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Mazel Tov to the Midrasha Class of 2015!



The Midrasha Class of 2015 includes left to right in the back row: Josh Spitzer-Resnick, Jared Schwartz, Avi Bernard-Donals, Isaac Rudin, Maxim Milovets, Nathan Ehrlich, Charlie Kaplan, Jack Gustafson, Aaron Rosenblum, Rebekah Blumenfeld, and Kyra Rubin. Pictured in the front row: Marlowe Thomas, Rachel Klein, Caitlin Frank, Sydney Mayer, Natalie Grande, and Hannah Joseph.

This year 17 seniors graduated from Midrasha Hebrew High School. The students were honored at a ceremony surrounded by their families, friends, rabbis, and the Midrasha staff and student body. After 5 years of participation in the program, 14 of the seniors received the Laurence A. Weinstein Midrasha Incentive Award. They are now eligible for up to $2000 to use towards furthering their Jewish Education post-high school graduation. Eight of the seniors were graduates of the Gan HaYeled Preschool. We wish all of the graduates success as they venture off to college and we hope they will take the lessons learned in Midrasha with them on their future endeavors.

Rebekah Blumenfeld, Kyra Rubin and Jack Gustafson were the senior speakers at this year's graduation. You can read excerpts from their speeches on page 18.

Midrasha Hebrew High School is for students in 8th-12th grade. Registration for the 2015-2016 school year will be available online at www.jewishmadison.org/midrasha in July. If you have questions about the program please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or (608) 278-1808.

Save the Date for the Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic!



The Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic will be held on

Sunday, June 28th from 10:30am-1:30pm

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

Plan to come and join us at this wonderful community summer event! Mark your calendar and watch your email and www.JewishMadison.org for details.

Madison Area Professionals Attend Successful Speed Networking Event



Thanks to everyone that came out for Speed Networking on May 21 at Sundance Cinemas.

We had an energetic evening of meeting, greeting and schmoozing. After completing nine rounds of speed networking participants left the evening with a new circle of professional contacts.



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As a Federation website business sponsor, you'll receive the following recognition in appreciation of your support:

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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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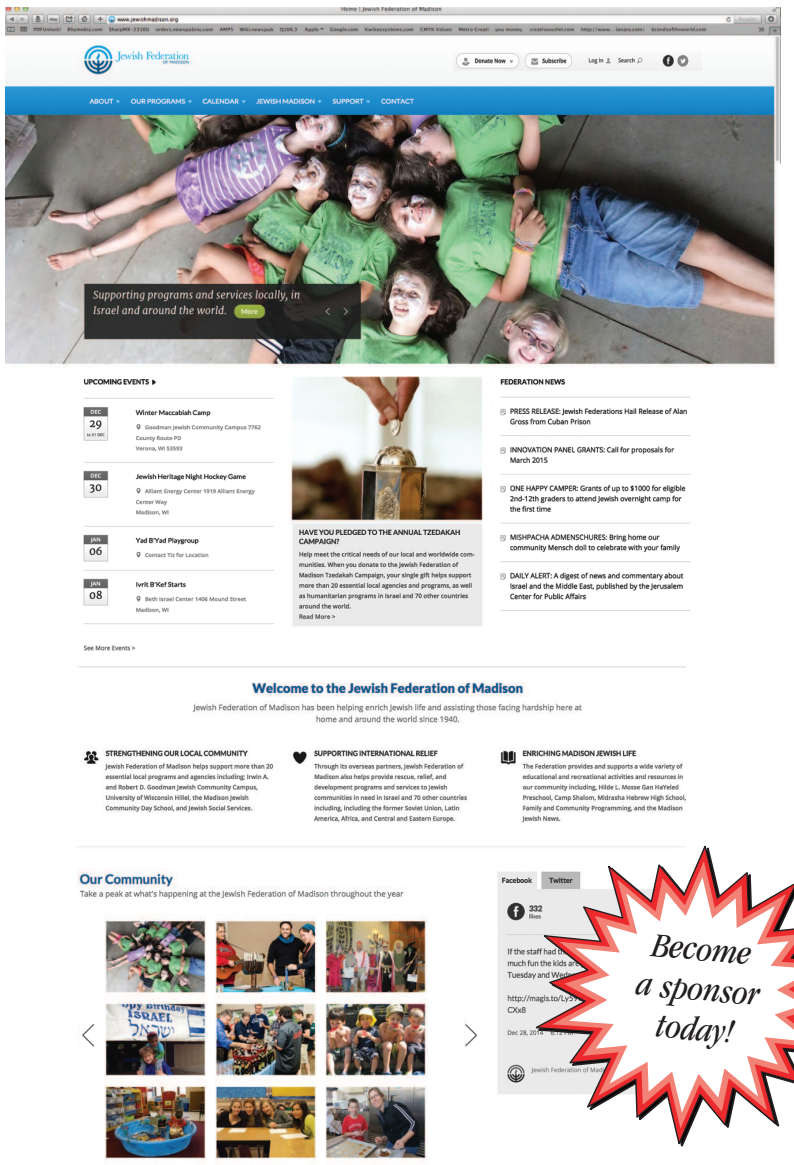

Oodles of Noodles Pool Party 2015

Monday, July 13th, 4:00 p.m.

- Enjoy a Noodles & Company dinner (order in advance using the form at: www.JewishMadison.org)
- Play with pool noodles
- Meet new people
- Have oodles of fun
- Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

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$8/dish (regular sizes only), includes drink and dessert. Dinner options: Mac and Cheese • Japanese Pan Noodles • Mediterranean Salad ~ *Gluten free options available, please specify when you order.*

***Noodles will only be ordered for those whose orders and payments have been received by Friday, July 10th!**

***Please note that all pool parties are weather dependent. If the weather is bad and the pool is closed, the event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and we will eat dinner in the Minkoff Center and watch a kid-friendly movie.**







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Congregation Shaarei Shamayim to Welcome Madison's First Torah Written by a Female Scribe

Join us for a Community-Wide Siyyum and 25th Anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 28th, 2-4 p.m., Landmark Auditorium, First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive.

Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli, the Torah scribe Congregation Shaarei Shamayim contracted to write its beautiful new Torah, is most certainly out of the ordinary. Lavery-Yisraeli was born in Northern Ireland, a land not known for its huge Jewish population, and now lives and works in Sweden, a country far better known as the birthplace of ABBA and chewy candy fish than as a hub for the scribal arts.

Even Lavery-Yisraeli's writing style is unique; the Torah is written in the beautiful, but unusual, Darda'im script, common only among a small group of Yemenite Jews.

But perhaps the thing that is most unexpected about Lavery-Yisraeli is that Yonah is a woman—one of a very small sorority of sofrot, female ritual scribes, currently working worldwide. The scroll she has created for Shaarei Shamayim, Lavery-Yisraeli's first, will be the first Torah written by a woman to call Madison home.

"Our b'nei mitzvah students will be among some of the first to read from a Torah written by a woman," says Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman of Congregation Shaarei Shamayim. "What an amazing teaching opportunity."



Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli

The congregation will formally welcome Lavery-Yisraeli, as well as its new Torah, to Madison for a siyyum, or celebration upon the completion of a Torah. This event coincides with the congregation's 25th anniversary year. The festivities will take place the afternoon of Sunday, June 28th from 2-4pm at Shaarei Shamayim's worship space in the Landmark Auditorium of the First Unitarian Society.

During the siyyum, which is open to the entire Madison Jewish community, the final letters of the Torah will be completed by congregants under the direction of Lavery-Yisraeli. The event will also feature the singing of the Madison Yiddish Choir, as well as activities for children. Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, which has grown to over 125 households since its founding in 1989, is grateful to the Goodman Foundation whose gift helped to make this unique Torah possible.

"Our 25th anniversary is such a wonderful time to bring this special new Torah into our community," says congregation president, Jeff Sptizer-Resnick. "When we started Shaarei Shamayim a generation ago, I don't think any of us imagined that we would be as strong and vibrant as we are 25 years later. We are truly blessed."

For more information, contact the Congregation Shaarei Shamayim office at 257-2944 or office@shamayim.org.



Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli with the beautiful new Torah.



Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Committee Presents: "Bethlehem"

In Bethlehem the 'hero' is a teenager, and an immature one at that. His older brother is an accomplished terrorist/freedom fighter, leaving his little brother Sanfur without much of an identity of his own. Sanfur feels overlooked by his family and unimportant to his community. Recruited (or forced) into being an informer for the Israelis, a close relationship develops between Sanfur and his Israeli 'handler,' who, in turn, has fatherly feelings toward the youth.

Showing is on June 17th at Temple Beth El. The Arbor street doors open at 7:00pm and the film "Bethlehem" begins at 7:15pm. Free snacks and beverages will be provided.

Bethlehem is advertised as a "tightly wound, clock ticking thriller." It was first shown in 2013 and is un-rated. Running time is 1 hour and 39 minutes.

The July film is "Ruth" and will be shown on July 15th.

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Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS



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, nestled in the scenic Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona. See the ad on page 31 for the schedule, more information, and a season membership registration form, or go to www.jewishmadison.org.

New Camper Information Session

For Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim.
Sunday, June 7, 11:45 a.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.

Kesher Israel Movie

Wednesday, June 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison



Enjoy the film "Bethlehem," a tightly-wound, clock ticking thriller. Main doors open at 7 p.m., film begins at 7:15 p.m. Snacks provided. In "Bethlehem," the 'hero' is a teenager, and an immature one at that. His older brother is an accomplished terrorist/freedom fighter, leaving his little brother Sanfur without much of an identity of his own. Sanfur feels overlooked by his family and unimportant to his community. Recruited (or forced) into being an informer for the Israelis, a close relationship develops between Sanfur and his Israeli 'handler,' who, in turn, has fatherly feelings toward the youth.

Jewish Dialogue Sessions

Wednesday, June 24, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison

Jewish Dialogue on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. This session is open to everyone in the Jewish community.

Join us for this unique series of dialogues, facilitated by a professional mediator using materials from the Jewish Dialogue Group. Space is limited, but there are plenty of opportunities throughout the year. We also welcome people to do more than one session as space permits.

Registration is required. For more information or to reserve a spot please contact Sara at office@shamayim.org. Participants are encouraged to attend more than one session. A $5 contribution is requested for each session.

Camp Shalom Katan

Register for summer 2015 – a few spots are still available!

Ten unique one-week sessions available 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 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. for 3 and 4 year olds, and 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. for 2 year olds. Extended care hours are available from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. For more information or to register, please visit: www.jewishmadison.org





Camp Shalom Registration is Open! Looking for a great way for the kids to spend the summer? Look no further!

Camp Shalom, the summer camp of the Jewish Federation of Madison, offers a Jewish environment that is welcoming to all elementary and middle school age children and provides a safe, nurturing, and fun experience.

Camp Shalom, established in 1954, is the oldest and largest day camp in Dane County and is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison. Camp Shalom is for campers going into grades K-5 and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim, a hybrid of Camp Shalom Noar and Camp Shalom Bogrim, is for campers going into grades 6-9. Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim serve over 1000 children throughout the summer and is located at the beautiful Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona. Camp encourages campers to experience a wide variety of activities through programming designed to stimulate and educate. Full and partial financial-need scholarships may be available.

Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim Dates:
Staff Orientation: June 15th - 19th, 2015
Session One: June 22nd - July 10th, 2015
Session Two: July 14th- July 31st, 2015
Session Three (Camp Shalom Only): August 4th - August 14th, 2015
For more information about camp, fees, and more, visit www.jewishmadison.org

Hava Nagila Jewish Community Picnic

Sunday, June 28
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Route PD, Verona



Kick off the summer and the celebration of the Jewish Federation of Madison's 75th 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.

Chabad and ADL Sponsor Leadership Program on Campus Anti-Semitism

On April 21, 2015, twenty-seven student leaders representing ten organizations gathered to discuss and learn how to combat anti-Semitism.

The program, entitled "Words to Action," is based on the Anti-Defamation League's Confronting Anti-Semitism program, which was created in the 1980s in response to a comprehensive survey of Jewish youth, conducted by the ADL. The findings indicated that middle and high school youth were regularly experiencing anti-Semitic comments, taunts, harassment and graffiti in the halls and classrooms of their schools and in their neighborhoods and communities. Rather than standing up to this prejudice, many youth remained silent, both in the face of oppression and later, when they returned to their homes and families.

Today, as this type of anti-Semitism continues, many college students also face another form of anti-Semitism, that which is fueled by anti-Israel sentiment. On many college campuses, bias against the State of Israel has become increasingly common. High profile academics, charismatic speakers, and influential student leaders have presented the Israeli-Palestinian situation in a one-sided manner, blaming the conflict solely on Israel and largely ignoring Palestinian terrorism and violence. While the State of Israel is subject to critique just like any other government in the world, the criticisms against Israel often take a much harsher tone. Sometimes, this blatantly anti-Israel rhetoric even crosses the line into anti-Semitism.

Chabad, as the home away from home for the 4000 Jewish students on campus, felt that it was important to bring this program to the UW. Because this program is geared to be most effective in small interactive crowds, Chabad selected Jewish leaders from across the spectrum of Jewish and Israel programs on campus, knowing that they would share what they learned with their friends and colleagues. Organizations represented included students from 5 Jewish Greek houses, 3 Israel groups, Hillel and, of course, Chabad. Chabad also invited a Jewish student from Edgewood College, a school with far less Jewish representation than the UW.

The program, which included a home-cooked dinner, was led by David Kurzmann from ADL's Midwest office in Chicago. The students spent two hours in a highly interactive and engaging conversation on the definitions of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias, and its prevalence in their lives.

Sophmore Chelsea Sheridan said that the program "increased her understanding and awareness of anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias in her life" and that she felt more prepared to "counter anti-Semitic stereotypes and anti-Israel myths with accurate information."

Freshman Rebecca Schwartz was thankful for receiving the skills to respond effectively and appropriately to the variety of ways anti- Semitism manifests itself, from insensitive or biased comments to hate-motivated incidents. "I will share what I learned with others" she said, "and I hope Chabad hosts this or a similar program again next year."





Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:
Eitan Daniel Minkoff, son of Lainie and Michael Minkoff and grandson of Deborah and Joel Minkoff;
Sydney Jane Palay, daughter of Katie and Dan Palay and granddaughter of Tom Palay and Diane Gutmann;
Judah Matai Resnick, son of Adam and Michelle Resnick, grandson of David and Nancy Resnick;
Eliana Sophie Weiner, daughter of Deborah Hirsch and Seth Weiner, granddaughter of Susan and Steve Hirsch and great-granddaughter of Faye and Sam Nager, z"ll;
Annika Ruth, granddaughter of Jean Singer;
Jonathan Gabriel Ehrlich, son of Joel and Devri Ehrlich and grandson of Vivian and Irvin Ehrlich;
Eleanor Rose Talerico, daughter of Alice and Lewis Talerico and granddaughter of Nancy and Richard Peidelstein;
Charlie Danger Naaman, son of Brittney and Michael Naaman; and
River Marilyn Rubenstein, daughter of Dan Rubenstein and Rebecca Gartner.

Mazel Tov on the engagement of:
Amber Cohen, daughter of Christine Schindler and Charles Cohen to **Christopher Luther**; and
Benjamin Frenz, son of Janet and Byron Frenz to **Becky Rosenblatt**.

Mazel Tov on the marriage of:
Hannah Jacobs, daughter of Mark and Susan Jacobs, z"ll, to Adriel Bienn.

Mazel Tov on the retirement of:
Estelle Katz and **Jim Rissman**.

Condolences to the family of:
Barry M. Hoffman, brother-in-law of Barbara Katz (Stephen Fleischman) and uncle of Benjamin, Daniel and Jacob Fleischman.









J-Biz Madison Sunset Cruise

On Wednesday May 13th, fifty young aspiring entrepreneurs and established business people met, socialized and networked on Lake Monona. J-Biz Madison was established in 2014 with the goals of assisting interested young professionals to establish business roots in Madison as well as create and bring together the Jewish business community of Madison.

J-Biz Madison corporate sponsors are Galin Education, Sondel Family Veterinary Clinic and Madison Computer Works. J-Biz is a program of YJP Madison (A Chabad affiliate).





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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, and we welcome prospective members to participate in programs and activities. Please contact David Hoffert, Executive Director, at 608-238-3123 or executive director@templebethelmadison.org for membership information.

Shabbat Outdoors and Executive Director Welcome

Friday, June 5, Wingra Park

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets to sit on.

5:30pm Enjoy a pre-oneg Shabbat nosh along with a meet & greet with David Hoffert, our new Executive Director.

6:00pm Shabbat Evening Service

7:00pm We'll get to know David Hoffert and enjoy a lovely dinner catered by Banzo. Dinner is $10/person with advance registration. Dinner will include Majadra rice, chicken, falafel, hummus, pita bread, and chopped salad. Please register for dinner by Wednesday, May 27 on our website or to Aleeza Hoffert, Program Director at 608-238-3123 or program@templebethelmadison.org



Temple Beth El is proud to welcome Nicole Jahr, Director of Life Long Learning on July 1, 2015.

Contact us at 608.238.3123 for more information about our Religious and Hebrew Schools and adult learning opportunities.

TEMPLE Beth El

www.templebethelmadison.org

Singles Creating Community Coffee Klatch

Friday, June 19 at 9am

True Coffee Roasters, 6250 Nesbitt Rd., Fitchburg

Enjoy a cup of joe with your Singles Creating Community friends.

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Film Series

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel film series will be showing the next movie in its series of four films. Please join us for what is sure to be another educational and riveting experience. Doors open at 7:00pm, with movies beginning at 7:15pm:

Wednesday, June 17th, "Bethlehem"

Wednesday, July 15th, "Ruth"

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, June 18 at 7pm
VIP Asian; 6718-6722 Odana Rd. Madison

Hungry and ready to mingle? All 20s-and-30-somethings of the Jewish community are invited to meet, greet and eat our way through a tasty dinner together. Dinner will be $20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org.

Shabbabeque!

Friday, July 3

Start your holiday weekend with us as we welcome in Shabbat on our new Terrace! Co-sponsored by Men's Club.

5pm Shabbabeque Dinner including Teriyaki Chicken, Hot Dogs, Marinated Portobello Mushroom Caps, Sesame Noodle Salad, Broccoli Salad, and Dessert. $9/person please register online or to Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org by Wednesday, June 24th.

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Summer Discussions led by Rabbi Biatch

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God is a hot property these days. God is claimed by many, equivocated about by others, and rejected by more. What do you believe? Where is your comfort level even in speaking about God?

Our synagogue, as a microcosm of the liberal Jewish world, accepts many different beliefs and understandings about God. Yet our liturgy is replete with God references that seem to place belief in God as the sine qua non of identification. How do we deal with this dichotomy, as Jews who achieve so much as a unified synagogue community?

Come and learn and share experiences with like-minded TBE members. Select one of the discussion groups below with which you identify, and come for some serious and comfortable talk about God.

Sunday July 5 at 10am
Temple Beth El
"Theology Talks: Do You Believe in God from Above?"

If so, come and share your ideas, concepts, notions, and beliefs with like-minded believers. Share some fun beverages and snacks as we explore the belief system that has kept our people thriving as a moral force in the world, and has preserved our moral and ethical way of life.

Wednesday July 8 at 6pm
The Great Dane, Hilldale Mall
"Theology on Tap: What If God Was One of Us"

Confused about the God thing? Ever wonder whether and how beliefs get started, and whether you should believe, disbelieve, or continue searching? This is a discussion among seekers, perhaps-ers, and doubters. If you are uncertain as to your notion of deity, this is a group for you. First drink is on us for an early evening of probing conversations!

Sunday July 12 at 10am
Temple Beth El
"Anti-Theos-Ology": What's God Got to do with It?

Doubting is permitted here, but only if you start out as a Jewish non-believer. Secular, agnostic, atheistic and Humanistic Jews – and other kinds yet to be defined – are welcome to share some good food and conversation about the God that others believe in. Even with our God-centered worship, how can non-believers feel a part of this community?

Camping Trip

Friday, July 10 – Sunday, July 12
Bethel Horizons, 4651 County Highway ZZ, Dodgeville

Meet at the campground at 6 pm to celebrate Shabbat together. We'll leave after brunch on Sunday.

Don't want to camp overnight? Come join us for Friday night Shabbat, or any part of the day on Saturday (we'll make s'mores after Havdalah!) and leave when you'd like. Please indicate on the RSVP form what portion you will be joining us for. Be a part of our celebration of Shabbat, Havdalah, sing around a camp fire and just have a wonderful time in the great outdoors. Cost is $25 per family unit/night ($50 for both nights). $10 to join us for a meal/part of a day. Register on our website or to program@templebethelmadison.org by Tuesday, June 23.

Project Lunch

Because Healthy Kids are Active Kids!
June 22 through August 14

All of the Camp Shalom campers deserve to have a great summer. Knowing that every day we have campers who come to Camp without a nutritious lunch is heartbreaking. Project Lunch is going to help ensure that all of the campers have enough energy to make the most of the camp day!

Please join together with the Jewish Congregations for Social Justice Coalition to provide 7 nutritious vegetarian lunches for children at Camp Shalom. We will provide lunches 3 times a week. Lunches should include a vegetarian sandwich, fruit and cut up vegetables. Lunches can be brought to the bus counselors at the bus stop on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If 7 lunches are too much or you are not going to a Camp Shalom bus stop this summer, YOU CAN STILL HELP! Please contact Sherie Sondel to find ways, big or small, that you can help make sure all Camp Shalom campers get a healthy lunch this summer. Sign-up for one day (or as many as you can) on Volunteer Spot at http://vols.pt/26EZ7B or contact Sherie at 608-444-3051 or sherie.sondel@gmail.com.



Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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

Friday Night Dinner and Discussion with Soferet Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli

Friday, June 26
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

Join us Friday evening for a special program with our Torah scribe and her family. We will join together for dinner at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner we will have a service and discussion with Soferet Lavery-Yisraeli. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays, June 13 and 27
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On June 13 Torah study begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Shabbat services at 10:30 a.m. and Kiddush at 12:30 p.m. On June 27, in honor of our siyyum and 25th anniversary weekend, we will have a special service beginning at 9:30 a.m. followed by Kiddush lunch at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

25th Anniversary Celebration and Siyyum

Sunday, June 28
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

We will celebrate our 25th Anniversary, as well as welcome our new Torah from 2:00-4:00 p.m. As a community we will complete the writing of our Torah and share a light meal together. To register for babysitting and children's activities please contact the office. RSVPs appreciated.

Get Volunteer Hours! Build Your Resumé! Join the Mad Town Jewish Teen Volunteers

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 Camp Shalom.

The program is August 17-22, 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. They'll be joined by Rabbi Laurie and Aviv Kammay on Shabbat.

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. Scholarships are available, and there is a multi-child discount for siblings.

To obtain more information, including registration forms, please contact Parthy Schachter at civilhands@ yahoo.com. The deadline for applications is May 1.

Beth Israel Center

We are excited to announce that Melton is coming to Madison! Thanks to support from a Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Grant, Beth Israel Center is bringing the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning to Madison beginning in the fall of 2015.

This pluralistic Jewish learning program – Adult Learning for the Wondering Jew – goes far beyond one-shot lectures or short-term seminars, challenging adult Jewish learners to engage in Jewish learning in a serious and comprehensive way. Each lesson is designed to inspire and enlighten students, irrespective of their prior experience or background.

Melton classes will meet weekly for two hours, 25 times a year for two years, October 2015 through Spring 2017. Students will engage with a well-rounded, in-depth study of Judaism in a user-friendly format.

Year One of Melton's Core Curriculum includes a pair of courses, which will be taught by Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon:

The Purposes of Jewish Living

Explore the meaning and purpose of life from a Jewish perspective.

- The Chosen People – Why Us?
- What Happens After We Die?
- Why Do People Suffer?

The Rhythms of Jewish Living

Students study the central ideas, beliefs and practices that define Jewish life.

- The Jewish Calendar and its Meaning
- Significance of Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- Conversion

Year Two will include a pair of courses, Dramas of Jewish Living Through the Ages and Ethics of Jewish Living.

Registration will be open to the community later this summer. Stay tuned for more details. Email office@bethisrael center.org with questions.

Meanwhile, come be a part of Madison's vibrant, spiritual, traditional and egalitarian Jewish community over the summer. All Beth Israel Center programs are open to the community. Most programs are offered at no charge (except where noted).

Highlights from our June calendar:

Children's Services

10:30am Saturday, June 6

We offer children's services for babies, preschoolers and early elementary school age children most weeks during the school year and select weekends during the summer – including the first Saturday in June. Check our website at www.bethisraelcenter.org or subscribe to our weekly e-mails for additional summer program dates. (Find "Get our E-announcements" on our website or email office@bethisraelcenter.org and ask to be added.) Visitors are always welcome!

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Picnic

Friday, June 12
Hoyt Park

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors. Services begin at 5:45pm in the Hoyt Park shelter closest to Regent Street and are followed by a kosher-dairy potluck dinner. Paper goods and soft drinks provided. Please bring vegetarian food to share. Put all four summer park potlucks on your calendar: June 12, July 17, August 21 and September 11.

Talmud Class

9:00am Wednesday mornings

Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon lead study of the eighth perek of Masechet Sota. This perek begins with the speech a Kohen must make to troops before war and explores the differences between a defensive war of necessity--what might be called a righteous war--and other wars. The class covers both how to study the Talmud text and subject matter. Class will meet through June 10 and then take a summer hiatus.

Shabbat Morning Services

9:30am every Saturday

Experience our warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services. Come see our new sanctuary! Our worship begins with P'seukei D'zimra and continues through Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a community kiddush lunch after services every week.

Visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, or call us at (608) 256-7763 for service schedules and other programming information.

Community Dialogue on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Would you like to have a constructive, respectful conversation with other Jewish people whose views about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian situation are different from your own? Are you interested in talking about your experiences, feelings, convictions, and questions in an environment that promotes mutual learning?

Join us on June 24 as we continue our unique series of dialogues moderated by a professional mediator using materials from the Jewish Dialogue Group. There are plenty of opportunities to join one throughout the year. We also welcome people to join more than one session as space permits.

Dates for the rest of the year, all from 7:00-9:00 p.m. – mark your calendars!

June 24 – all are welcome
July 22 – all are welcome
August 26 – all are welcome
September 9 – all are welcome
October 28 – all are welcome
November 11 – all are welcome
December 14 – all are welcome

This program is generously funded by an Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison and co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, Jewish Federation of Madison, and UW Hillel.

Registration is required and space is limited. To sign up or learn more please e-mail Sara at office@shamayim.org.

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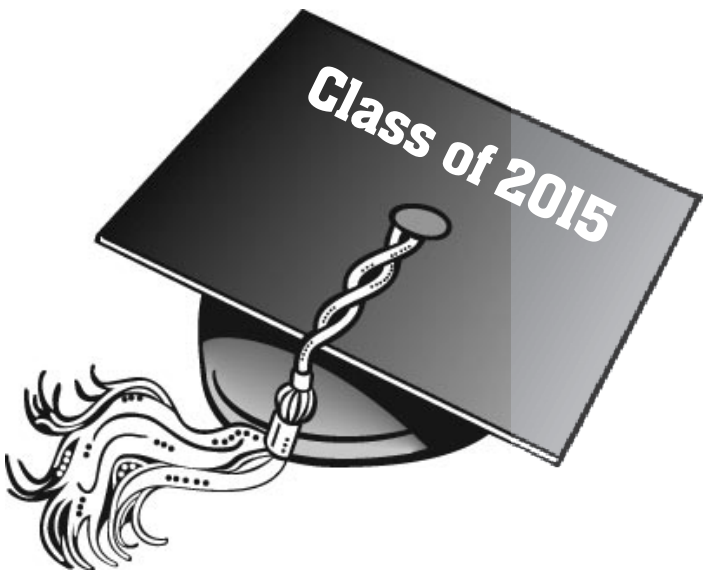

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations Ofek Eitan Aziz

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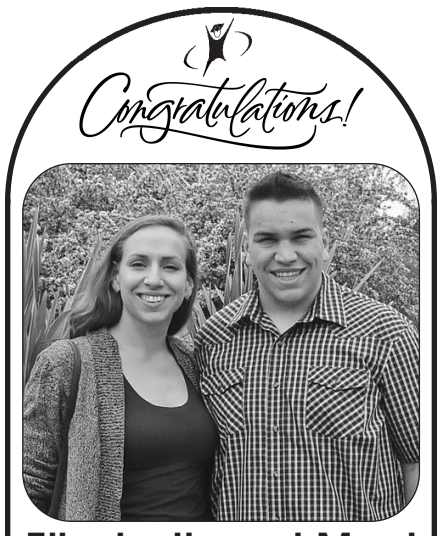
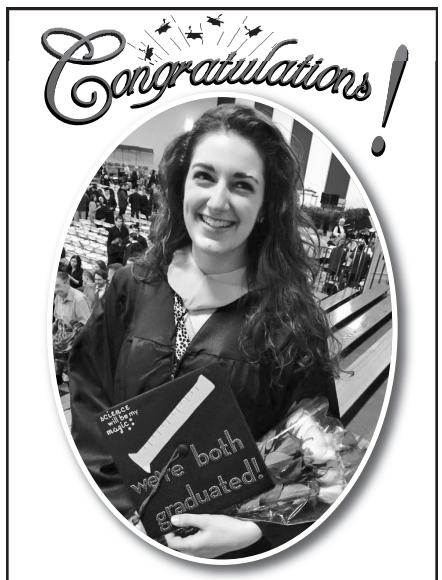


Elizabeth and Max!

Congrats on your College and High School Graduation!
We are so very proud of you!
Wishing you all the best!

– Love, Mama, Papa, Baba & Deda



Congratulations Sam on your graduation from Elmhurst College! We are so proud of you!! The kids in Mendota, Illinois will be extremely fortunate to have you as their science teacher next year! Best wishes as you start your new adventure.

~ Love, Mom, Dad, Max & Mitch

Congratulations Graduates of The Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool – Dalet Class 2015!

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Ruby

Congratulations to Madison Jewish Community Day School 5th grade graduates, Josephine and Jonathan! We're so proud of you and what you have accomplished. We can't wait to see what you do next.

Love, Naomi & Dan

Congratulations to our grandson Ethan Young on your graduation! Best wishes in all of your future endeavors. We are very proud of you.

Love, Bunny & Bill Spitz

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Lots of love, Lynn, Dan, Justine, Matt, Michael and Jessica

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Mazel Tov to Congregation Shaarei Shamayim's Graduating Seniors!

Maggie Sam Eli Elisheva

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Mazel Tov from Beth Israel Center to these high school graduates and their families:

Avi Bernard-Donals
Nathan Ehrlich
Mackenzie Katch
Sammie Katch
Yael Katz
Evan Kivolowitz
Simon Rosenblum-Larson
Isaac Rudin
Jared Schwartz

May you go from strength to strength!

Mazel Tov to all graduates in the Temple Beth El community. We are very proud of your accomplishments.

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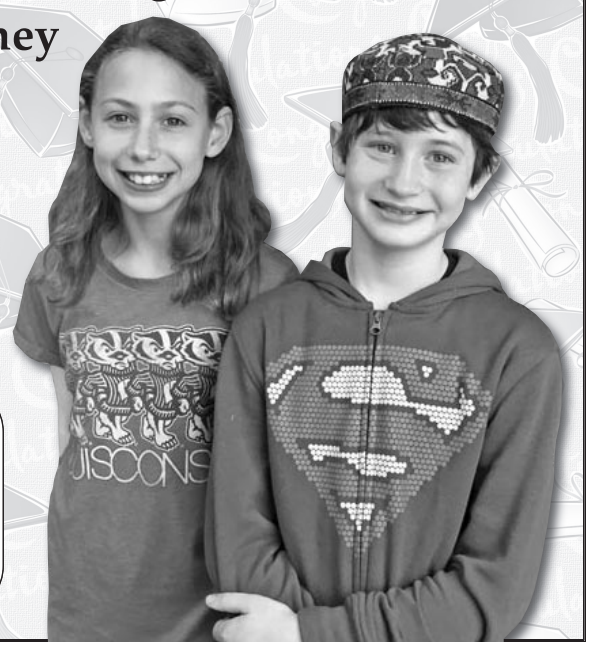
Congratulations Lauren!



We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments! Best wishes for your upcoming adventures at Muhlenberg College.

Love, Mom & Dad

Madison Jewish Community Day School congratulates its 2015 graduates: Josephine Sidney and Jonathan Greenspan. Mazel Tov! We are all so proud of you!



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Congratulations graduates, and best wishes on your next adventure!



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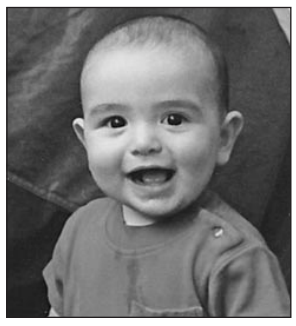







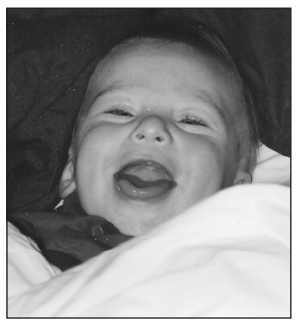









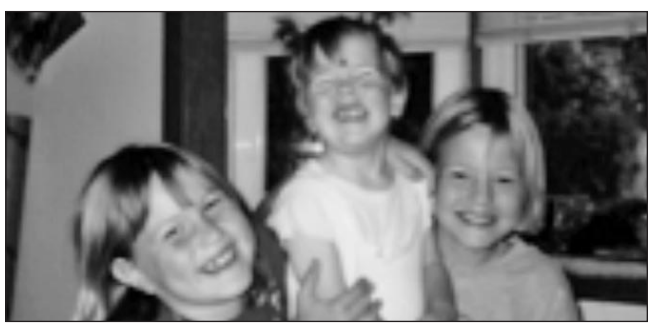



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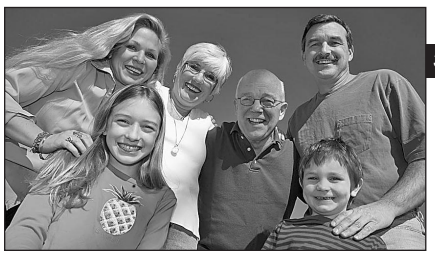

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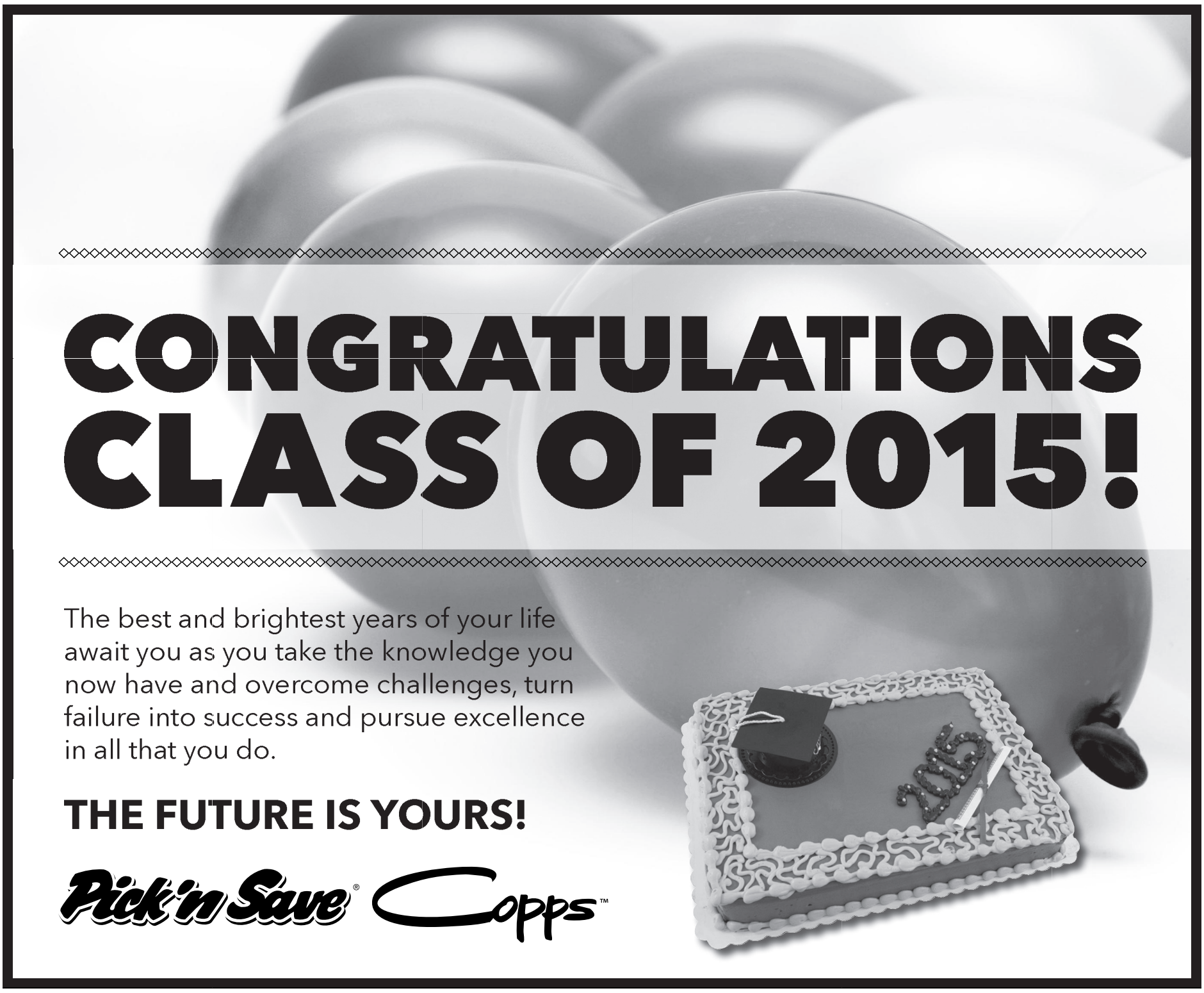

Notes From Madison Hadassah

You're Invited!

Join Hadassah's Fight against Heart Disease in Women

1. Join Hadassah's Walking Program: Every Step Counts online at: www.hadassah.org/health-medicine-in-us/heart-health/every-step-counts.html

2. Join a Hadassah walking group, start your own, or walk on your own (call 608-770-6521)

3. Attend Hadassah's upcoming Fun and Fitness Event and learn about women's heart health, breast cancer, and how to get the biggest benefits out of walking, running, biking, tai chai, yoga and more.

Attend or Watch One of Hadassah's Open Discussions on Zionism in the 21st Century

1. Join us for a Discussion on Nationalism and Zionism with Nadav Shelef on June 16 at Beth Israel Center. See full description in the article below on this page.

2. Go online to watch discussions on what Zionism in the 21st Century: go to www.hadassah.org/connecting-to-israel/defining-zionism/ (to view past discussions, click on "archives")

Watch for Upcoming News

Information coming about our fight to end human trafficking in Madison as part of the Madison Jewish Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition.



A birthday party for Hadassah's Collector's Corner. Founded 40 years ago after the Yom Kippur War in Israel during the Health Care Crisis.

Shop at Collectors Corner

Hadassah's Resale Shop is located at 6633 University Ave, Middleton.

Money raised from sales at Collectors Corner goes to support Hadassah hospital, healthcare system and medical research in Israel, as well as medical education, medical relief services and social justice in Israel, the United States and around the world.

Interested in helping with any of Madison Hadassah's health, advocacy, community or social planning committees?

Do we have your current contact email address?

Email us anytime: Madison.chapter@Hadassah.org

Call (608) 770-6521

Or visit our new website: www.hadassah.com/madison

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Collectors Corner's co-chairs: Shelly Stillman and Marney Scheele. Over 90 volunteers have worked at CC, raising at least one million dollars for healthcare, medical research, and medical education benefiting Israel and the rest of the world.

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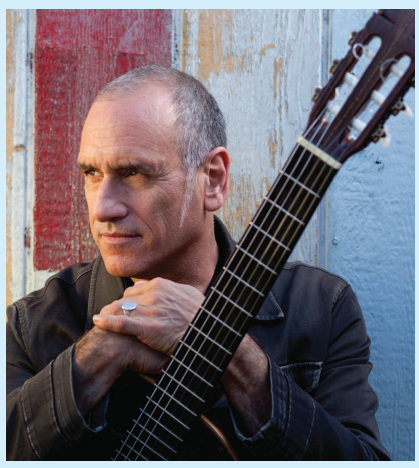

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Join an Open Discussion on Zionism in 2015

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What does Zionism mean in 2015? The word has been given so many new and often negative meanings inside and outside Israel that it is no surprise that many younger Jews are struggling with it.

Madison Hadassah and the Jewish Federation of Madison are hosting a series of small group living room discussions on different ways of thinking about Zionism and how we relate to Israel.

Our next program: Nationalism and Zionism, with Nadav Shelef, Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m. at Beth Israel Center.

Nadav Shelef is the Harvey M. Meyerhoff Professor of Israel Studies and Associate Professor of Political Science. Professor Shelef teaches and studies nationalism, religion and politics, Israeli politics and society, and middle east politics. His current projects focus on understanding how homelands change and the conditions under which religious parties moderate their positions.

The entire online Defining Zionism series is free and open to the whole community at: www.hadassah.org/israel/defining-zionism/

To register for the Open Discussion please RSVP to Racheli: israel@jewishmadison.org, or Corliss: madison.chapter@hadassah.org, or call 608-669-8042.

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"Dancing in Jaffa": Jaffa has been a city divided by two communities that continue to grow increasingly apart. Pierre Dulaine, four-time ballroom dancing world champion, teaches Jewish and Palestinian Israeli children to dance and compete together. Genre: Documentary

"The Wonders": Graffiti artist, mystery man -- part con-man, party modern-day prophet along with a grumpy cynical private investigator, and a neurotic femme fatale, embark on a noirish journey into the very heart of darkness of Jerusalem. Genre: Comedy, Mystery

"Broken Branches": At the age of 92, Michal tells her story to her granddaughter, the film's director. Drawing from conversations, notebooks and diaries Michal kept for more than 80 years, Ayala Sharot visually recreates her grandmother's memories though a creative mixture of media. Genre: Documentary, Animation, Holocaust

"The Dove Flyer": Based on the novel by Eli Amir. Narrated by teenage protagonist Kabi, it is the story of the final years of the Baghdad Jewish community in the 1950's, before they were forced out of Iraq with the entire community of Jews who had lived there for thousands of years. Genre: Drama

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Outreach

Quick check-in to make sure you are receiving all the news, updates and more from the Jewish Community!

Please contact Tiz Goff, 773-620-4404 or outreach@jewishmadison.org if you or someone you know needs a warm welcome!



- Monday emails that summarize the upcoming week's events
- Facebook Group for Parents of kids ages 0-2 years of age
- Facebook Group for Parents of kids 3-12 years of age
- Shalom Baby for newborns
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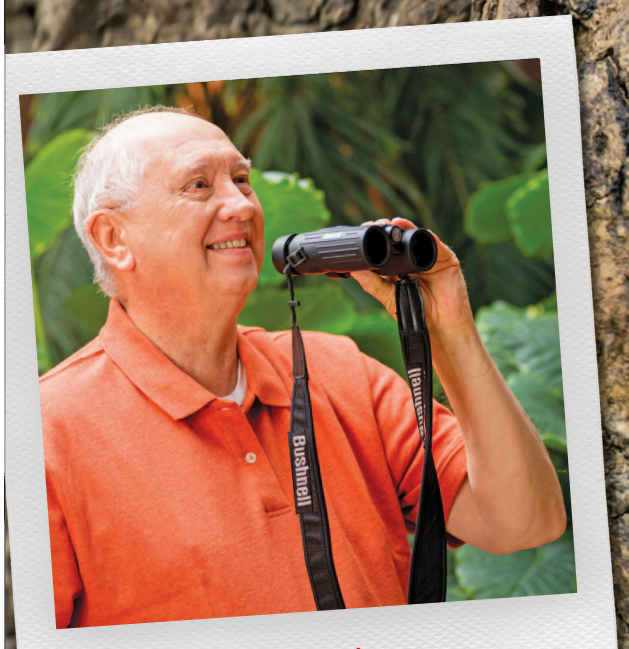

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CAMP CORNER

Spotlight on Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim (NOBO)

It's hard to believe that summer is already upon us! At NOBO plans are underway for another great summer with our middle school aged campers. We are excited to welcome back Assistant Director Sam Toso, and to welcome on board as Programming Assistant Director--Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom-Noar Alumnus--Kristina Grunke.

This summer NOBO will once again be filled with daily choices for campers. Last summer's format was a successful one and will be continued, although we've made some minor schedule adjustments in order to extend some of our off-site trips, and to allow for more in-depth on-site activity options. We are excited to be working with some guest activity leaders this summer to offer activities during Yitzeerah (week-long skill development courses) such as Hip Hop and Ceramic work, and to continue to capitalize on the skills and talents of our amazing staff! We are always interested in finding new and unique offerings, so if you have an hour per day to give us for a week this summer and a skill to share with middle school campers, let us know!

Our program calendar is filling up as well as we plan theme based days and great off-site programs throughout the Greater Madison and Dane County area. Our staff will be spending much of our Orientation Week developing programs for our campers to enjoy this summer, and we plan to try out some new destinations and some new DIY activities during the summer. We are fortunate to have a staff with diverse talents and interests to share, and to have so many great opportunities in our community. We are looking forward to again partnering with the Madison Public Library to offer some campers a chance to try Stop-Motion Animation, and we are excited also to be partnering again with Madison Log Rolling. Camp is all about combining new experiences with old favorites, and we are proud to be able to offer both to our 100+ wonderful campers.

The great thing about a camp that is based on choice is that every activity doesn't have to appeal to every camper. Since campers can pick and choose based on their interests, this allows NOBO campers opportunities that might not otherwise be offered: 15 mile bike trips; log rolling; hiking; Dungeons and Dragons; Rube Goldberg machines....the possibilities are endless!



NOBO campers built boats and had contests to see how far they could float across the Goodman Aquatic Center pool.



New Camper Information Session

Join us for the Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim New Camper Information Session on Sunday, June 7th, 11:45 a.m. – for both Camp Shalom and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim.

The session will be held at The Minkoff Center (main building) 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
- Meet some of the loving and enthusiastic staff members
- Learn some camp songs and play some camp games

Please email campshalom@jewishmadison.org with any questions.

Camp Shalom Offers Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

Camp Shalom is offering a Corporate Sponsorship Scholarship program. Businesses will have the opportunity to change a child's life, and in return, Camp Shalom can help advertise and promote business sponsors.

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Each level of the Camp Shalom Scholarships Annual Corporate Sponsorships includes many benefits and recognition opportunities. For additional information, please contact Dina Weinbach at 608-442-4070 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 $113,000 in scholarship funds for the summer of 2015. There is little question that scholarship needs will be greater than last year; that's been the case throughout our history. Last year, with the support of our community, the Jewish Federation of Madison awarded $111,500 in full and partial scholarships to 193 campers. 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 Scholarship Program for your business. Thank you in advance for helping to make the summer of 2015 at Camp Shalom the best one yet.

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Camp Shalom 2015 Special Days

June 22nd – Camp begins! Session 1!

June 26th – Visitor's Lunch – Camp Shalom ONLY 11:45am

Monday, July 6th through Thursday, July 9th – Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim 9th grade camping trip

July 8th – Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim 6th-8th grade overnight

July 8th – Camp Shalom latenight program. Families invited to come to the Goodman Campus for picnic dinner and program. Families can arrive at 5:45pm, the program will begin at 6:15pm and be over by 7:00pm. Campers in 4-5 grades are invited to sleep over and do not have camp on July 9th. Campers in K-2nd will have special programming on Thursday, July 9 th.

July 10th – Last day of session 1

Tuesday, July 14th – Second session begins!

July 17th – Visitor's Lunch – Camp Shalom ONLY 11:45am

Monday, July 27th through Thursday, July 30th – Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim 9th grade camping trip

July 29th – Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim 6th-8th grade overnight

July 29th – Camp Shalom latenight program. Families invited to come to the Goodman Campus for picnic dinner and program. Families can arrive at 5:45pm, the program will begin at 6:15pm and be over by 7:00pm. Campers in 4-5 grades are invited to sleep over and do not have camp on July 30th. Campers in K-2nd will have special programming on Thursday, July 30th

July 31st – Last day of session 2

Tuesday, August 4th – Camp Shalom third session begins!

August 7th – Visitor's Lunch, 11:45 am

August 12th – Camp Shalom latenight program. Families invited to come to the Goodman Campus for picnic dinner and program. Families can arrive at 5:45pm, the program will begin at 6:15pm and be over by 7:00pm.

August 14th – Last day of session 3

Sharsheret Festival May 3

Photos by David Hestad

Sharsheret Festival, hosted by the Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe, was an exciting celebration of dance and culture at the Middleton Performing Arts Center. Yonim is a program of the Jewish Federation of Madison.






















Jewish Education



Gan to Midrasha Graduates, pictured left to right: Avi Bernard-Donals, Isaac Rudin, Nathan Ehrlich, Maxim Milovets, Sydney Mayer, Ellen Weismer (Midrasha Director and former Gan HaYeled teacher), Natalie Grande, Charlie Kaplan, Aaron Rosenblum, and Rebekah Blumenfeld.

From Gan to Midrasha ...

Excerpt from Midrasha Graduation Speech by Rebekah Blumenfeld and Kyra Rubin

…Bekah: We are so honored to be speaking to you all tonight. We can't believe our graduation has finally come.

Kyra: We've had five years of competing for the Midrasha trivia champion title,

Bekah: scrambling to find $0.50 for a soda,

Kyra: trying to connect to our Judaism,

Bekah: trying to connect to the temple wifi,

Kyra: admiring Laurel's crocs,

Bekah: Trying to get into the class with all of our friends, but then loving the topic of our class too much to care,

Kyra: learning where we came from,

Bekah: figuring out where we're going,

Kyra: and hearing the infamous "now get to class" from our wonderful, seemingly ageless, ever-so-loved, Ellen and Josh.

Bekah: When we started Midrasha, we were welcomed by Dina's open arms, and if not for her, we might not ever have discovered this wonderful community. We want to thank you Dina for your leadership and support.

Kyra: Then, about halfway through our Midrasha career, Ellen took over for Dina. Ellen, we know you had large shoes to fill after Dina, but you have done an amazing job.

Bekah: Ellen has been with our class forever. For many of us, we were in Ellen's first Gan HaYeled class. Most of us attended Camp Shalom and now we are finishing up our five years of Midrasha with her. We want to thank you, Ellen, for everything you have done for us over the years.

Kyra: You too Josh. Where would we be without your beautiful shining face buzzing us through the literal and metaphorical doors that Midrasha has opened for us? Home, that's where. But seriously, without you, Midrasha wouldn't run as smoothly as it does.

Bekah: Midrasha has taught us so much about our Jewish identity and has stimulated our desire to learn about our heritage. From learning about the beautiful state of Israel to the tragedies of the Holocaust, from the existence of G-d to Jews in the media, from ethical issues through the lens of Judaism to how to cook Jewish food for ourselves once we leave the nest, Midrasha has shaped us from being Jewish adults in the eyes of the temple, to Jewish adults in the eyes of the rest of America.

Kyra: In the wise words of Leslie Knope, "We have to remember what's important in life: friends, waffles, and work. Or waffles, friends work. But work has to come third." As we near the end of this year, people have been congratulating us on all the hard work that we've done to get here, but Midrasha has made it hard to see where the friends and waffles (or bagels) ended and where the work began.

Bekah: Midrasha has truly made learning about Judaism fun and engaging in ways that we could have never imagined as the eighth graders we once were. Now as we are preparing to go our separate ways next year, we are excited to find new ways to continue our Jewish education and celebrate our Jewish heritage.

Kyra: Now we'll be able to take all that we've learned with us to all corners of the country. To North Carolina,

Bekah: Wisconsin,

Kyra: Washington, DC,

Bekah: Minnesota,

Kyra: Illinois,

Bekah: Iowa,

Kyra: Washington,

Kyra: And even though we'll be far away, there's some advice that we can all benefit from.

Bekah: Like staying involved, especially in something Jewish, whether it be in a Jewish fraternity or sorority, Hillel, or playing Jewish geography with your new friends in the dorms.

Kyra: And always remembering to wear a jacket, and to thank your Bubbie for all of those stocks and bonds that are paying for your college.

Bekah: And most importantly, never forget to call your mother.

Kyra: College is a big place. You might be a little scared. It might be very easy to find other members of the tribe, like at Bradley, or a little more difficult, like at La Crosse, but either way, do not fret.

Bekah: Even though we're about to encounter new things and places, we can rest assured knowing that the wonderful teachers, parents, and supporters who work so hard to make Midrasha Hebrew High School succeed, have also equipped us with the skills and knowledge to succeed as well. We want to thank our teachers and Rabbis for all of their time and efforts and for sharing with us all of their knowledge and wisdom. We also want to extend a special thank you to Fran & Laurence Weinstein for believing in us, investing in us, and giving us the opportunity to continue our Jewish education with the help of the incentive award.

Kyra: But as we transition to this next chapter in our lives, we also must say goodbye to the special community that our graduating class has found here at Midrasha. Throughout all of the ups and downs and stresses of high school, Midrasha has always been an oasis, where we can learn, shmooze, and just be around our Jewish friends for a little bit. And even though we won't be buzzed in by Josh every Wednesday night to debate the Israeli-Palestinian conflict over snickers bars and orange soda, we know that this community will never be too far away. Because if there's one thing that all those summers of Jewish camp taught us, it's that:

Both: Wherever you go, there's always someone Jewish.

Excerpt from Midrasha Graduation Speech by Jack Gustafson, Midrasha Class of 2015

…What did Midrasha do for us? Why did we, the surviving bunch, come back, week after week, for five years? What was so special, so important to us that we crowded our already stressful Wednesday nights, coming to class smelly from sports practice and stressed about the AP Calc test tomorrow?

It would be wrong to say there is one universal reason why we found significance in Midrasha. For some of us, it was a valuable social experience, allowing us to be around friends we would never see otherwise. Others found solace in learning more about the history of our religion. Maybe even the Incentive Award at the end of the tunnel was enough.

There is, however, a deeper essence to Midrasha that is normally overlooked. Earlier this semester in our class with Rabbi Avremel, the Rabbi asked us, introspectively, what does it mean to be a Jew? After an hour of intense discussion, I went home pondering what place Judaism had in my life. Before I could come up with a confident answer, however, I realized a deeper meaning behind the question. What should our Jewish lives look like as we move on?

The reality is, there is no right answer. We've just spent the last four years telling ourselves we know who we are, and we're about to have all that shaken up in the next four. There's no telling what form Judaism will take in our lives. However, the gift Midrasha has given us will allow us to make the right decision when the time comes. That gift is the gift of choice.

To be a Jewish teenager in Madison means that you had your B'nai Mitzvah, you attend youth group conventions and go far away to camp during the summer. I found out early on, however, that I didn't fit this mold. And it scared me - did this somehow make me less Jewish? Did I need to face an ultimatum between my happiness and being a Jew? Being here at Midrasha has taught me that I do not. Midrasha is where I felt comfortable being Jewish. Midrasha, and the Jewish community, respected the fact that this is where I wanted to be, and it was okay I didn't want to do the other stuff. Midrasha has taught me what it means to be a Jew, it has taught me what Judaism means in my life and it has given me a base to explore anything I want.

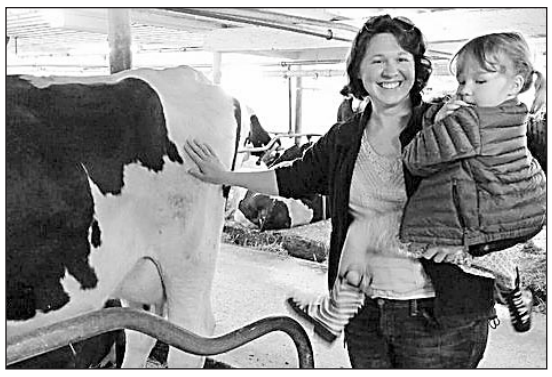
I can't wait…

Springtime at Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool!

Farm Week in the Bet Class.



The Bet Class went on a farm field trip and everyone got to go on a hayride.



Kate and Sydney pet a cow.



Payton, Orly, Romy, Sophie and Joey make paper for their Mother's Day project.



Mateo and his mom, Jess, are looking at a calf.



Eve is holding a little chicken.



Payton, Ravyn and Shira water the flowers in the planters that they made.



Avner and Aliza are shucking corn.



Twins Daniel and Jacob painted pictures of themselves.



Delaney feeds a goat.



The Dalet Class celebrated Lag B'Omer by roasting marshmallows over a campfire, right outside a cave.



Mateo, Solomon and Jenna feed a bottle to a little lamb.



The Dalet Class celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut by making party hats and delicious birthday cake.



The Gimel Class made Israeli flags to celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut.



Avner pets a calf.



The Gimel Class made and enjoyed "Chocolate Balls" for Israel's birthday.



Shira and Sam painted pictures of themselves.

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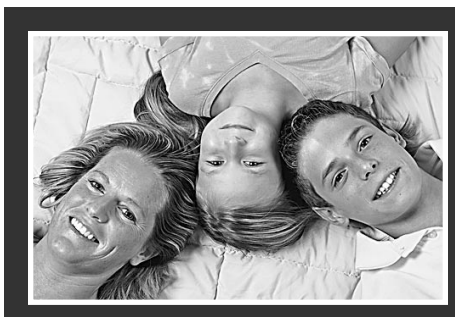





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Sahar practices writing in Hebrew on the board. She is wearing a crown of flowers she made for Shavuot.



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Levy 2015 Summer Series

The Tree of Life: *Jewish Roots and Cultural Reflections*

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TUES. JUNE 9

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"There's No Such Thing as a Small Mitzvah"

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WED. JUNE 24

YOHANAN PETROVSKY-SHTERN

"The Golden Age Shtetl"

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TUES. JULY 7

MERYLL PAGE & LESLIE ADLER

"Jewish Luck"

Jewish Luck recounts the stories of two women in their struggles against the anti-Semitism and patriarchy of the Soviet regime and Russia. Co-authors and sisters Meryll Page and Leslie Adler will examine the family histories of Vera and Alisa, as well as the Soviet reality that combined with the two women's personalities to create very ambitious and successful women.

WED. JULY 22

STEVE NADLER

"Spinoza and Secular Judaism"

Spinoza is often credited with being the first to conceive the notion of secular Judaism. However, Spinoza's views on Judaism are fairly complex, and seem in fact to rule out Judaism without observance of Jewish law. We will consider these questions from the perspective of both Spinoza's life and his philosophy.

TUES. AUGUST 4

JEFF BLAKELY *"Sennacherib, Emperor of Assyria, versus Hezekiah, King of Judah"*

Based on accounts in the books of *Isaiah*, *Kings*, and *Chronicles*, the *Histories* of Herodotus, historical accounts from ancient Assyria, works of art from Sennacherib's palace in Assyria, and the archaeology of biblical sites in ancient Judah, one can recreate and illustrate the military confrontation between Sennacherib and Hezekiah in 701 BCE, when Assyria destroyed all of biblical Judah except for Jerusalem.

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1. _____	▫	▫
2. _____	▫	▫
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Wednesday, June 24: Yohanan Petrovsky-Shtern • Citrus Salmon or Vegetable Phyllo

NAME:	FISH	VEG
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Tuesday, July 7: Meryll Page & Leslie Adler • Sea Bass or Vegetable Napoleon

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Wednesday, July 22: Steve Nadler • Smoked Cod or Watermelon, Arugula & Feta Salad

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Tuesday, Aug. 4: Jeff Blakely • Tilapia or Garden Bucattini Pasta

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Wednesday, Aug. 19: Mark Bloom • Tuna Nicoise Salad or Goat Cheese-Spinach Strudel

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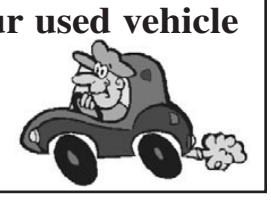

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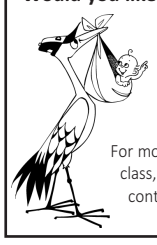

***Shalom Baby** is designed to help Madison families celebrate the arrival of their Jewish newborns and welcome them to the Madison Jewish Community.*

For more information on joining a playgroup or class, or receiving a Shalom Baby gift basket, contact **Tiz Goff at 773-620-4404** or email **outreach@jewishmadison.org**

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Contact Tiz at outreach@jewishmadison.org or call 773-620-4404 for more info.

For information on directory advertising, please contact Tiz Goff, 773-620-4404 or email outreach@jewishmadison.org


Touch it.
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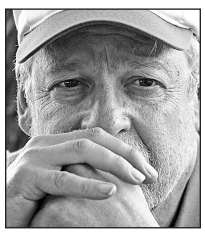
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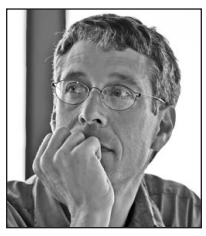
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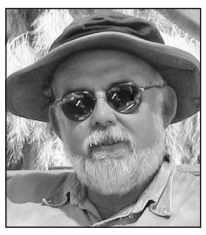
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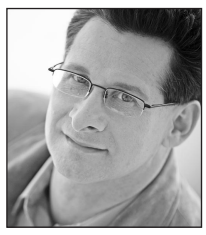
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Don't Forget to Register for the Levy Summer Series Starting on June 9

The Levy Summer Series, "The Tree of Life: Jewish Roots and Cultural Reflections," begins on June 9 and continues twice monthly over the summer. Registration can be done online at www.jssmadison.org, by brochure, **using the form in this issue on page 22 or by calling Elena at 608-278-1808.** Transportation is available for $1 roundtrip with Transit Solutions.

Save the Date for the Annual Summer Barbecue!

The Annual Summer Barbeque at the Goodman Campus will be held on Monday, August 24 from 11:30-1:00. Cost is $9 per person and the beautiful pool will be available during that time at no charge to barbeque guests. The menu includes kosher hot dogs and hamburgers, potato salad, fruit salad, potato chips, cookies and veggie burgers for the vegetarians and vegans among us. You can register online now at www.jss-madison.org; a registration form will be in the July Madison Jewish News and an email invitation will be sent, so be sure to give us address if you have email. Transportation is available for $1 roundtrip with Transit Solutions.

Ежегодное Летнее Барбекю для людей старшего возраста

Понедельник, 24 августа 2015, 11:30-13:00. Центр Еврейской Общины им. братьев Гудман, 7762 County Hwy. PD, Verona, WI. Прекрасные бассейн и палуба будут открыты для бесплатного пользования.

Стоимость обеда - $4.50. Кошерные хот-доги, гамбургеры и вегетарианские бургеры, картофельный салат,
салат из капусты, салат из свежих фруктов и шоколадные пирожные.

Для того чтобы сделать мероприятие возможным для людей с низкими доходами предоставляется материальная помощь; обратитесь к Луизе или Дженис по номеру 608-278-1808; вся информация будет храниться в тайне. Эта программа запланирована Еврейской социальной службой.

Условия возврата оплаты: чтобы вернуть уплаченные деньги нужна замена другим участником, который оплатит полную стоимость. При любых других обстоятельствах возврат производиться не будет.

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Ежегодный Летний Барбекю, 24 августа 2015

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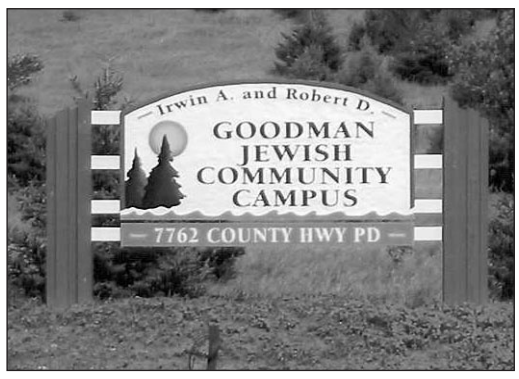

Seniors Summer Barbeque

Monday, August 24, 2015
11:30-1:00 p.m.

Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Hwy. PD

The beautiful swimming pool and lounging deck will be open at no charge.
$9 per person for lunch includes Kosher hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, potato salad, fresh fruit salad and cookies.
Funds are available to make it possible for those with low incomes to attend. Contact Louise or Janice at 608-278-1808; all information will be kept confidential. Programs are underwritten by Jewish Social Services.

Refund Policy: It is Jewish Social Services' policy to refund the fee paid if the participant is replaced by another participant who pays the full fee. No refunds will be provided in any other circumstances.

Please enclose your check made out to *Jewish Social Services*, by Tuesday, August 18, to:

Jewish Social Services
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719-1117

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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❑ I/we would like a ride to the BBQ with Transit Solutions for $1 round-trip

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

www.jssmadison.org

Some Scenes from Lechayim



Photos by David Lipman







Photos by Eve Siegel













Shabbat gatherings at Capitol Lakes and Attic Angel Place



Photos by Louise Goldstein





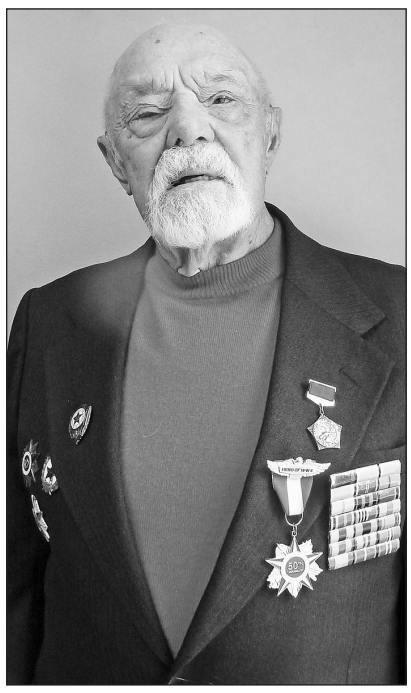


Spotlight: Nikolaj Bodnikevich

By Pamela Phillips Olson

At 91, Nikolaj is a tall handsome man. Sitting across from him, my eyes were drawn to his powerful hands.

As I learned about his life, I was amazed. These hands that create music also built explosives in the Odessa catacombs when he was a young partisan. His hands that plant seeds and cradle ripe tomatoes in his community garden held a gun in the battles for Belgrade, Budapest and Vienna. His hands that delicately bait hooks on the shores of Lake Mendota fought at the Lake of Balaton in Hungary. By war's end, he was a platoon leader. As his unit marched west they met British troops in Linz. It was a very powerful moment.



Nikolaj Bodnikevich
(Photo by Pamela Philips Olson)

Nikolaj had a culturally rich early life. "Father was a conductor and mother played the dumbra in the orchestra. "I play xylophone, flute and clarinet. I was accepted into the esteemed Stolyarsky* Music School."

"I left school to join the partisans. When the Nazi's left Odessa, I was enlisted in the Russian army. My father was already in the army. After the war, he was missing in action. We never saw him again."

His mother hid in a small village during the war. When he was sent on a mission to Odessa, Nikolaj visited her. After the war she moved into a small flat. A lovely woman lived next door. Nikolaj's face beams with joy as he describes Shelva (known by her nickname, Shelya), his wife of 67 years.

When Nikolaj returned from war, he finished school and went on to conduct the military orchestra for 27 years. Shelva was a medical doctor. Their son Vadim studied music and law. "Vadim's family led the way to America." Nikolaj's granddaughter Marina, who came to work in New York in computer technology, was the first. Vadim and his wife Tatiana, whom Nikolaj loves and respects, settled in Brooklyn. Nikolaj and Shelva arrived in Brooklyn and stayed just a year. He felt it was unsafe. He led the whole family to Madison.

Nikolaj's life in Madison is full of goodness. He gives back to the community through his music, playing in the city orchestra, at parties and for his neighbors. He loves gardening. Once Mayor Soglin passed by on his bike and sampled Nikolaj's vegetables! When Nikolaj and his son caught a 75-inch sturgeon in the Wisconsin River, he shared that as well.

After telling his story, he sang a Russian song about hands to me! In perfect pitch!

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:* **School of Stolyarsky (for gifted children) is a music school established in Odessa, Ukraine (former USSR) in 1933 by the initiation and vision of the eminent violin pedagogue Pyotr Stolyarsky. To be admitted to the school, a young child had to have a perfect pitch and go through a series of rigorous evaluations aimed at measuring her innate musical gift.

Shalom from Jewish Social Services!

Do you know a senior who is new to Madison, or are you yourself a newcomer? JSS volunteers will visit and bring you a gift bag with information about programs for seniors and JSS' services, treats and a few surprises. Just contact us at 608-442-4083.
Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and Bagels Forever for their donations to this program.

Need an "Oddjobber"?

Do you need an "oddjobber" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can be sent to take care of some of those little but important things around your house or apartment. To request an OddJobber, contact Louise Goldstein at 608-442-4083 or louise@jssmadison.org.

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

The Older and Wiser Driver

Excerpted from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety

Medication

Medications, including over-the-counter medications, can make a driver drowsy or distracted. Some of the worst offenders are tranquilizers, pain pills, sleep aides, antidepressants, cough medicines, antihistamines and decongestants.

•If a medication says, "Do not use while operating heavy machinery," let someone else drive.

• Inform your doctor what non-prescription medications you're taking, including alcohol, which can interact with some drugs.

• Discuss your medications and their effects with your doctor or pharmacist.

• Check with your doctor before discontinuing any medication.

• Side effects such as drowsiness are often worse during the first few days of taking a new medication.

• If any medication makes you feel sleepy or disoriented, don't drive.

When to stop

Chronological age is not a good predictor of driving ability, what counts is road performance. These are signs of diminished capacity for driving safely:

• Having a series of minor accidents or near-misses.

• Having wandering thoughts or being unable to concentrate.

• Being unable to read ordinary road signs.

• Getting lost on familiar roads.

• Other drivers honk at you frequently.

• Your family, friends or the police speak to you about your driving

Resources

Meriter Hospital Driver's Readiness Program after a serious illness or injury, 608-417-6173, with a "Complex O.T. Evaluation." The occupational therapist will send the results back to the referring doctor, who will contact the patient to discuss the results.

UW Health Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Driver Assessment Program, Inpatient 608-263-8060; outpatient 608-263-8412, uwhealth.org /ortho/ In partnership with Adaptive Experts, LLC.

GWAAR (Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.), www.gwaar.org/for-seniors-and-families/transportation. html.

Alzheimers' and Dementia Caregiver Center, www.alz.org/care/alzheimers- =dementia-and-driving.asp.

AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety,www.aaafoundation.org, 800-993-7222.

AARP Smart Driver Course, 800-350-7025, www.aarp driversafety.org/course

Posit DriveSmart, www.brainhq.com/world-class-science/brainhq-helps-with/driving-impairment

Transitions

Happy June Birthday

Alice Hanau
Belle Radwin
Charlie Shoham
Debbie Spear
Eileen Rabson
Evelyn Medow
Florence Grossberg
Judy Karofsky
Jules Grossberg
Nadya Vinokur

Mazel Tov

To Sally Jamison on the graduation of her granddaughter Alyssa Jamison from the University of Minnesota.
To Fran Weinstein on the birth of her great-great nephew, Eitan Daniel Minkoff.
To Harsha Keister on the engagement of her daughter Vipasha to Cheyenne MacMahon.
To Estelle Katz on her retirement from the Overture Center.
To Karen Sielaff, who received the 2015 Toby Raff Volunteer Award.

Best wishes for your wellness

Sandy Golden

Bon Voyage, Welcome Back

Harsha Keister, India
Merilyn Kupferberg, Italy

Condolences

To Carolyn Price, on the death of her grandmother.

Israel and the World

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

On May 16, 2015 we celebrated Yom Yerushalayim – Jerusalem Unification Day. Not many Israelis actually celebrate it, I'm sure many of you never heard of this holiday… but for some Israelis this day is truly special! In the past couple of years it became more them a Jerusalem day. Yom Yerushalayim is the day Ethiopian immigrants memorialize the thousands who died or were killed on their trek through the Sudan to reach the planes that would bring them to Israel in Operation Moses, the first aliyah from Ethiopia. (1984)

For Ethiopian Jewry, Jerusalem, rather than the entire State of Israel, was all they dreamed of throughout their years in exile. But for this particular population, isolated as it was from the rest of the world, Israel's capital was more of a spiritual dream city rather than a real city. They organized secretly, in small groups, left all their belongings behind, and began their own exodus to Jerusalem. They marched for long weeks, sometimes longer, with babies on their backs, children holding their grandparents' hands. They went north, toward the horizon, in the direction of the Land of Israel. They suffered from hunger. They were robbed and attacked. The story of the Ethiopian community's desire to return to Jerusalem is the essence of our people's dreams and prayers. Some 4,000 Ethiopian Jews died trying to reach the "Promised Land,"

Setting Jerusalem Day, as the day of remembrance for those who died trying to reach Israel, made sense. This is the day our capital was liberated from the yoke of foreign occupation, the day on which we were united with the eternal city of the Jewish People.

"No day is more fitting for us to remember the members of the community who perished in route to Jerusalem, those who so much believed in the dream – to the point that they were ready to die for it."



Shalom Ivrit B'kef!

This week is the last week of Ivrit B'kef!

Every Thursday we met for an hour and a half and spent time learning these funny words that don't make sense!! Like that Pill is an elephant!! So when you don''t feel well, we have to ask our parents for an elephant! Or that Dag is not a dog- it's a fish!

We had many great adventures together learning our body parts, animals, family, and how to greet one another. We went to the zoo and bought doughnuts, all in Hebrew, and many more fun experiences!!

It's amazing to see how young kids embrace a language so differently than adults! All they need is a fun, creative way to relate to it!

It's never too late – do you have a young child? Let him/her learn Hebrew. It is a language he/she might want to learn in the future, and exposure to it earlier in life will make it easier for him/her in the future!

Ivrit Safa Yafa! – and if you can't read this – go learn Hebrew! ☺

Here is our latest fun:





Almost time to say 'Goodbye' ...

As the summer comes closer our time in Madison is getting shorter!

We are sad to leave this amazing place but home is calling us back ....

Goodbyes can be sad, so let's enjoy the rest of the time that we have! We can meet for a coffee, in the Goodman pool or we can invite ourselves to your house.

We want you to feel that you'll have a friend in Israel, so come visit!

~ Mickey, Racheli and Ofek

Ancient Jerusalem Aqueduct Discovered During Sewer Work

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A section of Jerusalem's lower aqueduct, which brought water to the city more than 2,000 years ago, was uncovered during sewer work.

The aqueduct, which was excavated by the Israel Antiquities Authority, was found in the Umm Tuba neighborhood, near Har Homa. It begins near Solomon's Pools south of Bethlehem and continues for about 13 miles, running through several Jerusalem neighborhoods.

In a statement released Thursday, the antiquities authority said the aqueduct operated intermittently until 100 years ago.

The water originally traveled through an open channel. About 500 years ago, during the Ottoman period, terra cotta pipe was installed inside the channel to better protect the water, according to excavation director Yaakov Billig.

Billig said the Umm Tuba section of the aqueduct has been documented, studied and covered again to preserve it for future generations.

"Due to its historical and archaeological importance, the Israel Antiquities Authority is taking steps to prevent any damage to the aqueduct, and is working to expose sections of its remains, study them and make them accessible to the general public," the authority's statement said.



Part of a 2,000-year-old aqueduct discovered in the East Jerusalem neighborhood of Umm Tuba. The aqueduct, which was one of Jerusalem's main water sources for two millennia, was replaced a century ago by an electrically-operated water system. (Assaf Peretz, courtesy of the Israel Antiquities Authority)

Connecting with Israel

JDC Responds to Earthquake in Nepal

Nepal Earthquake Relief

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee JDC

Partner Agency of The Jewish Federations of North America

In the wake of the devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake on April 25 that claimed thousands of lives and caused widespread destruction in Kathmandu and the surrounding region (including northeast India) — and following another major earthquake striking Nepal on May 12 — JDC is leveraging its expert disaster response team and coordinating with local authorities, the Nepalese and Indian governments, and global partners to assess the unfolding situation and continue providing for survivors' needs.

• Working with local organizations and our trusted international partners, JDC is providing relief to those worst affected by the disaster. This has included:

• Bringing medical supplies, including neonatal incubators, in partnership with the IDF field hospital

• Distributing critically needed relief — like medical equipment, shelter supplies, hygiene products, food kits, and oral rehydration salts — in devastated rural villages, in partnership with Sarvodaya's Teach for Nepal initiative and Heart to Heart International

• Collaborating with Tevel b'Tzedek to meet emergency needs, like establishing temporary learning spaces, developing community-based support programs for women and children, and helping earthquake victims rebuild their houses

• Addressing the needs of children, including shelter, water, nutrition, and sanitation in collaboration with UNICEF

• Teaming up with the Afya Foundation to distribute medical supplies and bring emergency medical teams to currently inaccessible areas

• Assessing on-the-ground needs, especially among women and children, with Magen David Adom, and the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute

JDC's expert disaster response team — which has served most recently in the Philippines, Haiti, Japan, and South Asia after the Indian Ocean tsunami — is on the ground evaluating how JDC can best assist the Nepalese people in the immediate on their road to recovery.



Rivlin, Netanyahu Pledge to Repair Relations with Ethiopian Israelis

May 17, 2015 JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel erred in its treatment of Ethiopian immigrants, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin said at a state ceremony in memory of the Ethiopian Jews who died on their way to Israel.

Sunday's ceremony at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, which takes place annually on Jerusalem Day, commemorates the 4,000 Ethiopian Jews who died as they walked from their birthplace through Sudan toward Jerusalem.

Rivlin referred to the anti-racism protests by the Ethiopian-Israeli community in recent weeks, stressing the need to repair the damage and to create equal opportunities in all areas.

"In recent weeks we have all seen and heard the cries and pain of Israelis of Ethiopian origin. The protesters uncovered an open wound, alive and bleeding within Israeli society. We heard a wounded community who voiced their heartfelt cries of feelings of discrimination, racism, insult and lack of response," Rivlin said, according to a statement released by his office.

Rivlin acknowledged that Israel had "erred … in integrating and treating the Ethiopian community," and said the country was obliged to do better.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke at the ceremony about a meeting he held two weeks ago with Ethiopian Israelis in which he agreed to form a special committee to address the problems of their community.

"I heard complaints about racism, prejudice, discrimination, and the use of excess force. I heard concerns about walking down the street because of the color of your skin. I cannot accept this, not in our country, not in the Jewish state," Netanyahu said.

Go to the Source: Websites about Israel

For questions on how to support Israel and information about what is happening, please contact our Israeli Shlichim: Racheli, Jewish Federation of Madison Shlicha at: Israel@JewishMadison.org and Mickey, UW Hillel Israel Fellow at: Israel Fellow@UWHillel.org

To learn more about what is happening in Israel you can view these websites:
http://www.JewishMadison.org
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http://www.ynetnews.com
http://www.haaretz.com
http://www.jpost.com
http://www.iba.org.il/world

Actress Helen Mirren Recognized by WJC for Educating Public About Nazi-Looted Art

(JTA) — Academy Award-winning actress Helen Mirren will receive an award for helping to educate the public about the issues surrounding Nazi-looted art.

The World Jewish Congress announced Tuesday that the star of the film "Woman in Gold," would receive the inaugural WJC Recognition Award. The award will be presented by WJC President Ronald Lauder later this year.

The film tells the story of Maria Altmann, an Austrian-American woman who made headlines in 2006 for winning her legal battle against the Austrian government to reclaim five Gustav Klimt paintings, among them the famous "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I," nicknamed "Woman in Gold."

Following its restitution to Altmann in 2006, the painting was acquired by Ronald Lauder and is now on display at the Neue Galerie in Manhattan.

"The history of the 'Woman in Gold' painting exemplifies the immense suffering, painful loss and, for a prolonged period, the injustice that many Jews were subjected to during the 20th century. With the opening of this new movie, audiences can learn about the second half of the Nazi-looted art story: the postwar art grab by governments and museums that willfully continued the Nazi theft, both by hiding the art from the rightful owners or their heirs and by fighting the victims in court to keep the artworks," Lauder said in a statement.



Actress Helen Mirren

Community Dialogue on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Would you like to have a constructive, respectful conversation with other Jewish people whose views about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian situation are different from your own? Are you interested in talking about your experiences, feelings, convictions, and questions in an environment that promotes mutual learning?

Join us on June 24 as we continue our unique series of dialogues moderated by a professional mediator using materials from the Jewish Dialogue Group. There are plenty of opportunities to join one throughout the year. We also welcome people to join more than one session as space permits.

Dates for the rest of the year, all from 7:00-9:00 p.m. – mark your calendars!

June 24 – all are welcome
July 22 – all are welcome
August 26 – all are welcome
September 9 – all are welcome
October 28 – all are welcome
November 11 – all are welcome
December 14 – all are welcome

This program is generously funded by an Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison and co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, Jewish Federation of Madison, and UW Hillel.

Registration is required and space is limited. To sign up or learn more please e-mail Sara at office@shamayim.org.

This article is about Judaism, its history and the development in the USA (part 1).

Генрих Бабич

История и сущность иудаизма, его развитие в США

Иудаизм – это национальное религиозное, этическое и философское мировоззрение еврейского народа, одна из древнейших монотеистических религий человечества. (Подчеркну, что иудаизм – это не только религия, но и жизненное мировоззрение, что гораздо шире религии). Фундаментальную основу его составляет вера в единого Бога. Иудаизм является первой монотеистической религией, возникшей в языческой среде огромного района проживания человека. Иудаизм исходит из того, что Бог передал евреям полную систему заповедей и правил жизни. Он включает в себя следующие основополагающие догматы:

- Священные дни года;
- Соблюдение субботы;
- Диэтические законы (кашрут);
- События жизненного цикла человека;
- Молитва Шма (Шема);
- Ношение специального головного убора (кипы или ермолки).

Священные дни связаны со всемогуществом Бога, с понятиями судного дня и прощения. День Рош Хашана (Rosh Hashanah) – это еврейский Новый Год. С него начинается десятидневный период искупления грехов каждого человека.В течение десяти дней еврей продумывает свои деяния за прошедший год и вспоминает о совершенных грехах, умышленных и неумышленных. Этот период венчает день Йом Киппур (Yom Kippur). Бог подводит итоги поступков еврея и на этом основании определяет его судьбу на цредстоящий год. Чтобы испросить милость у Бога еврей произносит специальную молитву Кол Нидре (Kol Nidre). Можно себе представить напряжение, которое испытывают верующие в этот день!

Суббота – еженедельный день отдыха, который начинается с захода солнца в пятницу и длится до захода солнца в субботу. Догмат субботы вытекает из веры в то, что всемогущий Бог создавал мир в течение шести дней, а на седьмой день отдыхал, т.е. значение субботы выходит за рамки недельного исчисления. Суббота играет важную роль в жизни еврейского народа. В этот день еврею запрещена деятельность, описанная специальным перечнем из 39 работ. В обыденном смысле этот перечень включает не просто работу, в него входят такие действия как зажигание огня, выполнение денежных операций, езда на машине (в наше время), перемещение предметов в общественном месте (не дома) и т.п.

Диэтические законы (кашрут) предписывают требования к приготовлению пищи, существенно отличные от тех, которых придерживаются другие народы. В древние времена главным событием, сближающим людей, было застолье. Поэтому основоположники иудаизма заложили в нем диэтические законы с тем, чтобы евреи меньше смешивались с окружавшими их язычниками.

Иудаизм регламентирует **события жизненного цикла человека.** Учение смотрит на эти события с позиции еврейской идентичности и направлено на укрепление связей еврея со всей общиной. На восьмой день после рождения мальчика ему делают обрезание и он получает еврейское имя. Затем, в возрасте 13 лет, он проходит через ритуал бар-митцвы, который означает, что он становится самостоятельным мужчиной и несет перед Богом ответственность за свое поведение. Взрослый мужчина молится в синагоге и принимает участие в коллективном чтении Торы. Женитьба является важным событием в жизни человека, поэтому иудаизм устанавливает основы ритуала бракосочетания. Наконец, в этой религии, как и во многих других, приняты обычаи выражения скорби по умершему.

Шма – это литургический текст, состоящий из четырех цитат из Торы. Он декларирует единственность Бога, любовь к Нему и верность Его заповедям. Молитва Шма занимает в еврейской духовной жизни центральное место. Ее произносят дважды в день. Это первая молитва, которой учат ребенка, и последние слова, с которыми обращается к Богу умирающий.

Ермолка или **кипа** – традиционный мужской головной убор благочестивого еврея, символизирующий скромность, смирение и благоволение перед Всевышним. Поскольку еврей носит ермолку постоянно, то он осознает существование Бога, Его мудрость, ценя это даже выше своей головы.

История иудаизма насчитывает более четырех тысяч лет, т.е. это учение проходит почти через весь период современной цивилизации человечества. Оно характеризуется непрерывным процессом творческого взаимодействия противоположных идей и антагонистических тенденций – этики и ритуала, универсализма и национализма, избранности еврейского народа как носителя Божественного откровения и равенства людей, созданных по образу и подобию Божьему, личного искупления грехов и национального освобождения, беспрецедентной преданности утраченной древней родине, стремления к возвращению туда и приспособления к жизни в изгнании.

Развитие иудаизма принято разделять на четыре больших периода.

1. "Библейский" иудаизм (XX век до н.э. – VI век до н.э.).

Библия называет имена еврейских патриархов – Авраама, Исаака и Якова – живших на севере Месопотамии. Оттуда Авраам – прародитель еврейского народа – переместился на земли нынешнего Израиля.

Первоначально культура древних израильтян ничем не выделялась среди культур их языческого окружения. А далее предание гласит следующее. Авраам был скотоводом и пастухом. У него было много времени для наблюдения за окружающей природой. Главное, он отличался аналитическим умом и, стремясь познать окружающий мир, искал в нем причинно-следственные связи. Он видел, что вода в реке поднимается после того как прошел дождь. Но почему прошел дождь? Потому что пришла туча. Откуда взялась туча? Ее принес ветер. Почему поднялся ветер? Потому что похолодало. Цепочку можно продолжать и скоро Авраам задался проблемой начала всех начал. В результате, возникла идея о единственном Боге – источнике всех начал. К евреям пришло Единобожие и зародился иудаизм.

Предание об Аврааме дополняется более поздней историей об Исходе евреев во главе с Моисеем из Египта, вручением ему Богом скрижалей, содержавших Десять Заповедей. Ортодоксальные евреи к этому добавляют, что от Бога Моисей получил также полный текст пяти книг Торы (Пятикнижье). Кроме Торы, иудаизм включает в себя другие книги Писания, что вместе с Торой называется Танахом (Танах в христианстве в определенной степени совпадает с Ветхим Заветом). Иногда Торой называют весь Танах. Текст Торы из ранних веков периода "Библейского" иудаизма до нас не дошел, но есть косвенные свидетельства того, что он существовал еще в те времена. Так или иначе, Тора несет в себе всю "первичную документацию" иудаизма. В дополнение к письменной сложилось понятие устной Торы (Устный Закон), под которым понимаются толкования ее текста, передававшиеся через века из "уст в уста".

2. Эллинистический иудаизм (VI век до н. э. – II век н. э.).

В этот период иудаизм сочетал в себе еврейскую религиозную традицию с элементами греческой культуры. Большую роль в этой связи сыграла великая империя, созданная в IV веке до н.э. Александром Македонским, который распространил свои владения далеко на восток. Важную роль в развитии иудаизма в этот период сыграла религиозная деятельность, связанная со Вторым Иерусалимским Храмом (516 год до н.э. – 70 год н.э.).

3. Талмудический иудаизм (раввинистский иудаизм или **раввинизм**) (II век н.э. – XVIII век н.э., в особенности, с VI века) – основная форма иудаизма, сложившаяся на основе Вавилонского Талмуда, который содержит наиболее авторитетное толкование устной Торы. Работа над Талмудом началась после разрушения Второго Храма, когда ритуальные жертвоприношения и исполнение других еврейских религиозных обрядов стали невозможны. В основе раввинизма лежит вера в то, что Бог, передавая Моисею Десять Заповедей и текст Торы, вложил в них и устную интерпретацию. Именно от раввинизма ведут происхождение основные течения современного иудаизма. Эти течения основаны на раввинистической традиции и методе анализа.

В ранний период раввинизма (начиная с III века н.э,) на основе огромного анализа текста Торы в Талмуд, состоящий из Мишны и Гемары, были внесены 613 этических, нравственных и, в каком-то смысле, юридических Правил (положений), которыми должен руководствоваться еврей в течение всей его жизни. Из этих Правил 365 положений имеют запретительный характер, т.е. это то, что еврей не должен делать, а 248 являются позитивными, т.е. предписанными к исполнению. Значение этих Правил сказалось в более поздние века периода раввинизма. Об одном из таких Правил мне много лет тому назад рассказывал отец. Оно гласит: если на тебя замахнулся враг с тем, чтобы поразить тебя в лицо, ты должен склонить перед ним голову, его удар пронесется выше твоей головы, затем ты сможешь поднять голову и нанести ответный сокрушительный удар.

Огромный вклад в развитие раввинизма внес философ Маймонид, который жил в XII веке н.э. Маймонид понял, что изучение Талмуда не обеспечивает еврея пониманием правильных философских основ и необходимо разработать общеобязательные догматы. Он назвал их основными постулатами иудаизма (13 постулатов веры), которые вошли в его комментарий к Мишне, первой книге Талмуда. Постулаты можно разбить на три группы. Первая группа из 5 постулатов содержит заверения о полной и безраздельной вере еврея в Бога. Вторая группа из 4 постулатов устанавливает строжайший авторитет всего, что записано в Торе. Наконец, последние 4 постулата описывают всеобъемлющее воздаяние тому, что исходит от Бога. Впоследствии постулаты Маймонида были записаны в еврейские молитвенники. Их приняли все еврейские общины.

4. Современный иудаизм, который распространен и в США, начал развиваться, в основном, в Европе с 1750 года в **эпоху Просвещения.** Этот процесс продолжается по настоящее время. Обозначились три основные направления развития современного иудаизма – **ортодоксальное, реформистское и консервативное.**

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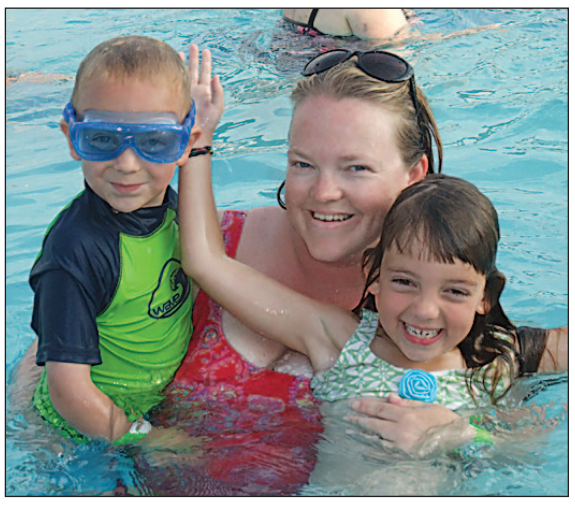

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		Total Enclosed	

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Names of Participants	Child's age/year of birth

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June 6-7 & 13-21	Daily . . . . . 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
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June 13-21	Daily . . . . . 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
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September 5-7	Open . . . . . 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
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The pool may be closed due to weather, private events, or other reasons

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