRASHA Since 1975

MIDRASHA OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 7 PM
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive

For all 6th & 7th grade students in our community and all 8th - 12th grade students who are not currently enrolled.

Please join us for our Open House on April 24th. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the program, and meet current students, parents, teachers and the Director. If you have any questions, or to RSVP [if you can] contact Ellen Weismer, Director of Midrasha, at 278-1808 or program@jewishmadison.org

Midrasha, the Hebrew High School of the Jewish Federation of Madison, Beth Israel Center, and Temple Beth El, serves students in 8th - 12th grade from a variety of denominational and non-affiliated backgrounds. The purpose of Midrasha is to provide students with experiences that will strengthen their Jewish identity and encourage and stimulate their desire to learn about their heritage.

CAMP SHALOM KATAN



ONE-WEEK SESSIONS
JUNE 24-AUG. 23

Spring is here and that means that camp is right around the corner!

Camp Shalom Katan, which means little in Hebrew, offers one-week sessions from June 24th through August 23rd for preschool-aged children. Camp Shalom Katan offers 10 fun-filled, exciting themed weeks. Summer camp weeks run Monday thru Friday, 9:00am -1:30pm for 3- and 4-year-olds and 9:00am-noon for 2 year-olds. Full day care options will be available 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Our goal for the summer is to provide lots of fun "camp-like" activities that engage preschoolers while still letting them know the joy of "summer vacation."

Registration is now open and forms are available at **www.jewishmadison.org**

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If you're not already receiving the Jewish Federation of Madison weekly event announcement email, please send us your email address so we can send you timely information about community programs, services, and special events.

To reduce our postage costs and help the environment, last year we began emailing most of our communications instead of sending printed copy mail. [Publication and mailing of our monthly newspaper, the *Madison Jewish News,* is not affected by this change; we'll continue to mail printed copy issues.]

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April and May Lechayim Calendars

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Reservations are required; call Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext. 227 by the preceding Friday. The kosher meals are cooked at Beth Israel by Café O Catering. A donation of $6.15 is suggested. Menus are subject to change based on availability.

Monday, April 1 – *Passover, Lechayim does not meet*

Monday, April 8 – *Lechayim commemorates Yom HaShoah*
11:00-12:00 *Operation Immunization with the Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students*
11:30-12:00 Feldenkreis Technique with Hagit Vardi
12:00-1:00 Sweet & Sour Meatballs, Kasha Varnishkes, Carrots, Cole Slaw, Mandelbrodt
1:00-2:00 Video: *"Lost Love Diaries"* with Israel Fellow Eden Hazani Zion

Monday, April 15 – *Lechayim celebrates Yom Ha'Atzmaut*
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 Israeli Salad, Hummus & Pita, Potato/Cheese Borekas, Melon Slices
1:00-2:00 Shaliach Yehonatan Hazani Zion, *"Growing up in the Old City of Jerusalem"*

Monday, April 22
11:00-12:00 Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Estelle Katz
12:00-1:00 Chicken Stir Fry with Veggies, Mandarin Orange Salad with Chow Mein Noodles, Rice, Egg Roll, Almond Cookie
1:00-2:00 David Dettman, *"Islam in China"*

Monday, April 29
11:30-12:00 Yoga from a chair with Estelle Katz
12:00-1:00 Tuna Noodle Casserole, Carrot Coins, Apple Crisp
1:00-2:00 Professor Dennis Dresang, *"The Changing Profile of Wisconsin Politics"*

Monday, May 6
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 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Baked Apples
1:00-2:00 Professor Cherene Sherrard-Johnson, *"Dorothy West's Paradise: A Biography of Class and Color"*

Monday, May 13
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 Minestrone Soup, Spaghetti with Marinara, Green Beans, Pears, Chocolate Cake
1:00-2:00 To be announced

Monday, May 20
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 Tossed Salad, Roasted Chicken, Garlic Potatoes, Fresh Fruit Salad, Cake
1:00-2:00 To be announced

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Понедельник, 1 Апреля Пасха, Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, 8 Апреля Лехаим чтит память Йом ха-Шоа
11:00-12:00 Операция "Иммунизация " Встреча со студентами Фармацевтичесого Общества штата Висконсин
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Фрикадельки под сладко-кислым соусом, Каша гречневая, морковь, салат капустный. Миндальный хлеб
1:00-2:00 Видео: *"Дневники потерянной любви"* с Израильским парнем Эденом Хазани Сионом

Понедельник, 15 Апреля Лехаим празднует Йом а-Ацмаут

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Израильский салат. Хумус и пита. Слоеные пирожки с картофелем и сыром . Дыня
1:00-2:00 Шалиах Йехонатан Хазани Зион, "Выращен в Старом городе Иерусалима"

Понедельник, 22 Апреля

11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Курица жареная с овощами, салат с мандаринами и апельсинами и рисовая лапша. Яичные рулетики. Миндальное печенье

1:00-2:00 Давид Деттман, «Ислам в Китае"

Понедельник, 29 Апреля

11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Запеканка из тунца лапши и горошка. Морковь тушеная. Хрустящий яблочный пирог
1:00-2:00 Профессор Деннис Дресанг, "Изменяющийся профиль политики Висконсина".

Понедельник, 6 Мая

11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Мясной рулет. Картофельное пюре. Брокколи. Запеченные яблоки
1:00-2:00 Профессор Деннис Дресанг "Изменяющийся профиль политики Висконсина".

Понедельник, 13 Мая

11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Овощной суп. Спагетти с соусом Маринара. Зеленая фасоль. Груши. Шоколадный торт
1:00-2:00

Понедельник, 20 Мая

11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Зеленый салат. Жаркое из курицы. Картофель с чесноком. Салат из свежих фруктов. Торт
1:00-2:00

About our Programs

Lechayim will not meet on **Monday, April 1,** as Jewish Social Services will be closed for the last two days of Passover.

Stories of lovers being torn apart by war and swearing eternal love – and what happens next – are intriguing, mysterious, poignant and occasionally have deeply satisfying endings. On **Monday, April 8** we'll commemorate Yom HaShoah with such a story. Israel Fellow Eden Hazani Zion will present the video, "Lost Love Diaries." This is the story of a remarkable Dutch Jewish woman, Elisheva (Ellis) Lehman, who, during World War II, waited at the appointed place and time for her fiancé Bernie to reunite with her. When he did not appear, she assumed the worst and looked ahead, creating a rich life for herself and her family. One year after her husband of more than 60 years died, she reaches for Bernie's love diary, bringing back the vivid memories of her doomed first love. This documentary relates the story of an energetic, vital and optimistic woman as she searches to discover what became of Bernie, and examines her own life.


Yehonatan and Eden Hazani Zion

Eden Hazani Zion was born in Israel of American parents. A dedicated advocate, she has worked on issues such as human trafficking, women's rights and the rights of women in religious Jewish life, and bringing together youth of different cultures and religions. She worked as a workshop coordinator and instructor for high school students at the Rape Crisis Center in Jerusalem. She currently is the Israel Fellow at the UW-Hillel Foundation, sponsored by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish Federation of Madison.

When Community Shaliach (emissary) Yehonatan Hazani Zion arrived in Madison last summer, he said he "looks forward to bringing Israeli culture to the whole community: adults, seniors, teenagers and children, and developing curiosity about Israel through knowledge and fun." On **Monday, April 15** Yehonatan will take us up close and personal to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, when he talks about growing up in Israel, the family roots that link him firmly to the establishment of the State of Israel, and his hopes for Israel in the years to come.

Yehonatan was born and raised in the Jewish quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, the youngest of six siblings. He spent his summers at Kibbutz Ein Ha'Natziv, where his grandmother was among the founders of the kibbutz. Prior to coming to Madison, Yehonatan worked as a teacher of Educational Games for Development of Strategic Thinking and Social Interactions at various elementary schools in Israel. This unique educational program is supported by the Karev Program, founded by the Bronfman family. Prior to that, he served in the Israeli army as a tank commander along Israel's borders, and was the coordinator of training courses for the armored brigade. He is a student of History and Philosophy at the Open University in Israel, from which he is taking a break in order to serve as Madison's Community Shaliach.

As Community Shaliach, sponsored by the Jewish Agency and the Jewish Federation of Madison, Yehonatan is extremely busy! He teaches at the Madison Jewish Community Day School, Gan HaYeled, Chug Ivrit and Midrasha. He leads community programs such as Mishnah study, casual Hebrew conversation groups and classes, and community events such as the Hava Nagila picnic. Yehonatan is married to Eden, an Israel Fellow at the UW-Hillel Foundation for Student Life.

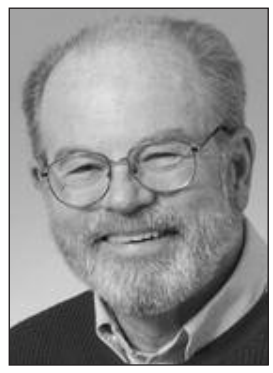
We'll look further to the east on **Monday, April 22.** David Dettman, Assistant Director at the Center for East Asian Studies, will introduce the varied histories and cultures of China's roughly 25 million practicing Muslims, with a special focus on the two largest groups, the Chinese-speaking *Hui* and the Turkic-speaking *Uyghurs*. Both groups are considered to be of different ethnicity from the majority Han of today's China, and are situated mostly in the northwestern developing borderland regions, areas that were integral parts of the classical Silk Road.


David Dettman

David Dettmann has been interested in the Turkic peoples of Central Asia since his study abroad experience in China in the 1990s. While in in Guangzhou, China, he studied Mandarin and the *pipa*, a four-stringed Chinese lute. He has his MA in Central Asian Studies from the UW-Madison, with a focus on Uzbek literature. He currently teaches a course on Islam in China at the UW-Madison, and is also the US Director for the American Center for Mongolian Studies.

Our program on **Monday, April 29** will bring us home to Wisconsin. Dennis Dresang, Professor Emeritus of Public Affairs and Political Science, will discuss "The Changing Profile of Wisconsin Politics." Whatever your political leanings might be, we can all agree that Wisconsin has witnessed many significant changes over the last few years. Professor Dresang will catch us up on these changes, what they might portend and what awaits us down the road.

Professor Dresang received his Ph.D. from UCLA. His research interests include state politics, public personnel management, and community issues. He is founding Director of the La Follette School of Public Affairs and is Director of the Center on State, Local, and Tribal Governance, served on numerous tribal and local government commissions on human resource management issues and was the research director for a policy initiative of Wisconsin's Lieutenant Governor to advance the status of women. He was the recipient of distinguished service awards from the Women's Political Caucus and the Wisconsin Equal Rights Council for both his research and public service on pay equity. Professor Dresang is the author and co-author of many books and articles, including editions of *Politics and Policy in American States and Communities*, *Public Personnel Management and Public Policy* and *Public Administration*. He has had articles published in the *American Political Science Review*, *International Organization*, *Public Personnel Management*, and *Journal of Public Personnel Administration*.

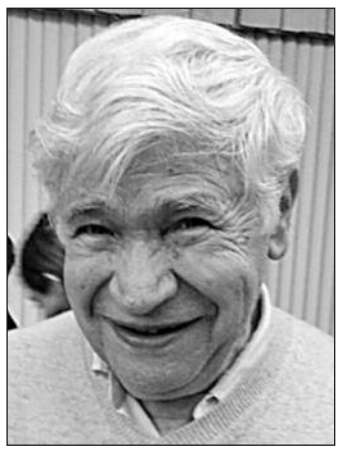

Dennis Dresang

Spotlight: Harold Farkas

By Pamela Phillips Olson

Based on oral history interviews by Anita Hecht, Life History Services, in December 2012, as well as recent conversations with Harold and Sandra Farkas.

When you look into the handsome smiling face of Harold Farkas, it is hard to believe his teenage years and young adulthood were spent dodging death.


Harold Farkas
(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)

Born in Horinch, Czechoslovakia, he was the fourth child of nine in an extended Orthodox family where learning was prized. He was named for his maternal grandfather, a tailor, who lived next door. He studied his grandfather's craft, and he became the favorite of this hard-working, temperamental man. Harold learned to be watchful and obedient. He often went to his grandparents' home for meals and study after finishing school and chores.

By the age of fourteen his world began to change. The Jewish community had a fragile hold on security. It was not a total shock when villagers were forced to leave their land and enter a ghetto two villages away. Soon afterward they were transported from Ghetto Iza, to Auschwitz. Harold went on to Dachau and then to a sub-camp in Bavaria, called Kaufering.

In Kaufering, he became sharply aware of the deaths of others. They either dropped or were taken away. In this most dehumanizing place, he made a conscious decision to try to stay alive. Inmates were starved and worked very hard doing roadwork. He kept a low profile, never complaining or trying to get a break.

In 1944 he lay close to death, weak and skeletal in the camp barracks. A young Jewish-American soldier came in. "He made some friendly conversation" and told them they were liberated. Harold was so weak he had "no spirit left to feel anything."

When his cousin, a tavern owner, sent an affidavit offering support, Harold was finally able to come to America. Arriving at Ellis Island, he was greeted by his brother Murray and cousin Joseph. They traveled by train to Cleveland. He needed to find a room and job immediately. His tailoring experience was invaluable. He found a job in a factory sewing pockets and began night high school. His scholarship was evident. Graduating with all A's and a B in math, his favorite subject, he applied to Case Institute, an elite engineering school, where he received a full tuition scholarship.

His career took him to Wisconsin to work in Milwaukee, Eau Claire and finally Madison. His work as an engineer evolved into hospital and agency administration. His final job was with the Wisconsin Division of Health and Human Services.

Looking back on his life Harold says, "I am grateful that I survived, I could have starved very easily. Instead, I had a good life." Harold smiles with tears in his eyes. "I am very happy to be in America."

The complete version of this story can be found at www.jssmadison.org.

In Stacy's Words:
Role Reversal



By Stacy Goldman

JSS Senior Adult Services

Last month, the social worker became the client. My grandmother had open heart surgery, and her recovery wasn't going particularly well. Although I had experience working with many families through medical crises, I found myself challenged by the complicated emotions that would overwhelm me as she slowly recovered. After all, I was a social worker, wasn't I? I could handle this….I've seen it all before. I'll just case-manage my grandmother's care, see to it that things run smoothly, and soon enough everything would be back to normal….

My experience with my grandmother's health crisis reinforced the fact that there are times when we are the caregiver, and there are times when we need to allow ourselves to be the recipients of care. And this time, I needed care. I needed the doctors, nurses, and social workers to guide me through this process. This time, I was not Stacy the Social Worker. This time, I was Stacy the granddaughter. I had to place my grandmother's life in the hands of the professionals, and trust that they had the skills and knowledge to see her through this difficult episode. I remember telling my grandmother's professional staff how much she meant to me, and how I needed to know that everything was being done to ensure her full recovery. I relied upon their compassion and reassurance. I hung on their every word. All I could do was to offer comfort to my grandmother as the professionals did their jobs.

This experience has taught me a number of lessons. First, I have learned that there is truth to the common expression, "You don't really know what it's like until you've experienced it yourself." Additionally, in the words of Dr. Kathy Magliato, in her book, *Healing Hearts: A Memoir of a Female Heart Surgeon*, "Sometimes we must yield control to others and accept our vulnerability so we can be healed." Each and every one of us is vulnerable at different times throughout our lives. But if we can allow ourselves to let go of some of the control, and to put our faith in the hands of those in whom we trust, we might find that the load we carry becomes just a bit lighter.

Sending wishes of peace and comfort to all who are carrying a burden at this time…

B'Shalom,
Stacy

Goldman's Groaners

Got a good joke? Got a not-so-good joke? Got a HORRIBLE joke? Send them to sgoldman@jssmadison.org to be shared at Lechayim. Here are a couple to get you started, submitted by Abe Landsman:

"I was a very unpopular child," says comedian Rita Rudner. "I had only two friends. They were imaginary. And they would only play with each other."

Comic J. Scott Homan said he'd been trying to get in shape doing 20 sit-ups each morning. "That may not sound like a lot, but you can only hit that snooze alarm so many times."

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



Our monthly Shabbat gatherings, with 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 JSS and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith and the assistance of Angel volunteers.
May 3

Capitol Lakes at 3:00 in the Grand Hall
333 West Main Street
A program of JSS and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with the assistance of UW students through the UW-Hillel Foundation.
April 12, May 10

Oakwood Village University Woods at 4:00 in the Oaks' Community Room
6225 Mineral Point Road
A program of JSS and Oakwood Village University West. With the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Lauren Mazur.
April 19

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.

Farmer's Market Vouchers Distribution

Starting in June, the Area Agency on Aging of Dane County will distribute farmer's market vouchers to seniors for use in purchasing $25 worth of fruit, vegetables or herbs at Farmer's Markets and roadside farm stands in Wisconsin, during the 2013 season (June 1st to October 30th, 2013). The vouchers are distributed on a first come, first served basis to those 60 or older, who have gross incomes under the 180% poverty level. One set of vouchers per household regardless of size of household. Vouchers cannot be mailed.

To get vouchers, you may be asked to prove your eligibility. Please bring along a picture ID showing your birth date, plus *one* of the following showing your income: 2011 or 2012 income tax, Homestead Credit form, social security allotment statement, or subsidized housing review letter.

If you need someone to pick up vouchers for you, an application needs to be completed and signed by you and brought along when your designee picks up the vouchers for you. To receive an application prior to pick up dates, contact your local senior center or Mary Browning at 608- 261-5678.

Vouchers will be handed out at various locations throughout Dane County. Dates and locations will be announced mid-May. If you received vouchers last year, you will be sent a letter mid-May with the distribution location and times. No appointment is necessary.

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Need an "Oddjobber"?

Do you need an "oddjobber" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can be sent to take care of some of those little but important things around your house or apartment. To request an OddJobber, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext 227 or louise@jssmadison.org.

If it's something we can help you with, we'll have a volunteer OddJobber contact you.



WSPS
Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students

This Month's Health Assessment is *Operation Heart*

The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment, Operation Heart, will be at Lechayim on April 8, 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 questions and concerns. The monthly Health Assessment schedule is:

April 8: Operation Immunization (Screening for immunization. *Note: no immunizations will be administered*)
May 5: Health Fair

Some Scenes From Lechayim

Photos by Milt Leidner and Louise Goldstein



Girls just wanna have fun!



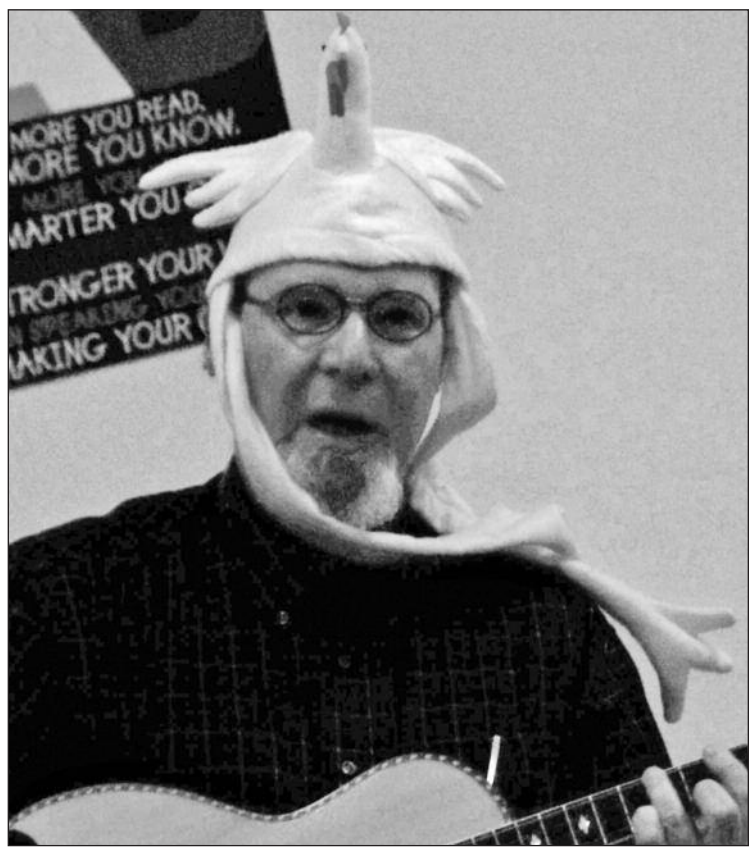
Herb Gronik z'l and Abe Landsman



Gypsy Saretta Burke



Eileen Rabson and Lillian Deutsch enjoy the show.



Real narishkeit (foolishness) is Henry Sapoznik wearing a chicken on his head.

Transportation to Lechayim

Transit Solutions will pick you up right outside your residence, drop you off at the door to Lechayim, and take you back home afterward. Contact Louise Goldstein (608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@ jssmadison.org) to make a reservation by 9:00 a.m. the Friday before Lechayim. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available. Rides are $1 round trip, payable to the driver. If you need to cancel your ride, give us a call. If you're a "regular," call Louise when you're **not** coming.

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

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.

Transitions

Happy April Birthday

Belle Friedman
Darlene Schwartz
Dorit Bergen
Elinor Stotsky
Euna Staniforth
Fay Nager
Gary Geller
Genya Kleyman
Jacqueline Sokolinsky
Lillian Deutsch
Muriel Rotter
Sheyla Bodnikevich

Mazel Tov

To Sam and Rachel Jacobs, on the birth of their great-granddaughter Ruby Jacobs, daughter of Adam Jacobs and Amy Lang, in Toronto;
To Aimee Powalicz, Beth Israel Center Building Manager and the person behind the scenes who made Lechayim happen, on her new job at Epic Systems. We'll miss you! Thank you for all your help!

Best Wishes for your Wellness

Jean Esch-Theobald
Sharon Langer
Betty Shovers
Abe Landsman

Welcome to your New Home

Saretta Burke, Oakwood Village

Condolences

To the family of Herb Gronik, father of Nan (Jim) Youngerman;
To the family of Paula Scarr, sister-in-law of Corine Cohn;
To the family of Sarah Cutler, mother of Donna Landsman and dear companion of Abe Landsman.

This article is about the struggle of American and Soviet Jews regarding the emigration from the USSR (part 4).

Генрих Бабич

О борьбе за право советских евреев на эмиграцию

(окончание)

Особо сложилась судьба крупного советского ученого в области теории управления Александра Лернера. Лернер, доктор технических наук, руководил отделом в Институте Проблем Управления (ИПУ), который возглавлял академик В. А. Трапезников. Лернер являлся одним из основоположников теории и практики оптимального управления. В середине 1960-х годов он становится энтузиастом исследований вопросов управления большими системами, а с 1967 года руководит исследованиями в области больших автоматизированных систем.

В ИПУ Лернер пользовался большим авторитетом, его связывали многолетние дружеские отношения с Трапезниковым. Все изменилось в одночасье, когда в конце 1971 года Лернер принял решение об отъезде в Израиль. Ему было тогда 58 лет и он находился в расцвете творческих сил. Его решение произвело эффект разорвавшейся бомбы. Лернера уволили из института, а Трапезников написал в КГБ письмо, в котором предлагал никогда не давать Лернеру разрешение на выезд, так как он, якобы, обладает секретами о высших проблемах управления государством. Для Лернера начинается долгий путь жизни "в отказе" и разрешение на выезд из страны он получил только в 1988 году, т.е. через 17 лет. Но Лернер не прекращает научную деятельность и становится организатором и руководителем научного семинара "отказников". Семинар объединил ученых, которые долгие годы не получали разрешения на выезд из СССР и были изолированы от научного общения с лояльными государству советскими коллегами. Члены семинара не желали становиться "изгоями" в научной жизни.

В январе 1988 года Лернер выехал в Израиль, и там становится профессором Института имени Вейцмана. Отпраздновав в 2003 году свое 90-летие, он приступает к написанию книги о научных принципах построения современного государства, но через несколько месяцев после этого умер. История Лернера в политическом смысле не столь масштабна, как, например, Щаранского, но она является яркой иллюстрацией положения советских евреев в "отказе".

История Эдуарда Кузнецова развивалась более драматично, даже трагично, но имела, как говорят о голливудских фильмах, happy end (счастливый конец).

Кузнецов был впервые арестован в 1961 году. В то время он публиковался в самиздате и принимал участие в его распространении. Кроме того, он выступил с политической речью на поэтическом собрании на площади Маяковского в центре Москвы. Итог: обвинение в антисоветской деятельности и приговор – 7 лет тюрьмы.

Осенью 1968 года Кузнецов был освобожден. В феврале 1970 года он получает вызов из Израиля на эмиграцию, подает документы и получает отказ. В этой обстановке у Кузнецова возникает идея угона самолета и побега на нем в Швецию. Эта операция не удалась, но получила широкую огласку, в особенности, зарубежом. Расскажем об этом подробнее.

Бывший пилот Марк Дымшиц вместе с группой Кузнецова предложили план: под видом пассажиров прилететь на рейсовом самолете Ан-2 из Ленинграда в небольшой город Приозерск Ленинградской области. На аэродроме экипаж, состоящий из двух человек, предполагалось отстранить от управления, связать и выгрузить из самолета. Затем управление самолетом должен был взять Дымшиц. На малой высоте угонщики предполагали перелететь советско-финскую границу, приземлиться в Швеции и там сдаться властям. По прилете планировалось устроить пресс-конференцию о положении евреев в СССР. Мировое общественное мнение должно было побудить свои правительства оказать давление на СССР с целью добиться разрешения на выезд евреев в Израиль.

Всего в акции принимало участие 16 человек. Из них 12 человек под видом пассажиров должны были сесть в самолет в Ленинграде, а четверо намеревались захватить самолет по прибытии его в Приозерск. КГБ в результате агентурных действий узнал об этих планах и 15 июня 1970 года все участники акции были арестованы.

В декабре 1970 года состоялся суд. Подсудимым были предъявлены обвинения в измене родине (попытке побега с незаконным пересечением государственной границы), попытке хищения в особо крупных размерах (угон самолета) и в антисоветской агитации (обращение с протестом против политического антисемитизма в СССР). В результате, организаторы Дымшиц и Кузнецов были приговорены к смертной казни (расстрелу), а большинство остальных получили различные тюремные сроки. Поскольку 25 ноября Сессия Генеральной Ассамблеи ООН приняла специальную резолюцию о борьбе с угоном самолетов, эта резолюция была политическим козырем для ужесточения приговора. После множества протестов во всем мире и вмешательства крупных государственных деятелей разных стран (Ричарда Никсона, Голды Меир и др.) 31 декабря 1970 года смертный приговор Дымшицу и Кузнецову заменили 15-ю годами заключения. В этот же день в 10 часов вечера в камеру смертников к Дымшицу и Кузнецову, ничего не знавшим о замене смертного приговора, вошел наряд стражников и их повели длинными коридорами Лубянки, как они были уверены, на расстрел. Только в специально отведенной комнате им объявили о замене приговора.

Несколько лет спустя история с захватом самолета получила неожиданное завершение. 20 мая 1978 года в американском штате Нью-Джерси у тайника с секретными материалами был задержан советский разведчик В. Зинякин. В тот же день были арестованы его коллеги В. Энгер и Р. Черняев. Имевший дипломатическую неприкосновенность Зинякин был отпущен, а Энгер и Черняев получили по 50 лет тюрьмы. После межправительственных переговоров, 27 апреля 1979 года состоялся обмен советских разведчиков на пятерых диссидентов, в числе которых были Кузнецов и Дымшиц.

Процедура обмена проходила в стиле приключенческого романа. Такое впечатление, что КГБшники получали удовольствие от игры с Кузнецовым "в кошки-мышки". Утром 25 апреля в камеру Кузнецова в Мордовской тюрьме вошел подполковник КГБ. Вскоре Кузнецов оказался в поезде и прибыл в Лефортовскую тюрьму в Москве, ничего не подозревая о цели такого перемещения. Наутро капитан КГБ и два сотрудника администрации Кремля сообщили ему, что он лишен советского гражданства и в тот же день должен покинуть страну. Его посадили в самолет, где он встретился с Дымшицем. Вскоре они приземлились в нью-йоркском аэропорту, где в сопровождении полицейских их пересадили в другой самолет. Затем, у трапа этого самолета, бывших узников ждал кортеж из семи бронированных лимузинов. В машине представитель Государственного Департамента сообщил, что их только что обменяли на двух русских шпионов. Кузнецова встретила жена и наутро они проснулись в номере отеля, в котором, как он потом вспоминал, могли бы разместиться пятьдесят человек. Через несколько дней в Израиле "самолетчиков" чествовали как героев.

В связи с "самолетным делом" заслуживает внимания мнение академика А. Д. Сахарова." Несомненно, весь этот план был авантюрой и нарушением закона, за которое его участники должны были понести уголовное наказание. Однако все же их планы были не столь тяжелым преступлением, как то, в котором арестованные были обвинены на суде. Опасность для летчиков была минимальной, а посторонних пассажиров, жизни которых могло бы угрожать похищение, вообще не было. Захват самолета предполагался на земле – таким образом, это не было бы воздушным пиратством. И уж, конечно, их действия не были 'изменой Родине' (согласно закону, измена Родине подразумевает действия в ущерб территориальной неприкосновенности, государственной независимости или военной мощи страны)."

Подведем общий итог. В течение более двух десятков лет, в 1960-е –1980-е годы, советские евреи испытывали политические и культурные притеснения. Эти притеснения осуществлялись путем манипулирования квотами на эмиграцию, которые увеличивались или уменьшались в зависимости от изменения ситуаций, не имеющих отношения к этой проблеме. В дополнение, для определенной группы "отказников" был установлен полный запрет на выезд. В проблеме эмиграции евреи играли роль "разменной монеты" в политической и дипломатической игре, которую высшие эшелоны власти в советском правительстве вели на международной арене. В этой игре евреи были заложниками в торге, который проводился при разрешении крупных экономических и военных проблем.

Эпопея завершилась тем, что в период с 1988 года и до начала 1990-х годов, т.е. в течение относительно короткого промежутка времени по сравнению с долгими годами борьбы, количество евреев, которым было разрешено покинуть страну, превзошло всякие оптимистические ожидания. В 1988 году из СССР уехали 18.919 человек (это немного, но вдвое больше, чем в предыдущем году). Затем "плотину прорвало" и в 1989 году страну покинули 71.196 евреев, в 1990 году – 181.802, в 1991 году – 178.576, в 1992 году – 108.292 и в 1993 году – 102.134. Всего к концу 1990-х годов более миллиона евреев эмигрировали в Израиль, полмиллиона уехали в США и несколько сотен тысяч – в другие страны Запада, главным образом, в Германию. Это уже был Исход.

Евреи оказались в первых рядах борьбы за права человека. За многие годы до завершения этой борьбы "отказники" отстаивали свою свободу наиболее активно. Хотя советская империя распалась в результате объединенного действия ряда факторов, исход евреев из СССР был, мягко говоря, не самым маловажным из них.



Александр Лернер



Эдуард Кузнецов, 2009 год

Israel and the World

Jews Find Early Signs From Pope Francis Encouraging

By Ruth Ellen Gruber

ROME (JTA) -- When the white smoke rose last week at the Vatican, signaling to the world that the College of Cardinals had chosen a new pope, Catholics weren't the only ones waiting with bated breath.

Jews, too, were eager to see whether the new pontiff would be someone familiar with their concerns. Would he be a non-European unfamiliar with the Jewish people and the weighty legacy of the Holocaust? Would he carry on the approach of his immediate predecessors and work to further Jewish-Catholic relations?

After the new pope appeared before the masses in St. Peter's Square, it didn't take long for him to signal that he would maintain the church's outreach to Jews. Nor did it take long for the Jews to sing his praises.

As it turns out, Pope Francis, 76 – nee Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina – was from outside Europe and had a long history of interfaith outreach and good relations with the Jews. He's the first pope from the Americas, as well as the first in more than a millennium from outside Europe.

The new pontiff "is no stranger to us," World Jewish Congress President Ronald Lauder, who met with Bergoglio in Buenos Aires in 2008, said in a statement. "He always had an open ear for our concerns.

"By choosing such an experienced man, someone who is known for his open-mindedness, the cardinals have sent an important signal to the world," Lauder said. "I am sure that Pope Francis will continue to be a man of dialogue, a man who is able to build bridges with other faiths."

Like Benedict before him, Francis in one of his first official acts wrote to Rome's chief rabbi, Riccardo Di Segni. He invited Di Segni to the papal inaugural Mass and said he hoped "to be able to contribute to the progress that relations between Jews and Catholics have experienced" since the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s.

"The election of Francis," Di Segni wrote back, "gives us the hope that the path of friendship, respect and productive collaboration will continue."

On Saturday, the pope went out of his way to acknowledge non-Catholics in a blessing offered to news media.

"Given that many of you do not belong to the Catholic Church and others are not believers, I give this blessing from my heart, in silence, to each one of you, respecting the conscience of each one of you, but knowing that each one of you is a child of God," Francis said in his address, according to The New York Times. "May God bless you."

Pope John Paul II had made outreach to Jews one of the pillars of his papacy. His successor, Benedict XVI, continued interfaith dialogue but also made several policy decisions that angered Jews, including lifting the excommunication of a renegade bishop who turned out to be a Holocaust denier.

Francis projects a man-of-the-people style in sharp contrast to Benedict, who was seen as removed and cold. Francis is known for living simply, taking the subway and answering his own phone. He spent virtually his entire career in Argentina, away from the intrigues of the Vatican's Roman Curia -- the central governing body of the Catholic Church -- and other scandals that dogged the papacy of his predecessor.

However, within days of the new pope's election, the Vatican faced questions about what Francis did -- and did not do -- to oppose the military junta that ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983. Critics have said the church did not do enough to thwart the military dictatorship's Dirty War, including the kidnapping of two Jesuit priests in 1976. Francis has said he worked behind the scenes to free the priests and sheltered others by hiding them at a Jesuit school.

The questions about Francis' past carry echoes of the Holocaust-era controversy surrounding Pope Pius XII. Many Jews charge that Pius did not do enough to oppose the Nazis, but the Vatican and Pius' proponents say he worked behind the scenes to save Jews.

While a staunch conservative on social issues such as gay marriage, female priests and abortion, Francis spent years working among the poor and made interfaith outreach one of his priorities.

"The Latin American Jewish Congress has had a close relationship with Monsignor Jorge Bergoglio for many years," said Claudio Epelman, executive director of the congress. "We know his virtues and have no doubt whatsoever that he will do an excellent job for the church."

As archbishop of Buenos Aires, his relationship with Argentinian Jews was personal as well as institutional.

His only book, "Regarding Heaven and Earth," is the transcript of wide-ranging conversations between himself and Rabbi Abraham Skorka, the rector of the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary. Francis and the rabbi also shared billing on an Argentinian TV talk show on religious issues.

Francis has referred to Skorka as his "brother and friend." The then-cardinal attended services at Skorka's synagogue and also arranged for Skorka to receive an honorary doctorate from the Catholic University of Argentina.

Francis also wrote the foreword to a book by another Buenos Aires rabbi and civic activist, Sergio Bergman.

"Bergoglio is a master," Bergman wrote in the Argentinian media after Francis' election. "True to my Jewish roots and rabbinical vocation, inside my home community and the entire Argentine society, I found in Francis a teacher who heard me, guided me and advised me on how to deploy my vocation to serve both the Creator and his creatures in defiance of common good."

Last December, Bergoglio joined Bergman and other Jewish leaders and representatives of other faiths in lighting the Hanukkah candles.

Francis is cited with particular warmth by Argentinian Jews for showing solidarity with the Jewish community following the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires that left 85 dead. The attack, Francis told the Argentinian media, was "another link in the chain of pain and persecution that God's chosen people has suffered throughout history."

In 2005, he signed a petition for justice in the AMIA bombing case and a document called "85 victims, 85 signatures." In June 2010, he visited the rebuilt AMIA building to talk with Jewish leaders.

"The closeness between Francis and the Jewish community is special and precious," Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor, vice president of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, told JTA.

Bretton-Granatoor, who is based in New York but has met Francis a couple of times, called the new pope "a mensch" who "gets the importance of a relationship with the Jewish community, who understands the meaning of the Shoah and has a heart in the right place on a number of issues that concern us as well."

Obviously, he added, "we will vigorously disagree with him on many fundamental issues as well -- but that is part of the game, isn't it?"

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Famous Israeli Singer Ahinoam Nini to perform at City Winery in Chicago



Don't miss this special opportunity to join us for a performance by famous Israeli singer – Ahinoam Nini. The show will be on April 25th, at the City Winery in Chicago. We want to make a group purchase for people that are interested in going. We are hoping to coordinate carpools as well. For more details please contact Yehonatan Hazani Zion – Israel@jewishmadison.org, or call 608-669-8042.

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Fast Fact:

The Jewish Agency's Youth Futures program empowers disadvantaged Israeli youth, providing them with an equal opportunity to develop their academic and social skills. Youth Futures is operated in Partnership with overseas Jewish Federations and Keren Hayesod/UIA communities, with Israeli philanthropists, and with the Government of Israel. The program serves nearly 10,000 youth in 32 localities, primarily in the Negev and Galilee. The innovative Youth Futures model is based on "Trustees" - some 300 young adult Israeli social pioneers - who work full time to build a strong relationship with children and their parents. The Trustees tailor an annual work plan for each child, based on his/her strengths and needs. The work plan is developed in coordination with parents, teachers, school counselors, social workers, and other professionals.

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

By Yehonatan Hazani Zion

Hello and Shalom Madison! Here we are at the beginning of April. I was expecting it to be nice and warm. In Israel, people are at the beach and hiking but here it is still snowy…this is unusual for me, not what I was expecting! So we are already in late March and beginning of April, and I imagined that so far it will be nice and warm.

This last month was quite busy. I had the privilege to present about Israel at the International Day program of Elm Lawn Elementary School along with Dori Falk from the Federation. We had a wonderful Rosh Chodesh program where we discussed Israel as an immigration state. We only touched on this complicated topic but it was a truly interesting discussion! I also opened a Mishnah class at Beth Israel Center. We learned about Pesach but we also touched on a couple of questions that are relevant today in our lives as Jews. We will continue the class after Pesach. If you are interested in joining us, please let me know.

I am proud to say that I have now gotten to know all three of the education programs at the local congregations. I had the privilege of teaching a session about Israel in each school. I enjoyed meeting the students and I hope they enjoyed meeting me, and I also hope that they gained some knowledge about Israel. I focused on the differences and similarities between Israel as a Jewish state and the United States.

Speaking of Israel… Israel is now facing the difficult stage of building a coalition. Unlike the US government with the two big parties, the Knesset is built from a lot of parties, small and big that need to join together to build a government. Of course my biggest prayers are for Shalom=peace with the Palestinians!

Over Spring Break Eden and I got to travel and experience more of North America. We traveled to New England and Niagara Falls and it was very beautiful. It always makes me jealous to see this amount of water here.

April is here and Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel's 65th birthday!) will be here soon. I would like to invite all of you to our community celebration on April 21st at the Goodman Campus. The celebration will include a special ceremony for Israel, booths and activities related to Israel for both kids and adults, and a special performance by Daniel Barash, a local shadow puppeteer. The ceremony will include some performances by Gan Hayeled, Chug Ivrit, MJCDS and Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe. Please come!

I also want to mention that I am trying to organize a purchase of group tickets for an Israeli show in Chicago. You can see the ad in this issue of the MJN for more information about Ahinoam Nini, a famous Israeli singer. Please contact me by April 5th if you are interested so we can make a group purchase and also organize a carpool. The show is on April 25th at 8pm in Chicago.

Please feel free to contact me regarding Israel or Hebrew –
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YOM HA'ATZMAUT! ISRAEL IS 65!

You're invited to our community Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration!

When? April 21st starting at 11 a.m.
Where? At the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, 7762 County Highway PD, Verona
Who? All of the Madison Jewish community!
What? Ceremony for Israel's Independence Day, including torch lighting. Featuring MJCDS, Yonim dance troop, Chug Ivrit, and Gan HaYeled performances.

- Banzo and Israeli Falafel
- Rokker Vodka will serve Israeltinis (really good, for adults only)
- Arts and Crafts, Booths with Israeli Activities
- A Special Performance by Daniel Barash, a local Shadow Puppeteer

Please come and celebrate this Israeli holiday with us!

For more information please contact Yehonatan Hazani Zion, 608-669-8042 or Israel@jewishmadison.org



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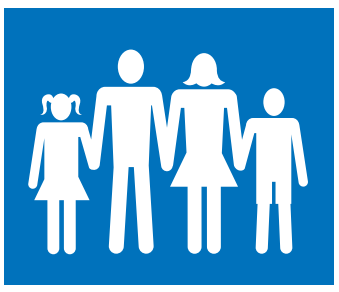

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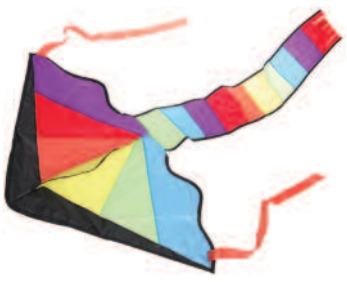

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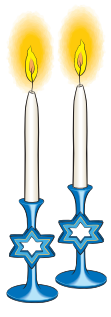

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Scholarship to enable one student to spend a semester studying in Israel



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