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Lynn Kaplan Named Financial Resource Development Director

By Dina Weinbach

Executive Director

We are thrilled to announce that Lynn Kaplan has been named the Financial Resource Development Director for the Jewish Federation of Madison. Lynn has been working at the Jewish Federation of Madison (JFM) since 1999. Prior to her employment, Lynn graduated from the JFM Future Directions Young Leadership Program, chaired the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic committee, and was a member of the Jewish Education Panel. Lynn and her husband, Dan, chaired the Tzedakah Campaign for two years and were the recipients of the Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award in 2000.

Lynn was hired in 1999 as the Director of Camp Shalom. This was a time of transition for camp as the move from Olin Park to the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona was taking place. Within three years of the move, the Minkoff Center and the Goodman Aquatic Center were both built. Under Lynn's leadership, the transition went smoothly and programming in the new facilities took shape. Positions for a Teva (nature) and Omanut (art) specialist were created and programming at camp was expanded. Lynn was also instrumental in planning and hosting the 50th anniversary festivities for Camp Shalom.

In 2005, Lynn was hired as the Director of the Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool. She has been in that position for the past eight years. During this



Lynn Kaplan

time, the preschool has had record years of enrollment. Lynn has fostered a work environment that is supportive of professional growth and development. Her tenure has seen staff longevity that is unprecedented in the preschool community. She has introduced enrichment programs like Jump Bunch (a preschool sports program), yoga, and Schmooze and Tunes with the Music Together program. Lynn is highly regarded in the preschool and has developed relationships with staff, parents and children alike that will be cherished for years.

Outside of her employment responsibilities in the Jewish community, Lynn serves on the Board of Directors for the Speedy and Honey Altman Memorial Camp Foundation and is a member of the National Charity League. She has been a member of the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fundraising Committee for the past six years and was one of the founding committee members of the Jewish Burial Association of Madison. Lynn was very active as a board member for The Road Home for five years and was heavily involved in fundraising for the organization.

Lynn and Dan's children, Charlie and Julia, were Gan HaYeled students and Camp Shalom campers and are currently Midrasha students. Charlie was also a member of the Camp Shalom staff this summer. Lynn's knowledge and experience in the Federation's major programs

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The Jewish Federation of Madison (JFM) is excited to announce the Passport to Jewish Life Program! Thanks to generous private donations, this exciting program is aimed at engaging community members in the wonderful programs the Madison-area Jewish community has to offer. Individuals or families in the Madison-area who meet the following criteria are eligible for a gift of up to $500 (one gift per household) to be used for tuition or fees at Madison-area Jewish programs (see examples below).

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

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

Some guidelines for the Passport Gift funds are as follows:

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

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

The Passport Gift cannot be used towards:

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

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

The gift funds will be distributed directly to the qualified program or organ-

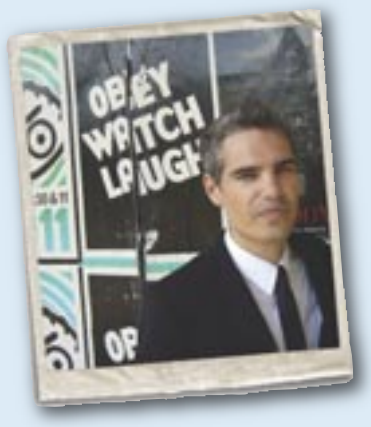
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Join us at the
2013 Annual Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff

Featuring comedian and author
JOEL CHASNOFF

Sunday, September 22nd

5:45 p.m. Doors open • 6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Entertainment



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Get involved in the '13 Tzedakah Campaign!



Looking for a way to get involved and help out? The Jewish Federation of Madison is in need of volunteers to help out with various projects this campaign season. Please contact Lynn Kaplan at **lkaplan@jewishmadison.org** if you can share your time with us.

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The Jewish Federation of Madison is seeking a Jewish Community Outreach Coordinator

We are looking for an enthusiastic, energetic, engaging individual who will serve as the "Community Concierge" for all things Jewish in Madison and the surrounding area. The coordinator will:

- Have extensive knowledge of the broad Jewish community, programs and institutions.
- Act as a Jewish community resource and connect individuals and families with the menu of opportunities available to live Jewishly in the Madison area.
- Engage Jewish residents of the Madison area in Jewish community activities, by proactively seeking out individuals and families that are not currently engaged, getting to know what they are looking for in programs, and helping connect them with activities and organizations.
- Develop effective outreach programs.
- Reach out to Madison-area institutions, businesses and organizations to inform their members and employees about the opportunities for engagement with the Jewish community.
- Oversee a "Welcome to Jewish Madison" Committee that will reach out to new families and individuals, host Shabbat and holiday dinners, answer questions about the Jewish community, etc.
- Report regularly to the Jewish Federation of Madison Executive Director, Program Director and programming committees about feedback from the voices in the community.
- Help ensure the Jewish Federation of Madison, its beneficiaries, and partner organizations nurture new relationships through follow-up and personalized invitations to next-step programming.
- Reinstate programs such as Shalom Madison and Shalom Baby, including personal delivery to families and those who are new to the area.
- Modify existing programs to incorporate outreach best practices used to engage the disengaged.

Job Qualifications include but are not limited to:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Outgoing personality and willingness to reach out individually by phone, email, in public presentations, etc.
- A non-judgmental approach and sensitivity toward Jewish communal diversity and the wide variety of Jewish expression and practice in Madison and the surrounding areas
- Experience developing programs.
- Self-motivated and a willingness to take initiative.
- Ability to work from home and travel in and around Madison and surrounding areas.
- Car required.
- Computer required, as well as a familiarity with Microsoft Office.
- 15 hours/ week
- Two year position with the possibility of extension

For information about this position please contact Ellen Weismer program@jewishmadison.org

Passport

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ization by the JFM.

Approval of the program or organization will be at the discretion of the JFM.

Interested in applying for the Passport Program? Please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or 278-1808 x232 for an application. The Passport Gift funds are available September 2013 and will be distributed until they are gone! Individuals/families may apply for a second $500 Passport gift, if funds remain, after 1 year has lapsed from the initial award.

The Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel Request For Proposals 2013 Calling All Jewish Social Entrepreneurs!

The Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel (JFMIP) is pleased to announce that we are now accepting proposals for new, innovative Jewish community projects beginning September 2013. Supported by a board designated endowment fund as a result of an anonymous bequest, JFMIP will award up to $28,000 annually to deserving, creative initiatives for Madison's Jewish community. This fund will be available for three years, 2013-2016, before it may be redirected by JFM Board of Directors. Grants will be made on a semi-annual basis.

The first proposal and deadline cycle begin September 30, 2013. Submissions are due by 5:00 pm CST on Monday, September 30, 2013 and should be submitted electronically to dina@jewishmadison.org. A second round of submissions will be accepted on March 3, 2014.

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The Jewish Federation of Madison is planning a trip to Israel November 4th through 13th, around the General Assembly, the conference of the Jewish Federations of North America (Nov. 10-13). This will be a wonderful opportunity to see Israel.

For more information please contact Racheli at the Jewish Federation of Madison: israel@jewishmadison.org.

Come be a part of this amazing trip!

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Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS

The 2013-14 Yonim Israeli Dance Season is about to begin!

Information Meeting:
Sunday, September 8, 3:00 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street

Save the Dates:
Sundays: September 8th and 15th
Try-it Days – Come see what Yonim is all about. No dance experience necessary!
For more information, please contact Laura Toso at yonim@jewishmadison.org



Annual Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff with Comedian and Writer Joel Chasnoff

Sunday, September 22
5:45 p.m. Doors open
6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Entertainment
Full Compass Systems Headquarters
9770 Silicon Prairie Parkway, Madison



Join us to kick off the 2013 Annual Tzedakah Campaign at this complimentary evening of dinner, laughter, and philanthropy! We welcome the entire community to this exciting event. Dinner will be catered by Full Compass' own Executive Chef Don Olsen.

After dinner, enjoy a premier performance by comedian and writer Joel Chasnoff. A native of Evanston, Illinois, Joel made his stage debut at age 10, when he played the King of Siam in the Solomon Schechter Day School's Hebrew version of " The King and I". Nine years later, Joel tried stand-up for the first time when he performed a thirty-minute set at Smokey Joe's on the University of Pennsylvania campus. Several years later, Joel has stage and screen credits in eight countries. In February 2010, Simon and Schuster published Joel's comedic memoir, 188th Crybaby Brigade, about his year as a combat soldier in the Israeli Army. The book made the Denver Post bestseller list. Joel's comedy is a smart mix of personal anecdotes and keen observational humor, centered around the theme of the absurdity of modern American life. When he's not on tour, Joel teaches stand-up comedy at the 92nd Street Y in Manhattan.

This will be a laugh out loud and inspiring event that you will not want to miss. We hope you will be able to join us for this special evening which will include an update about the local and worldwide needs funded by the Jewish Federation of Madison's Tzedakah Campaign.

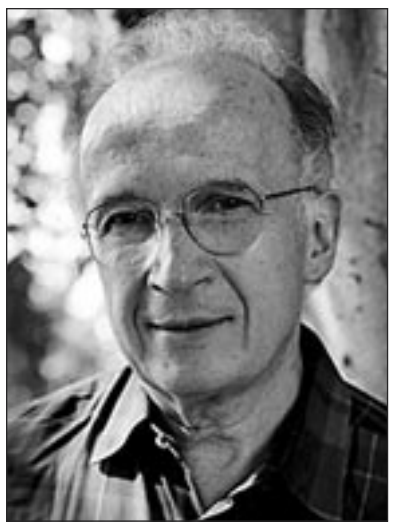
Special thanks to Susan and Jonathan Lipp of Full Compass Systems for generously hosting this event again this year.

Although the program is open to the entire community, dinner seating is limited and reservations are required as seating will be assigned. Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, Sept. 11th at rsvp@jewishmadison.org. Please register early. For more information call 608-278-1808 or email info@jewishmadison.org.

Attending this event implies a commitment to donate to the 2013 Annual Tzedakah Campaign.

Nobel Laureate Roald Hoffman to Lecture to Madison Jewish Community

Saturday, September 28
8:00 p.m.
Beth Israel Center
1406 Mound Street, Madison
The community is invited to arrive at 7:45 p.m. for Havdalah



Roald Hoffman. Photo by Clemens Loew.

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Come to Israel with the Jewish Federation of Madison!

November 4-13

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Meet a Mensch: Rachel Levy



By Beth Glaser

Madison Jewish News Summer Intern

Tell us about your involvement with the Jewish Federation of Madison.

I recently joined the Overseas Panel - the main things we work on are how much money to allocate overseas. So after the Madison Jewish Federation does its fundraising for the year, we figure out from that what percentage will stay locally in Madison and what percentage will go overseas to help people in Israel and Jews around the world. And within that percentage, how we want to allocate the money – which includes the Shaliach program, and new this year we are exploring a partnership city with a city in Israel. I'm also speaking at the Tzedkah Campaign Kickoff Event on September 22 – the main thing I'm going to talk about is the importance of understanding the needs of Jews in the former Soviet Union.

What have you found most rewarding about your experiences?

I love the idea of having a partnership with a city in Israel. I personally lived in Israel for a while and I feel very connected to Israel, and it's great to have a Shaliach here. It's really important to help share that message of what's going on Israel. The needs in Israel are just as great, if not greater, than the needs here. I appreciate being able to educate the community about that story.

Have your experiences taught you any lessons you'd like to share?

I've learned a lot about how deep the roots are here for the Madison Jewish community. People have lived here for generations and feel very connected to Madison, which is beautiful, and then there are also a lot of transplants who've moved here in the last thirty years, who are also becoming a part of the leadership here. So that's been pretty eye opening for me! And people here are really passionate about being Jewish and being connected to the community. Everybody that I know, I see them in multiple Jewish places – I see them at the Federation, then I see them at Temple Beth El, then I see them at Beth Israel Center, then I see them at the Hava Nagila Picnic. People are not just involved at one level; they're usually involved at multiple levels.

What further good do you hope to accomplish through your involvement?

I have big plans - I feel like I'm just warming up! I'm expecting a baby November 1, so we have three teenagers and we're also going to have a newborn […] so just trying to create a better world for the next generation. My husband is very involved in teen programming and youth programming through NFTY, and also through our temple, he's very involved with all sorts of family programming like the temple retreat. I'm hoping to leave this world better than the way I found it, and one of my priorities is to give Tzedakah each year.

Are you involved in the Madison community in other ways?

I'm a member of both Beth El (where I'm organizing a trip to Israel for next August) and Beth Israel. I also do go to Shaarei Shamayim occasionally as well. I'm pretty involved also with the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice and I do online learning with the Conservative Yeshiva in Jerusalem to study Mishnah. I went to the first event last week with Jews Next Dor and I'm also an active member of the Madison Minyan.

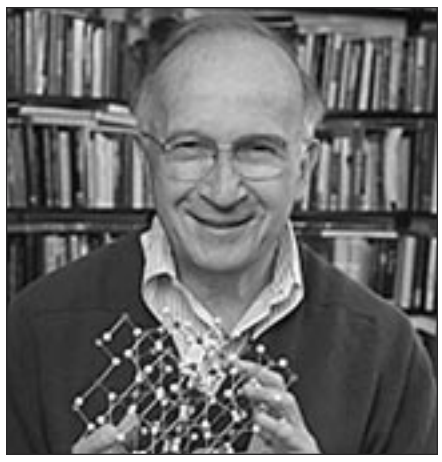
Please tell us a little more about yourself.

My parents were very active in Jewish Federation (still are) in Rhode Island, so I think I got it from them. Something people don't usually know about me is that I'm a six time triathlete and I did the Door County Century Ride last year, which is a 100 mile bike ride. I'm also the founding director of Gesher City, which connects Jewish young adults with Jewish life right after college.

How do you define the word "Mensch?"

My grandparents, my Bubbe and Zadie, spoke Yiddish, so a Mensch would be what they wanted me to be – a role model.

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Roald Hoffman. Photo by Gary Hodges.

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Lynn Kaplan

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as both a parent and a professional will be invaluable in her new role as our development director.

Lynn has loved being the Director of Gan HaYeled for the past eight years and will certainly miss it. Leaving the position is bittersweet, but she will not be far away. Lynn is excited about this new opportunity to work in the Madison Jewish community in a different role.

She is looking forward to continuing her relationship with all the Gan HaYeled families and meeting, getting to know and connecting with other members of the community as she moves into her new assignment.

Please join the Jewish Federation of Madison in welcoming Lynn to her new position as Financial Resource Development Director.

Lynn can be reached at lkaplan@jewishmadison.org or 608-278-1808.

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Jeff Levy to **Annette Durkin**.

Mazel Tov on the marriage of:

Daniel Ostrov, son of Michael and Karen Ostrov, to Stephanie Cole.

Mazel Tov on the birth of:

Samuel Charles Center, son of Seth and Maureen Center and grandson of Sue and Chuck Center;
Alana Madison Ries, daughter of Stephanie and David Ries and granddaughter of Gary and Judy Ries;
Chana Matusof, daughter of Rabbi Avremel and Mushkie Matusof, granddaughter of Rabbi Yona and Faygie Matusof; and
Davis Peregrine Culbert, son of Alex Lyon and Patrick Culbert.

Condolences to the family of:

Helen Hefty, mother-in-law of Laurel (Bert) Hefty;
Dennis Moskol, brother of Maureen Moskol and uncle of Stacy (Geri) Goldman;
Anita Shrago, wife of Earl Shrago;
James "Jimmy" Levenson, father of Barry (Patti) Levenson;
Stephen Potash, brother of Pam (Howard) Erlanger;
Sean Sasser, brother-in-law of Dan (Lynn) Kaplan; and
Annette Howards, mother of Laurel (Bert) Hefty.

Anne Shlimovitz Hired as Online Communications Manager

The Jewish Federation of Madison is pleased to announce that Anne Shlimovitz has been hired for the position of Online Communications Manager. Anne grew up in Milwaukee and moved from New York to Madison a year ago with her family. She brings a vast amount of experience to her new position in regard to website design and management, online marketing and project management. Anne and her partner, Tim, own Pixel Juice Productions, a full service digital production company.

Anne started her new postion on August 14th and can be reached at online@jewishmadison.org.

Anne is excited to put her experience and skills to use for the Jewish Federation of Madison and sees it as a wonderful way to get to know the Jewish community. Please join us in welcoming Anne to the Federation staff.



Anne Shlimovitz

Project Lunch Was a Great Success!

This year, the Temple Beth El Social Action Committee created Project Lunch, a mitzvah project that reached out to people right here in our own community at Camp Shalom.

One of the main goals of Camp Shalom is to make sure that children have a safe place to spend their summers. The Camp Shalom scholarship fund makes camp accessible to children regardless of financial need. For one reason or another many campers come to camp everyday without a healthy lunch. Project Lunch was created to ensure that these campers were provided with a nutritious lunch.

Thanks to the kindness of the Temple Beth El volunteers, Project Lunch was a huge success. They were able to provide 10 nutritious lunches to children at Camp Shalom every day of camp this summer. The camp staff really appreciated being able to provide healthy options to children who did not have food available. The campers were so grateful and having a healthy lunch made their days even better!

The TBE Social Action Committee would like to thank the following volunteers for making lunches: Amy Fields, Andrea Steinberger, Barbie Swerin, Betsy Abramson, Carol Ottenstein, Cathy Rotter, Elizabeth Walter, Georgia Wagner, Jean Singer, Judith Herstand, Judith Rothschild, Judy Reis, Karin Horler, Kathy Mazur, Laurie Roman, Marcia Vandercook, Mary Fulton, Missy Sosman, Nan Youngerman, Rozan Anderson, Staci Rieder, and Stefanie Kushner.

We would also like to thank Whole Foods for contributing 3 days of lunches.

Hadassah's Madison Chapter Fall Kickoff Event is Sept. 29

Join Hadassah's own Andrea Carvin on Sunday, September 29th from 3-5 pm for an afternoon of stress relief, health and wellness. Andrea will guide us through the use of natural remedies to maintain or restore your health. We are fortunate to have Andrea share her wealth of knowledge with over 25 years of experience as an occupational therapist with a specialty in stress relief, an executive and personal life and wellness coach, reiki master, educator and author. The event will be held on the beautiful shores of Lake Mendota, at the home of Ruth Siegel, 4930 Lake Mendota Dr. Please RSVP to Suzanne Wolf at 608-833-8338 no later than September 23rd. A $12 program fee is payable at the event. For more information please visit our website www.hadassah.org/MadisonWisconsin or email us at: Madison.Chapter @Hadassah.org



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Meet Your JFM Staff...

Lynne Ballesta

By Beth Glaser

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How long have you worked for the Federation?

I have been the Administrative Assistant for a little over a year.

What's a current project you are involved with?

The big thing that I'm at the end of is Camp Shalom registration. It started March 6, and it's been a big learning curve and very interesting, and now camp is over. I also do work on all of the programs – I keep track of the registration, enrollment and billing for Gan HeYeled, Camp Shalom, Midrasha, Chug Ivrit – everything.

What has been your favorite memory while working for the Federation?

A really fun memory is when we had a Hanukkah party. A couple of people made latkes and everybody brought food the week before the party. Yehonatan (our previous shaliach) had little games every day and it just made the whole week special.

What do you find most rewarding about your work at the Federation?

Especially with camp, there's a lot of helping people to get forms filled out – people are nervous for the first time sending their children to camp. To be able to help calm their fears is great. Overall, it's helping the people who come in and making sure whatever experience they've had with us is a good experience.

Are you involved in the Madison community (Jewish or not) in any other ways?

I'm past president of Temple Beth El Sisterhood. I'm presently co-chair of the Caring Committee for Temple Beth El. I'm also the Area Director for the Midwest for the Sisterhood, so that's all the sisterhoods in Wisconsin. I meet with them and discuss any problems. I'm still very involved on the local level with the Sisterhood too.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

Years ago, I was a Vista worker (AmeriCorps). I worked for the Hunger Task Force in Colombus, Ohio on hunger issues and worked with lobbyists there.

Please tell us a little more about yourself.

I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and I've been here since then, except for a couple years. I have two daughters. My oldest daughter lives in Brooklyn and my younger daughter is living in Madison.

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

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Beth Israel Center

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

In addition to traditional services on Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah, Beth Israel offers many opportunities to celebrate and get to know each other during the fall holidays.

High Holiday Youth Program - Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Age-appropriate programs will be offered for children in kindergarten through 7th grade on both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. These programs begin at 10:30am. On Rosh Hashanah, school-age participants will be brought to the main sanctuary for the conclusion of services. On Yom Kippur, the youth program ends at 12:30. Please contact Lily (education@bethisraelcenter.org) with any questions.

Tashlikh Nosh

Thursday, September 5

Come to Vilas Beach at 5:00pm, enjoy a nosh sponsored by our Membership Committee, and toss your sins into Lake Wingra during the Tashlikh service.

MOUSY Rosh Hashanah Gift Bags

Sunday, September 8

MOUSY joins other high school youth groups, in conjunction with Jewish Social Services, in the mitzvah of putting together and delivering Rosh Hashanah gift bags to Jewish seniors.

MOUSY Kadima Veg-Out

Sunday, September 15

All families with middle- or high-school age children are invited for a fun afternoon in the park.

BIC Sukkah Hop

Thursday, September 19

Visit a few sukkot in the vicinity of Beth Israel starting at 6:00pm and ending up in Rabbi Ben-Gideon's sukkah.

Shabbat Dinner in the Beth Israel Sukkah

Friday, September 20

A combination of Rabbi Ben-Gideon's fifth annual Shabbat-Sukkot dinner for young adults and Madison Minyan's monthly gathering, this joint program aims to connect young adults with each other and others in our community. Contact Rabbi Ben-Gideon (rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org) or Gideon Klionsky (info@madisonminyan.com) with questions.

Bikepath Sukkah Hop

Saturday, September 21

Start Shabbat afternoon with lunch after services in the BIC sukkah, then stroll along the SW bike/pedestrian path, visit a few more, and end up at the Pollacks' sukkah by dinnertime.

East Side Sukkah Hop

Sunday, September 22

This annual event is tentatively scheduled to begin in the afternoon.

Simchat Torah Dinner & Party

Thursday, September 26

Enjoy a festive dinner before services and hakafot! We're bringing in kosher deli from Romanian in Chicago! Cost is $8/person, maximum $36/family. RSVP by September 12 via email to office @bethisraelcenter.org or call 256-7763. Beth Israel members may have the fee added to their accounts. For others, payment confirms your reservation.

Please visit www.bethisraelcenter.org or call (608) 256-7763 for more information.

Adopt-A-School Update

back to school

Partnership with Emerson – school supplies drive

The plans for the Adopt-a-School program with Emerson School are progressing rapidly. Members of the social action committees from Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim met with the principal and school staff to organize the leading initiatives.

The first project will involve collecting, sorting, and distributing school supplies for students who request them. About 100 backpacks and homework boxes are handed out each year. Please think about the students at Emerson School when you buy schools supplies for your family, or walk by the displays in every store. There will be bins at Temple Beth El and Beth Israel Center starting August 15.

Now a few words about Emerson principal, Karen Kepler. Karen is dynamic and charming, dedicated to the students and families of Emerson. Starting her ninth year as principal of Emerson School, she continues to foster pride in the school and focus on learning. Karen positions the school as a community center by opening the school every Tuesday evening for students and their families – Tuesday Night Lights. Through the Adopt-a-School partnership, we would like to contribute to the Tuesday Night Lights program and will be searching for speakers or family-centered program suggestions and also volunteers to host and offer refreshments to students and their families.

Please feel free to contact any of us with questions.

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Temple Beth El

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

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

First Day of Religious School for Kindergarten to 7th Grade: September 22

Selichot Program, Ice Cream Social & Service

Saturday, August 31
Temple Beth El
7:30pm Wondering Jews: Reflections and Sensations of Rabbi Biatch's Sabbatical through Eastern Europe & Israel
and MaTTY Program
9pm Ice Cream Social
10pm Selichot Worship Service

We begin the High Holy Days, the season of repentance and consideration of better ways of thriving in our world, with a glimpse of Jewish life as it was and as it is today in Eastern Europe and in Israel. We'll use all our senses to experience some of Rabbi Biatch's Sabbatical as we begin to derive the lessons from how our ancestors lived and thrived, what it took to survive in hostile times and places, and how Israel has progressed in our modern era. At the same time MaTTY will have a program about the experiences of 2 of their members this summer in Israel. Everyone will come together at 9pm for an Ice Cream Social and the Selichot Service at 10pm. RSVPs to program@templebethelmadison.org are appreciated.

Rosh Ride

Saturday, September 7, 2013
9am-3pm (10:30am to 2pm for 20 Mile ride)

Let's start the Jewish New Year off with a wheel good time. Choose either the 44 or 20 mile ride. All rides head towards Blue Spoon in Sauk City for brunch and then biking back to cars. At brunch we'll do a few Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah blessings, accompanied by a Sabbath Cyclers poem penned by Larry Kohn for the occasion. Please bring your helmet, filled water bottle(s), money for brunch and good weather. We'll provide camaraderie, cue sheets, apples and honey, and granola bars. The 44 milers will start off earlier and pick up the 20 milers and together bike to Blue Spoon for brunch. After lunch, we'll ride together, drop off the 20 milers and continue on.

44 milers:

9:00am--Start at parking lot across from Ashton Church (take Highway 12 west towards Sauk City. At Highway K, turn LEFT for one mile. Park across from the church). It's about 20 miles to the Blue Spoon and 24 miles back.

20 milers:

10:30am--Meet at Roxbury Tavern. Take Highway 12 west towards Sauk City. About 15 miles past Mineral Point Road, turn right at KP (not K, and not P, but KP). Continue about 2 miles to County Y. Turn LEFT for .4 miles. Park and be ready. It's about 6 miles to the Blue Spoon and about 14 miles back.

RSVP at http://tinyurl.com/roshride or contact Betsy at betsyabramson@gmail.com

Sukkah Decorating with Pizza Dinner & Erev Sukkot Services

Wednesday, September 18, 2013
Temple Beth El
5:30pm Sukkah Decorating
6:15pm Pizza Dinner
6:45pm Sukkot Service

Come help beautify our Sukkah with your personal touch. Enjoy a pizza dinner co-sponsored by Men's Club and welcome in Sukkot at services as we usher in the holiday as a community. Dinner is $5/person with a $15 max per family. Please RSVP to program@templebethelmadison.org.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner – Sukkot

Thursday, September 19, 2013
7pm-9pm

Join Madison's Jews' Next Dor for the next installment of our Third Thursday Meet & Greet! Bring a friend and join with us to meet, greet, and eat our way through a tasty family-style dinner in the Sukkah (we'll move indoors if weather is poor). RSVP to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org. Dinner will be $20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Hungry and ready to mingle? See you there! Madison's Jews' Next Dor is for the Jewish 20- & 30-somethings community in and around Madison. (Dor means "generation" in Hebrew.) We're open to all young adults and are organized through Temple Beth El Madison (http://www.templebethelmadison.org/).

Shalom Sukkot

Friday, September 20, 2013
9:30am-10:30am

Preschool program with story time, songs, crafts & snack.

Simchat Torah & Spaghetti Dinner

Wednesday, September 25, 2013
Temple Beth El
5pm Yizkor
5:45pm Spaghetti Dinner
6:30pm Sukkot Service

Join us for our annual Spaghetti Dinner, $8/person for Temple Beth El Members, $10/person for non-members. After dinner is our consecration service and Simchat Torah celebration. Don't miss seeing a whole Torah unrolled! RSVP to program@templebethelmadison.org.

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.

Celebrate the High Holy Days with Shaarei Shamayim

Not sure where to spend the High Holy Days? Shaarei Shamayim invites you to join us for our services, potlucks, discussions, kids' programming, and other events. Since its founding, we have never required visitors to purchase tickets. We want you to feel welcome, whether you are a relative of a member, a long-time friend of the congregation, or a guest checking us out for the first time.

Our services combine traditional prayers with contemporary poetry, readings, and songs. We are participatory and encourage our members and friends to lead elements of the service, sing along, share English readings, chant Torah and Haftarah, and blow shofar. We meet in the historic Frank Lloyd Wright auditorium of the First Unitarian Society.

Our services last several hours; we encourage you to take breaks and sit outside on the lawn or chat with a friend in the lobby. Many people come and go throughout these days. We hope you make our space your home during this time.

We have youth programming for all ages over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rabbi Laurie will lead a children's service for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade, and Aviv Kammay and Maya Webne-Behrman will lead a tot service for children 0-5 years of age. Parents will lead discussions for middle schoolers and high schoolers. Bring your kids and celebrate with our community. For a full listing of our programming, please consult our website.

During the afternoon of Yom Kippur, our Yizkor service provides the space for individuals to remember loved ones who have passed away. Later in the day, we will gather for a community discussion. Just before Neilah, our closing service, we have a creative Avodah program. This is an opportunity for participants to share poetry, songs, or any other offerings for the community.

We organize two potlucks over the High Holidays – one on Erev Rosh Hashanah and one for Break Fast at the end of Yom Kippur.

If you are in your 20's or 30's, we have special programming throughout the year through our Young Adult Havurah. On the evening of the first day of Rosh Hashanah this group holds a potluck dinner.

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Jewish Education

Liesl Blockstein Scholarship Awarded to Midrasha Grad Sophie Shafer-Landau

Editor's note: Every year, one outstanding graduating senior woman receives the Blockstein Family Scholarship Award in memory of Liesl Blockstein. Many thanks to the family of Liesl Blockstein for creating and sustaining this award. This year the award was given to Sophie Shafer-Landau. Sophie has been involved in the Jewish community throughout her childhood and in high school she participated in Midrasha and a Jewish Culture club at West High School. Following is an article she wrote about receiving this award:

At the end of the school year, I was extremely surprised to receive the news that I had been awarded the Liesl Blockstein award. For anyone unfamiliar with the award, as I was before this spring, it is a scholarship sponsored by Jewish Women International (JWI) honoring female Jewish leaders. The scholarship is awarded in memory of Liesl, a dedicated woman who established a senior program in the Madison community, and who worked extremely hard to better her community through Tikkun Olam and efforts in conjunction with B'nai Brith and JWI.

To say that receiving this award is an honor is a vast understatement. I have become increasingly involved in the Madison Jewish community over the past four years due to my sheer enjoyment of the people within it. Through Midrasha and school clubs specifically, I was able to connect with peers I might otherwise have missed out bonding with if it had not been for our unifying religion. Having a role in the Jewish community was not an inconvenience or a burdensome obligation, but a way to connect with people through weekly interactions that were thoroughly enjoyable and fun.

I have become more involved through my love of Jewish tradition. I have never been the biggest fan of Musaf or Shacharit, but festive Passover seders at our neighbors, making Purim baskets of cookies and fruit, and decorating our sukkah with paper chains and flowers have been integral parts of my upbringing, as well as some of my fondest childhood memories.

To me, being a leader in my community has come from developing my understanding of what it is that I love about it. Finding those things--the people, the festivities, and the food--is part of what makes the Jewish experience so special to me. I plan on continuing my involvement in Judaism next year at Occidental College in Los Angeles, where I plan on being an active member of their Hillel and J Street U organizations.



Sophie Shafer-Landau



Midrasha Registration Online for the 2013-2014 Academic Year

The Midrasha handbook and registration materials will be available on line at www.JewishMadison.org. All 8th – 12th grade students are welcome to register online. Midrasha meets on Wednesdays for Jewish Studies and Hebrew and Sundays for Hebrew. Midrasha begins on Wednesday, October 2nd. Please email program@jewishmadison.org if you have any questions.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Midrasha!



The 2013-14 Yonim Israeli Dance Season is About to Begin!

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The schedule is as follows (subject to change):

Pesek Z'man means "break time" and is also a famous Israeli chocolate bar. The after-school component of this program will give students a chance to explore a variety of activities in a structured but relaxed way while learning Hebrew. Students will have a snack followed by the opportunity to participate in Hebrew games, puzzles, outside time, reading books and more in an environment that will give them a much needed afterschool break before the Chug Ivrit core curriculum begins.

Chug Ivrit: During this portion of the day students will enjoy a snack together and then in a structured, fun and informal educational environment they will learn to recognize, read and write the letters of the Hebrew Aleph Bet, have short conversations in Hebrew and will learn Hebrew songs, Israeli dances, games and more!

Mondays:
1:15 pm-3:30 pm - Pesek Z'man
3:30 pm-5:15 pm - Chug Ivrit

Thursdays:
2:45 pm-4:00 pm - Pesek Z'man
4:00 pm-5:45 pm - Snack and Chug Ivrit

There are three options for signing up for Chug this year, designed to meet your family's individual needs and in recognition of different dismissal times at various local elementary schools:

Option #1 - Pesek Z'man
Option #2 - Chug Ivrit
Option #3 - Pesek Z'man + Chug Ivrit

For more information contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or register online, www.JewishMadison.org. There is a minimum of eight students required for each day as well as a maximum number of students we will allow per class.

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Program

Fridays : Class 1 - 9:15am-10am (shmoozing until 10:15am)
Class 2 - 10:15am-11am (shmoozing until 11:15am)

Cost: $160

Dates: October 4th -December 12th (no class on November 29th)

For more information, contact us at Gan@jewishmadison.org or download the registration form at www.jewishmadion.org

Minimum enrollment of 8 children is required.

UPCOMING

Family Education Events

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

Save the Date for these upcoming Family Education Events!

Women's Night Out – Sunday, October 27th
Jewelry Making at Fine Earth Studio & Gallery
7:00-9:00pm

Join us for a fun night of jewelry making. Create bracelets, necklaces and earrings and enjoy time schmoozing with old and new friends. Register online at www.jewishmadison.org or email Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.

Other events to look forward to:

✓ Hanukkah Tzedakah Night
✓ Havdalah Karaoke Party
✓ Hamantashen Workshop
✓ Mishpachah and Me (Family Night)
✓ Challah Baking Workshop
✓ Passover Craft Activity Program
✓ Community Tot Shabbats

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

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

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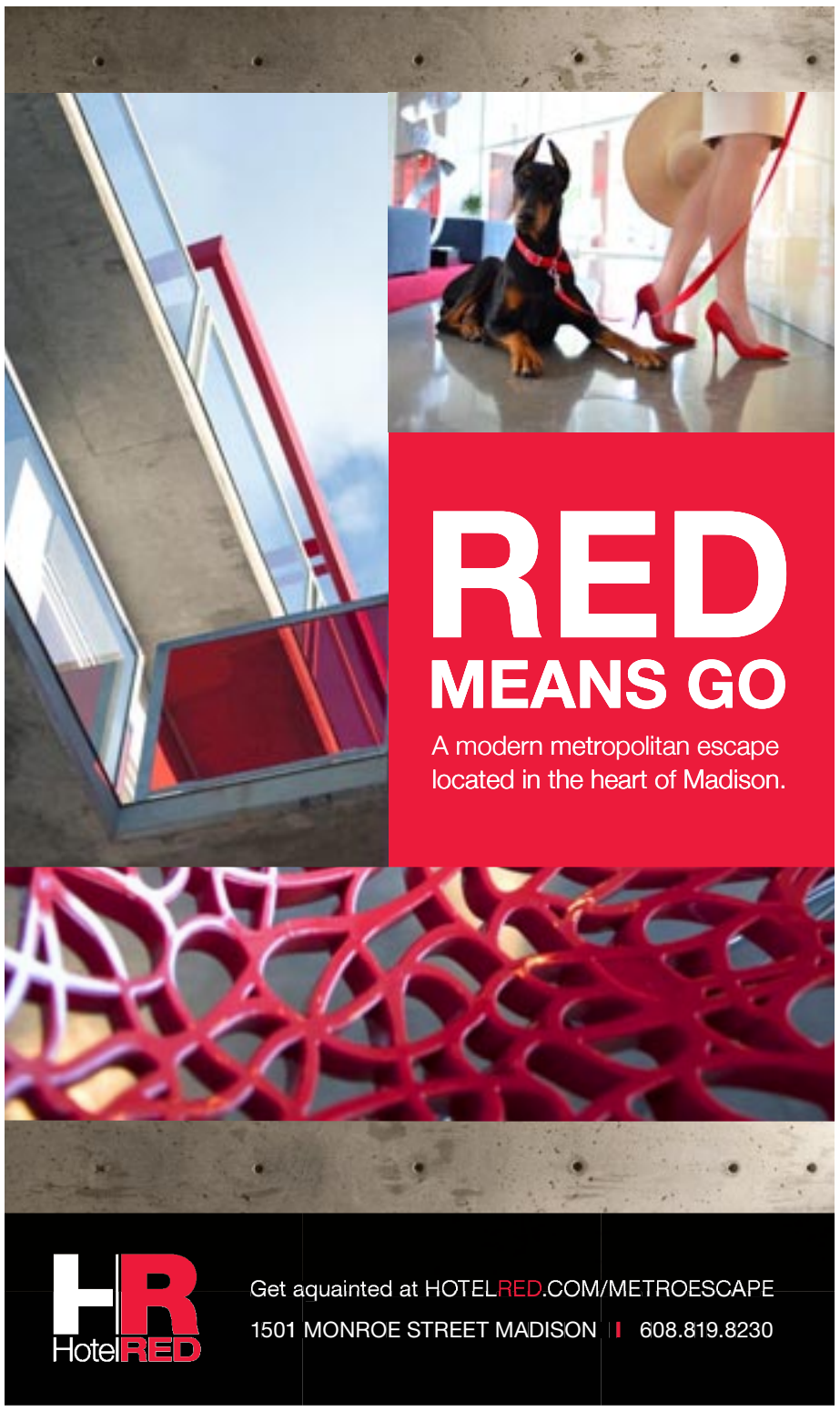
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Good and Great News from A Biselle KlezKamp

It is a real mekhaya (pleasure) to report both good and great news from the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture.

First, the good news: This year's second edition of A Biselle KlezKamp (A Bit of KlezKamp/ABKK) was bigger and better than ever.

Attendees packed sessions dedicated to all manner of Yiddish popular and traditional culture including Yiddish language (Dr. Miriam Isaacs and Michael Wex); Yiddish visual arts and song (Susan Leviton); Hasidic dance (Jill Gellerman); and our star-studded music faculty (Kurt Bjorling, clarinet; Lauren Brody, accordion; Cookie Segelstein, fiddle; and David Spies, tuba.) Sherry Mayrent (clarinet) taught a new beginners music class on traditional Yiddish dance music that allowed enthusiastic newer students to work at slower tempo.

One particular moment from the evening concert and dance illustrates the best ABKK has to offer. After an initial round of dancing, Cookie Segelstein's student Fiddle Kapelye (band) took the stage to perform several tunes they had only just learned that day. As they played, other attendees circled and turned through a big group dance. Children wove in and out. A few spectators sat and took it all in. It was a moment that articulated our best vision of a community that is curious, generous, multi-generational, and, above all, vital.

This extraordinary group attending ABKK was almost 50% bigger than last year (with more than 225 people participating throughout the day). The 120 Badgers from across the state were joined by many new attendees who made the pilgrimage from all over the Midwest—Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, and a healthy contingent from Illinois—as well as from Washington, DC and Maryland. We are especially pleased by the participation of nearly 20 kids and four three-generation families!

Of special interest this year was the introduction of a new series by Mayrent Institute Founding Director (and banjoist) Henry Sapoznik. Viskonsin: Tales From Yiddish Wisconsin kicked off with Sapoznik's talk on the history of Yiddish radio in Badgerland. (Did you know there were at least five Wisconsin radio stations that aired Yiddish shows? Do you know which they were?) The lecture series will continue throughout the year with topics including the Yiddish newspaper Milvoker Vochnblatt (The Weekly Milwaukeean), the Wisconsin Arbeter Ring (Workmen's Circle), and the long running amateur troupe the Peretz Hirshbein Folk Theater. We also hope to use Tales From Yiddish Wisconsin as an opportunity to collect oral interviews about local Yiddish history. Be in touch if you've got something to share, and watch the Mayrent Institute website for more information.

All in all, the presence of a world class Yiddish event right here in our community is now one of the many cultural jewels of which Madison – and Wisconsin -- should be justly proud.

The great news: This successful edition of A Biselle KlezKamp celebrated the new affiliation of the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture with the UW-Madison Center for the Study of Upper Midwestern Cultures.

The two units share a dedication to bringing together the vernacular and the scholarly, and to producing dynamic programming that engages many kinds of communities. This new affiliation will allow the Mayrent Institute to expand its core mission of strengthening research and knowledge about Yiddish culture, music, and history while, at the same time, revealing Yiddish culture within the broader frame of American and Midwestern culture. We couldn't be more excited.

The Mayrent Institute would like to thank the Center for Jewish Studies for its hospitality over the last two years, which allowed for an important incubation within the university system.

Look for a bright new chapter in Madison Yiddishkayt in the coming year 5774.

Center for Jewish Studies Gears Up for Fall Public Programs

By Allison Bloom

The Wisconsin Idea is a tradition at UW–Madison that challenges the university to influence people's lives beyond the boundaries of the classroom. In service to this idea, the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies at UW–Madison offers regular programs that engage the local community in learning about various topics in Jewish Studies. The Center looks forward to visits by three prominent guest speakers this fall. All events are free and open to the public.

Author **Lorraine Lotzof Abramson** will offer a reading from her book, *My Race: A Jewish Girl Growing up Under Apartheid in South Africa*, in both Madison and Milwaukee. *My Race* is the memoir of a gifted Jewish athlete growing up under the apartheid system of South Africa. In Madison, her reading will take place on October 8, at 4:00 p.m. in Union South. Ms. Abramson will also speak at the Milwaukee JCC at 7:00 p.m. on October 9, in a program hosted by David and Madeleine Lubar and co-sponsored by the Milwaukee JCC, the Jewish Museum Milwaukee, and the Holocaust Education Resource Center.

The Center for Jewish Studies welcomes **Stephen J. Whitfield** of Brandeis University as this year's Kutler lecturer, made possible through the generosity of emeritus professor Stanley Kutler. Whitfield will give public lectures on October 16 and 17, as well as a brown-bag lunch presentation on October 17. The first lecture, "The Unity of Prejudice: The Rise and Fall of an Idea," explores the ways Jews are presented as indistinguishable from other minority targets of prejudice and bigotry in popular culture of the 1940's–1960's. Whitfield's second lecture, "Franz Boas: The Intellectual as Anti-Racist," examines the Jewish identity of the eminent anthropologist Boas, and connects this identity to his groundbreaking academic work. Details of Whitfield's visit are as follows:

- Wednesday, October 16, 4:00 p.m.: "The Unity of Prejudice: The Rise and Fall of an Idea," Wisconsin Idea Room, Education Building (1000 Bascom Mall)
- Thursday, October 17, Noon: Brown bag lunch lecture, 4233 Mosse Humanities Building (455 N. Park Street). Please contact events-lectures@cjs.wisc.edu to register.
- Thursday, October 17, 4:00 p.m.: "Franz Boas: The Intellectual as Anti-Racist," Wisconsin Idea Room, Education Building (1000 Bascom Mall)

Renowned author, philosopher, and MacArthur "Genius" Fellow **Rebecca Goldstein** will present a reading and lecture entitled "Philosophy and Literature: The Ancient Quarrel" at 5:00 p.m. on October 29 (Location TBA). This lecture will draw from Goldstein's own experience interweaving philosophical questions with literary concerns in her novels *The Mind-Body Problem*, *The Late-Summer Passion of a Woman of Mind*, *The Dark Sister*, and *Properties of Light: A Novel of Love, Betrayal, and Quantum Physics*, as well as her nonfiction books *Incompleteness: The Proof and Paradox of Kurt Gödel* and *Betraying Spinoza: The Renegade Jew who Gave Us Modernity*. In the lecture/reading, Goldstein will discuss the ways the questions of philosophy relate to "the brute contingencies of life," and how literature might illuminate the bearing these questions have on real life.

For more information and up-to-date details about these events, see jewishstudies.wisc.edu or call the Center for Jewish Studies at 608-890-3572.

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10-11 AM Optional Spa Appointments*

11:30 AM-1:30 PM Reception and Brunch

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2-4 PM Optional Spa Appointments*

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Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7:30 PM
"Like a rose among thorns." Learn how Torah illuminates the path, defining our role as individuals and as a people, so that we flourish despite the thorns.

Plus: Too pretty to eat! Watch an expert demonstrate the arrangement and styling of food to enhance its aesthetic appeal.

Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 7:30 PM
Claiming Your Piece of Heaven. How do our actions today impact our access to heaven and the Garden of Eden?
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Avremel Matusof

Plus: Jewish farmers? Meet Jamie Baker of Primrose Valley Farm who has journeyed to her own Garden of Eatin'.

Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Tending Our Personal Garden. Dr. Jan Sanders will discuss the concept of peace in the home.

Plus: Sushi delight: Artfully prepare your own Sushi creation.

Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:30 PM
The Joy of Gardening. A practical how-to guide for bringing joy into all that we do.

Plus: Planting herbs. Dig in and start your spring garden with a selection of herb plantings. See how your garden grows!

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Heaven and Earth, Where Do They Meet?
Guest Speaker: Rabbi Mendel Matusof

Plus: Culinary arts: Tips from expert Chef Brad Kahn on using seasonal foods.

Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:30 PM
"For man is like a tree of the field." (Deuteronomy)

Plus: Find your "green thumb" with a Master Gardener from UW Extension.

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 6:00 PM
Welcome summer! Girls Night Out Picnic—enjoy kayaking and canoeing on the north shore of Lake Mendota.



Students at Madison Jewish Community Day School learn about the shofar.

New Year's Resolution: 'Grow Jewishly'

All of us at Madison Jewish Community Day School wish you a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah, a sweet New Year. We wish you--grownups and children alike--a year in which you experience the sweetness of making authentic connections with Jewish tradition and community that touch our souls and help us to live meaningfully.

At our school, we encourage students to find sweetness and joy in Jewish learning and living by making Jewish traditions their own.

This year our school is excited to be offering an opportunity for parents of preschool and elementary school aged-children to engage in this type of learning as well. Our school is launching a program called Chai Mitzvah, a nine-month program for adults based on a nationally recognized, individualized framework for deepening your engagement with Judaism and your community.

The program was created in 2008 as a way to engage adults in a Jewish journey throughout their lives and groups now run nationwide. Our Chai Mitzvah group will begin after the holidays in October and will study together once a month for nine months.

The program has five components:

1. Attending a monthly study session for 9 months, with a specially designed curriculum
2. Identifying something Jewish you want to learn
3. Taking on or deepening an existing Jewish ritual
4. Engaging in a social action project
5. Celebrating your achievement

Wherever you are in your Jewish life, no matter how you practice or what "flavor" of Judaism most appeals to you, participating in this program can provide a path toward clarifying how you want to live your adult Jewish life.

Chai Mitzvah will also provide you with a supportive community of fellow learners and families as you learn and grow Jewishly.

You need not have a child in the day school (or intend to have a child in the day school) in order to participate. The more the merrier--and the richer the learning.

MJCDS's mission, in part, is to nurture an engagement with Jewish life and text and to foster a lifetime love of learning. By offering the Chai Mitzvah program we hope to enrich the community of adults that provide excellent examples of living and growing Jewishly throughout our lives.

If you would like to participate in Chai Mitzvah, please contact Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon at rabbi@madisonjewishdayschool.com.

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A Report from the UW Hillel Jewish Artists' Laboratory

By Jennifer Jennings

Director of Student Life at UW Hillel

In November 2012, UW Hillel launched its inaugural year of the Jewish Artists' Laboratory thanks to the support of the Covenant Foundation. Eight artists participated in the Jewish Artists' Laboratory project, which was comprised of eleven bi-monthly meetings where participants explored texts in Jewish tradition and art history as well as the work of each participating artist. Instructors for the program were Professor Douglass Rosenberg, Director of the Conney Project on Jewish Arts at the University of Wisconsin's Mosse-Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and professor in the Art Department, and Rabbi Andrea Steinberger, the rabbi of UW Hillel.

The Jewish Artists' Laboratory is a project of the upper Midwest Jewish community. Launched in Milwaukee at the Harry & Rose Sampson Jewish Community Center, this year the Minneapolis Sabes Jewish Community Center and UW Hillel joined the project. Participants in all three laboratories met and learned together at the Midwest Jewish Artist Laboratory Retreat in April. For the artists, the laboratory was an eye-opening experience of fusing their Jewish identities with their art. Participant Leslie Coff explains, "For me, the Jewish Artists' Laboratory has opened up a world of possibility for inspiration, connection and collaboration with local artists. I appreciate the Covenant Foundation for making all of this happen!" Kathy Mazur also appreciated the experience. "Through my participation in the Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory my ideas of Jewish art, the questions relating to its parameters, importance and meaning challenged me to further explore my Jewish identity... as an artist. These explorations have taken me on a journey of faith and artistic experimentation."

Culminating the year of learning about art through a Jewish lens, artists have collaborated on an exhibit titled Radical Amazement that will open on Tuesday, September 24 with a reception from 7 to 9 PM at Hillel. Eight Madison-area artists will be featured in the show: Leslie Coff, Roxana Florescu, Rachel Herbsman, Aviv Kammay, Megan Katz, Toby Kaufman-Buhler, Kathy Mazur, and Leora Saposnik. Each artist brings a distinctive artistic style related to the exhibition title. The show includes a variety of mediums and approaches: small sculptures, video, paintings - large and small, earthenware, live and recorded music, and a sculptural installation.

For information regarding the 2013-2014 Jewish Artists' Laboratory which will begin in October, please contact Jennifer Jennings, Director of Jewish Student Life at UW-Hillel at jjennings @uwhillel.org or 608-256-8361 ext. 702.



Rachel Herbsman is one of several featured artists in the Radical Amazement exhibit.



Leslie Coff displays her artwork as part of the Jewish Artists' Laboratory's upcoming art show.

Bar Mitzvah Pays Homage to Family's History

By Faygie Levy

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Growing up, Adam Korte went to plenty of bar mitzvah ceremonies for his friends as they turned 13 and became men in the eyes of the Jewish community. And when those same friends asked when his was taking place, Korte didn't have an answer for them.

"I never really thought about it much as a kid," said the now 20-year-old, from Whitefish Bay, Wis., just outside of Milwaukee. "I guess it never occurred to me. I grew up in a secular household."

"Having a bar mitzvah," he continued, "wasn't something that I should be doing; it was just something my friends were doing. I knew I was Jewish, but I didn't know what that meant."



"I'm a very big family person," explained the college junior about his bar mitzvah, "so having the majority of my family there was the most important thing to me."

Still, the seeds were firmly planted in Korte's mind that someday, maybe, he'd have his own bar mitzvah. That day came when Korte, surrounded by his friends and family, was called to the Torah for an aliyah during the afternoon minchah prayer service at the Rohr Family Chabad House at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

But to get to that day, Korte, who attends UW-Madison, had to overcome a few obstacles—like learning some Hebrew. He also had to tell his parents and his 89-year-old grandmother—a Holocaust survivor who had seen firsthand the devastation the Nazis wrought on anyone who had Jewish bloodlines—what he planned to do. He wasn't entirely sure how either conversation would go.

"I never had any Jewish learning growing up. We would [mark] a Jewish holiday on occasion, but we had no habitual Jewish holiday practices in our family," said Korte. At the urging of some friends from school, he went to a Shabbat dinner last fall at the local Chabad House, run by Rabbi Mendel and Henya Matusof.

"I went to Chabad, and it was really good food and good people, and I really liked it," he said, recalling his impressions of that first meal. "I kept going to them for Shabbat dinner, and that semester I heard about a Birthright program through Chabad and thought if I am going to go to Birthright, I will go through Chabad of Madison."

Off to Israel

Birthright Israel is a program that takes Jewish young adults from the Diaspora who generally have not been on an organized trip to Israel before to the Jewish homeland to experience all the country has to offer. The free, 10-day trip is geared to young adults ages 18-26 from a wide range of organizers. The program Korte attended, Mayanot Israel, is under the auspices of Chabad.

Also on the trip last winter was Matusof, who has been the Chabad shaliach, or emissary, in Madison since 2005, and who has been leading Mayanot Israel trips since 2008.

"In Israel, young American Jews often find a newfound sense of Jewish identity and belonging," Matusof said of the program. "They realize how special it is to be Jewish and retain that Judaism in their families for generations to come."

In addition to leading students to places like the Golan Heights, Safed, Masada, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Matusof also helped some Mayanot participants attain bar mitzvah status. "I held a bar mitzvah for two other college guys in Israel and offered to have one for Adam there, but he wanted to do it at home."

Korte declined the rabbi's offer because he had a different idea. "I'm a very big family person," explained the college junior, "so having the majority of my family there was the most important thing to me. … I figured, if I was going to have a bar mitzvah, I wanted to have it the right way and learn the alef-bet and be able to read Hebrew as well."

With this goal in mind, Korte began meeting with the rabbi every Wednesday night.

Sitting and Studying—and Loving It

They started off learning about the basics of Judaism, the holidays and more. Korte said he had "a lot of questions about davening," which he discussed with Matusof. Their classes continued and progressed, with Korte learning the Hebrew letters and how to read until the day he was able to recite the blessings before the Torah reading and for Havdalah, said at the end of Shabbat.

Korte said he absolutely loved those classes.

"I looked forward to Wednesday nights at 8:30. It wasn't just about the learning," he said, but the sitting and studying with the rabbi. "It was like talking to a friend—and such fun."

The feeling was mutual. "I enjoyed learning with Adam immensely," responded Matusof.

Adam enjoyed the learning so much that he plans to continue to grow his Jewish education by enrolling this fall in the national Sinai Scholars Society. The program, a joint project of Chabad on Campus and the Rohr Jewish Learning Institute, is open to a select number of students each year and covers a range of Jewish topics as they relate to the modern world.

As for his bar mitzvah preparations, if it all sounds like it happened quickly, it did, partially because of Korte's skills with foreign languages. "I'm a Spanish major [with a double major in neurobiology], and I feel comfortable speaking other languages. My mother speaks Hungarian, and my grandmother talks seven languages, so I picked it up quickly."

While he was studying, Korte knew he had to tell his family about his decision. He spoke to his parents first, who he said were surprised at his decision. "My mom was very happy and my dad, who isn't a religious person at all, was very supportive."

Then he had to tell his grandmother, Martha Osvat. Noting that she was a Holocaust survivor, Korte explained that she "always tried to influence me to conform to society, which is not Jewish—to blend in. She always wanted me to distance myself from Judaism because of her experiences and what happened to people who recognized themselves as Jews."

Korte said when he finally did talk to her, "she took it a lot better than I thought she would."

In fact, Osvat was quite proud of her grandson. Having suffered a fall just weeks before the ceremony and still in rehab at the time of the service, she went from her hospital bed to her grandson's bar mitzvah, and called the event "one of the most glorious, deeply happy moments of my life."



Adam Korte with his grandmother, Martha Osvat, a Holocaust survivor who called his bar mitzvah "one of the most glorious, deeply happy moments of my life."

Throughout the service, Osvat said she thought of her late husband, Korte's grandfather, George, which is also Adam's middle name. He was not that religious, she said, but "deeply, deeply Jewish," and always dreamed of going to Israel. It was a dream her grandson got to fulfill.

"When Adam went to Israel, I was happy," she said. "He saw what his grandfather couldn't. And I was happy he had an idealistic goal in his heart, that he can be bigger than himself and touch his roots, because he has other kinds of roots as well, and this is the one that spoke out to him."

Korte's teacher, Rabbi Matusof, was also moved by the service. "Seeing someone, who, when you first meet him, had little connection to Judaism, to get up" on the bimah surrounded by family and friends, "there was a lot of pride, a lot of joy."

So how did Korte process it all?

"I feel like, for me, the most important part of the bar mitzvah and learning about Judaism is not coming from a theological experience" he explained. Rather, "I felt that it was my obligation to my family and what they had gone through being Jewish to have this small act, a bar mitzvah, to pay homage to what they've gone through."

He might see it as a small act. But his grandmother described it as something much more. For her, it's a "big, heroic thing."

"To make that choice," she said, shows "he has so much love for Judaism and Jewish life. It's such a big thing. Small persons don't do such a thing."



Rabbi Mendel Matusof and Adam Korte



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Scenes from the Levy Summer Series

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In Stacy's Words:
Rough on the Inside



By Stacy Goldman

JSS Senior Adult Services

Imagining Rosh Hashanah without hearing the sound of the shofar is like imagining the Fourth of July without fireworks. Standing at attention while listening to the blasts of the ram's horn awakens something within us—excites us. For some, it is peaceful. For others, it may be somewhat unnerving. But whatever emotion the shofar evokes within us, most would agree that the experience is powerful.

This past year, many of us have experienced disappointment, sorrow, or loss. So often we feel that we are the only ones who are hurting. Everyone on the "outside" may appear to be moving cheerfully through life, well-adjusted, happy, and without a care in the world. But the truth is that while some people are truly fully content and worry-free, many are not. People who might appear to have the "perfect" life may indeed be showing the world only an impressive outer surface and not their rough and perhaps damaged interiors.

In the book, *Rosh Hashanah Readings*, contributor David Greenspan recounts his experience visiting an elementary school classroom at a local day school in order to demonstrate the blowing of the shofar. The students inspected several shofarot, and described their characteristics. Greenspan mentioned that the students were particularly interested in the contrast between the shofar's inner and outer surfaces. The outside of the shofar was extremely smooth, while the inside was rough and jagged. The author took the children's observations to heart, and noted, "We too are like the shofar. Despite how smooth and polished we might appear externally, all of us have our rough and unfinished insides. One lesson that the shofar comes to teach us is despite our rough and unfinished insides, we too can lift our voices and have our prayers find their way to God."

Let us remind ourselves that we each carry immeasurable worth simply because we each carry within us a unique human spirit. Let us resist the urge to compare ourselves to others, and instead focus on how we can live our best lives—one day at a time. And let us remember that despite how broken we may feel at times, we are all, just like the shofar, capable of creating great beauty, stirring people's hearts, and making the world a more beautiful place—simply by being who we are.

Wishing everyone a Shanah Tovah U'Mitukah—a Sweet and Good Year!

B'Shalom,
Stacy

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The Levy Summer Series to Return in 2014

We are very pleased to announce that the well-received Levy Summer Series will return in 2014. Jewish Social Services is very grateful to Jeffrey C. Levy for renewing his commitment to this unique program. With the help of the Levy Summer Series committee, we expect to again offer stimulating programs and appealing lunches at Nakoma Golf Club.

JSS thanks everyone who made the Levy Summer Series a success in its first year. Jeffrey C. Levy has our sincere gratitude for underwriting the program and allowing us to make it a reality. The committee, Jeff, Judy Karofsky, Howard Fried, Herman Goldstein, Daniel Pekarsky, David Sulman Jean Weissburg and Jewish Social Services president Nan Youngerman, along with JSS staff, worked hard to generate the ideas that enlivened our vision. Nakoma Golf Club, especially Tony Avoles and his crew, were at our service and provided everything we needed, including outstanding meals. Volunteer photographers Kathy Mazur and Ellen Meyer deserve praise for their beautiful photos, which captured the lively discussion, schmoozing and connections that people enjoyed. At JSS, Administrative Assistant Jill Cohen Kolb was our able registrar, Executive Director Terrie Goren was a tireless cheerleader and Senior Services Worker Stacy Goldman greeted our guests as they arrived, and provided invaluable personal support. Thanks to Lynnea Krajco, who designed the brochure and who, along with Office Assistant Autumn Drussell, made the posts to our Facebook page. Special thanks go to our distinguished speakers, Rabbi Hannah Greenstein, Professor Rachel Buff, Jonathan Pollack, PhD., Professor Tony Michels, Professor Emeritus Robert Skloot and Professor Rachel Baum. Any omission of people to thank is inadvertent; please let us know if we left you out, so we can apologize and thank you publicly.

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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.

JSS Receives Award for Immigration Plan

Jewish Social Services' (JSS) Immigration Legal Services Program opened its doors in 2005 when JSS became recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and when Janice Beers, Director of Immigration Services, became accredited by the BIA. BIA recognition and accreditation allows JSS to provide immigration legal services to individuals who are unable to afford the fees of private attorneys.

In 2009, JSS became the first agency nationwide to become a subscriber to the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC). CLINIC provides support to its members and subscribers by offering webinars, e-training, in-person trainings, educational materials and access to national attorneys who provide legal support.

In April 2013, CLINIC offered its 201 affiliates (members and subscribers) the opportunity to reply to a Letter of Intent which would give affiliates the opportunity to submit a Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR) Legalization Preparation and Implementation plan. Agencies chosen to complete the plan and required attachments were offered $10,000 in funding by CLINIC, intended for use by the immigration program to prepare for CIR. Seventy-nine CLINIC affiliates responded to the Letter of Intent. CLINIC selected eighteen affiliates, including JSS, but only fifteen affiliates fulfilled the requirements. JSS was proud to be one of these fifteen agencies. CLINIC awarded JSS $10,000 in July 2013.

JSS' detailed plan focuses on partnering with Madison's Catholic Multicultural Center (CMC). The proposed CIR program would include a detailed fundraising plan, educational forums, CIR workshops and in-office clinics, as well as individual appointments at JSS and CMC. JSS and CMC would rely on volunteers for English as a Second Language (ESL) classroom education, ESL tutors, and to assist at workshops. In addition, JSS would collaborate with several other community organizations including Centro Hispano, the African Association of Madison, and the Community Immigration Law Center.

CLINIC is currently studying the 15 plans that were rewarded. CLINIC will incorporate elements into upcoming CIR Planning and Preparation curricula to be taught in San Francisco in September and Silver Spring, MD in October. JSS's supporters should be proud to know that JSS's work will thus become part of a national model to help other agencies prepare for these expected reforms in Immigration.

Leviticus 19:33-34: "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. . . . "

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Lechayim Lights

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Local Singers Bill and Bobbie Malone Headline Lechayim Fall Kickoff

Lechayim is on the move! Beth Israel Center will be undergoing major renovations in the near future, so Lechayim is moving to Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. We'll miss our long-time home, but look forward to creating many warm memories in our new one. We at JSS want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Beth Israel Center for hosting Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus for over 30 years.

Be sure to be there on Monday, September 23 when Lechayim Lunchtime Plus begins another year of great meals and great conversations. Greet old friends and enjoy discovering wonderful new ones! The suggested cost of the meal is $6.15.

Beloved local singers Bill and Bobbie Malone will get Lechayim off to a rousing start with their program, "A Tribute to Gene Autry." More information can be found in "About our Programs" elsewhere in this section.

For reservations, contact Louise Goldstein no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18 (our office is closed Thursday and Friday that week for Succot) at 608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@ jssmadison.org. You can reserve your door-to-door ride, provided by Transit Solutions, at the same time. The cost is $1 round trip, payable to the driver.

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

September and October Lechayim Calendars

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus, hosted by Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive.

Reservations are required. Contact Louise Goldstein at 608-278-1808, ext. 227 or louise@jssmadison.org by 10:00 on the preceding Friday morning. The kosher meals are catered by Café O Catering and a vegetarian option is available by reservation.

A donation of $6.15 is suggested. *Menus are subject to change based on availability.*

Monday, September 2 – ***Labor Day, Lechayim does not meet***

Monday, September 9 – ***High Holidays, Lechayim does not meet***

Monday, September 16 – ***Lechayim does not meet***

Monday, September 23 – ***RESERVATIONS DUE BY NOON ON SEPT. 18 FOR THIS PROGRAM***

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	Roast chicken, roasted potatoes, spinach salad with strawberries, chocolate cake
1:00-2:00	Bill & Bobbie Malone, *"A Tribute to Gene Autry"*

Monday, September 30

11:30-12:00	Feldenkreis Technique with Hagit Vardi
12:00-1:00	Veggie lasagna, Romaine lettuce with Italian vinaigrette, garlic bread, lemon ice
1:00-2:00	*"Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy,"* narrated by Joel Grey, on DVD

October Lechayim Dates:

Monday, October 7

Monday, October 14

Monday, October 21

Monday, October 28

Transportation to Lechayim

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

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Понедельник, 16 сентября - Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, 23 сентября
11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Жареная курица, жареный картофель, салат из шпината с клубникой, шоколадный торт
1:00-2:00 Билл и Бобби Мэлоун, "Выражение признательности Джину Отри."

Понедельник, 30 сентября
11:00-12:00 Измерение давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Вегетарианская лазанья, салат зеленый с итальянским винегретом, чесночный хлеб, лимонный лёд
1:00-2:00 "Бродвейские мюзиклы: Еврейское наследие", история рассказанная Джоэлом Греем, на DVD.

Даты Лехаима на Октябрь

Понедельник, 7 октября
Понедельником, 14 октября
Понедельник, 21 октября
Понедельник, 28 октября

About our Programs

We have had well more than thirty wonderful years at Beth Israel Center, which is now planning major renovations. In order to be prepared, Lechayim is moving to Temple Beth El. We are so grateful for all the years that we have been hosted by Beth Israel Center. Now with this move, Lechayim enters a new phase. The warmth, camaraderie, fun and intellectual stimulation will also make the move, and we're sure we'll make new memories and new friends in our new home.

Our old friends in the Retro Swing Band have become so popular that they are limiting themselves to one performance per group, per year. They will play for us on the last day of Lechayim next May, which is a long time away, but they are worth the wait. This year two other long-time friends and fans of Lechayim are back to open our season with an opportunity for everyone to lift their voices and sing. On **Monday, September 23**, Bill and Bobbie Malone will present "A Tribute to Gene Autry." While well known for his cowboy persona, during his long career, Autry did everything from blues to hillbilly to children's songs. The Malones will present a group of his songs to illustrate his versatility and remind us of his contributions to American popular culture. His songs include "You Are My Sunshine," "Back in the Saddle Again," "South of the Border," "Rudolph, the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Blueberry Hill." Bring your best singing voice, because it will be hard not to sing along to these familiar songs. In fact, you're encouraged to join in!

Bill and Bobbie Malone are familiar faces in the local bluegrass music scene. Bill is the host of the popular and well-regarded weekly show "Back to the Country" on WORT (89.9 FM), where he shares his prodigious knowledge of bluegrass and country music, the people who made it and the times that shaped it (he likes to say that he has a "Ph.D. in Hillbilly"). His book, *Country Music, USA* is still the definitive scholarly work on American country music and author Larry McMurtry (Lonesome Dove) was heard to say that "If anyone knows more about the subject than [Malone] does, God help them." He is Emeritus Professor of History at Tulane University. Among the honors he has received are a Guggenheim Fellowship in 1984 and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society for American Music in 2008. His books include *Don't Get above Your Raisin': Country Music and the Southern Working Class*, *Working Girl Blues: The Life and Music of Hazel Dickens* (co-authored with Hazel Dickens) and *Music from the True Vine: Mike Seeger's Life and Musical Journey*.

After teaching for ten years, Bobbie Malone received her Ph.D. in American History from Tulane University and came to Madison to be the (now retired) director of the Office of School Services at the Wisconsin Historical Society. There she wrote many books for students as well as teachers' guides for the study of Wisconsin history, including the Student Textbook, Teacher's Edition and Student Activity Guide for *Wisconsin: Our State, Our Story.* Her writings include the book, *Rabbi Max Hiller: Reformer, Zionist, Southerner, 1860-1929*.

Together Bill and Bobbie perform all around Madison, including the High Noon Saloon, Wild Hog in the Woods and the Froth House. Lechayim is one of their favorite venues, and we're thrilled to have them back.

More music combined with the opportunity to learn is offered on **Monday, September 30** when we view the first part of the DVD "Broadway Musicals: a Jewish Legacy," narrated by Tony and Academy Award winner actor Joel Grey *("Cabaret")*. The program, broadcast earlier on PBS, is described on the DVD liner notes as examining "…the unique role of Jewish composers and lyricists in the creation of the modern American musical. The film showcases the work of legends such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, George and Ira Gershwin, Lorenz Hart, Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II, Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim." Interviews, performances and archival material are also presented. We'll screen the second part of the DVD at another program.



Bobbie and Bill Malone are Lechayim favorites.

BBQ at the Goodman Campus















Photos by Louise Goldstein

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students (WSPS) is thrilled to partner with Jewish Social Services Lechayim Luncheons for a second year. WSPS is a registered student organization at the UW Madison School of Pharmacy that promotes the profession of pharmacy throughout the community, by volunteering at health fairs, performing a variety of health screenings, and hosting educational fairs. Allowing them to come to Lechayim gives WSPS members a chance to use the various skills learned throughout their pharmacy education. They are excited to be back for a second year.

WSPS consists of nine different community outreach programs designed to provide attendees with knowledge and resources they need to take charge of their own health and make healthy and informed choices. A few of the topics covered over the next nine months include blood pressure and cardiovascular health, diabetes, immunizations, and falls.

The first Health Assessment, Operation Heart, will be held on September 30.

Spotlight: Karen Shevat Dinah

By Pamela Phillips Olson

Karen Shevat Dinah's path to Judaism was shaped by her search for social justice and fairness.

She was born to a strong-minded mother who had worked her way through college at UW Whitewater and was a teacher. Her father, a successful lumber salesman in a rural community in northern Wisconsin, quit school during the Depression and worked in the CCC. He imparted to Karen a deep appreciation for nature. Her parents loved music, and she and her sisters each learned to play an instrument.



Karen Shevat Dinah
(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)

Karen attended UW-Madison, majoring in Physical Education. The program was nationally renowned and highly competitive. She played volleyball and field hockey. Prior to the passage of Title 9, she and her teammates had to pay for uniforms, equipment, coaches, referees, and transportation to games.

Karen never forgot that her mother was working to put her through school. Studying hard, she graduated with an award for academic excellence.

She experienced a major conflict when she confronted the dilemma of the Vietnam War protests. "To go into the Natatorium I had to cross the line of student protesters daily, and then armed National Guardsmen." She crossed the student picket line to honor her mother's efforts. Yet her heart was with the protesters.

Her dad was disabled from his service during WWII. He felt the protests were unpatriotic. He was devastated when Karen told him, "If I were a boy, I would move to Canada." This was the first rift between them.

Karen joined the Peace Corps, working in Venezuela. She wanted to learn Spanish, but she learned more than the language. She received kindness and understanding from the people she had gone to help. Returning to the States, Karen earned a Masters in Guidance and Counseling. In Chicago she worked with migrant workers, students, and community agencies.

Returning to Madison in 1982, she sought a spiritual connection. "Some Jewish friends invited me to a seder and a Chanukah celebration, and I began studying Judaism. Although I experienced cognitive dissonance due to Judaism's patriarchal traditions, the social justice element attracted me."

Karen converted in 1992 after years of study. She is an observant member of Sha'arei Shamayim, holding the post of gabbay shammas, ensuring that services run smoothly, and is a regular in the Beth Israel Center minyan. On her accordion, she also plays Jewish music.

At Lechayim, Karen supports one of the oldest members, Clara Sweet, who is 98. With admiration and respect for Karen, Clara has begun to wear a yarmulke, just as Karen does!

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It's That Time Again!

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's a cute quotation to get you started, submitted by Betsy Haimson:

"I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap."

– Bob Hope

~ In Memoriam ~ Annette Howards

Modest and unassuming, devoted to her family and to Judaism, intensely proud of being a Marine, fiercely independent and gracious to the end, Annette modeled a life of love and loyalty. She was a Jewish Social Services volunteer for many years at Lechayim, the annual BBQ and sometimes in our office, always ready to help and be of service. She was a woman with a heart that was open, accepting and true. She would demur if we said she was "one of a kind," but we know that she truly was an *Eishet Chayil*, a woman of valor. Semper Fi, Annette.

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



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

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October 4, December 6

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

Dates to be announced.

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

October 25, November 15

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Rosh Hashanah Tea at Oakwood Village

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Tuesday, September 3rd, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
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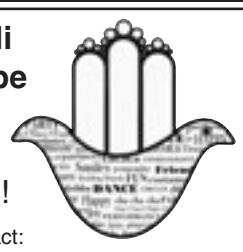
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