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My Life with Sir Nicholas Winton

Renata Laxova, Professor Emerita at the UW-Madison participated in a two-day celebration in memory of Sir Nicholas Winton. Sir Nicholas, who died in 2015, organized eight Kindertransports from Czechoslovakia in 1939, saving the lives of hundreds of Jewish Czech children, Dr. Laxova among them. Here are some of her recollections, inspired by the recent event.

By Dr. Renata Laxova

I never actually met or spoke with him and our only direct contact lasted some thirty seconds out of his one hundred and six years of life! I had just summoned up all my courage and kissed his hand, when the journalists and photographers waved me away, indicating that he was needed for interviews and pictures.

The place was the Czech embassy in London. The date was September 4, 2009, and Sir Nicky had celebrated his one-hundredth birthday in May of that year. It was also the 70th anniversary of Hitler's invasion of Poland, and of the beginning of World War II in Europe. The occasion was a commemoration of Sir Nicholas's 1939 rescue, via Kindertransports, of hundreds of Czech children at risk under the Nazis. Vintage (refurbished) passenger cars, pulled by a series of steam locomotives, had arrived on platform #10 of London's Liverpool Street station, after a four-day journey from Prague's central station. The four steam engines were, respectively, of Czech/Hungarian, German, Dutch and British provenance. Each locomotive in turn carried the name *The Winton Train*, destination Prague–London, and a wreath of white flowers on its face.

Despite the time elapsed—seven decades since the beginning of WWII in Europe and ten decades since the birth of Sir Nicholas Winton himself—the world had made his acquaintance only recently, in 1988, and learned then that in 1939 he had almost single-handedly rescued 669 children, most of them Jewish, aged from three to seventeen years, from Hitler-occupied Czechoslovakia. When asked why, for fifty years, he had never mentioned or shared with anyone, not even his wife, the story of his work in the spring of 1939, he denied that the omission was deliberate. "I didn't keep it a secret; I just didn't talk about it," he said. War had been declared on September 3, 1939, putting an end to all officially permitted travel across Europe, ending any possibility of further transports. Sir Nicholas then returned home to Britain and joined the Royal Air Force.



Dr. Renata Laxova

For the remainder of his life, however, a single event forever occupied his mind. Having successfully organized the safe arrival in London of eight Kindertransports, totaling 669 children, he had arranged another—the ninth and largest train, carrying 250 children—which was waiting, prepared for departure, at the Prague main railway station on September 1, 1939, the day that Hitler invaded Poland. The train was never permitted to leave; it is thought to have remained on the platform and all the children—its occupants—are believed to have perished in the Holocaust. The wreaths of white flowers on the 2009 locomotives were in memory and honor of those 250 children, and of the rest of the 1,500,000 children murdered during the Holocaust.

I happened to be one of the children from Nicky's last Kindertransport to arrive in Britain safely, (among only five with two surviving parents). It is my strong conviction that not only I, but also both my parents, owed our lives to Sir Nicholas. My inclusion in the transport enabled my parents to agree to separate and hide, without having to worry about me, their only child. My father escaped from camps, to join the partisans; my mother assumed an unmarried, non-Jewish stranger's identity (with papers and birth certificate) for the duration of the Nazi terror.

After the war we returned to Czechoslovakia but in February 1948, a communist-orchestrated coup by the

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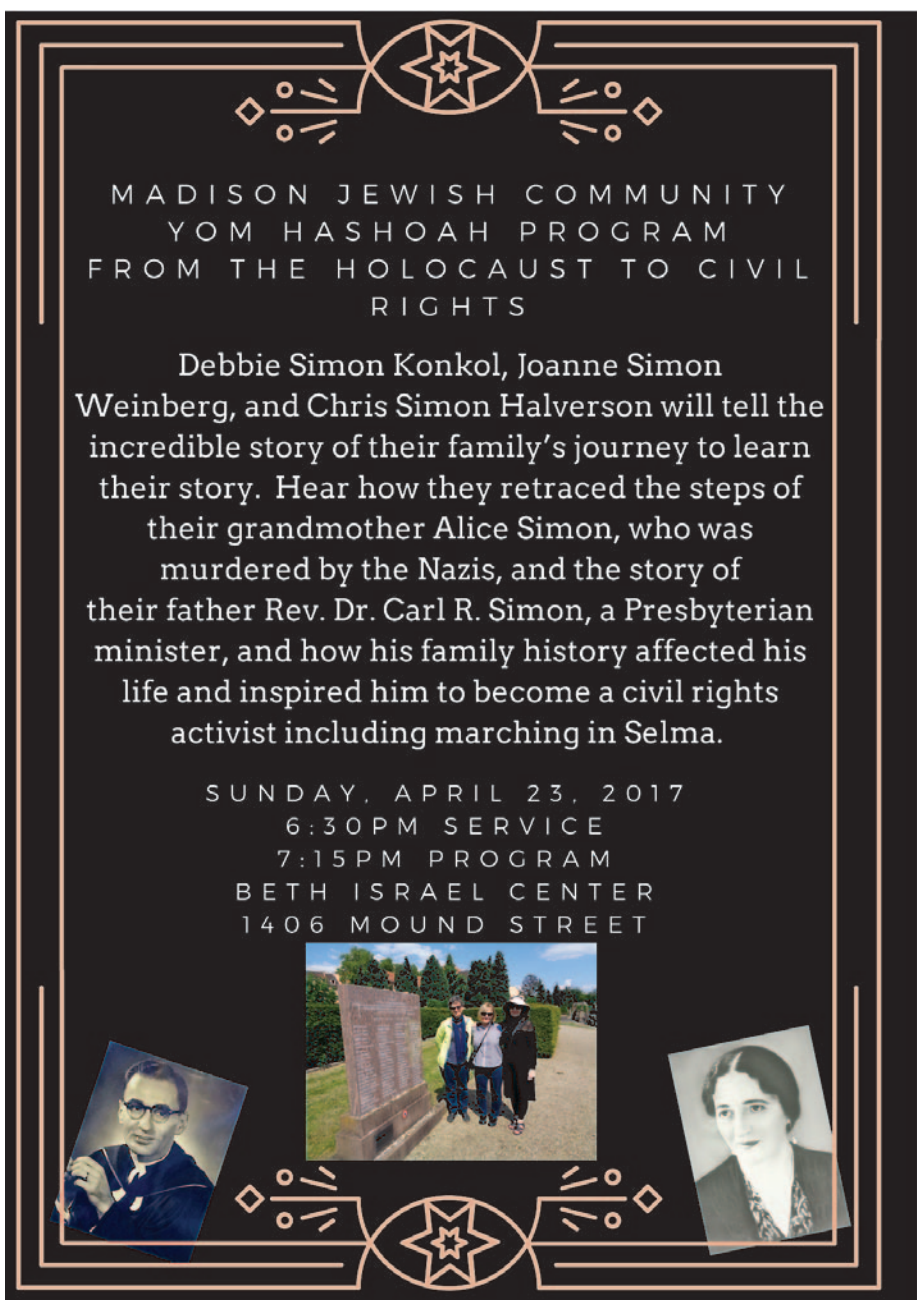

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Few youth-serving programs in Dane County are six decades old. It has taken the involvement of many to accomplish what we have. We hope to raise $115,000 in scholarship funds for the summer of 2017. There is little question that scholarship needs will 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 $105,000 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 2017 at Camp Shalom the best one yet.











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Sir Nicholas Winton

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government resulted in a takeover and for the next forty years, we became one of the satellite countries of the USSR. Czechoslovakia, potentially one of the most promising, cultured, freedom-loving, industrialized and internationally oriented countries in Central Europe, lost its freedom as well as its independence and high standard of living.

Twenty years later, in August 1968, the country was invaded again by forces of the Warsaw pact, led by the Soviet Union. The sight of the occupying tanks and machine guns, entering the country from every direction, and of soldiers milling around in every available space, were so frightening to me and so reminiscent of the Nazi invasion of March 1939, that I became instantly aware that we could no longer continue to raise our 13- and 11-year old children under their cruel presence. In 1968 we once again escaped to England.

One evening during the three months we spent as guests at the home of Professor Penrose, a well-known, distinguished medical geneticist from University College London, he invited me to come to his study, as there was someone he wanted me to meet. As we entered the study, I saw three people, a woman and two men, all younger than the professor but older than I, perhaps in their fifties. "This is Renata," he said, using only my first name. The woman stood up, approached and embraced me warmly. "I am so pleased to meet you," she said. "You have an unusual name. The age is right, so I was convinced that it was you! I am glad you are here and that you have done well!" I had no idea who she was and what she was talking about. Within minutes, however, twenty-nine years melted away and, once more, I became a little girl on a train.

During his activities in 1939, as self appointed "chair" of the British Committee for Refugees from Prague, Children's Section, Sir Nicholas had spent a great deal of time at home in Britain, as well as in Prague, looking for British families, institutions, schools, religious groups, and others, who would be willing to care for refugee children. Initially he distributed individual photographs, received as part of the application process. Later, in order to save time and space and increase efficiency, he decided to distribute postcards, with six pictures of children (three at the top, three at the bottom) to any interested groups or individuals. My picture, with five others, happened to appear in a newsletter published by Quakers. Uncle Harry Daniels, my future foster father, was a Quaker and saw my picture. I assume that he decided that he and his family would take care of me. He must have contacted the British Committee for Children in Prague, received my home address, and that was how he, his family and my parents began to communicate. Two or three months later, I arrived at their home, in a suburb of Manchester.

For me, a mystery had been solved. Until that evening in London, neither my parents nor I had known how the Daniels family had found my name or my photograph, nor did we know that the distribution of photographs in Quaker or other newsletters had, of course, been the brilliant idea of Sir Nicky. We did not even know of his existence. My mother always spoke of "The British Committee," never any one person, as she studied and discussed the myriad letters and instructions she received in preparation for my departure.

The three visitors at Professor Penrose's home, 29 years later, were also Quakers and, to my immense surprise, it had been they who had published the newsletter, remembered my picture and my "unusual" name.

Another twenty years elapsed. It was in 1988, as Sir Nicky's prewar achievements in Prague became public, reunions in Britain, Israel and Czechoslovakia were organized, movies and DVDs created, when I finally realized that his indirect presence had influenced my entire life—my departure and arrival in England, the survival of my parents, my acquaintance and work with Professor Penrose in Britain.

The encounter described at the beginning of this essay, the thirty-second opportunity finally to meet Sir Nicky in person at age 100 in 2009, has ushered in a series of completely new experiences, as well as a thrilling new life for me. I have participated in meetings with many middle- and high-school children and college students, as well as their parents, teachers and other leaders. I have visited several Holocaust Museums in the Midwest; above all and most importantly, I have been honored to make the acquaintance of many new friends and families.

My new life culminated in May of 2016, almost a year after Sir Nicky's death, when I was invited to London for a reunion with his rescued children and a celebration of the anniversary of his birth. The request came from Barbara, the daughter whom I had met previously, when she toured the United States signing her book about Sir Nicky, *If It's Not Impossible…* and from his son, Nick. I accepted with pleasure and excited anticipation.

Never have I felt so close to the presence of Sir Nicky and, even though he had left us a year before, he was everywhere. Several photographs with his characteristic smile were exhibited and accompanied by his wise, witty, sometimes humorous but always thoughtful expressions, most of which have now become world famous quotations. "If something isn't actually impossible, there has to be a way of doing it."

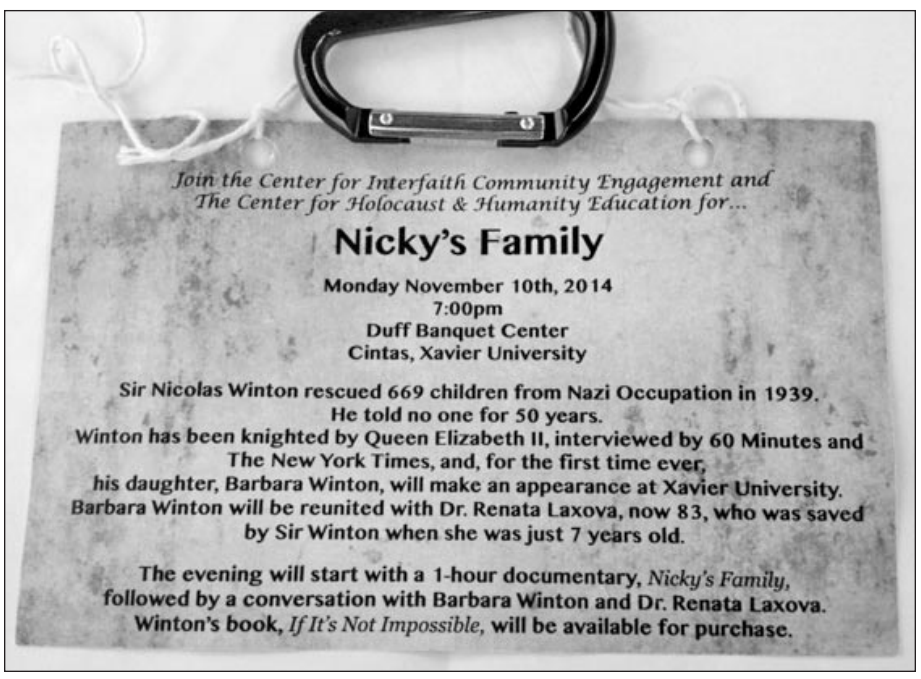
At the memorial service, Sir Nicky's personality was also reflected in the stories of four Kindertransport children. One of the most memorable was described by a then 12-year-old. She was on the train with several other girls, waiting for departure. Suddenly a woman, presumably the mother, entered the carriage with a baby in her arms, whom she placed tenderly onto the lap of this young girl. She also gave her a bottle of milk and, with tears in her eyes, she left, asking the girls to take care of her baby. As the train departed, the bottle broke; the milk was lost. One of the girls had chocolate in her backpack, a precious gift from her parents. Together, they melted the chocolate and used it to feed the baby. The baby survived, but in ensuing years, she neither met, nor knew anything about her little "nurse" – not until seventy years later, when they both travelled on the 2009 anniversary train from Prague to London, and discovered each other. Their amazement knew no bounds as they recognized the circumstances of their original encounter!

The concluding concert, in memory of Sir Nicholas Winton, took place in the evening of May 20, 2016, at St. John's, Smith Square. To my surprise, I found that the concert was to be organized, directed and conducted by yet another dear friend, Alexander (Sandy) Baillie. We had met him as a teenager, a gifted cellist and musician, during the time that we lived in St. Albans, UK. He is of the generation of my children and our families knew one another well. Sandy had met Sir Nicky after we had emigrated to the United States, but I knew that he and Sir Nicky had become friends and found it fitting that he was in charge of the concert.

As a result, Max Bruch's beautiful Kol Nidre and Bedrich Smetana's Moldau have become inseparable accompaniments to my memories and gratitude to Sir Nicholas Winton.



This is a replica of the number worn by Dr. Laxova for her kindertransport in 1939. The reverse of tag below describes the event of 2014.



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Interfaith Advocacy Day

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SPF Happy Hour

Saturday, April 4
3:30 pm–5:00 pm
Oliver's Public House
2540 University Avenue, Madison

Take a break from the daily grind to meet with other young professionals for a chance to network, catch up, and enjoy a local spot!

$15 includes 2 drinks (beer, wine, or rail mixer) and frites

Register by April 3rd: Online registration coming soon

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For more information contact Tiz Goff, outreach@jewishmadison.org



Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand) Playgroup

Sunday, April 9
9:45 am–11:15 am
Visit www.JewishMadison.org for more information

The Jewish Federation of Madison is pleased to provide this playgroup for children 0-2 years of age and their caregiver(s).

Maya Garbuz, the speaker for today's playgroup, will discuss sleep techniques!

Please contact Tiz Goff for location of the playgroup; we meet in people's homes: outreach@jewishmadison.org.



Community Yom HaShoah Service & Program

Sunday, April 23
6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison
Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison

Please join us at Beth Israel Center for a service at 6:30 pm. We will honor local Holocaust survivors and their families during the service. Immediately following the service please join us for a presentation:

From the Holocaust to Civil Rights

Debbie Simon Konkol, Joanne Simon Weinberg, Chris Simon Halverson (with help from their husbands, Ron Konkol, Don Weinberg and Jim Halverson) will tell the incredible story of their family's journey to learn their story. Hear how they retraced the steps of their grandmother, Alice Simon, who was murdered by the Nazis, as well as the story of their dad, Rev. Dr. Carl R. Simon (Presbyterian minister), and how his family history affected his life and inspired him to become a civil rights activist including marching with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Selma.

For more information contact Ellen Weismer: program@jewishmadison.org.

Yom HaZikaron

Sunday, April 30
5:00 pm–6:00 pm
Contact Daniel Gill, israel@jewishmadison.org

Daniel Gill, Jewish Federation of Madison's Community Shliach, will share art, poems and stories of Yom HaZikaron, Israel's day honoring those who died defending the land and its people.

What Madison Jewish Community Day School Has Meant to Me

By Clara Lazimy

Hebrew/Judaics Teacher

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From the first time I visited the Madison Jewish Community Day School it took hold of my heart.

It started with a phone call: "Mom, the Jewish Day School is looking for a Hebrew and Jewish Studies teacher," said my son. I wasn't interested at all! I had a secure position working for the Madison Metropolitan School District; albeit not very challenging, but quite comfortable.

What was it that so totally captivated me about MJCDS? Oh, where to start? The children, eager to learn, the caring environment, the philosophy of helping students grow intellectually as well as spiritually. All the above came together in a special way that I had never before encountered.

At MJCDS Hebrew is an integral part of life: we greet our guests with a Baruch ha-ba (welcome), we say *todah* and *b'vakashah*, (thank you and please), and before we recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag, we put *yad yamin al ha-lev* (the right hand over the heart). We sing Israeli songs, and we know how to get dressed and eat at a restaurant in Hebrew. We study Torah with a critical eye, we analyze the *midrashim* of our sages, and then create our own. We celebrate the Jewish holy days, and learn about the different ways we can be Jewish and "do" Jewish. Jewish values, such as *tzedakah* and *hachnassat orchim* (social justice and hospitality) are not abstract concepts at MJCDS. In past years, our students had given the *tzedakah* money they collected on Fridays to the Humane Society and to The Boys and Girls Clubs of Dane County. This year they raised funds doing a Maccabee March in order to purchase toys for the Syrian refugee children that Jewish Social Services helped relocate to Madison.

In every family conflicts arise, even among the most loving of siblings, so we are not strangers to those at MJCDS. Our students are taught and encouraged to resolve their conflicts in a caring and respectful way. Watching a fifth grader carry a kindergartener who fell in the playground, or a first grader explaining a math problem to an older friend, showed me the intangible benefits of learning in the multi-age groups that have been the hallmark of our school.

Teaching at MJCDS, I experienced the beauty of learning from my students as well as from my teachers, in true P*irkei Avot* fashion. Rabbi Rebecca Ben Gideon and Marla Becker encouraged and supported my teaching through the years that we worked together, and have generously gifted me with their friendship, their knowledge and experience. So, even though I didn't know it at the time, my son's phone call opened a door to an enchanted world that will forever be a part of me.



Our students with Morah Clara.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:

***Jasper Wesley Kaufman**, born to parents Andrew and Heather Toews Kaufman and grandparents Ira and Nancy Kaufman*

Condolences to the families of:

***Helen Rubnitz**, mother of Susan (Joel) Winnig*

***Herman Fershtman**, father of Terrie (Len) Goren, grandfather of Jamie and Adam*

***Kent S. Mannis**, husband of Valerie (Sklar) Mannis, father of Marci Mannis and Andrea Mannis (z"l); and grandfather to Breanna Mannis Demont*

***Don Nighorn and Glen Harvey**, brothers-in-law of Mary Runge*

***Dr. Jack B. Rosen**, husband of Renee Kopolow Rosen, father of Lauren (Dean) Yeazel*

***Judith Zuckerman Kaufman**, wife of Jerry Kaufman (z"l), mother of Ariel Kaufman (Michael Kissick), Daniel Kaufman (Juliette Mapp), grandmother of Benjamin and Luca, sister of Elyse Zukerman*

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/HadassahMadison/

Meet at Prairie Café at 3109 Pheasant Branch Rd. in Middleton at 8:45 am or meet at last conservancy entrance on Pheasant Branch Rd. at 9:00 am. Call for directions.

Sandhill cranes are already on the move, returning to Wisconsin from the southern US. By April, the adults are flapping their wings, bowing, jumping and simply playing around; all signs that they are ready to mate. It's quite a sight! It is difficult to predict exactly where they will perform their elaborate dances and build their nests each year, but they can be seen at Pheasant Branch each year during breeding season (April).

Join us for a 3.2 mile walk along an even path around the conservancy. Or, bring a folding chair and watch for wildlife from a viewing point near the entrance. Wear comfortable shoes, a hat and bring water.

Save the Date and Tour the Jewish History of Madison

Save the Date: April 21, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm and Tour the Jewish History of Madison, Wisconsin, Part I with Madison Hadassah Walking Adventures, featuring downtown Madison and the Greenbush Neighborhood, and led by Jonathan Pollack.

Today's Jewish institutions can trace their roots to Jews who arrived in Madison after 1850, many from shtetls in Minsk in the 1890s. These immigrants tended to work in the junk and grocery businesses located downtown and in the Greenbush neighborhood. The members who built an Orthodox synagogue in 1904 went on to found Madison's present-day Conservative and Reform congregations.

Envision the Jewish community over 180 years as you walk with historian Jonathan Pollack. Expect to take a lunch break at the Panera on Regent.

Coming in the Fall:

Tour the Jewish History of Madison Wisconsin Part II, featuring Gates of Heaven and Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Collectors Corner News

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Here are a few upcoming calendar highlights:

Torah & Mindfulness

Saturdays, April 1 & 22, 9:15 am

Come to Beth Israel Center on the first and fourth Shabbat mornings of April for meditation, chanting, and discussion. In this iteration of Torah & Mindfulness, we begin at 9:15 and end at 10:00, with a break at 9:30. You may enter or leave quietly at any time. This format allows for meditation as preparation for P'sukei d'zimra (which begins at 9:30 am in the main sanctuary), Shacharit (which typically starts around 9:50 am in the main sanctuary), or Torah Service (which typically begins around 10:10 am). Find Torah & Mindfulness in Classroom 3, which is on the far side of the library on the lower level.

MOUSY/Kadima Screen A Movie

Saturday, April 1, 8:30–11:00 pm

Middle and high school age tweens and teens come together after Shabbat for movie-watching and socializing. A good time will be had by all! For more information, contact Deborah Hoffman, hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org.

Conversational Yiddish

Mondays, April 3 & 24, 7:00 pm

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes at Yiddish class on Monday nights, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm. Sylvia builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. Come learn from a master – all levels welcome and encouraged to attend. Class will not meet on Passover (April 10 and 17).

Hametz Food Drive

Now through April 9

As you clear your home of hametz before Pesach, bring your leavened foods to our collection bin near the office at BIC. From there, MOUSY will deliver the donated items to the Goodman East Side Community Center.

Passover Services

Tuesday, April 11, 10:00 am
Wednesday, April 12, 10:00 am
Monday, April 17, 9:30 am
Tuesday, April 18, 9:30 am

Come to Beth Israel Center for traditional Pesach morning services, followed by a kosher for Passover nosh. We will recite Yizkor on Tuesday, April 18.

MOUSY Makes a Meal

Sunday, April 23, 1:15 pm–4:30 pm

In the name of tikkun olam, 8th through 12th grade teenagers gather at Beth Israel Center to make bunches of lunches for the men's shelter at Grace Episcopal Church. Contact Deborah Hoffman (hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org) for more information.

Talmud Class

Wednesday, April 26, 9:15 am

Study Talmud in Hebrew and Aramaic with Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. New students are welcome any time. Contact either Rabbi (rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org, rbengideon@gmail.com) or subscribe to our e-newsletter for information about the current topic. Class will meet only on April 26 this month.

Shabbat Dinner Honoring New Members

Friday, April 21, 5:45 pm

On the last Shabbat in April, Beth Israel Center will honor its newest members at a special Shabbat dinner. The evening begins with a l'chayim at 5:00 pm, followed by our joyous and song-filled Kabbalat Shabbat service. Dinner follows services. All are welcome. RSVP by April 14 to office@bethisraelcenter.org.

Rabbi Candidate Weekend

April 21–23

Meet Rabbi David Starr at Friday evening and Saturday morning services, Sunday morning minyan and a Sunday morning forum. For more information, visit www.bethisraelcenter.org, and click on the Rabbi Search box.

Yom Rishon

Sunday, April 30, 10:00 am–11:15 am

Come experience family education for preschoolers at its finest! Enjoy art, movement, music, stories and snacks as well as age-appropriate learning on a Jewish theme for preschoolers and their grownups. Yom Rishon meets about once a month during the school year. Our last Yom Rishon of the year will be on April 30. Contact Beth Copelovitch for more information at education@bethisraelcenter.org.

The Road Home Buddy Congregation Week

April 30–May 6

Four times each calendar year, Beth Israel Center serves as a Buddy Congregation when Midvale Lutheran Community Church hosts homeless families in transition to permanent housing. Our next opportunity to do this important volunteer work is the week beginning Sunday, April 30. Sign up online using the link in the BIC e-news, on our website (www.bethisraelcenter.org), or at www.midvalelutheran.org. Write to socialaction@bethisraelcenter.org with any questions.

Shabbat Services

Every Friday at 5:45 pm
Every Saturday at 9:30 am

Looking for warm, inspiring, and egalitarian traditional Shabbat services? We welcome Shabbat every Friday around 5:00 pm as people begin to gather and toast the week that was. Lively, song-filled services begin at 5:45 pm.

Our Shabbat morning worship begins with P'seukei D'zimra and continues through Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a communal kiddush lunch after services every week. Children's services for babies, preschoolers, and elementary school-age children begin at 10:30 am most weeks during the school year. Visitors are always welcome!

To receive schedule updates and other information, subscribe to our e-newsletter or "Like" us on Facebook. For the e-news, subscribe on our website or email office@bethisraelcenter.org and ask to be added.

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.

Exploring Judaism: Open Discussion About All Your Jewish Questions

Wednesday, April 5, 4:30 pm
Located at our offices - please call the office for exact location.

Curious about Judaism? Join Rabbi Laurie for a monthly gathering where we will discuss personal explorations of Judaism. This group is for people who want to deepen their knowledge of Jewish practice, who have questions regarding Jewish identity, who are considering becoming Jewish, or who are looking for an opportunity to ask questions in a relaxed environment. We will structure each session around participant questions and interests. Interested in learning more or want to be added to the updates list? Please contact the office. More dates coming soon.



Young Family Havurah Offerings

The Young Adult Havurah is comprised of members and friends of Shaarei Shamayim who are building community with other parents and their little ones (ages 0-5). In early April, we will gather for a tot Passover seder. We will also have a tot service on April 8 at 9:30 am. For more information please contact the office.

Volunteer to Serve a Meal to Madison's Homeless

Saturday, April 15

Join Shaarei Shamayim members to prepare and serve a meal on Saturday, April 15. Volunteers are needed both to cook and serve. We feed over 150 people through Friends of the State Street Family each month and need all the help we can get. Please contact the office for more information.

Kehillah: A Group for People in their mid-20s to 30s

Looking for Jewish community? Want to get involved with others who are of a similar age? We are just launching our group and will be planning monthly events. To sign up for the list please contact the office.

Social Action Listserve

Looking for some social action opportunities? Sign up to receive our weekly email that lists activities within Shaarei Shamayim, as well as events around town. Over 80 people have joined. Add your name to the list and get involved! (You do not need to be a member to join us.)

Jewish Outdoor Family Education

Sundays, April 23 and 30

Join naturalist and guitar player, Todd Miller, along with Rabbi Laurie for two outings, Sundays April 23 and 30. Weather permitting we will go to Picnic Point and the Arboretum and connect being Jewish to spending time in nature and protecting our environment. Children and adults of all ages are welcome. For more information please contact Joy at office@shamayim.org.

Temple Beth El

Visit us online at www.templebethel-madison.org.

All events are open to the community and 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. Contact Interim Executive Director Terrie Goren at (608) 238-3123 or executive@tbemadison.org.

Tots 'n' Tunes with Les Goldsmith: Passover Edition

April 2, 10:00 am–11:00 am

Tots 'n Tunes is a program for 0–5 year olds and open to the entire Madison Jewish community. Les Goldsmith will host Jewish families with young children by engaging them in playful, musical, educational moments. This is a meaningful program at Temple that fosters connections between Jewish families in Madison. Caregivers and their children will sing, move, learn, play, create, bond, pray and grow with our new Tots 'n' Tunes programming.

Protect Our Neighbors: Social Action Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, April 7, 6:00 pm

On the Friday before Passover begins, join us at a special time for our Freedom(s) theme Shabbat. Worship services welcoming in Shabbat and mentally preparing us for the themes of Passover will be at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. At 6:45 pm we'll join in the Swarsensky Social Hall for a buffet dinner from Banzo restaurant. Make your reservation online at bit.ly/2017sacshabbat. $15 per person. Following our meal, at 7:30 pm also in the Social Hall we will hear from Alondra Quechol from Voces de la Frontera, a grassroots organization working for immigrants' rights and other social justice issues. As a youth activist in Madison Alondra will share her story with us, shed light on the legal situation for undocumented immigrants and more.

For more information, contact Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123.

Seder Matching

Monday, April 10

"Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat"

Our rabbis teach us it is a mitzvah to welcome the stranger. This year, the Temple staff and volunteers are happy to play matchmaker for first seder on Monday, April 10, 2017. Want to be a guest at a seder? Hosting and have an extra seat? We are here to help match you up. All year round and especially on Passover we are encouraged to welcome guests and strangers to our homes. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends (or reconnect with the ones you know) in a more intimate setting and create new seder memories and traditions.

You will be given the name and contact info of your guest/host with advance notice so that you can discuss any special needs and seder start time and directions to the home.

Note: Transportation will not be included. Transportation to and from the seder is the responsibility of the guest.

While the RSVP deadline has passed, we will do our best to accommodate any requests. Please register at bit.ly/seder-matching2017 indicating whether you would like to volunteer to host or would like to be matched with a host.

For more information contact Aleeza Hoffert at (608) 238-3123 or engage@tbemadison.org.

Community Seder

Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 pm

Experience a warm Passover seder with your friends and family at Temple Beth El.

Menu will include: wine, matzah, seder plate foods, matzah ball soup, orange glazed chicken or veggie stuffed peppers, potato kugel, roasted vegetables, Passover cookies, and more!

RSVP by March 31, online at bit.ly/CommunitySederTBE2017.

Adult (14+): $30 TBE member | $35 non-member

Youth (5–13): $20 TBE member | $25 non-member

Tot (2–4): $6 TBE member | $8 non-member

Questions? Call Aleeza Hoffert at (608) 238-3123 or email engage@tbemadison.org.

Passover Yizkor Service

Sunday, April 16, 5:00 pm

Temple Beth El will hold a Passover Yizkor Service on Sunday, April 16, at 5:00 pm. All are welcome.

Singles Creating Community Dinner

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 pm

Oliva, 751 N. High Point Rd.

Enjoy an informal, relaxing dinner with others who are single. Everyone is responsible for purchasing their own meal.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, April 20, 7:00 pm

Location TBD

Join fellow 20 and 30 somethings in the Jewish community to meet, greet, and eat our way through a tasty dinner! Dinner will be $20 or less per person; please bring cash with you (small bills are appreciated). Contact Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org for more information.

Singles Creating Community Coffee

Friday, April 21, 9:00 am

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6250 Nesbitt Rd., Fitchburg

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Shabbat Dinner Get-Together

Friday, April 21, 5:30 pm

Oliva, 751 N. High Point Rd.

Join with friends for a Mediterranean dinner prior to services on Friday night. Those interested will have plenty of time to eat, schmooze and be at Temple Beth El by the time Shabbat evening services begin at 7:30 pm. For questions and to RSVP contact Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123.

Cancer Support Group

Sunday, April 23, 2:00 pm

Frank Adult Lounge, Temple Beth El

A Support Group for those whose lives have been touched by cancer are meeting on certain Sundays throughout the year meeting from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. The group meets monthly to address the mutual needs of those patients and caregivers who confront cancer. If you'd like more information, please contact Rabbi Biatch rabbi@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123.

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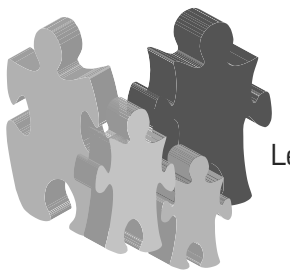
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Happy Passover!

Upcoming Events for Center for Jewish Studies

By Joan Hong

Center for Jewish Studies

The second half of spring semester is here, and the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies will host and co-sponsor a series of lectures and events that are free and open to the public.

The Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies will hold an international symposium entitled "People of Faith, Languages of Tradition: Germanic Heritage Languages among Christians and Jews" from March 30 – April 1. This symposium will bring together an international group of researchers specializing in Pennsylvania Dutch, Mennonite Low German, Hutterite German, and Yiddish languages with Amish, Mennonite, Hutterite, and Haredi community members to explore sociolinguistic aspects of the social-spiritual identities of these faith groups. For more information, please visit www.mki.wisc.edu/events/2017/people-faith-languages-tradition-germanic-heritage-languages-among-christians-and-jews.

On April 6, Liora Halperin, Assistant Professor in the Department of History and the Program in Jewish Studies at the University of Colorado-Boulder, will give the Weinstein-Minkoff lecture entitled "Past Perfect: Memories of Language and the Politics of Arabic in the Jewish Community of Mandate Palestine." This talk will consider the politics of language in a highly contested national setting, and discuss the way in which the telling of the past serves political purposes. The lecture will take place at 4:00 pm in the Festival Room (lower level) of Memorial Union (800 Langdon Street). Halperin's lecture is made possible through the generosity of the Weinstein and Minkoff families. For more information, please visit www.jewishstudies.wisc.edu/weinstein-minkoff-lecture.

On April 14 at 12:00 pm, Joel Berkowitz, Professor in the Department of Foreign Languages & Literature and Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, will give a talk at a brown bag lunch event: "Translated and Improved: Shakespeare on the American Yiddish Stage." The event is the second in the Department of German, Nordic, and Slavic (GNS) series, "Shakespeare Would Not Brexit," that introduces audiences to the cultural history of Shakespearean translations and adaptations across the linguistic divisions of GNS. For more information, please visit www.gns.wisc. edu/events.

The 2017 Conney Conference on Jewish Arts will be held April 19–21. Artists, scholars and performers will deliver presentations on this year's theme, "50 Years After Harold Rosenberg: Is there a Jewish Art (Yet?)." It will focus on the legacy of Harold Rosenberg's great rhetorical gesture and its continued resonance across the arts. The conference is made possible through the generosity of Marv Conney and the late Mildred "Babe" Conney. For more information about the conference, please visit www.conneyproject.wisc.edu.

The Jewish Studies Pre-Commencement Celebration will take place on May 12, at 2:00 pm in the Education Building.

The Greenfield Summer Institute, now in its eighteenth year, is a week-long continuing education program. This year, it will be held July 9–13. This year's theme, "Jews and Science," will examine the Jewish world's relation to science and scientific understanding from antiquity to the modern period. For more information or to register online, please visit http://jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield.

Complete and current information about our events is available on our website at jewishstudies.wisc.edu or by emailing events-lectures@cjs.wisc.edu.

Now's Your Chance to Weigh In on the State Budget

By Michael Blumenfeld, Executive Director

Wisconsin Jewish Conference

The Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Finance budget writing committee is holding six public hearings on the Governor's proposed 2017–19 state budget throughout April. Hearings will be held across the state, but dates and locations were not finalized as of our publication deadline. Now is the time to let your elected officials know if you have any concerns with the proposed budget!

Finding a solution to the state's $1 billion transportation budget shortfall is already shaping up to be one of the biggest fights of this budget cycle. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos (R-Rochester) is calling for revenue-raising measures such as increasing the gas tax or vehicle registration fees, but Walker says he will not support any increases. Vos has said he is willing to debate the budget until October if that's how long it takes to come up with a transportation funding solution.

Budget items of interest to the Jewish Community include:

• **Welfare Reform:** Adults with school-age children would need to work 80 hours per month or participate in an employment training program in order to receive FoodShare benefits. In addition, Walker proposes a new asset limit of $25,000 for working age able-bodied adults who apply for FoodShare. He also proposes employment and training requirements for childless adults on BadgerCare and adults who receive housing vouchers (Section 8 housing).

• **Parental Choice Programs:** The Governor provides an additional $42 million to the Milwaukee, Racine and statewide parental choice (school choice). The Governor's budget does not remove the enrollment cap on the statewide school choice program, but members of the legislature have said it's "on the table."

• **Additional K-12 Funding:** The Governor increases per pupil aid from $250 per pupil to $450 per pupil in 2018 and $654 in 2019. School districts must show that they are in compliance with the provisions of Act 10, which requires employees to pay at least 12% of the average cost of annual health insurance premiums in order to receive the per pupil aid increase. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) has said there will be more money for K-12 but likely not as much as the Governor wants.

• **Eliminate Children's Long-Term Supports Waiting List:** The Governor provides enough funding to eliminate the the wait list for long-term supports for all children with developmental disabilities, physical disabilities or severe emotional disturbances. There are currently more than 2,000 children with disabilities waiting for services.

• **Employment Services for the Homeless Shelter Grants:** The Governor's budget creates a program to award 10 homeless shelters with grants to provide intensive case management and employment services to homeless families.

• **Homelessness Employment Pilot Program:** The Governor provides funding for a homelessness employment pilot project with a Wisconsin municipality to connect homeless individuals to permanent employment.

• **School-based Mental Health:** Walker provides $3,000,000 to support the availability of social work services in schools and $2,500,000 for grants for school mental health services.

• **Human Trafficking:** The Governor provides $2 million to provide services to child victims of human trafficking.

• **Homestead Tax Credit:** The Governor recommends modifying the homestead tax credit to limit the credit to those aged 62 years or older and those with disabilities. All other taxpayers would be required to have earned income in order to claim the credit. He also indexes the credit for inflation for seniors and those with disabilities.

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Lost Molly Picon Film to Receive Midwest Premier in Madison

Molly Picon, the Celebrated Character Comedienne, a long lost short feature made by one of the great stars of Yiddish theater and film, will receive its Midwest premier Friday, April 21, as part of the annual World Records conference sponsored by the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture and the Wisconsin Center for Theater and Film Research.

Molly Picon (1898-1992) was the first great American-born star of the Yiddish theater and enjoyed a long lived, substantial career in both English and Yiddish entertainment, featured in films like *Fiddler on the Roof*, and TV shows such as, *Car 54 Where Are You?* and *Gomer Pyle, USMC*. The 1929 film was Picon's first sound film which, despite her fame on the Yiddish stage, was shot in English and amply demonstrates Picon's brilliant comedic and singing skills, finely tuned mimicry and acting.

This year's conference, co-sponsored with the Wisconsin Center for Film and Theater Research honors the 90th anniversary of the development of the Vitaphone system, the first practical method of showing sound films. The conference program will feature both the newly restored Molly Picon short, and other Vitaphone vaudeville featurettes housed on the UW Madison campus.

The conference begins at 9:00 am, Friday morning, with a keynote address by Ron Hutchinson, head of the Vitaphone Project, which preserved and restored the Picon short. In keeping with the theme of the anniversary of Vitaphone, an afternoon panel will be dedicated to the 1927 Al Jolson film, *The Jazz Singer*. Among other papers, Mayrent Institute founder Henry Sapoznik's paper will illuminate the Yiddish content of the film.

The shorts will be interspersed with live music evoking the time when theaters across the country featured both in-person performers and the new Vitaphone music shorts. The live performances will mirror the styles, instrumentation and feel of the film shorts in diverse offerings from Western swing, banjo soloists and Yiddish-style dialect comedy and will run from 7:00 pm–9:00 pm in the Cinematheque. Among the performers that night will be Bill and Bobbie Malone, conference presenters (and banjoists) Ken Perlman and Greg Adams and Mayrent Director Henry Sapoznik, among others.

The World Records conference is sponsored annually by the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture to raise awareness about historic sound recordings, films and broadcasting as a critical part of American history. The Mayrent Institute, curates a collection of some 9,000 Yiddish, 78 rpm recordings, one of the world's largest in a university library. Its mission is to raise collective literacy about Yiddish culture and ethnic diversity as a vital part of our understanding ourselves as a literate and fulfilled society.

For more information about the World Records conference and other programs run by the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture please visit mayrentinstitute.wisc.edu or call: (608) 890-4818.

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8pm
Concert "3Banjos3"
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Friday, April 21
9am
Keynote Presentation
by Ron Hutchinson
Director of the Vitaphone Project
126 Memorial Library, 728 State St.

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10:30am – 4:30pm
Panels on The Jazz Singer
American vernacular music,
and film preservation
126 Memorial Library, 728 State St.

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7pm
Vitaphone Rarities
an evening of rare film shorts
interspersed with live music
4070 Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave.

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2nd Annual Kosher Chopped Event

By Aaron Seligman and Amy Kasmir

UW-Hillel is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Madison

On Monday, March 6, UW Hillel and Adamah Neighborhood Table hosted the 2nd annual Kosher Chopped competition as part of the Madison Area Chefs Network week. This year's competitors included Adamah's own executive chef, Jason Kierce, as well as Laila Borokhim of Layla's Persian Food, Gil Altschul of Grampa's Pizza and Porter Café, and Nick Johnson, who was previously at 43 North, Stamm House, and Julep.

The chefs competed in three rounds in front of a live audience of community members and students. In each round, the chefs could use ingredients found in the Adamah kitchen. In addition to these ingredients, the chefs were required to incorporate mystery ingredients in their dishes; the mystery ingredients were revealed at the beginning of each round. Obeying strict kosher supervision, the chefs prepared and presented to a panel of three expert judges: faculty members from Madison College's culinary arts program. The judges awarded points based on presentation, creativity, and taste. Additionally, bonus points were awarded based on audience applause. After each round, one chef was "chopped" until a winner was crowned.

In the first round, the chefs had fifteen minutes to create a dairy appetizer that incorporated trail mix, condensed milk, and jalapenos. After the first round, Chef Laila Borokhim was eliminated leaving Chefs Jason Kierce, Gil Altschul and Nick Johnson to compete in round two. In the second round, the chefs had thirty minutes to create an entrée using lamb chops, tomatillos, and spicy horseradish mustard. (The mustard was generously donated by the event's emcees, Barry and Patti Levenson, founders and curators of The National Mustard Museum.) The scores were close after the entrée course, but only two chefs could move on to the dessert round. In the final round that would declare the victor, Chefs Nick Johnson and Jason Kierce were tasked with creating a pareve dessert in thirty minutes using kasha, silken tofu, and soy milk. In the end, Nick Johnson narrowly defeated Jason Kierce for the championship. "The whole thing was fun. I think my favorite was dessert round," said Johnson. "I learned a lot about cooking kosher and I have a lot of respect for those who follow that way of eating. The commitment and dedication should be more recognized in culinary culture." Kierce was gracious in defeat on his home turf, adding that he was "just happy to be a participant."

Adamah Neighborhood Table's assistant manager, Ben Clark, directed teams of assistants from Madison College who acted as helpers to the chefs. The action was captured and displayed in real time from four different camera angles provided by Wisconsin Public Television. In addition, UW Hillel intern Brandon Fishman created promotional videos and pretaped interviews with chefs that were shown during the cooking rounds. Other in-show entertainment included UW Jewish Studies professor Jordan Rosenblum, explaining the origins and customs of kashrut, Rabbi Andrea Steinberger telling Jewish food jokes, and Barry and Patti Levenson's commentary and banter with the chefs, judges, and audience. UW Hillel and Adamah Neighborhood Table are excited to share that an edited version of the show will be coming soon. Kosher Chopped provided a packed evening at 611 Langdon Street. The program featured good competition for the chefs, fun for the audience, and great exposure for the Madison Area Chefs Network, Madison Chef Week, and Adamah Neighborhood Table.

Adamah Neighborhood Table and UW Hillel look forward to continuing to serve delicious, kosher food to the UW Madison student population as well as the greater Madison community. The café is open Sunday through Thursday from 10:00 am–8:00 pm and 10:00 am–2:00 pm on Friday. Be sure to visit Adamah Neighborhood Table throughout the Passover holiday; the café is the only kosher for Passover restaurant in the state of Wisconsin. Take a break from cooking during the holiday and treat yourself to a delicious kosher for Passover lunch or dinner during the week of Passover. Bring your family, bring your friends. Make Adamah your neighborhood place for Passover; you will be glad you did. UW Hillel and Adamah Neighborhood Table will also be hosting seders on the first and second night of Passover.



UW Hillel and Adamah Neighborhood Table wish the Madison Jewish community a happy and healthy Passover. Happy Eating! For more information, please visit www.uwhillel.org/ passover.



Adamah Neighborhood Table Executive Chef, Jason Kierce, discusses his dish with Kosher Chopped emcee, Barry Levenson.



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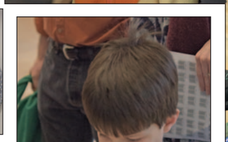





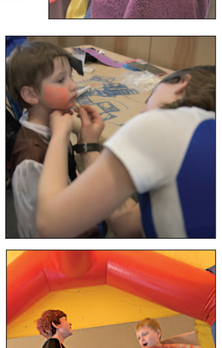



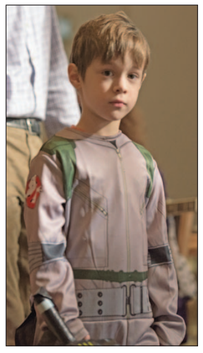













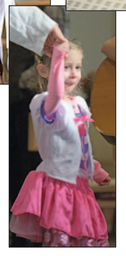

















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Performance Season is Underway for Yonim

February and March were busy months for the Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe. At the end of February, the Yonim dancers performed and taught at three Madison schools for the annual School Tour. Read more about this in the School Tour article. The School Tour was a great way to introduce the Madison community to Yonim. If there are students in K-5 who are interested in joining Yonim for April and May they can contact Yonim@jewishmadison.org.

If you were at the Purim Carnival on March 12, you may have been lucky enough to see Yonim live! The dancers wrapped up the carnival perfectly, by teaching dances to young and old alike. Kids in costumes, grown-ups in their street clothes, toddlers in diapers, everyone had fun dancing together!

In April, you can see Yonim perform at the Overture Center. On April 30, the Yonim Gimel (middle and high school) dancers will be participating in Interfaith Youth Day by performing an introduction to the Children's Theater of Madison's play, "To the Promised Land". The Jewish community is invited to purchase tickets for this play using the code "YONIM" to receive a special discount. We hope you can join us! For more information about Yonim please contact Yonim@jewishmadison.org.



Teaching dance to a music class at Randall Elementary.



Students at Van Hise danced Salaam with Yonim.



Having fun before a performance.



Crowd waiting for the performance to begin.

Yonim School Tour

On Tuesday, February 28, Yonim had our annual School Tour. We went to three different schools to perform and teach Israeli dance. The three schools were Franklin, Randall, and Van Hise. At Randall, we taught a 5th grade class. At Van Hise, we taught two kindergarten classes. There are two groups of dancers. The older group, Gimel, performed three dances. The younger group, Aleph, performed one dance. Gimel and Aleph did one dance together, too. We also got to teach the audience two dances. All of the dances have Hebrew words. We had a lunch break between schools. We ate Milio's sandwiches and got Chocolate Shoppe ice cream as a treat this year. My favorite parts of School Tour are performing with my friends in Aleph and teaching the younger kids Israeli dance. My favorite part of Yonim is that we get to perform and make new friends every year. Two of the Gimel dancers are the dance teachers. I am looking forward to being a Gimel teacher when I get older. I am also looking forward to meeting you if you decide to join Yonim (or if you come watch us dance)!

By Kayla Blitz
3rd Grade



Getting ready for our Franklin performance.



Teaching classes at Van Hise.



Students at Randall excitedly waiting for the performance.

Jewish Education

Midrasha this Month

April is the last month of Midrasha. The class of 2017 will graduate May 3.

In April, the students will be busy working on their final projects. Each class will present something (a video, poster or short play) for the other students to see what they have been working on all semester.

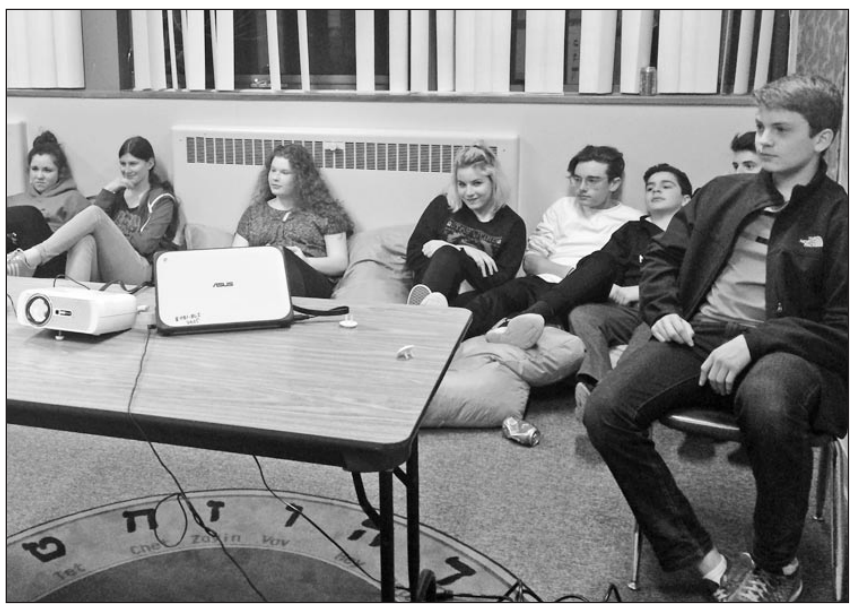
Midrasha will be in session on the following days in April:

- Wednesdays: 5, 19, 26
- Sundays: 2, 23, 30

Midrasha students and families should join us on Sunday, April 23, at 6:30 pm for the Community Yom HaShoah service and program.



Daniel Gil showed his class slides to explain the History of Israel.



The 8th graders sat back and relaxed while learning about Jewish history.



The 9th and 10th graders in Lucy Marshall's History of Social Justice class played a game to help introduce their lesson for the day.

Goings On at Gan HaYeled

We have been busy at Gan HaYeled. After Tu B'Shevat we had a pajama day and a teddy bear picnic. The Bet class enjoyed a day studying humpty dumpty and what happens when humpty (a hard-boiled egg) falls off the wall! Bet and Gimel continued their tradition of spending Fridays together working on a Shabbat project; this time it was making challah covers. Daniel came to Gimel and read a book in Hebrew while Claudia read the same book in English. In Dalet, the class continues to work on their kindergarten readiness with math, science and journaling activities.

Purim was our focus for early March. We talked about standing up for ourselves and being a good friend to everyone. Crowns were constructed, hamantaschen were baked, a puppet show was performed and costumes were worn.

Summer is right around the corner! If you are interested in signing up your 2–4 year old for Camp Shalom Katan, please visit: https://www.jewishmadison.org/hilde-l-mosse-gan-hayeled-preschool/camp-katan-summer-program.



During the weekly movement class with Donna, Eve and Adam were building a tall tower with cups.



Ziv chilling in the play house on a sunny day.



Tina instructing the Dalet class on what goes in their journal for the day.

It's Been a Very Busy Month!



Purim costume day in Bet, how fun!



Adam, Eve and Nevo getting ready to head upstairs during our Purim parade.



Daniel reads Dr. Seuss in Hebrew while Claudia reads the English.



Getting ready to watch the story of Purim acted out with puppets.



Nitzan and Cora working on a partner pipe cleaner activity.



Sasha and Cora scratching each other's backs during Shabbat.



Each week at Gan HaYeled we have a school-wide Shabbat. This week it was Avner's turn with the Kiddush, Sam's turn to light the candles and Stav's turn to uncover the challah.



The Bet class dressed up as animals in anticipation of Purim.



The Bet class is patiently waiting to join the costume parade during Purim.



Eve, Nevo and Mateo making their costumes out of Gan provided dress-ups.



Adam and Mateo playing checkers in the Dalet room.



The Bet class experimenting with hard boiled "humpty-dumpty."



The Gimel class celebrating Purim in their costumes, including a fierce lion!



The Dalet class during one of our Purim celebrations.



Philip and Ethan coloring their challah covers with Laura.

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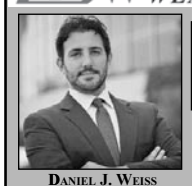

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Appreciating Our Volunteers at Jewish Social Services

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." – Elizabeth Andrews

Volunteers fill a real need in our community. Volunteers help Jewish Social Services in the ways that you might think about – driving a senior to the doctor, tutoring a client for her citizenship exam, or helping at a Lechayim program. And of course, many have reached out to us to ask to help with our refugee resettlement program. But you might not be thinking about other ways that you can help support the staff and clients of Jewish Social Services in less obvious ways. Recently, we needed someone to attend the symphony with a client. We have had clients ask for help in reaching Passover dishes put away in the attic. We have had clients ask to just have someone call them once a week to say "hello." We really need volunteers to help with many of these situations. Our staff and those at other non-profits cannot do it all for our seniors, our families, our immigrants or our refugees without the generous efforts of our volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering with JSS, now is a great time to do so. While the refugees are getting settled in, and do not need as much volunteer support in that particular program, we have many, many others who could use your help. If you thought about volunteering to drive refugees, find out from us if you could drive a different client to get to an appointment or buy groceries. If you thought about helping to set up an apartment, find out if we have a client who needs help organizing her spare bedroom. If you wanted an opportunity to welcome some of the newest members of our community, volunteer to visit seniors who have just moved to Madison and are still socially isolated. We would love to work with you in a way that will get you what you need and our clients what they need.

April 23–29 is Volunteer Appreciation Week. Thank you for everything that you do. This year we will celebrate our volunteers with an Ice Cream Social on Thursday afternoon, April 27 at Steep & Brew Coffee in the Market Square Shopping Center. Check out our NEW website for more details at www.jssmadison.org and for a location. Thank you JSS volunteers for all that you do.



Invitation to Passover Seders

Please join your neighbors, volunteers and Jewish Social Services staff for a community Passover seder! Capitol Lakes is hosting their annual Passover seder on Thursday, April 13, which will be led by Francie Smith-Saposnik, from 11am–1:30 pm. Oakwood Village University Woods is hosting their seder on Friday, April 14, from 11:30 am–2 pm, and it will be led by Sara Karon.

RSVP to Paul Borowsky at paul@jssmadison.org or (608) 442-4083.

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Volunteer at the Oakwood Shabbats: Help the residents of Oakwood Village welcome Shabbat one Friday per month from 4:00 pm–5:00 pm. Seat guests, pour wine and juice, and distribute challah, interact with the residents of Oakwood Village and their families.

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Thursday April 13 at Capitol Lakes
Friday April 14 at Oakwood Village

Contact Paul Borowsky at (608) 422-4083 or paul@jssmadison.org
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Announcing the Dates for the Levy Summer Series

Jewish Social Services established the Levy Summer Series in 2013 with a generous donation from Jeffrey C. Levy, to provide a memorable summer experience for adults.

The series is held at Nakoma Country Club, 4145 Golf Club Road in Madison, and consists of six high-quality programs tied by a common theme, chosen each year by a committee of volunteers and staff. The programs are followed by an elegant lunch at a reasonable cost. A unique addition is the after-lunch salon, which is an opportunity to spend unhurried time engaging with the speaker and exchanging ideas in a comfortable and relaxed setting. *Scholarships are available.*

The dates for the 2017 Levy Summer Series are:

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May 12

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Monday, April 10

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Monday, April 24

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12:00 pm–1:00 pm	Alaskan Cod Bouillabaisse, (vegetarian entrée option: chili glazed tofu, saffron rice, grilled romaine salad), market fruit, mini Israeli dessert
1:00 pm–2:00 pm	"The Story of Jerusalem" This year, Jerusalem celebrates 50 years as a unified city. We will highlight the history and holiness of Jerusalem for the Jewish, Christian and Muslim people. Presented by Daniel Gill, Community Shaliach/ Israel Program Specialist, Jewish Federation of Madison.

May dates: May 1, 8, 15, 22

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• When you check-in at Lechayim, sign up for the following week.

• Call Jewish Social Services at (608) 442-4801 or email office@jssmadison.org **before 2:00 pm on the preceding Wednesday**.

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Понедельник, 3 апреля
11:30-12:30 Измерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Вегетарианская лазанья, домашний салат с греческим соусом, рулет с начинкой, фрукты и израильский мини-десерт
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11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаимсон
12:00-1:00 Говядина Кофте, (вегетарианское блюдо - жареный овощной кебаб), рис с шафраном, жареное овощное ассорти, фрукты и израильский мини-десерт
1:00-2:00 "The Double Double Reeders" - гармоничное сочетание гобоев, фаготов и английского рожка

Понедельник, 24 апреля
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1:00-2:00 «История Иерусалима» В этом году Иерусалим празднует 50 лет как единый город. Даниэл Гилл, специалист по программе Community Shaliach / Израиль, Еврейской федерации Мадисона, расскажет об истории и святости Иерусалима для еврейского, христианского и мусульманского народов

Даты мая: 1, 8, 15, 22

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Happy April Birthday

Darlene Schwartz	Gary Geller	Sheyla Bodnikevich
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Dear Readers

For more than twenty years Madison Jewish newspaper has published the Russian page. Steve Morrison, who for many years was a leader of the Madison Jewish community, initially approved the publication. The purpose of these pages was to give Russian immigrants information they would otherwise have difficulty getting because of language problems. More than two hundred articles and notes were published on the Russian pages. I published diverse articles about the history of Madison, our state, and country. I spoke also about the history of Jewish people and its rich and ancient culture. Some articles were about Jewish holydays, traditions, and problems within Judaism. Now, simply for financial reasons, the Russian page will not be published anymore. I just want to say thank you, the readers, for your support and interest in my articles all these long years.

Sincerely,
Genrikh Babich

Дорогие читатели!

Более двадцати лет в еврейской газете города Медисон печаталась русская страница. Инициатором ее издания был Стив Моррисон – многолетний лидер нашей общины. Целью страницы было предоставление иммигрантам из России разнообразных сведений, получение которых для них было затруднительным из-за языковых проблем. За прошедшее время было опубликовано более двухсот статей и заметок. Печатались разнообразные материалы об истории нашего города, штата и страны. Мы рассказывали также об истории еврейского народа и его многолетней богатой культуры. Ряд статей был посвящен еврейским праздникам, традициям и проблемам иудаизма. По чисто финансовым причинам публикация русской страницы заканчивается. В связи с этим благодарю читателей за ту поддержку и интерес к статьям, которые я ощущал все эти годы.

С уважением,
Генрих Бабич

About Our Programs

Monday, April 3

Mark Stransky will perform original flowing melodic piano compositions that are inspired by people, nature, and life experiences. He will give the inspiration behind each piece before it is performed.

Mark is a physical therapy aide at Unity Point Health-Meriter in Madison. He has played piano for many years and gives a monthly *Music and Healing* concert at Meriter.

Monday, April 10

The Double Double Reeders first put their reeds together as a quartet, ten years ago. They have performed in numerous venues in the Madison area, including the Noon Musicale at the Unitarian Meeting House. They are excited to share with Lechayim a range of musical styles, including a piece written especially for them. There's nothing else like the harmonious blend of oboes, bassoons, and English horn!

Rozan Anderson, bassoonist, has been an active amateur and semi-professional musician since a young age, playing in numerous community orchestras, wind ensembles, and chamber groups. She is the principal bassoonist for the Edgewood Chamber Orchestra. In addition to working professionally as the database administrator for the Jewish Federation of Madison, she is president of Temple Beth El.

Ruth Dahlke, oboe and English horn player, has played in numerous large and chamber ensembles since high school. She retired and moved to Madison in 2005, after 29 years of teaching music at Minnesota State University Moorhead and playing principal oboe with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony. She fills her retirement hours enjoying time with family, attending concerts and recitals, playing chamber music, volunteering for the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation and Wisconsin Historical Society, and playing tennis.

Scott Ellington, oboeist, has played for much of his life. While earning engineering degrees at UW-Madison, he played with the UW Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, as well as chamber groups. Before retiring in 2011, he designed electronics at UW-Madison.



Mark Stransky will perform piano compositions on April 3.



The Double Double Reeders

Willy Walter, bassoonist, has played orchestras, bands, and various ensembles for most of his life. He was a researcher in the Biochemistry Department, at the UW-Madison, until he retired in 2008. He recently began learning jazz improvisation with a local quintet, but loves playing in a community orchestra and, of course, any combination of double reeds.



Daniel Gill

Monday, April 24

Daniel Gill, our community *shaliach* (emissary from Israel), from the Jewish Federation of Madison, will help us celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) through his talk: "Story of Jerusalem." Daniel is well versed in Israeli history and Jewish studies through his work as a tour guide and his yeshiva education. During his three-year army service, Daniel was in the Kfir Brigade in Nachshon Battalion near the city of Tulkarm. After military service, Daniel earned a bachelor's degree in education, and a teaching license for Bible and History and Tour Guide Studies—the latter is taken very seriously in Israel! Daniel and his wife of three years, Shirly, came to Madison almost two years ago.

Lots of Smiles at Lechayim

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Israel and the World



From the Mideast to the Midwest

By Daniel Gill and Shirly Gill

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists
Jewish Federation of Madison

Israel: One Country, a Potpourri of People

In 1898, the historian Simon Dubnow predicted, in his most optimistic calculations, that in 2000 there would be approximately 500,000 Jews in Israel. But since then, Israel has become a center for the Jewish people and Jews have arrived from all over the world, making Israel the biggest and most diverse Jewish community. Each month we use this article to feature one "community" of Israelis so you can learn more about the potpourri of people in Israel.

This month we feature the ***Moroccan Jews****. Happy Passover!!*



Getting ready for the Mimouna.



EWA SAFI restaurant in Tel Aviv.

This month we will celebrate Passover, the holiday when our ancestors went from slavery to freedom. This is one of the key elements of Judaism. However, often in Israel, after the Seder, the Chol Hamoed break, and the end of Passover, a different festival steals the show. We are describing a holiday that came with the Moroccan Jewry: The *Mimouna*. But before we tell you how Mimouna has managed to capture the Israeli society, let's understand a little bit about Moroccans Jews.

The Moroccan Jewish community is part of the North African Jewry and is probably the most noticeable Jewish community in the Islamic countries, with a rich cultural identity. The community grew significantly following the expulsion of Jews from Spain (1492) to Morocco.

Today, only about 2,000 Jews live in Morocco, with about 50,000 Moroccan Jews living in France and 6,000 in Canada, but there is no doubt that the biggest center of Moroccan Jewry is in Israel, with a population of approximately 500,000!

In Israel, Moroccan Jews are known for their special characteristics: family cohesion, joyfulness, and lots of delicious food. For example, for Hanukkah, instead of sufganyot, they eat *sfenj*; on Purim they eat their *dairy couscous*, and upon arrival of the Maggid section and the telling of the Exodus story during the Passover seder, Moroccan Jews hit their guests on the head with the seder plate, wishing health and success.

As some of you know, Shirly's family comes from Spain, but what many do not know is that they come from a small town called Melila, which actually sits on the Mediterranean coast of Morocco. Although Melila is geographically in Morocco, it belongs to Spain. Therefore, our family culture is entirely Spanish (language, holidays, etc.). However, there have been a number of Moroccan customs passed down because of geographical proximity; hitting one's head with the seder plate is definitely one of them!

But back to Moroccan Jewry, because their most interesting custom comes, interestingly, after Passover ends: the Mimouna celebration!

There are many speculations and legends about the Mimouna, and it is not yet known exactly when and why people began to celebrate it, but it does not matter because those who have never experienced the Mimouna festival, don't know what they are missing. The Mimouna holiday marks the return to eating chametz (leavened foods), which are forbidden throughout the week of Passover.

The living room in every Moroccan home is transformed by colorful fabrics of burgundy and gold. In the center of the room stands a huge table with dozens of sweet delicacies, made from different doughs. The "queen" of the celebration is the Mufleta (see recipe). Everyone is dressed in fine festive Moroccan clothes. Moroccan music is played, the host drumming on the *darbukkah*. There is an open-door policy for the entire night, as anyone who chooses to enter may join in the festivities.

In Morocco, the neighbors would go from house to house to enjoy all the celebrations. In Israel, this is an excellent opportunity for those not blessed with Moroccan parents, to enjoy the holiday. We too (Daniel and Shirly) join the celebration in a Moroccan house every year

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Connecting with Israel

Moroccan Jews

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on the Mimouna night. In this way, the festival has become almost another official holiday in Israel. Today, Israel Mimouna celebrations also take place in public locations, due to their popularity. Presidents, prime ministers and leaders never miss an opportunity to get a photo in the newspapers of them participating in the Mimouna celebrations.

In summary, if you happen to be in Israel during Passover, don't miss the Mimouna celebrations. If not, do not worry, we have put together, for you, a number of places to experience and be impressed by the Jewish Moroccan culture and food all year long. Clip and save for your next trip to Israel:

1. **The Worldwide North Africa Jewish Heritage Center:** A unique center of culture, including an audio-visual presentation telling the thrilling narrative of the Jewish communities in Morocco, Algeria and Tunis.

Address: 13 Hama'aravim Street, Jerusalem.

Number: 02-623-5811

2. **EWA SAFI restaurant:** Situated in the picturesque quarter of Neveh Tzedek, the newly opened Ewa Safi caters to anyone seeking authentic home-style Moroccan cuisine at its finest. (kosher)

Address: 8 Hashachar Street, Tel Aviv

Number: 054-253-3348

3. **The Israeli Andalusian Orchestra performance:** An award-winning orchestra, composed of around 30 musicians and lyricists, features traditional Sephardic Jewish-Arab and Andalusian music and poetry.

Facebook: The Jerusalem Andalusian Orchestra

Tickets: 1-700-508-408

Happy Pesach!
Daniel and Shirly Gill, The Shlichim
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Prime Minister Netanyahu at a Mimouna celebration.



The Andalusian Orchestra.

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: Daniel, Jewish Federation of Madison Shliach at Israel@JewishMadison.org and Shirly, UW Hillel Israel Fellow at IsraelFellow@UWHillel.org

To learn more about what is happening in Israel you can view these websites:
http://www.JewishMadison.org
http://www.timesofisrael.com
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Mufletah

Ingredients

1 tsp dry yeast
pinch of sugar
½ cup warm water
250 g strong bread flour
½ tsp sea salt
2 tbsp olive oil, plus a little extra for pan-frying
butter and honey, to serve



Dissolve the yeast and sugar in about half the water and leave in a warm place for 10 minutes, or until the yeast bubbles.

Put the flour, salt and a tablespoon of the oil in a large bowl and mix well. Stir in the yeast mixture and enough of the remaining water to make a soft ball. Knead the dough on a lightly floured surface for about 10 minutes, until smooth and elastic. Return it to the bowl and pour the remaining tablespoon of oil on it, rolling it in the bowl until it is oiled and glossy all over. Cover the dough with a tea towel or plastic wrap and leave in a warm place for 1½ hours, or until doubled in size.

Divide the dough into 10 equal portions, then roll the rounds out on an oiled work surface as thinly as possible. Pull and stretch the rounds out to make the pancakes even thinner.

Place an oiled frying pan over medium heat. Fry the rounds one at a time for about 2 minutes, or until lightly coloured underneath, then turn them over and cook the other side.

To keep the pancakes soft and pliable, cover them with a cloth, placing each new one under the previous one (they harden quickly on cooling). You can reheat them in the oven, if necessary, as long as you wrap them in foil first. But you must definitely eat them warm, copiously buttered and honeyed.



Congratulations Matzah Balls!

Matzah Balls Win It All!

By Aaron Seligman

After our close defeat in the first basketball championship game (spoiler alert, we came back and won it all the second time around in a thrilling 36–35 comeback victory, see the picture), the lead referee came up to us and said, "Congrats on a terrific season. You guys played great, and you were fun, respectful, and we really enjoyed working with you. That's not true of all teams, but it definitely was with you."

His quote stuck with me for three reasons. First, I realized we needed to teach the referee some Yiddish. He could have just said succinctly, "mazel tov. everyone on your team is a mensch." Second, I was amazed I had even heard it, despite still stinging from the loss. Finally, I remember it because it really did capture why I'm proud to be a Matzah Ball for the Jewish Federation.

I've played kickball, flag football, volleyball, and now basketball. Each season has brought some new teammates – those brand new to Madison and others with plenty of experience – and new venues. But every Matzah Ball team is consistent. We play hard, and we're actually pretty good. We have fun playing and are genuinely nice people. Other teams seem to yell a lot at the referees or at each other. We yell *for* each other. I realize that sounds great, but it hasn't been without challenges. Explaining the kickball rules to an Israeli sounds a lot more like the start to a Passover seder than a sporting event. When you think about it, why do you tag up, or force-out in some situations but not others? We take the games seriously, but not ourselves.

Why am I a Matzah Ball? Again, three reasons. First, as a young parent, I like spending my (limited) me-time with fun and welcoming people, many of whom have become friends off the field/court/diamond. Second, as a sports fan and competitor, I like the variety of sports and opportunities to play, whether anyone is good or not. And finally, as a Federation board member, I'm proud of the reputation we're making for ourselves in the community.

So, come play with us, or cheer for us at one of our games. Flag football starts soon. Plus, I hear they're opening a biergarten at Olbrich Park.



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Camp Corner

There's No Place Like Shalom



Moving On and Coming Home

By Ellen Weismer

Camp Director

In the spring of 1999, I had a life-changing job interview. It was the summer before my senior year at UW and I can still remember what I wore, and borrowing a friend's car and driving "all the way" out to the west side of Madison to interview with Dina Weinbach and Lisa Friend-Kalupa. At the time, I was interviewing for the assistant director of programming position. From the moment I walked into the office I knew it was a job I wanted. Camp Shalom was my first true love!

I will never forget that first summer. It was the last summer at Olin Park and the first time I understood what SHALOM truly means; and my love for Camp Shalom has only grown since. I was the assistant director of programming until 2004, when I became the first director of the "new" Camp Shalom Bogrim (now Noar-Bogrim) and then the director of Shalom from 2006–2008. When I became the program director for the Jewish Federation of Madison in 2012, I was excited to be able to work closely with camp again. And for the past five years, Ari Davidson, Lisa Friend-Kalupa, the camp staff and I have worked as a team to build and develop camp. Ari has decided to move on to his next adventure in graduate school and we are so thrilled for him. I also realized that there's no place like Shalom…so I am excited to be back as the director this summer. I look forward to extending the work I do with Shalom into the summer, to be back at the Goodman Campus with your amazing campers every day and to be able to work closely and mentor the fabulous Camp Shalom staff.

This summer we plan to continue the awesome programming you know and love and to add some new features into the Camp Shalom day. We will have more specialized programming throughout the summer, theme days and a new waterfront staff. There will be Maccabiah and Carnival, Israel programming and dancing and of course CHUGIM (pronounced *hoo-gueem*). If you haven't registered for camp, you can do it online at www.JewishMadison.org.



Get Ready for Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim

Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim is just around the corner and we are looking forward to another great summer for campers entering 6th–9th grades! During our Yitzeerah specialty block, we will once again offer campers the opportunity to explore photography, film editing, DIY activities, sports, and a range of other opportunities that represent the collective talents and imaginations of our 2017 staff! We are working to bring in some guest specialists as well – having a guest specialist who can offer campers the opportunity to work with clay has become a popular staple of our summer! During the main part of the day, campers can expect choices between a variety of off-site programming and on-site programming. We will have new theme days for those on-site as well, and we are working on bringing back Bubble Soccer and the Boulders Climbing Wall for campers who like to keep active! Off-site, campers will have the opportunity to enjoy water and paddle sports, try their hand (or rather, their feet) at log rolling, and hike in our beautiful state parks. There will be new scavenger hunts, new activities and new bike trips in addition to the old favorites. One opportunity we hope to offer this summer is the opportunity to try out some of the area mountain bike trails and some of the new recreation spots in and around Madison.

Due to the timing of the 4th of July, we will be doing our first session overnights during the second, rather than the third week of that session. Our entire camp will spend a day at Mt. Olympus, and then our 9th graders will continue on to Camp Chi for a three night overnight, where they will have the opportunity to enjoy some wonderful activities at Camp Chi and in the greater Wisconsin Dells area! We are hoping for great weather for our 9th graders, and for our 6th–8th grade campers who will head off-site for an overnight later that week!

Each session features one day-long, camp-wide extravaganza. We will be enjoying our second annual Messtival! during the first session, and the 25th annual Maccabiah during the second! Some of our favorite moments of the summer happen on these days, and we are already working on how to make them the best days ever!

To the campers who are new to us this summer – and to those who are returning to us this summer – we wish you all a great close to your school year. Camp will be here before you know it, and we can't wait to see you!

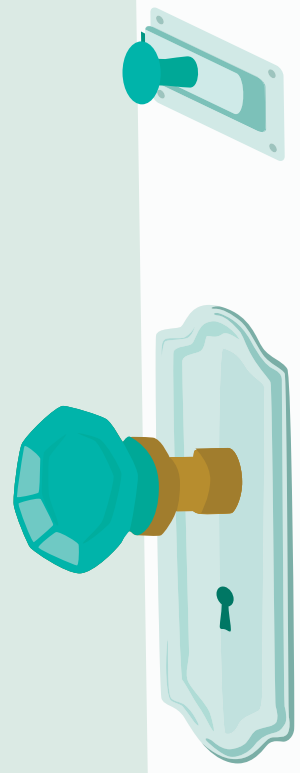




HAPPY PASSOVER

Every Passover Elijah has a standing invitation. No matter what. We open our door. Set a place at our table. And fill his cup. This year, let's do the same for those in need. No matter what.

When you give to the Jewish Federation of Madison you are helping your Jewish community at home and around the world. And you are opening up our Jewish future too.



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