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The Midrasha class of 2014 with their delicious graduation cake.

Mazel Tov to the Midrasha Class of 2014!



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Ben Gellman
Samara Lerner
Rachel Moseson
Ariella Rader
Sydney Rozenfeld
Eliana Schreiber
Sam Shovers
Hannah Stein
Holly White

We wish them the best of luck as they start a new chapter in their lives.

A BIG todah rabah to all of the teachers who worked at Midrasha this year. Without this incredible staff (listed below) this program would not be possible.

Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon, Rabbi Jonathan Biatch, Josh Davidson, Rachel Halstead, Madeline Jacobs, Mickey Aziz-Komar, Laurel Hefty, Steve Olson, Elana Rabishaw, Cantor Deborah Martin, Rebecca Schwab, Talia Shapiro, Sherie Sondel, Missy Sosman, and Jill Nomie Turnbull.

See more Midrasha celebration photos on page 3.

Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund Needs Your Help

By Charlie Kaplan

Camp Shalom Counselor & Former Camper

We at Camp Shalom, the summer camp of the Jewish Federation of Madison, have already begun thinking about summer 2014.

Started in 1954, Camp Shalom is the Dane County Area's oldest day camp, welcoming over 1,000 campers and their families every summer. A haven for people of all backgrounds, camp welcomes children of any religion, race, gender, nationality, and disability, which creates a special environment that is a true testament to the diversity of Dane County. In staying true to the same values that inspired us from the beginning, Camp Shalom remains committed to providing every child this incredible experience, regardless of their family's financial standing.

Last summer, Camp Shalom awarded $96,000 in scholarships for 172 campers. This summer, there have been requests for **$111,000** in scholarships for **189 campers**. These are need-based scholarships, funded entirely by generous donations made by members of our community.

Why donate to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund? For many, it is a chance to give back to the camp that they, or a loved one attended or worked at. Thousands of individuals have been a part of Camp Shalom over the past 60 years, and each one possesses memories both unique and shared from camp that remain with them to this day. There are many ways for grateful members of the community to give back to Camp Shalom, with none more helpful than providing children who need financial aid an opportunity to create these memories and experiences for themselves.



Charlie (left) with his oldest friend Aaron started out as campers and are now on staff together at Camp Shalom.

For others, donating to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund is an opportunity to help shape the future of a child in our area. Camp is a place where children can grow as individuals, by experiencing new activities such as Teva (nature) and Omanut (arts and crafts), and by simply interacting with their fellow campers and counselors. Camp Shalom allows for children to find out what interests them, and pursue goals in activities that they could otherwise never have exposure to, as well as forge lasting friendships with peers who may not attend the same school as they do.

For the last 60 years, Camp Shalom

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Amazing Business Networking Opportunity Coming June 11th

Networking is a key skill for successful business people. We all know that each awkward introduction, handshake or shared elevator ride can be an excellent opportunity to expand our professional network. But there must be a way to develop these connections more gracefully!

And now… there is! On June 11th from 6pm-7:30pm at the Great Dane-Hilldale, the Jewish Business Roundtable a program of the Jewish Federation of Madison, and J-Biz Madison a program of YJP Madison are coming together to offer an unparalleled opportunity to expand your professional network with more growth in one hour than you might otherwise see in one year! Join us for an outstanding Speed Networking event. Similar in tactic to speed dating, participants will use brief timed encounters to meet Jewish professionals in all lines of work from all over the Madison area.

You already may know some of these professionals, or know of them due to their professional success. Others you may never have met, or even realized that their businesses are in the Madison area. Meet professionals just beginning their careers and those who have spent years in their line of work, as well as professionals who are between careers or just looking for a new start.

Speed Networking is for anyone who wants to network in an organized yet relaxed setting. Come join us to shmooze over a beer and snacks. Make some connections and watch your networks grow! For a list of names of those attending at time of print, see our ad on page 6. Register by emailing Lynn at LKaplan@jewishmadison.org.

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■ You'll be invited as our guest to the Federation Annual Dinner, our November event attended by our community's leaders. You'll also receive complimentary passes for the 5,500 square-foot Goodman Aquatic Center pool.

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Become a sponsor today!

For information about becoming a website sponsor, contact the Jewish Federation of Madison, 278-1808 or info@jewishmadison.org

Jewish Federation OF MADISON

Presenting the Midrasha Class of 2014



Jim Stein, President of the Jewish Federation of Madison and a parent of a graduate, presented nine of the graduates with the Laurence A. Weinstein Midrasha Incentive Award.



Missy Sosman and Sherie Sondel, who taught a Healthy Jewish Cooking class, gave the graduates some words of wisdom and presented the seniors with a commemorative cookbook.



The future class of 2015 enjoyed the graduation festivities.



The Midrasha staff and students honored the graduates at a fun end-of-the-year program.

Camp Shalom

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truly has been a special place for youth in our area. The memories and friendships made by children at camp stay with them forever, and the impact has the potential to change their lives for the better.

As we celebrate the 60th anniversary of Camp Shalom, please help us continue the tradition of never having to deny a child a camp experience because of financial need. We need your help. We still need to raise $18,000. Please help us send all of these children to camp – it is not too late.

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

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

Thank you in advance for helping the children in our community have a wonderful summer camp experience at Camp Shalom.

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Andrea Stein, z"l Awarded Posthumous Doctoral Degree

Andrea J. Stein, z"l, former Editor of the *Madison Jewish News* and Jewish community volunteer, was awarded a posthumous Doctor of Jewish Nonprofit Management, honoris causa, from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute (HUC-JIR) of Religion in Los Angeles, California on May 19th, 2014. Her husband accepted the honor on her behalf. One of five honorary degree recipients, this award recognized the breadth and depth of Andrea's continuous service to the Jewish community in the 25 years since she received her Master's Degree in Jewish Communal Service from HUC-JIR. Andrea frequently quoted Pirke Avot 2:5 – "Al tifrosh min hatzibur" – "Do not distance yourself from the community." Shortly after arriving in Madison in 1996, she chaired the Gan Hayeled Preschool Committee and was its Interim Director. She was on the Family Education Committee of the Madison Jewish Community Council and in 2001 she was awarded the Madison Jewish Community Council Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award. That year she became Advertising Manager of the *Madison Jewish News*. She was incredibly proud to become Managing Editor in 2012. She felt that her work with the Jewish Federation was her service mission to the Madison Jewish community.



Andrea Stein, z"l

Schrager Named New Yonim Communications Director

The Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe finished a fabulous 2013-2014 season. On the heels of a successful Sharsheret Festival we are thrilled to announce that we have hired Cathy Schrager to be the Yonim Communications Director for the 2014-2015 season.

Cathy brings a variety of experiences to her role as the new Communications Director for Yonim. She worked as a news producer for television stations in Georgia and Wisconsin. She then moved on to work in public relations for a non-profit in Denver, CO before returning to school to complete a graduate program in Elementary Education. Cathy taught third grade in suburban Denver for a number of years before starting her family with her husband, Adam. Her oldest daughter, Harper, is credited with making their family a Yonim family. Watching the excitement on her daughter's face at every rehearsal and performance and then seeing that same excitement with all the dancers led Cathy to inquire about the Yonim position. She's thrilled to continue the great dance tradition Yonim has established in the Madison community. Cathy lives in Madison with her husband and three kids.

Yonim is sad to say goodbye to Laura Toso who held the role of Director of Yonim, including the Communications Director role this past season. The entire Yonim family wishes Laura the best of luck in her new role as Editor of the *Madison Jewish News* and welcomes Cathy to her new role on the Yonim staff!

Local Professional Selected to National Outreach Initiative

Tiz Goff joins the Big Tent Judaism Professional Affiliates to better serve less-engaged Jews



Tiz Goff

Big Tent Judaism/Jewish Outreach Institute (JOI) is delighted to announce that Tiz Goff has successfully completed the training to become a member of the sixth North American Cohort of Big Tent Judaism Professional Affiliates. She will be working with the staff of Big Tent Judaism/Jewish Outreach Institute to open the tent of the Madison, Wis., Jewish community through outreach training and Public Space Judaism℠ programming, which is the methodology of taking Jewish programming outside the four walls of institutions and out to where people are in public secular spaces, such as "Passover in the Matzah Aisle" and "Hands-on Hanukkah" in shopping malls to foster relationships, share what the community has to offer, and learn about their interests and needs. At any given time, the majority of Jewish households are not engaging with the organized Jewish community, and Big Tent Judaism Professional Affiliates seek to demonstrate to the unaffiliated the meaning and value in participation.

The Big Tent Judaism Professional Affiliates program, which began in the Spring of 2012, is a training series and collaborative network for Jewish communal professionals who want to "expand the tent" of the organized Jewish community by reaching and serving less-engaged Jews including unaffiliated intermarried families. The program provides free, exclusive education on proven outreach best practices; one-on-one coaching; peer support; program implementation guidance; and program evaluation assistance. The program works to achieve measurable impact by tracking agreed-upon numeric benchmarks with each Professional Affiliate, working with them to not just find the less-engaged in their communities, but to create lasting relationships that lead to deeper engagement.

Executive Director Rabbi Kerry M. Olitzky looks forward to the expansion of the program as JOI nears 200 Big Tent Judaism Professional Affiliates. "We are equipping these communal professionals on the front line with the best of best outreach practices. They are key to the future growth of the community and we are proud to have them on our team."

Goff began her Big Tent Judaism Professional Affiliates training in late January, and will work with local professionals, as well as staff and lay leadership at Jewish Federation of Madison to implement Public Space Judaism programs and create relationships with newcomers to the community to foster future engagement.

Big Tent Judaism/Jewish Outreach Institute (JOI)—is an independent, national, trans-denominational organization reaching out to unengaged and intermarried Jewish families, and helping the organized Jewish community better welcome them. Tiz Goff is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Jewish Federation of Madison and Advertising Manager for the Madison Jewish News.







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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS

Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand)

Monthly Jewish Community Playgroup for Caregivers and Children ages 0-2
Monday, June 2
10:00-11:30 a.m.



Join us on the first Monday of the month for this free traveling playgroup. Hand in hand caregivers will explore and discuss a new topic with a Jewish twist each month. Topics will include: yoga with baby, self-awareness, healthy eating, music, safety and more. Plenty of time for schmoozing and for the kids to play. Kosher snacks will be provided by the Jewish Federation of Madison. To RSVP or host a playgroup please contact Tiz Goff at outreach@ jewishmadison.org

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Tuesday, June 3
7:00 p.m.- 12:00 a.m.
Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison



Join area Rabbis and other teachers from across Madison's jewish community for a traditional Tukkun Leil Shavuot, an evening of learning celebrating God's giving of the Torah at Sinai. This year's theme is scandal. To keep learners sharp throughout the evening, dairy desserts will be served, including cheesecake, ice cream, and the traditional first fruits of the season. Presented by Beth Israel Center and co-sponsored by Jewish Federation of Madison, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and Temple Beth El.



New Camper Information Session

For Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim.
Sunday, June 8
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
The Minkoff Center at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Route PD, Verona

Grown-ups and campers are encouraged to attend and meet the directors, learn about the daily schedule and special programming, take a tour of the scenic Goodman Campus and awesome Camp facilities, meet some of the loving and enthusiastic staff members, and learn some camp songs and games. Please contact campshalom@jewishmadison.org with any questions.

Speed Networking

Wednesday, June 11
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Great Dane Pub & Brewing Company
Hilldale Location, Madison



Meet, greet and connect with other Jewish professionals from the Madison area. Brought to you by the Jewish Federation of Madison and J-Biz Madison. Sponsored by Foley & Lardner LLP, Madison Computer Works, Sondel Family Veterinary Clinic, and Galin Education. For more information see the complete ad on page 6.

Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic

Sunday, June 22
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, 7762 County Route PD, Verona



Kick off the summer and the celebration of Camp Shalom's 60th Anniversary at the Hava Nagila Community Picnic. Activities include: Amazing Race-inspired activities for the whole family; information tables for local Jewish organizations; face painting and balloon animals; hayrides; bouncy house; velcro wall; Boulder's Climbing Wall; picnic games; Ga-Ga; swimming; Israeli Dancing with Yonim; music; hot dogs, veggie brats and other yummy foods (proceeds go to the Gan HaYeled Preschool); and much more! Volunteers are also needed. Please contact Ellen Weismer at program@ jewishmadison or 278-1808 x 232. For complete information please see the ad on page 32.

Mad Town Teen Jewish Volunteer Program

August 17-23, 2014
(Registration due by June 13th)
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Learn more and apply now for a memorable experience in Madison. We invite you to participate in a week of volunteering in Madison with other Jewish teens. We will learn about issues affecting Madison including the achievement gap, poverty, and homelessness and volunteer at a variety of organizations including schools, community centers, and programs working for social change. Sponsored by Shaarei Shamayim and generously funded by the Jewish Federaton of Madison Innovation Panel. For more information visit: www.shamayim.org

Goodman Aquatic Center opens June 7th

Summer registration for the pool is open!
7762 County Highway PD, Verona

Enjoy the beautiful 5,500 square foot outdoor pool with six 25 meter lanes and zero depth entry, located in Verona. Plenty of shaded area and deck chairs to lounge with family and friends. See the ad on page 31 for complete details and registration information.



Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim

Register for summer 2014 online now!

Camp Shalom is the summer day camp of the Jewish Federation of Madison. Its Jewish environment is welcoming to all elementary and middle school-age children and provides a safe, nurturing and fun experience. For more information regarding dates, fees and more, visit: www.jewishmadison.org

Camp Shalom Katan

Register for summer 2014 – a few spots are still available!

Ten unique one-week sessions aailble for preschool age children, jam-packed with fun activities. We offer flexible scheduling so families can choose to register for the camp sessions, and the days of the week that fit with their summer schedule. Summer camp weeks run Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm for 3 - 4 year olds, and 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for 2 year olds. For more information please visit: www.jewishmadison.org



Volunteers Still Needed for Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic

Looking for something to do on Sunday, June 22nd? Come help out at the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic. We are looking for people who are talented (or at least willing to develop their skills) in the following areas:

- Pre- Picnic Set-up (early bird shift, begins at 9:30 a.m.)
- Grilling hot dogs
- Selling food
- Greeting guests
- Helping to lead games and activities for the kids
- Post-picnic Clean-up

If you would like to volunteer to help out at the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic on Sunday, June 22 at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, please let us know. The picnic takes place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and we need a lot of volunteers. We are happy to sign off on volunteer hours for students.

Please contact Ellen at program@jewishmadison or 278-1808 x 232. Thank you in advance!







Wednesday, June 11
Speed Networking!!!

Meet, greet and connect with other Jewish professionals from the Madison area.

To register email Lynn at: LKaplan@jewishmadison.org

Network with the following local professionals and many more:

- Jon Eckhardt, Associate Professor of Management and the Robert Pricer Chair in Enterprise Development at the Wisconsin School of Business and co-founder of Gener8tor
- Kathy Blumenfeld, Vice President of the CUNA Mutual Group's Lending Insurance Products
- Marv Turner, Yellow Dog Productions Director
- Wayne Harris, President, 6AM Marketing

Join us at: The Great Dane Pub & Brewing Company, Hilldale location, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

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Madison Jewish Community Comes Together to Talk About Hard Subjects

About a year ago, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim (CSS) reached out to the Jewish Dialogue Group in order to host some honest and meaningful intra-Jewish conversations about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Jewish Dialogue Group, who helped create and facilitate the sessions, is a non-profit based out of Philadelphia that describes itself as "a grassroots organization that works to foster constructive dialogue within Jewish communities across the world about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and other challenging issues."

CSS was so pleased with the progress that was made during their two sessions that they reached out to several other Madison Jewish organizations about getting involved. This past spring, CSS co-sponsored three additional sessions, this time open to the entire Jewish community. The other co-sponsors for the sessions were the Jewish Federation of Madison, Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center and UW Hillel.

Members from across denominations and political affiliations sat down to have hard conversations in a meaningful, honest and thoughtful way. All voices were heard and the community was able to come together and learn about the views of their friends, their neighbors, their fellow congregants and members of the Jewish community they were meeting for the first time.

Federation President James Stein attended one of the sessions. In his view, "it was refreshing and heart-warming to sit in a room of Jewish people committed to a love of Israel, but with differing feelings and experiences, who were willing to discuss them respectfully. The honesty and emotion of everyone in attendance was evident, in large part because of the safe environment and expert moderation, as well as the sincerity of all participants."

Jim Youngerman, Co-Chair of the Jewish Federation of Madison Community Relations Committee and Board Member, also attended. He too had great things to say about his session. "I was very impressed with the format, the role/participation of the facilitator, and most significantly, with the respect all participants showed toward each other and the caring views expressed. I felt safe and comfortable expressing my views and I learned from views expressed by others." He went on to say, "it was more the general discussion where many different points of view, and many different points of emphasis were stressed, rather than specific points that left the biggest impression with me. I feel fortunate that all the participants in the session I attended were respectful and willing to listen to the views of others and willing to share their views/feelings so outwardly." Another participant, Celeste Robins, said "I thought the process was gentle, safe, supportive, and encouraging of real dialogue."

The co-sponsors are considering options for moving forward with additional sessions in the future. To learn more about the Jewish Dialogue Group visit their website at JewishDialogue.org.

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Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov:

Mazel Tov on the birth of **Masden Mae**, daughter of Anna and Jason Shurak and granddaughter of Tina and David Schwartz;
Mazel Tov on the birth of **Alex Allen Carimi**, son of Gabriel (Gabe) Carimi and Danielle Jorgenson and grandson of Sanford and Alayne Gardner-Carimi;
Mazel Tov on the birth of **Ayla Ruth Kunin**, daughter of Noah Kunin Goldsmith and Stephanie Judge and granddaughter of Les Goldsmith and Dale Kunin;
Mazel Tov on the marriage of **Rebecca Schwartz**, daughter of Jerri and Bob Schwartz, to Charles Annaman;
Mazel Tov on the marriage of **Jon Swerin**, son of Leon and Barbara Swerin, to Ilana Goren;
Mazel Tov on the marriage of **Daniel Palay**, son of Tom Palay and Diane Gutmann, to Katie Meacham; and
Mazel Tov on the birth of **Jacob William**, son of Alan Tuerkheimer and Lisa Weiss, grandson of Barbara and Frank Tuerkheimer.

Condolences to the families of:

Charles Sumkin, father of Joan (John Butler) Sumkin;
Diane Schwam, wife of Emanuel Schwam;
Charlotte Z. Martin, mother of Jeffrey Martin, Kathy (Daniel) Levin and Terry (Peter) Kopel;
Helen Bruner Finkelstein, sister of Robert J. Finkelstein and mother of Mary, Catherine and Jefferson;
Sheal L. Becker, father of Michael (Leigh) Becker;
David Rothstein, father of Jacquelynn (Michael Daly) Rothstein;
Rhea Katz, mother of Sherie (Paul) Sondel; and
Sue Blotner, wife of Harold (Hal) Blotner.

Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable Ends the Season with a Great Program

Photos by Diane Kravetz



Dave Weinbach and Dina Weinbach shared a few laughs with the guest speaker, Kevin Conroy.



Roundtable participants enjoy lunch at Nakoma Country Club.



Leanna Shulkin, Larry Frank, Marla Frank, Judy Schreiber and Eric Horler smile for the camera.



Kevin answers questions posed by the event's facilitator, Jon Eckhardt.



Rob Roquitte, Kevin Conroy and Jordan Taylor chat before lunch.



Jewish Business and Professionals Roundtable is the perfect venue for networking and enjoying the process.

Summer Institute to Explore Intersections Between Jews and Their Neighbors

By Allison Bloom

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies at UW–Madison is pleased to present the fifteenth annual Greenfield Summer Institute: Jews and their Neighbors, on July 13–17, 2014. Featuring the excellent teaching of UW–Madison faculty and Jewish Studies scholars from around the country, the Institute also offers dinners, a book club, an art museum tour, a film screening, and other opportunities for socializing. As longtime participant Jane Brotman summed up the event last year, "You have intellectual stimulation, a sense of community, and you're in the heaven of Madison. What more could you want?"

For the first time this year, participants can choose to attend the entire Institute or select specific days to attend. Themed lectures will explore relationships between Jews and their neighbors across five thousand years of Jewish history and around the world, each day with a different focus. Presentations range from explorations of biblical civilizations, to responses to the Holocaust, to Jews' interactions with their neighbors in contemporary American and Israeli culture.

The Institute's Book Club, now in its second year, will gather on Monday, July 14 to discuss presenter Dr. Marni Davis's *Jews and Booze: Becoming American in the Age of Prohibition*. This book examines American Jews' long and complicated relationship to alcohol during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the years of the national prohibition movement's rise and fall. Davis draws on archival materials to show that the history of alcohol commerce, including both making and selling alcoholic beverages, was intertwined with the history of Jewish immigrant communities in the United States. The book club reading groups will be moderated by UW–Madison faculty and will include discussion with Dr. Davis.

On Tuesday, participants will have a choice to watch the Israeli film *The Flat*, or to attend a private viewing of Jewish ritual objects from the Chazen Museum of Art. *The Flat*, written and directed by Arnon Goldfinger, explores the relationship of the filmmaker's grandparents, both Holocaust survivors, with a prominent Nazi—a relationship that continued even after World War II. The ritual objects at the Chazen Museum originate from a wide range of Jewish cultures and time periods, and visually express the cultural interrelationships between Jews and their neighbors. This private viewing of Judaica is a rare opportunity to look at objects that are not currently on display in the museum.

The closing dinner of the Greenfield Summer Institute will feature a menu inspired by *Jerusalem: A Cookbook*, and will follow a panel discussion with experts on food in Jerusalem, highlighting the ways in which food reflects interactions between Jews and other residents of the city.

The Institute, which draws about 130–150 people each year, takes place on the UW–Madison campus, with most events at Grainger Hall. Tuition is $175.00 for the full Institute ($200 after June 13); single-day pricing is also available. For more information about the institute, including a full schedule, information about hotel blocks and parking, and online registration, visit jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield or call 608-890-3572.



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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 the Jewish Youth Choir

Calling all Jewish kids who will be in 1st-8th grade next year! Get together for six evenings of singing with Shaarei Shamayim's song leader, Anna Volodarskaya. We'll sing Jewish camp songs, "old school" Jewish tunes, and even write Jewish parodies of pop songs. After our six rehearsals, we'll come together for a Shabbat dinner and evening performance. Location, dates, and times to be determined based on the availability of those who are interested. The cost is $65. This group is sponsored by Shaarei Shamayim, but open to everyone in the community. For more information or to sign up, please contact Anna at volodarskaya@gmail.com.

Mad Town Jewish Teen Volunteer Program

Shaarei Shamayim is organizing an awesome week for Jewish teens in Madison to learn about issues affecting our city, including the achievement gap, poverty, and homelessness. We'll volunteer at a variety of organizations around town, including schools, community centers, and programs working for social change, and we'll end the week with a Shabbat camping trip at a nearby campground. The program is August 18-23, 2014, with an orientation the day before. The cost is $160, which is generously subsidized by the Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel.

The registration deadline has been extended to June 13. Please contact Parthy Schachter at civilhands@yahoo.com for more information, including registration forms.

Erev Shabbat Vegetarian Potluck

Friday, June 6
6:00 p.m., in a private home – please call the office for location

Celebrate Shabbat in the 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

Saturday, June 7, 9:30 a.m.
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

We will welcome Sammy Angelina to the community as a Bat Mitzvah.

Shabbat Services

Saturday, June 14, 9:30 a.m.
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

We will welcome Arlen Slaymaker to the community as a Bar Mitzvah.

Shabbat Services

Saturday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

We will welcome Raiya Lewis to the community as a Bat Mitzvah.

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Temple Beth El

Our events listed below are open to the community. Check out our Temple Beth El website at www.templebethelmadison.org for more information on our worship times and special events. All events take place at Temple Beth El; 2702 Arbor Drive; Madison, unless otherwise noted.

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

Our office will be closed on Wednesday, June 4.

Summer Office Hours Begin Monday, June 16: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. M-TH; 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. FR.

Mah-Jongg Tournament

Sunday, June 1
11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Registration and raffle sale begin at 11:00 a.m. Lunch at 11:15 a.m. Play begins promptly at noon. $36 per person includes lunch, snacks and prizes. Lunch catered by Imperial Garden.

Proceeds will benefit charitable Sisterhood projects such as the YWCA Third Street Program and Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS).

Contact Sue Center for more information at 608-345-5444.

Yizkor Memorial Service and Shavuot

Tuesday, June 3
5:30 p.m. Yizkor Memorial Service and Nosh
7 p.m. Community Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Join area Rabbis and other teachers from across Madison's Jewish Community for a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot -- an evening of learning and celebrating God's giving of the Torah at Sinai. This year's theme is SCANDAL! Co-sponsored by the Beth Israel Center Adult Education program, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and Jewish Federation of Madison. See our website for more information.

Potluck Picnic Shabbat at Wingra Park

Friday, June 6
5:30 p.m. Pre-oneg Shabbat
6 p.m. Shabbat Service
7 p.m. Potluck Picnic Dinner

Our Summer Picnic Shabbats are back! Come wind down from the week and welcome in Shabbat in the great outdoors with us. Bring a blanket or chair to sit on, along with a dish to share. Per the Temple Food Policy please no pork or shellfish, and refrain from mixing meat and dairy. Drinks will be provided. All are welcome. RSVPs to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org are appreciated.

Havdalah at Picnic Point

Saturday, June 7, 6:30 p.m.

Havdalah, bonfire, s'mores, and singing with Les Goldsmith. RSVPs to Aleeza at program@templebethelmadison.org are appreciated. Walk-ins welcome.

Panera Shabbat Dinner

Friday, June 13, 6 p.m.
Shabbat Services, 7:30 p.m.

We're ordering in from Panera for dinner before Shabbat services. We'll share a meal together and get to know one another. Please visit our website for more information and to place your order. Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 10th. This event is organized by the Temple Beth El Membership Committee.

Kesher Israel Film Series

Tuesday, June 17 – "Ushpinzin" (Guests)

For full schedule visit our website at: http://www.templebethelmadison.org/our-community/committees/kesher-israel-committee/#kesherfilm.

Temple Beth El's Arbor Street doors open at 7 p.m., film begins at 7:15 p.m. and is followed by a discussion. Snacks, beverages and much schmoozing among friends (known and new) precede the showings. Powerful, touching and amusing, Ushpinzin, is a heart-warming and soul-stirring film which revolves around Succot and a search for the "perfect" etrog. A loving couple, down on their luck, pray for a miracle. The miracle arrives in the form of a large sum of money. Following the money come the Ushpinzin…

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Camping at Bethel Horizons

Friday, June 27 – Sunday, June 29

Info & registration on our website or contact Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org.

Block Party Picnic Shabbat, Part of our 75th Celebrations

Friday, July 4
Wingra Park
Games & BBQ Dinner, 4 p.m.
Shabbat Service, 6 p.m.
Pie Oneg Shabbat, 7 p.m.

Come celebrate American Independence Day and welcome in Shabbat with your Temple community. Come meet our new Educator, Stephanie Kirklin, as we welcome her to our staff. We'll have some lawn games and other activities along with dinner. Temple will provide hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments, please bring a side to share to go with it. You'll want to stay after services for the oneg Shabbat featuring America's favorite dessert, good ol' pie!

Dinner and a Movie

Sunday, July 6, 4:30 p.m.

We'll gather for dinner at Granite City-West Towne Mall to share a meal and conversation together. After our early meal we'll head to the movies together. Look for more information on our website closer to July.

Day Trip to Circus World

Sunday, July 27

All ages welcome to join us for a full day at Circus World. Bus will leave Beth El in the morning and return everyone to Beth El in the evening. $25/person includes bus, admission and lunch. Visit our website for more details.

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

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

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, June 19
7 p.m.-9 p.m.
Location TBD

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

Beth Israel Center

While Beth Israel services, classes, meetings and programs are taking place in various locations this spring and summer during our synagogue's transformative renovation, we are still the same warm and welcoming congregation. Please join us for any of the programs listed here. Call us or visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, for more information. Many thanks to Temple Beth El, Jewish Federation of Madison, and other organizations for helping us during this exciting time in the life of Beth Israel Center.

Come find us at…

…Temple Beth El on Shabbat mornings. Services start at 9:30am in the Temple Beth El lounge. Children's services for babies through 2nd graders begin at 10:30 on June 7 and 14. There's always a light lunch after services, and all are welcome.

…downtown at 126 S. Hamilton Street for morning minyan (Sundays at 8:15, Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00), evening minyan (Sunday through Thursday at 5:45), office functions (come say hi!), and some meetings and classes. The A.J. and Celia Rosenberg Library is also functioning in our downtown digs.

…members' homes or Hoyt Park for Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday evenings. Call the office, check www.bethisraelcenter.org, or subscribe to our weekly e-newsletter to get the location details. And thanks to all the host families!

Our phone number is the same: (608) 256-7763.

All Beth Israel Center programs are open to anyone who wants to see what our vibrant style of traditional, egalitarian Jewish community is all about.

Upcoming program highlights:

Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Tuesday, June 3
7:00 p.m. at Temple Beth El

Join area Rabbis and other teachers from across Madison's Jewish community for a traditional Tikkun Leil Shavuot — an evening of learning and Torah. The theme of this year's communal Tikkun is SCANDAL! What turns a revelation into a scandal? Why are scandalous stories in our sacred texts? Come find out and enjoy scandalously good dairy delights and first fruits of the season — all Shavuot traditions! This program is co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Jewish Federation of Madison, and Temple Beth El.

Beit Midrash

June 1, 15 and 29
9:30 a.m., BIC-Downtown

Starting this summer, Beth Israel's Beit Midrash will convene at 9:30am on select Sunday mornings in our downtown digs. The topic for the three Sundays in June is "Fortune Tellers, Fate, and Free Will." These sessions will focus on soothsayer and astrologer stories in Torah, Talmud, and Midrash. Examine and discuss what role these stories play, how "fortune telling" is similar to or different from Prophecy, what happens when people try to cheat fate, and how foresight and free will interact. Come every session or drop by when you can.

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck in Hoyt Park

Friday, June 20

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors! Services begin at 5:45pm and are followed by a dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner. Meet in the large shelter up the hill from the parking lot. Bring food and/or drinks to share. Beth Israel provides plastic cutlery and paper plates. We'll do it again on July 18, August 15, and September 5.



CommUNITY Shabbat Celebration Enjoyed by 120

By Jamie Gepner

On Friday, May 9, Chabad hosted a CommUNITY Shabbat dinner held at the Tempo Ballroom and Latin Dance Studio in Madison. The 120 guests enjoyed the beautiful, elegantly decorated decor, delicious four-course meal, and best of all, the warm and welcoming atmosphere. The evening was organized in loving memory of Mrs. Andrea Stein, z"l, by Chabad's Rabbi Avremel and Mushkie Matusof.

The night began with socializing and led into Shabbat candle lighting and Kiddush. Between the food, the fun, the songs, and the amazing energy in the room, the evening was a resounding success. My husband Adam and I attended with friends we already knew and left with many new friends. We can't wait for next time.

A few of Andrea's friends shared some lessons they had learned from her, followed by a touching talk by Dr. Jim Stein about Andrea's love of Shabbos. He concluded by saying, "People ask me all the time how they can honor Andrea's memory. By doing three things that were very important to her: Give tzedakah, light Shabbat candles, and study a little Torah."

The evening concluded with blessings, energetic songs and delicious desserts. The CommUNITY dinner was open to the entire Jewish community and was truly a night of unified celebration of the Shabbat. A very fitting tribute to a very special woman.



Happy crowd.



Jamie and Adam enjoy talking with friends.



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Madison Minyan Welcomes You!

Over its two and a half years of existence, Madison Minyan has gone through many changes in leadership, tradition, and membership. April 25th marked one of the largest changes yet: for the first time, Madison Minyan held fully egalitarian services at Gates of Heaven Synagogue in James Madison Park.

The group will continue to hold partnership-style services with a three-part mechitza, a minyan of ten men and ten women, and men leading Maariv on the second Friday of the month as in the past. And there will be egalitarian services with mixed seating, a minyan of ten people, and any gender leading Maariv on the fourth Friday of the month.

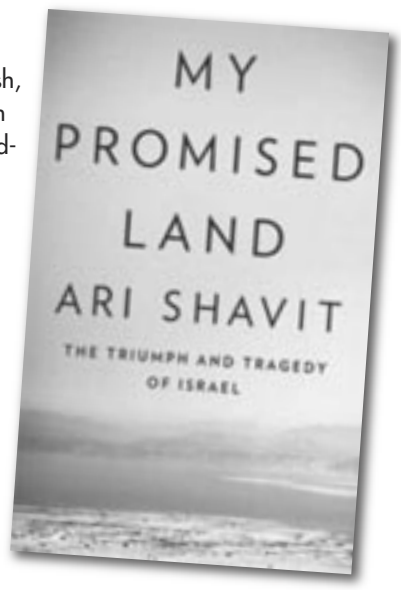
This decision came after several months of serious discussion of religious practices. The vision of the founding members was to create a space for young adults of a wide variety of denominations in Madison to daven and enjoy a meal together on Friday nights. Madison Minyan's current membership wished to maintain and expand upon this tradition by becoming a comfortable spiritual space for a larger audience. The first egalitarian minyan was a success, with joyful davening and a d'var torah that embraced Judaism's strong focus on community and inclusion.

For more information, please visit the website at www.madisonminyan.com or email info@madisonminyan.com. The next partnership service will be on June 13th. See you then!

Starting in the summer!

Book club based on Ari Shavit's book: "My Promised Land"

In the spring of 1897 a steamer carrying a delegation of 21 British Jews left Port Said, Egypt, for Jaffa – the last leg of its journey to the Holy Land. Leading the pack was Herbert Bentwich, an affluent London lawyer and Zionist leader and the great-grandfather of Ari Shavit, a columnist for the Haaretz newspaper and one of Israel's most influential political commentators.



In "My Promised Land," his first book in English, Mr. Shavit charts Israel's history partly through the lives of his pioneering forebears: His grandfather, Herbert's son, was a Cambridge-educated pedagogue who helped develop Israel's education system, while his father was a chemist at the eye of Israel's nuclear program. The result is roughly equal parts personal and family memoir, Israeli history, and prophecies for the land's future. It is one of the most nuanced and challenging books written on Israel in years.

If you are interested to join us, please contact Racheli: israel@jewishmadison.org

Starting this coming fall!!!

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Going deeper than politics or advocacy, the Engaging Israel course reframes the discussion about the enduring significance of the State of Israel for contemporary Jews worldwide. The iEngage curriculum elevates the conversation about Israel by rooting it in Jewish values and ideas rather than in a response to crisis.

Engaging Israel thus equips individuals and communities with a quintessentially Jewish values-based vocabulary to define and articulate why Israel can and should be fundamental to their Jewish identity.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation and Temple Beth El. Open to the community! Stay tuned for more information!



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UPCOMING

Family Education Events

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



Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic

Sunday, June 22, 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.

This year's picnic will include special programming in honor of the 60th anniversary of Camp Shalom. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates to be announced – Watch for details!

Shabbat Oneg at the Zoo

Pool Parties at the Goodman Aquatic Center in Verona

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Special Graduation Celebration at the UW Chabad

Eighty Jewish students at the UW-Madison gathered at the UW Chabad House on May 1 to celebrate their college graduation. After four years of attending Chabad, the students knew they would not be disappointed. Yet, they were nevertheless surprised at the extent of the buffet and drink selection. Homemade sushi, bite-size kugels, and a wide variety of Wisconsin beers were among many specialties that evening.

After a half-hour of socializing and schmoozing the crowd took their seats. Rabbi Mendel Matusof welcomed everyone warmly and spoke about the Mitzvah of counting the days between the holidays of Passover and Shavuot, known as the Omer count. "Each day builds on the one before it, and is a step further in a person's growth and development" he said. He explained that graduation is merely the end of a stage in life which acts as a stepping stone into the next stage. One must build upon it, climbing to new heights and further potential.

Dr. Jim Stein, a cardiologist and professor at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and current president of the Jewish Federation of Madison followed. He inspired the attendees with his personal journey of discovery, having been disengaged from the Jewish community and his faith, and how in time he reconnected with both.

"You may not realize it now," he said, "but the Jewish community provides each of us with physical and emotional security. As a community, we pray and we learn together. As a community, we fight for Jewish rights and values, attend to the needs of those less fortunate than us, and ensure our continuity. As a community we build programs and communal capacity to respond in times of crisis. We are there when we need each other and when others need us." He concluded with a request to the graduates. "Please stay involved. Please do mitzvot. And remember that together, as a Jewish community, we can do extraordinary things. As a part of it, you will too."

Graduate Ilana Fromm, former president of the Jewish sorority AEPhi, spoke next. "Coming to Wisconsin from out of state, Chabad provided me with a home away from home", she said. "Going to Israel with Rabbi Mendel on Birthright really changed my entire outlook on what it means to be Jewish, and I know I have Chabad to thank for that experience." She then made a personal appeal to the students. "Rabbi Mendel and Henya dedicate every minute of their day to making sure that Jewish students on this campus have a place to feel welcomed. They give so much to us, more than any of us will probably be able to give back. The best way to say thank you is to continue to donate throughout the next chapter of our lives so we can ensure Chabad's success for the next generation of Wisconsin students."



Dr. Jim Stein inspires the graduates.

She was followed by graduate Matt Elkin, the current student president at Chabad. He was honored with a basketball Mezuzah, a fitting gift for someone hoping to pursue a career as a basketball coach. Matt shared some personal and emotional reflections on his years in college. He followed that by thanking Rabbi Mendel and Henya Matusof for what they have done for him as a student. "Henya is one of the nicest people I have ever met" he said, "and all of the guys in this room would be lucky to have a wife like her one day. I hope that as we all look forward to where life will take us, we think back not only to the amazing memories we have here as students, but also to all that the Matusof family has given us. They have helped carve out a little chunk of our own Jewish identities. Through Sinai Scholars, Birthright, Shabbat Dinners, and the joy of seeing the Rabbi's distinctive beard roaming the streets of Madison, we all have a lot to thank Rabbi Mendel and Henya for. I hope that each and every one of you has the chance to personally thank them."

The evening ended with a story told by Henya of a blind, poor, childless person told he can make one wish. His wish was "to see his children eating on golden platters." She blessed the graduates to have all three, good health, a happy family, and financial success. "And when you are enjoying the golden platters," she continued, "remember to contribute to your Jewish home on campus that will, with G-d's help, continue to be a warm Jewish home to future students."

Mazel Tov to the graduating class of 2014. As they say in Hebrew, Kol Hakavod! May you go from strength to strength!







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Young Jewish Professionals Gather for Passover

By Dan Weiss, Investment Advisory Rep

Poehling Capitol Management

Monday evening, April 14, Jews around the world came together to celebrate Passover, the eight-day celebration commemorating the biblical exodus from Egypt. In Madison, over seventy young Jewish professionals gathered at a downtown location for the Seder.

The Seder was originally scheduled for the Concourse Hotel. Due to the high demand the organizers scrambled to find a new location. "The room we rented at the Concourse [hotel] had a limit of 60 chairs," related Rabbi Avremel Matusof, Director of YJP Madison, "as soon as we received our 61st reservation we knew we had to find a new venue. Accommodating everyone is our priority; every Jew deserves a Seder table. Thankfully, early Sunday morning, under 48 hours before the Seder, we found an alternative."

It was a very meaningful and moving Seder experience. What I enjoyed the most, and what I always find fascinating at YJP events, are all the new faces! Just when I thought I recognize most of the young Madison Jewish Community, I attend a new event and find that the community is much larger than I had thought.

For someone like me who wants to be involved in a vibrant Jewish Community, to continually see this happening is very encouraging. YJP events like the Seder address a pressing need within the community. The dinner and program provided an opportunity for young Jews who don't have local family to celebrate Passover. The Seder gave them a family unit.

You could feel the energy of young people looking for a welcoming place to connect. With hard work YJP Madison is making something special happen.



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Shop for Shalom Event Supports Scholarships

Camp Shalom makes a commitment to the Camp families that no child will miss out on the Camp Shalom experience due to financial need. It takes a village for us to be able to fulfill this commitment and we are so grateful to all of the shoppers who came out to Shop for Shalom to show their support for Camp Shalom and their love for shopping!

Stefanie and David Kushner hosted the event in their fabulous home. The spacious layout allowed for shoppers to peruse the items, mingle with friends and enjoy tasty snacks and a delicious signature cocktail, the Shalomtini. Thanks to the generosity of the shoppers and the vendors Shop for Shalom raised approximately $2000 for Camp Shalom Scholarships.

An amazing team of volunteers planned the event, shopped for supplies, collected prizes for the raffle and made this event the success that it was. Thank you to Stefanie and David Kushner, Kaye Becker, Laura Kassel, Charlie Kaplan, Lynn Kaplan, Aphra Mednick, Dina Weinbach, and Ben Weismer!

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There are four different sponsor levels:

- ***Director's Circle $10,000+ (15+ Campers' Tuition)***
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Each level of the Camp Shalom Annual Corporate Sponsorships includes many benefits and recognition opportunities. For additional information, please contact Dina Weinbach at 608-278-1808 or dina@jewishmadison.org.

Few youth-serving programs in Dane County are six decades old. It has taken the involvement of many to accomplish what we have. We hope to raise $110,000 in scholarship funds for the summer of 2014. Scholarship needs are greater than last year; as has been the case throughout our history. Last year, with the support of our community, the Jewish Federation of Madison raised $95,952 and awarded 172 campers with full and partial scholarships. Without exception, families tell us how grateful they are and how much their children love Camp Shalom, an experience the children would not have without scholarship support.



Please help us spread the word and consider the Camp Shalom Corporate Sponsorship Program for your business. Thank you in advance for helping to make the 60th summer of Camp Shalom the best one yet.

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Camp Shalom 60th Anniversary Events ... Save the dates!

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus
Kick-off the summer and the Camp Shalom 60th anniversary! Special programming includes Camp trivia, a Camp Shalom inspired sing-along and more.
We are collecting old photos from Camp Shalom through the decades. Do you have old photos to share or donate? Please contact Ellen Weismer, 608-278-1808 or email program@jewishmadison.org

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 5 P.M.

Alumni Reunion/Picnic Dinner in the Goodman House at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus
Join us for the Camp Shalom latenight program and an alumni dinner catered by Banzo! $18 per person*
Dinner includes falafel bar, drinks and dessert
**A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.*
Reunite with old friends, share memories and stories, relive your days at Camp Shalom and experience the Session 2 late-night with the Camp Shalom community.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

Camp Shalom's 60th Birthday Party at the Nitty Gritty 1021 North Gammon Road, Middleton
Bring your family and friends to the Nitty Gritty and mention Camp Shalom and the Nitty Gritty will donate 10% of your bill to the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund.

For more information or to help plan any of these events please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org

Special Events at Camp Shalom ...

Get psyched for these awesome special events happening at Camp Shalom this year!

Monday, June 23rd - SESSION 1 BEGINS

Friday, June 27th - Camp Shalom Visitor's Lunch at 11:45 a.m. Grown-ups are invited to Camp to enjoy a picnic lunch with their Camp Shalom (K-5) campers.

Wednesday, July 2nd - Boulder's Climbing Wall to camp

Friday, July 4th - NO CAMP

Monday, July 7th - Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim 9th graders leave for their 4-day overnight

Wednesday, July 9th - Camp Shalom latenight and Gimel (4-5 grade) overnight-families are invited to join us at the Goodman Campus at 5:30 p.m. for a picnic dinner and entertainment provided by the campers.

Wednesday, July 9th - Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim 6th-8th grade overnight

Thursday, July 10th - Aleph/Bet Day, special programming for the K-3 grade campers. **NO CAMP FOR GIMEL CAMPERS (4-5 graders)**

Friday, July 11th - Last day of session 1

Monday, July 14th - NO CAMP, staff development day

Tuesday, July 15th - SESSION 2 BEGINS

Wednesday, July 16th - Boulder's Climbing Wall to camp

Friday, July 18th - Camp Shalom Visitor's Lunch at 11:45 a.m. Grown-ups are invited to Camp to enjoy a picnic lunch with their Camp Shalom (K-5) campers.

Wednesday, July 23rd - Maccabiah (Camp Olympics!)

Monday, July 28th - Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim 9th graders leave for their 4-day overnight

Wednesday, July 30th - Camp Shalom latenight and Gimel (4-5 grade) overnight-families are invited to join us at the Goodman Campus at 5:30 p.m. for a picnic dinner and entertainment provided by the campers. Alumni reunion and Camp Shalom 60th anniversary celebration including the annual Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund raffle

Wednesday, July 30th - Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim 6th-8th grade overnight

Thursday, July 31st - Aleph/Bet Day, special programming for the K-3 grade campers. **NO CAMP FOR GIMEL CAMPERS (4-5 graders)**

Friday, August 1 - Last day of session 2

Monday, August 4th - NO CAMP, staff development day

Tuesday, August 5th - SESSION 3 BEGINS (Camp Shalom only)

Friday, August 8th - Camp Shalom Visitor's Lunch at 11:45 a.m. Grown-ups are invited to Camp to enjoy a picnic lunch with their Camp Shalom (K-5) campers.

Wednesday, August 13th - Camp Shalom carnival!

Wednesday, August 13th - Camp Shalom latenight families are invited to join us at the Goodman Campus at 5:30 p.m. for a picnic dinner and entertainment provided by the campers.

Friday, August 15th - Last day of Camp Shalom

There is still space in Camp Shalom sessions 2 and 3 and in Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim session 1. To register please visit www.jewishmadison.org/campshalom

Who's Who at Camp Shalom?

The camp season is finally here! We are busy preparing for Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim, planning special programs, cleaning buildings, ordering supplies and filling the pool with water. You are probably busy preparing for Camp by labeling clothes, shopping for sunscreen and daydreaming about all of the fun this summer will bring.

This summer we have a hired a talented, enthusiastic and professional staff to make every day at Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim a great day! In previous issues of the Madison Jewish News you were introduced to our Directors and Unit Heads. This month we bring you a who's who guide to some of the administrative staff and specialists we are lucky to have at Camp this summer!

Camp Shalom Omanut (Arts and Crafts) Specialist

Hi Camp Shalom Family! My name is Bethany Jurewicz and I'm a recent transplant to Madison by way of New York City and London where I received my MA in Contemporary Art. I came to learn about Camp Shalom and its need for an Art Specialist through a Jewish Federation Board member who suggested that the art program at Camp could be more than just crafts, a thought provoking and inspiring well-rounded arts experience, and I couldn't agree more! I'm very excited to combine my love of art and working with children this summer as it hasn't happened since working in the education departments at the Tate Modern and Parasol Unit Foundation for the Arts. I'm looking forward to getting the creative juices flowing at Camp Shalom with collaborative projects and art history inspired undertakings, so make room on the refrigerator from some miniature Kandinsky's and Litchenstein's!



Camp Shalom Teva (Nature) Specialist

Hi! I am Nicole Triller, your Teva (Nature) Specialist for this summer!! I am so excited to be a part of the community at Camp Shalom! After hearing about this position through a co-worker at Huegel Elementary School, I was immediately drawn to the opportunity! During the school year, I spend my days working in the main office of Huegel. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, my very large Bernese Mountain Dog and doing many of the outdoor activities Madison has to offer! I am extremely passionate about connecting children to the natural environments that we are lucky to have at our finger tips and encouraging them to explore the amazing power and general coolness of nature. I look forward to many adventures this summer and getting to know the families of Camp Shalom!!



Camp Shalom Sports and Team-Building Specialist

My name is Andrew Brodsky, I'm 23 years old from Miami, Florida. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2013, and will be spending the summer in Madison before I begin law school in August. I've spent time as a camp counselor and as a sports coach at the local JCC in Miami, and cannot wait to bring my experiences to Camp Shalom. Something I'd like camp families to know about me is that I am a responsible, fun-loving young adult who works very well with children as well as with my peers!



Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Assistant Director

Hello everyone! My name is Sam Toso, and I am so glad to join the administrative staff of Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim as Assistant Director of Individual Needs! This will be my eighth summer working for the Jewish Federation; my first five summers were spent at Camp Shalom, and the past two years have been with the middle schoolers. I grew up going to Temple Beth El, and have loved maintaining my connection to the Jewish community of Madison through my summers at camp. Each summer has been a unique experience, and I'm looking forward to the new adventures and joys this one will bring. In terms of my educational background and other work experiences, after next fall's student teaching experience in the Chicagoland area I will graduate from Elmhurst College with a BS in Biology and Secondary Education. On campus I was a resident advisor for two years, a senior tour-guide, and a student worker in the Office of Admissions. I'm excited to get to know this year's camp family and to make sure that each of our campers has the best experience possible with us this summer. Together, we can make it great!



Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Assistant Camp Director

My name is Rebecca Joey Schwab and I am a recent UW-Madison grad who has fallen in love with the Jewish community of Madison. As a freshman, I left my little Shtetl called Skokie, Illinois and came to the big city of Madison. I got involved in the Jewish Community when I began teaching Jewish Studies and Hebrew at Midrasha Hebrew High School. My students have all been fantastic, and I loved every moment of Midrasha, so I knew I couldn't leave. Then I heard about this amazing place called Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim and just had to stick around. I love speaking Hebrew and teaching everyone I see some interesting new words. I also love arts and crafts, a cappella music, and Jewish American history. My biggest passion has always been being a camp counselor and working with kids of all different ages to achieve great things and have an amazing summer. Drama camp, Nature Camp, Sleep away camp, and camp in Israel, you name it, I've done it and I love it! I am so ridiculously excited to be a part of Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim. If it were up to me, camp would be all year-round... SCHOOL'S OUT and I am ready to get back to the best part of the year: CAMP! See you this summer!



Join Us for the Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim New Camper Information Session



Join us on Sunday, June 8th, at 11:30 a.m. – for both Camp Shalom AND Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim, at The Minkoff Center at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, 7762 County Highway PD.

- Campers are encouraged to attend
- Meet the Directors
- Learn about the daily schedule and special programming
- Take a tour of the scenic Goodman Campus and awesome Camp facilities
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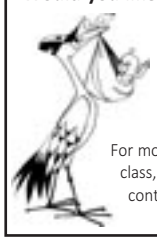
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Thank you to the following individuals who donated items and services for the silent auction:

Linda Revitz, David Seligman and Betsy Abramson, Zorba and Penny Paster, Terrie and Len Goren, Nan and Jim Youngerman, Kris Rasmussen and Bob Factor, Judy and Ben Sidran, Dawn Berney and Ed Angelina, Celia Margolis, Ken Opin, Franklyn Peterson, Ron Diamond, Alice Kavanaugh, Richard Davidson, Stuart Levitan, Dan Sanford, Judy Pierotti, Billy Fetlinger and Susie Hobart.

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Levy Summer Series Registration (or register online at www.jssmadison.org)

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Wednesday, July 9, Rabbi Bob Alper
"The Spirituality of Laughter"
Baked Halibut or Greek Farfalle



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Wednesday, July 23, Jodi Eichler-Levine
"Greening Judaism: Approaches to Sustainability from the Israelites to Brooklyn"
Pan-seared Red Snapper or Caponata Involtini



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Wednesday, August 6, Philip Hollander
"Levi Aryeh Arieli's 'Allah Karim!' and the Forging of Israeli Identity"
Broiled Whitefish or Grilled Romaine Hearts Salad



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Wednesday, August 20, Rabbi Tiferet Gordon
"You don't look Jewish! – Neither do you! Re-creating a Culturally Representative and Inclusive Judaism"
Potato-Crusted Salmon or Vegetable Phyllo



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Jewish Education

2014 Midrasha Graduates Celebrate

The following speech was read by Hannah Stein at Midrasha graduation.

It's hard to believe that in just a few short weeks, the Midrasha Class of 2014 will be heading our separate ways. Being Jewish always has been an important factor in my life, but my experiences these past few years have made it a deep-rooted part of my identity.

My involvement in the Jewish community began at Camp Olin-Sang-Ruby Union Institute - OSRUI – where I was a camper for 7 years, including a summer in the Chalutzim Hebrew immersion program. OSRUI has been the primary experience that shaped my Jewish communal life. By living with other Jewish kids, I learned that it was normal, fun, and even "cool" to be Jewish. I am looking forward to spending this coming summer as a first-year counselor in the Machon program.



Hannah Stein gave a speech about how Midrasha has impacted her life.

In the Spring of 2013, I attended NFTY's Eisendrath International Exchange High School in Israel. By studying in Israel, I developed a strong appreciation for our Jewish homeland, as well as a deeper sense of Jewish pride. Through three-hours a day of Jewish History classes, two-hours a day of intensive Hebrew Ulpan, and weekly *tiyulim* around Israel to supplement class material, the history of the Jewish people came alive and I finally realized the true significance of how far we have come as a nation. When my class traveled to Poland and visited several Holocaust sites, the whole picture came together. It changed my life to go from Israel, a place so rich with Jewish life, culture, and acceptance, to Poland, which is filled with places that existed purely to destroy our people. I came back from my semester abroad with a deep desire to return to Israel. I most recently spent Pesach there and now have a deeper understanding of, and love for, the land we call home.

So how did Midrasha fit into my high school experience? First of all, Midrasha offered me a place to continue to learn conversational Hebrew after my summer in the Chalutzim Hebrew immersion program at OSRUI. Midrasha also provided me with a safe and accepting environment to explore my Jewish identity. I enjoyed having Midrasha as a place to connect with my Jewish peers about topics that I could not talk about with my peers at school. But most importantly, Midrasha exposed me to different Jewish outlooks and views that add diversity to our community. Diversity in a Jewish community is extremely important for creating a pluralistic environment in which Jewish teens have a voice that is valued and respected. Midrasha, quite simply, keeps Jewish teens involved and engaged in a time when it is easy to lose touch with their Jewish faith. I am very thankful that I had the opportunity to attend such a program.

I am incredibly excited and honored to accept a Midrasha Incentive Award upon graduating today. This fall I will be attending the University of Michigan and plan to use my award to help pay for a study abroad program in Israel. I am very interested in the programs that Michigan offers at Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Tel Aviv University, which will offer me a chance to embrace my desire to double-major in Organizational Studies and Hebrew or Jewish Studies. I hope, one day, to work in a Jewish-oriented business or non-profit.

Graduating from high school and Midrasha has opened an array of new opportunities for every one of us. I hope that we all find ourselves in places where we can use everything we have learned here at Midrasha to further our Jewish education and strengthen our Jewish identities. I would like to extend my deepest thanks to all of the Midrasha faculty. Their continuous efforts to make Midrasha a welcoming environment for Jewish teens to explore their Judaism has had a huge impact on all of us. Thank you so much. We hope that we will make you proud!

Yad B'Yad is a Boost for Both Caregivers and Babies!

By Tiz Goff

When my daughter Micah was born, I could stare into her eyes (or at her eyelids) for hours. I would hold her, feed her, wash her, and basically slave over her tiny self even though she couldn't recognize me in a line-up. My speech started to change, too. I realized I was the one asking all the questions: How's my girl? (No response.) What should we do today? (Not even a grunt.) Do you want to wear Elmo or Winnie the Pooh? (Silence.) When my husband came home, the poor guy was flooded with conversation. Well, more like I was talking and talking and he was just to nod and not interrupt. I thought THIS was how adults communicated too!





So, that was when I decided my sanity and my social life would be at jeopardy if I didn't find a caregivers group…STAT!

Luckily, Jewish caregivers of 0-2 year olds in the Madison area are at low risk of developing one-sided conversations due to the newly formed Yad B'Yad group. This group gets together in a member's home each month; it is filled with food, fun, and education. Yes! Not only do we have the chance to speak to other caregivers so our vocabulary doesn't fall to the wayside, we also have the opportunity to learn about various topics such as: sleep skills, Israel vs. American child-rearing, Shabbat with our little ones, taking care of oneself, and Yoga with our babies. And, this is just the beginning! With the weather warming to human-levels, we are able to move our group to outside activities in-between the monthly meetings. A weekly walking group is starting soon, as well as the sporadic zoo visits and museum playdates.

If you have a child between 0 to 2 years of age, or know of someone who does, please contact me so you can join in on the fun! These babies will grow up together, learn Hebrew together, and develop a love of Israel together. Yad B'Yad means "hand in hand" which is quite beautiful and fitting for the caregivers and the children to hold onto each other while we learn and grow together.

Please let me know if you'd like more information: Tiz Goff, 773-620-4404 outreach@jewishmadison.org.





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Shira loves the baby ducks and chicks.

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Are you pregnant or recently had a baby? Would you like to meet other Jewish caregivers and their little ones ages 0-2?

Shalom Baby *is designed to help Madison families (affiliated, non-affiliated, and interfaith) celebrate the arrival of their Jewish newborns and welcome them to the Madison Jewish community through gift baskets, playgroups, music classes, and resource guides.*

For more information about joining a playgroup or class, or to receive a Shalom Baby gift basket, please contact Tiz Goff at outreach@jewishmadison.org or call 773-620-4404.



Chai Mitzvah – Connecting and Strengthening Bonds of Parents of the MJCDS and Beyond

Ariel Hoffman and his family relocated not long ago from Detroit to Madison mostly because of the Madison Jewish Community Day School, where two of their four children are students; a third will enter in the fall. Because Ariel wanted to get to know the other parents better and expand his Jewish experience, he – along with his partner – last fall joined a new national adult Jewish engagement program at the school called Chai Mitzvah.

As the program's nine-month cycle of monthly meetings wraps up, Hoffman says it has met all of his expectations. It has deepened his Jewish knowledge, his family's religious practice and his community involvement. The family now recites Birkat Hamazon, a prayer of gratitude, after every meal, while he has been inspired to join the Federation's committee on family education. His family also has hosted Shabbat dinners for other Chai Mitzvah families who have never experienced them, benefiting everyone in the process.

"I have gotten closer to the other parents and, together, we are building community," says Hoffman. "The kids get closer when the parents get closer and we become like an extended family."

Hoffman's experience is exactly what Rabbi Rebecca Ben Gideon, head of the day school, sought to achieve when she decided to teach Chai Mitzvah, which features a set curriculum but encourages independent growth and exploration. "Parents will often ask me for Jewish learning opportunities so they can be sure to keep up with their children," she says.

In turn, she "wanted to offer something that would increase the bonds among the parents at school. Adults who choose a Jewish day school want to answer their own needs as well as their children's, and having a sense of community is paramount."

Ultimately, Chai Mitzvah proved fruitful, even judging solely from what Ben Gideon saw in the classroom. "When you put a group of adults in a room together who want to grow Jewishly, and they study text together and talk about how to transmit values to their children, it leads to a deeper level of connection than talking about carpool logistics," says the rabbi. Of course, being part of Chai Mitzvah speaks volumes to children about values, she adds. "Parents are modeling something very powerful for their children with their actions – that you never stop learning and growing Jewishly."

Unlike typical adult education programs, Chai Mitzvah extends beyond the classroom into the home and the community, emphasizes Audrey Lichter, the program's co-founder and executive director. "In addition to group study with a thoughtful and provocative curriculum, Chai Mitzvah asks participants to "***do*** Jewish." They practice *tikkun olam* by taking on social action projects and they adopt a new Jewish ritual to enrich their Jewish lives."



In addition to being a parent of MJCDS students and being on the Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education Committee, Ariel Hoffman was in the Future Directions program.

Founded in 2008, Chai Mitzvah has grown rapidly and now is up and running through synagogues, schools and affinity groups, in dozens of communities in North America, Israel, and most recently Costa Rica. The program's popularity speaks to the needs of the Jewish community, Lichter says. "And it is affordable and accessible," she adds, noting the $18 cost for each participant.

"Chai Mitzvah is meant to help individuals – with all levels of knowledge and practice – create their own Jewish meaning and identity through shared Jewish learning and experience," Lichter says. "In the process, they and we create a deeper sense of community. At a time when the Pew study tells us more Jews are feeling less Jewish, this is a program with real potential to re-energize Jewish life."

So far, Lichter says, Chai Mitzvah has prompted creative and meaningful changes in Jewish practice and involvement in pockets around the country. New rituals that participants have adopted include Kabbalat Shabbat observances at home, daily meditations, attending minyanim and wearing a kittel on the high holy days. Social action projects have ranged from planting gardens with seniors, to volunteering at a dental clinic, distributing Meals on Wheels, and putting together Shabbat kits for the homebound.

As for Ben Gideon, Chai Mitzvah was ideal for her needs. "The curriculum is put together well and speaks to the varied levels of learning of our parents; I also was able to customize it for our group's needs." By design, that group ended up including parents of children who are not in her day school. "We wanted to be of service to the broader community and to be seen as a place of lifelong learning," she says.

If you are interested in forming a Chai Mitzvah group in your congregation, school, board or among your friends, please contact info@chaimitzvah.org or visit the website at www.chaimitzvah.org.



Madison Jewish Community Day School teacher Marla Becker reads one-on-one with a kindergartener.

The Amazing Brain

By Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon

"Aren't brains amazing?" Morah Marla Becker said to me this week as she taught math. Marla teaches secular studies at our school, Madison Jewish Community Day School. And if there's one thing Marla loves, it's the challenge of getting to know each child, how they learn and what methods of teaching them will work best. A moment before, she had found a way to teach one child a math concept, and was reflecting on how amazing it is that each of our brains has its own way of learning.

I laughed and asked her if she knew one of my favorite teachings from the Mishnah on the topic of individual uniqueness. She didn't, so I shared the following:

The Mishnah teaches us that in our world, when a person mints a coin and presses the stamp into the metal, each coin comes out the same. But when God, like a Divine coin minter, impresses each human being with the stamp of humanity, we all come out different.

Marla and I – and later Judaics and Hebrew teacher Clara Lazimy when we shared this story with her – agreed that this teaching and its implications lie at the heart of the MJCDS approach to education.

There's no other child in the world just like your child. We all have different styles of learning and perspectives on experience. And that's a challenge and a blessing to be treasured for teachers and parents alike.

Curious Minds, Jewish Hearts

An elementary school serving families from all branches of Jewish life, MJCDS students build both a love of learning and a profound connection to Jewish life and heritage. A challenging and inspiring dual curriculum in general and Jewish studies includes hands-on learning and daily instruction in Hebrew language.

MJCDS is now enrolling students K-5 for the 2014-15 academic year. Contact rabbi@madisonjewishdayschool.com or call 608-204-9900 for more information.

Join the Mad Town Jewish Teen Volunteer Program!

Calling all Jewish high schoolers in Madison! Shaarei Shamayim is organizing an awesome week for Jewish teens to learn about issues affecting Madison including the achievement gap, poverty, and homelessness. We will volunteer at a variety of organizations around town including schools, community centers, and programs working for social change. We'll end with a camping trip over Shabbat at a nearby campground.

The program is August 18-23, 2014, with an orientation the day before. Volunteering will take place Monday through Friday, and the camping trip will be Friday evening through Saturday. (If you have any conflicts during the week, you may still be able to participate.) The program is staffed by Parthy Schachter, Program Coordinator, and Naomi Segal. They'll be joined by Rabbi Laurie, Rabbi Renee, and song leader, Aviv Kammay, for the camping trip.

Here are five reasons to do the program:

1) You can do something meaningful at the end of the summer.

2) You can earn up to 20 volunteer hours for school.

3) You can build your resume and show people you know what's going on in your community.

4) You can hang out with cool Jewish teens from around Madison.

5) You can contribute to your community and make a difference.

The cost is $160, which is generously subsidized by the Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel.

The registration deadline has been extended to June 13. To obtain more information, including registration forms, please contact Parthy Schachter at civilhands@yahoo.com.

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Reflections About Sharsheret – Linking Our Children Through Dance

By Alison Miller

I have just returned from a fascinating weekend with over 30 Madison area dancers age 11-18. I would like to share with you the feelings I experienced as I chaperoned the Sharsheret dance camp with the Yonim Israeli Folk Dance Troupe. I came expecting to help negotiate teen drama, motivate kids to focus, and assist with daily hour to hour activities. But instead I experienced a magical weekend full of inspiration, teamwork and friendship. Initially the dancers arrived for a weekend of dance, but ultimately they left with links to new understandings, improved self esteem and a common bond celebrating dance.

This was Yonim's 18th year of Sharsheret. The Sharsheret Dance Festival weekend is composed of two parts: Sharsheret Camp and Sharsheret Dance Festival.

The weekend started at Camp Beber/Perlman Retreat Center in Mukwanago where dancers from 5-12th grade learn a new dance, culminating with a public performance, held this year at UW's Music Hall. The camp is open to anyone in addition to regular Yonim dancers, which is a great opportunity for kids who are not able to dance with Yonim throughout the year. Sharsheret means "links" in Hebrew and symbolizes the connections we make between people and communities.

At the camp, electronics were put away, concerns about home or pressures at school were pushed aside, the focus and energy for the weekend was on creating dance. My role as chaperone was surprisingly minimal, although with over 30 children of all ages, I did not expect to take a back seat. The older kids were leaders and assisted in teaching the younger kids some of the challenging steps. They all supported each other throughout the weekend. It was magical. The goal was to create a dance piece and they all worked together to make it happen. They learned to trust each other and dance as one. This years dance theme was Geshem, meaning rain in Hebrew, water being the most vital resource in the world, essential for all life.

The kids linked together in multiple ways through out the weekend. Although the dancers come from a variety of different schools, towns, and backgrounds, they worked as a team with focus and intensity for over 15 hours to learn a beautiful and complex new dance piece that was debuted that same weekend. The dancing connected over 30 different personalities together. Links of friendship were born: many of the kids did not know each other before the weekend began, but all left sharing a special bond.

Yonim also linked other cultural dance groups as well, including Okinawan Taiko Drummers, Living Stream Dance Troupe, Natyarana Dance Company, UW-School of Bhangra, Banaat al Jazira, Schechter Rakdanim, Temple Beth El, and Jewop, all who also performed at Sharsheret Dance Festival.

I will leave you with the words that started the Sharsheret festival. "The Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe is pleased to host today's exciting festival with so many talented groups. We're celebrating peace and the connections among us, and have great appreciation and respect for other cultures. Dance is a beautiful way to bring people together and enjoy the beauty in the world."

I believe dance can help to overcome political and cultural differences. Yonim's Sharsheret Dance Festival is a step towards breaking down these barriers. I feel lucky to be a part of such a special community where we can all coexist together.

Photos by Jeff Weyer



Yonim's youngest dancers have fun being paraparim (butterflies).



Fantastic dance by the Temple Beth El dancers.



A vibrant hora by Yonim.



The Sharsheret Camp dancers perform Ketzev Shel Geshem: they played in rain drops, splashed in puddles, and felt the rhythm of the rain.



The talented Jewop A Cappella group.



Exciting new dance by Yonim's younger two groups.



Yonim's oldest dancers perform a beautiful dance about spirit.



The middle school Yonim dancers were an audience favorite.



The finale included all of the dance groups accompanied by Jewop.

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

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Scenes from Lechayim

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Oakwood Seder guests.

Shabbat at Capitol Lakes



UW Students Jen Abplanalp and Alanna Koritzinsky.



Singing at Shabbat.

Spotlight: Mary Jo Ball

By Pamela Phillips Olson

Mary Jo comes all the way from Sun Prairie to Lechayim with two friends. They enjoy the food, the cultural programs and the company.

The mystery of Mary Jo's family heritage has always perplexed her.

This is what she knows: her paternal grandparents were born in Jerusalem. They had ten children. They traveled to Poland. They spoke Russian. During the Holocaust they traveled by boat to America and eventually landed in Huron, Wisconsin. The family name was Hodowanic.



Mary Jo Ball

(Photo by Pamela Phillips Olson)

Her father worked day and night. He owned land outside of Cornell, Wisconsin, "acres of woods, fields of wheat and corn, and a saw mill." There he built the family home. Every board was honed from their own trees. He also had fifty milking cows and worked nights at a paper mill.

"My father was possessed by incredible responsibility to provide for his family. When I was nine, he finished our home. We had a huge housewarming with dancing. My mother played accordion and father the concertina."

Despite his accomplishments, her father always seemed tormented and distant. He died by committing suicide soon after the house was completed. Many friends attended his funeral. He left his family with great financial security, but the mystery of his history can never be solved. "I believe he was Jewish and wish I knew more about him."

"My maternal grandmother became a great influence on me and my three siblings. She knitted, cooked, quilted and taught me these skills. My mother, who was French-Irish, went to college part-time for years and finally became a teacher. She then taught for 44 years, progressing from a one-room school to high school. She eventually earned a Masters from UW-Eau Claire. She loved reading, making metal jewelry, gardening, and cooking."

After a year of college, Mary Jo began her career as a medical transcriptionist. After twenty-five years at the UW Hospital, she re-trained to become a CNA in the kidney transplant unit: "The dictaphones wore out my ears. I needed a change!" When she retired from nursing, she became a cook, working in a variety of venues including Oakwood Village, where she took care of special dietary needs.

Her son Boyice Williams in Minnesota and daughter Hattie Jo Williams in Madison carry on the family legacy of valuing hard work, education, and the arts.

We are glad that she and her friends have become Lechayim regulars!

Beware of "Government Grant" Scams

From the Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection, "Consumer Facts"

Advertisements or phone calls telling you about "free grants" from a government agency are not legitimate. You're told that your application is "guaranteed to be accepted, and you will never have to pay the money back." You'll be asked for your checking account information so they can "deposit your grant directly into your account," or cover a one-time "processing fee." Following some basic rules can help you avoid becoming a victim of a scam such as this:

• Do not give out your bank account information to anyone you do not know.

• Do not pay any money for a "free" government grant.

• Look-alikes are not the real thing: there is no such thing as a 'Federal Grants Administration'. Check to see if the agency is listed in the government office pages of your telephone directory, or online.

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Eileen Rabson
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Florence Grossberg
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Nadya Vinokur

Mazel Tov

To Nena Dyhr, on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Sam Miller

To Janice Oltman, on the wedding of her grandson Aaron Fink to Justine Menter, in Marina del Rey, California

Best Wishes for your Wellness

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Israel and the World

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west:
Feeling Proud While No One Around Knows Why

By Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

To all of you, the second week of May was just another week but to me, it was my most meaningful week this year! You ask why? It's just a random week of the year, isn't it? This week that is so important to me was a new experience, one that led to mixed feelings in my heart. I woke up on a day that would normally be different, there were no flags hanging up in the windows, no special songs in the radio, no people dressed with blue jeans and white shirts. Just a random regular day. It made me lonely for the community I hold so dear in my heart, full of people who would also understand and cherish the importance of this day, Yom Ha'Atzmaut. Sixty-six years ago the state of Israel was established, a big reason to celebrate! Before we could begin our celebration, we gathered together to remember as we do each year, remember what we try sometimes try to forget. Members of the Israeli and Jewish community gathered together on Yom HaZikaron to remember our beloved ones, soldiers and civilians who lost their lives in the wars. It was a bittersweet time for us all. Hard to go back and remember the fear in the eyes, the tears, the death around us and good because we owe it to them, to ourselves and to our nation. Every Israeli feels differently on Israel Remembrance Day. A country that's in a war already for 66 years has a lot of difficult memories and experiences, I'd like to share one of mine.

As I started high school the second intifada started. Walking around Jerusalem everyday with the fear of maybe today a bomb will go off, or making frantic calls to loved ones to make sure they were okay after hearing the news of what was happening across our beloved nation. On September 10, 2003 my best friend's brother was getting married. Nava, his fiancé, and her father David Appelbaum were murdered the night before the wedding. They say she was holy, she had just returned from the Mikve (a custom of dipping in pure water before the wedding). David grew up just next to us in Chicago, moved to Israel and became chief of the emergency room and trauma services at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Center! I will not forget that day! Everything was perfect then in a snap of the moment it all went black. That night I sat with the family waiting to hear if Nava had survived the bomb-

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Maccabi Tel Aviv Upsets its Way to Euroleague Basketball Crown

ROME (JTA) — Maccabi Tel Aviv upset favored Real Madrid to win the Euroleague basketball championship.

Maccabi defeated the Spanish squad, 98-86, in overtime on Sunday night in Milan in the title game. Tyrese Rice led the Israeli club with 26 points, including 14 in overtime. The game was tied at 73 following regulation.

A huge contingent of Israelis traveled to Italy for the game — some estimates said at least 10,000. Many of the Maccabi fans dressed in the team's yellow and waved yellow-and-blue banners and the team's flag, a yellow-and-blue version of the Israeli flag, with the star of David in the center.

Manuel Berti on the Italian Basketinside blog called the victory a "masterpiece" that was "incredible, crazy, surreal." He added, "It is the triumph of an entire people, who arrived en masse to fill and color the streets of Milan."

Maccabi had reached the finals with another upset victory, over CSKA Moscow, in the semifinals on Friday. The Israeli club rallied from a 15-point deficit to win.

President Shimon Peres phoned Coach David Blatt after the finals victory to congratulate him — and said the dramatic game had almost given him a heart attack, The Jerusalem Post reported.

It was the sixth Euroleague title for Maccabi Tel Aviv and its first since 2005.

Maccabi Tel Aviv fans cheer for the champions!

UKRAINE: JDC RESPONDS



Passover in Ukraine.

This year, thanks to you, Jews of all ages across Ukraine are celebrating Passover in spite of escalating challenges.

To help make this a reality, JDC provided nearly 53,000 boxes of matzah and coordinated scores of community Seders throughout the country — at Jewish Community Centers, at "Warm Home" gatherings of elderly Jews, in large cities, in towns and villages.

And just as they have been for more than two decades, some of these Seders were led by a cadre of young volunteers, who remind even the most isolated that we are all one big family.

From a spirited Seder featuring a klezmer band in Kharkov ... to a Simferopol Seder at the city's "Old Crimea" restaurant ... to a holiday camp for families held in the outskirts of Kiev, JDC is ensuring that Passover in Ukraine and beyond is as vibrant, robust, and meaningful as ever.

At this uncertain time, celebrations of Jewish culture and tradition persevere. JDC is committed to caring for Ukraine's most vulnerable Jews, fostering a continuing connection to yiddishkeit, and providing for needs both tangible and spiritual.

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Shlichim

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ing. They came back at 2:00 a.m. from the hospital with long faces. The day after the funeral I had the responsibility of staying home to answer the phone and tell people the horrible news about the bride and the wedding that would not occur. Can you imagine? Me, a 16-year-old bearing the burden of giving that news to so many people.

We all have stories, that was just one of mine. This is why it is so important for us to take time to remember!

And, 24 hours later we have to turn this awful pain in to this amazing wonderful feeling of pride! How do we do it?! How do we transfer in one evening from this huge solidarity with the victims' families to this celebration of pride of establishment of a Jewish state?! We just do! That is part of what it means to be Israeli.

With all the difficulty in Israel and all the conflicts within and outside Israel – Israel should get to celebrate! What other country in the world achieved as much as Israel in 66 years?! We are a start-up nation and any Jew in the world can feel its part of his world. It's a country Jews should feel they can call home, they can escape to Israel if they would need, and such things have happened throughout the history of Israel. We criticize Israel for many things, Israel is not perfect but Israel is trying!

I want to thank the Jewish Federation of Madison for giving us the opportunity to share our Israel with the community that week. To the Lazimy family for hosting Yom Hazikaron remembrance sing along, to Ellen Weismer, Ruchama Lasser, Rebecca Schwab, Shlomi and Leana Laufer for the help with Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration and to all of the community members who brought the art supplies for the Chanoch Piven's art workshops!

Here are some highlights of Israel Independence Day activities:

• We started with a Yom Hazikaron (Israel Remembrance Day) sing-along at Clara and Rafi Lazimy's house – we sang Israeli songs and shared some of our personal memories and experiences.

• We celebrated Yom Yisrael at Temple Beth El Sunday school, during which I gave a lecture to the parents about education in Israel vs. U.S.A.

• Beth Israel Center's Talmud Torah and Shaarei Shamayim's Bet Sefer made their own portraits and portraits of their families inspired by the artist Chanoch Piven. Chanoch Piven is an Israeli mixed media artist best known for his celebrity caricatures and portraits made from common objects and scraps of materials, including items which might be associated with the subject. Thank you to Gan HaYeled and Madison Jewish Community Day School children, who made beautiful flags and pictures that decorated our Yom Ha'atzmaut party hall.

• We had an adult Yom Ha'atzmaut party with the American-Israeli comedian Benji Lovitt, who made fun of Israelis, Americans and the Middle East! Had an Israeli style BBQ and also made self-portraits inspired by Chanoch Piven, It was a great evening, thank you for all of our friends for coming out and joining us in celebrating Israel's 66th birthday!

• Mickey shared his family's story and the story of the Mashadi Jews in Persia with Lechayim.

• The Chug Ivrit kids created their own Israel country and learned about differences about Israel and the U.S.A.

• At Gan HaYeled we took a trip to Israel with a parachute, learning about different cities and sites.

That is all for today, once again we want to thank the Madison Jewish community for celebrating with us and helping us feel at home.

Racheli and Mickey
–Making Israel Yours–

Yom Ha'atzmaut: Israeli Independence Day





Chug Ivrit



Madison Jewish Community Day School






Adult Party Time



Gan HaYeled touring Israel










Artist Chanoch Piven art workshops





Yom Hazikaron: Israeli Remembrance Day




This article is about the Social Security and Health Care systems in the USA (part 1)

Генрих Бабич

Социальное обеспечение и медицинское страхование в США

Социальное обеспечение и здравоохранение, возможно, как никакие другие системы современного государства, отражают исторические черты государства. Народ Соединенных Штатов Америки, как страны эмигрантов, формировался в течение XVIII-XX столетий, когда сюда в разное время приезжали многие десятки и сотни тысяч людей различных рас, национальностей и вероисповеданий. "Плавильный котел" и сформировал общность, которая теперь называется американским народом. Народ США не одноroден, но ему присуще одно качество, которое важно для рассмотрения систем социального обеспечения и здравоохранения.

Американцы при разрешении личных проблем в гораздо большей степени, чем другие народы, привыкли полагаться на собственные силы. Они не ждут помощи со стороны, в том числе от собственного правительства. Такая тенденция сформировалась в период фронтьерского движения на Запад по освоению новых территорий. Отсюда вытекает важное качество американцев: если они мирятся с налогами, необходимыми для, скажем, финансирования работы правительства, расходов на оборону, то с увеличением налогов на оказание помощи согражданам они соглашаются очень неохотно. (Другой вопрос, что в стране широко распространена благотворительность на самые разнообразные социальные нужды. В год американцы отчисляют в благотворительные фонды суммы, равные бюджету России. Хотя эти цифры мало сопоставимы, но все же...) При этом противиться дополнительному налогообложению в рамках развитой американской избирательной системы они могут. В результате, в Америке налоги на социальное обеспечение и здравоохранение существенно меньше, чем в странах Европы и в особенности Скандинавии.

За последние сто пятьдесят лет в стране произошли существенные изменения, которые требовали принятия мер по социальной защите людей. Назовем некоторые из них. Отмена рабства в 1864 году, которая явилась величайшим актом торжества справедливости, требовала специальных мер по улучшению положения большого количества бывших рабов, что нашло частичное разрешение в результате последовавшего периода Реконструкции. Короткий период конца XIX и начала XX веков отмечен бурным развитием капиталистической промышленности и многомиллионной иммиграцией в страну. Толпы иммигрантов не имели никакой специальности. Они хлынули на растущее производство, в результате чего возникли социальные проблемы защиты от травматизма, продолжительности рабочего дня и др. Первая мировая война, помимо всего прочего, явилась новым потрясением в связи с проблемами солдат, возвращавшихся с полей сражений. И в завершение всего, разразилась Великая Депрессия 1929 года, в результате которой толпы безработных составили до 25% трудоспособного населения.

Наконец, по велению времени, в 1935 году при Президенте Ф. Рузвельте был принят федеральный Закон о Социальном Обеспечении под длинным названием: "Федеральная Программа Помощи Гражданам Пожилого Возраста, Людям, Выжившим в катастрофах, и Страхование при Потере Работоспособности" (Social Security Act for Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance). Закон предусматривал социальную помощь пожилым людям, слепым, детям-инвалидам, многодетным семьям, поддержку общественного здавоохранения, а также пособия по безработице. Он устанавливал, что социальное обеспечение финансируется из подоходного налога, часть поступлений которого направляются в специально создаваемые для этой цели фонды. Эти фонды находятся в ведении государственного казначейства. Все работающие граждане получили код социального обеспечения (Social Security Number), что было важно для функционирования общегосударственной системы. Код социального обеспечения фактически стал одним из элементов идентификации личности.

Закон о Социальном Обеспечении оказал существенное влияние на социальные права миллионов людей. Критики Закона, однако, восклицали: "Разве это не социализм?" После 1930-х годов объем социального обеспечения изменялся в соответствии с экономическими реалиями. Эти изменения отражали движение от установления "равенства" людей в сторону улучшения "адэкватной защиты" работников с низкими доходами.

Хотя социальное обеспечение иногда сравнивают с персональными пенсиями, эти две системы существенно различны. Система социального обеспечения является по существу страховой, так как она, в частности, осуществляет выплаты по инвалидности. Эта система играет роль своего рода канала передачи денежных средств, через который работающие американцы передают свои деньги для социальной защиты тем, кто соответствует установленным для этого требованиям, например, инвалидам. В отличие от этого, пенсионная система аккумулирует средства, которые работающий вносит в нее за годы работы до выхода на пенсию.

Приведу несколько цифр, иллюстрирующих расходы на социальное обеспечение. В 2013 году такие затраты составили $1.3 триллиона, т.е. 8.4% от $16.3 триллиона Валового Внутреннего Продукта и 37% от всех федеральных затрат. 20% американцев старше 65 лет получают финансирование из фондов социального обеспечения для поднятия их доходов до размеров уровня бедности.

В федеральный Закон о Социальном Обеспечении с течением времени были внесены существенные изменения. Приведу некоторые из них.

В 1939 году к Закону были добавлены две категории граждан – жены и малолетние дети работников, вышедших на пенсию. В 1954 году была добавлена специальная программа по инвалидности. В 1961 году возраст выхода на пенсию был снижен до 62 лет, правда, с понижением размеров выплат. В 1965 году к Закону были добавлены программы медицинского страхования Медикэр (Medicare) и Медикэйд (Medicaid), в результате чего дополнительные льготы получили 20 миллионов человек. В 1972 году была доведена до федерального уровня программа Дополнительной Социальной Помощи (SSI). Программа SSI не является страховой. В ней установлен минимум доходов, к которым система социальной помощи добавляет определенную сумму, необходимую для проживания в рамках установленного стандарта. Под эту программу подпадают также дети-инвалиды, хотя стандарты для них отличаются от установленных размеров помощи для взрослых. В 1983 году пенсионный возраст для работников с малым трудовым стажем был поднят до 66 и 67 лет. В 1996 году наркотическая зависимость и алкоголизм были выведены из юрисдикции Закона. В 1997 году к Закону была добавлена программа медицинского страхования для детей в семьях с низкими доходами. Как видим, Закон о Социальном Обеспечении развивался в соответствии с требованием времени.

Фундаментальный вопрос состоит в том, почему американское здравоохранение строится по страховому принципу. Первоистоки этого – в том, что вся деловая активность в стране так или иначе связана со страхованием. Здесь и страхование от природных катастроф, повреждения автомобилей, недвижимости, личного имущества и материальных потерь в процессе производства. Деятельность в области медицинского страхования не отличается от других его видов. Поэтому в "борьбе трудящихся за свои права" вопросы страхования были в одном ряду с ограничением продолжительности рабочего дня, обеспечением техники безопасности, охраной труда и др. Кроме того, поскольку страхованием здравоохранения, как и другими его видами, занимались частные компании, то сфера здравоохранения также развивалась в условиях конкурренции.

Страховой подход к регулированию всей жизни начал складываться еще в XIX веке. Одним из самых ранних законов федерального уровня был Билль об Оказании Помощи Бедным Больным Психическими Заболеваниями, представленный Конгрессу в 1854 году. Билль предусматривал создание приютов для таких больных, а также для слепых и глухонемых. Для финансирования такой помощи федеральная система должна была предоставить штатам специальные гранты. Билль был принят обеими палатами Конгресса, но затем Президент Ф. Пирс наложил на него вето на том основании, что штаты, а не федеральное правительство, по его мнению, должны заниматься социальным обеспечением.

Только после Гражданской Войны федеральное правительство создало на Юге первую национальную систему здравоохранения. В рамках этой системы были построены 40 госпиталей с общим штатом в 120 врачей. В них получали лечение более миллиона бывших рабов. Госпитали, однако, действовали только в 1865-70 годы. Один из этих госпиталей просуществовал в Вашингтоне до конца XIX века.

В первые 10-15 лет XX века в Европе и США получило широкое распространение политическое движение Прогрессивизма. Во многих европейских странах были приняты первые законы по социальному обеспечению, которые предусматривали создание обязательных государственных программ по финансированию здравоохранения. В Великобритании такой закон был принят в 1911 году и предусматривал медицинскую помощь работающим, но не членам их семей. В США в 1912 году была предпринята попытка принятия аналогичного закона, но она потерпела неудачу. Прогрессивисты безуспешно боролись за принятие системы медицинского страхования, гарантированного штатами. Уникальная американская история децентрализации управления государством, стремление ограничить власть федерального правительства и традиция классического либерализма явились причинами безуспешных попыток реализации страховой системы под государственным управлением. Примечательно в этой связи, что даже Американская Медицинская Ассоциация возражала против этого. Этому же препятствовали многие предприятия городов, так как они создавали свои частные страховые фонды.

Медицинские страховки, которые покупали рабочие, и явились важной экономической основой, на которую опирается современная американская система здравоохранения. Первые медицинские страховки конца XIX и начала XX веков были недорогие и выгодны для предприятий тем, что их покупали сотрудники своего предприятия. Это позволяло предотвратить покупку страховок уже больными людьми, что было невыгодно страховым кампаниям. Созданием страховых фондов на своем предприятии и объясняется то, почему именно в США, в отличие от Европы, не прижилась государственная система медицинского страхования. Таким образом, с начала XX века американцы были привязаны к медицинскому страхованию, которое предоставляли им работодатели, а не государство.

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