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Madison Schools Adopt Policy for Religious Accommodations

During the 2014-2015 school year, Dina Weinbach, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, worked on a special committee with staff from the Madison Metropolitan School District and people from different faith communities to review and develop recommendations for the Madison School Board in regard to the Religious Accommodation Policy 4039. The committee suggested changes for this policy that reverted back to the language that served the district very well for the better part of three decades. The School Board approved the recommended changes on May 18, 2015, and the new policy went into effect on July 1, 2015. It applies to all students in Madison schools. (Verona and Middleton/Cross Plains have similar policies.)

This policy guides schools in scheduling student activities. It names specific religious "observances" as likely to "impact attendance" and directs that tests, field trips, sports events and similar activities should not conflict with those observances. For other occasions it provides privacy for students requesting accommodation, plus a complaint process in case a student or family finds a proposed accommodation unsatisfactory. The full text appears below.

In case of violation of the new policy, Jewish Federation of Madison recommends the following steps for students/parent/guardians:

1) Talk with the teacher, advisor, coach, etc.

2) Talk with the Principal

3) Contact Dina Weinbach, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, to report the incident and to ask for assistance [if needed]. Email: dina@JewishMadison.org or call 608-278-1808.

Madison Metropolitan School District Policy 4039
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

1. The District shall provide for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with

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Jay Loewi of QTI Group to Speak at Jewish Business and Professional Roundtable

Join us for lunch and hear our special guest speaker, Jay Loewi, Chief Executive Officer of the QTI Group. He has over thirty years of business experience as an entrepreneur, strategic leader and general business advisor. Prior to his leadership position in the QTI Group, Jay led the operations of a local food products company and held a leading financial role with a major bank.

Jay is a native of the Milwaukee area and received a bachelor's degree in accounting from UW-Madison. In 2004 he was featured as a member of the In Business Inaugural Executive Hall of Fame.

He is a member of the Board of Directors for many other companies and organizations including the Greater Madison Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Dane County, Boys and Girls Club, Camp Manitowish YMCA and Southern Wisconsin Workforce Development Board. Additionally, Jay serves on the Board of Regents for the Milwaukee School of Engineering and on the Board of Visitors for the Waisman Center.



Jay Loewi

Lunch Meeting: Tuesday, August 11- Noon-1:30pm

Location: Nakoma Golf Club, 4145 Country Club Road

Cost: $25 per person

RSVP at wwwJewishMadison.org or email Lynn Kaplan at LKaplan@jewishmadison.org

JFMIP Innovation Panel Request for Proposals

Calling All Jewish Social Entrepreneurs!

The Jewish Federation of Madison Innovation Panel (JFMIP) is pleased to announce that we are accepting proposals for new, **innovative** Jewish community projects by **September 3, 2015**. Supported by a board-designated endowment fund created by an anonymous bequest, JFMIP will award up to $28,000 annually to deserving, creative initiatives for Madison's Jewish community. This fund will be available until 2016, before it may be re-directed by Jewish Federation of Madison Board of Directors. Grants will be made on a semi-annual basis. The fifth proposal-cycle deadline is September 3, 2015. Submissions are due by 5:00 pm CST on Thursday, September 3, 2015 and should be submitted electronically to dina@jewishmadison.org. A sixth round of submissions will be accepted in March, 2016.

The JFMIP is chaired by Deborah Minkoff, with members appointed to serve on an annual basis. The panel will read all applications, evaluate and rate each one according to the established criteria, then prioritize for approval by the Executive Committee of the Federation. Recipients will be presented to the Board of Directors prior to a public announcement.

Applicants are welcome to share their proposal ideas with a panel member by

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Create a Jewish Legacy

We are thrilled with the number of people who have already chosen to create a Jewish Legacy in Madison!

You can help us to honor the past 75 years of Jewish community in Madison by laying the groundwork for our future. Creating a Jewish legacy empowers you to support the Jewish causes you care about. All of us, regardless of age, wealth or affiliation, can help secure our people's traditions, promote Jewish values and create a strong future for generations to come.

The Jewish Federation of Madison is asking for 75 people to sign the Declaration of Intent (on the back page of this issue) to create a Jewish Legacy. Please read it and consider signing and returning it to the Federation.

Help us to reach our goal by being one of the 75!

Thank you!

Be one of the 75! Please see the back page for your Declaration of Intent form or go to www.JewishMadison.org and sign there!

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

■ Your business name and logo will be prominently displayed on the Jewish Federation website homepage. Your business logo will also link to your website.

■ Your business will be featured in an individual recognition announcement in every issue of *the Madison Jewish News,* which has a monthly circulation of 2,600 households and 6,000 individuals. The announcement will be given preferred placement and run in full color in the first few pages of the newspaper. The announcement will also include a photo of your choice, which you can change as often as you choose.

■ 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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At the platinum level, your business will receive exclusive sponsorship rights for the entire website within your business category. Therefore your organization will be the only website sponsor within your area of business.

At the platinum and gold levels, your business will receive larger logo displays on the website homepage and larger newspaper recognition announcements.

For information about becoming a website sponsor,
contact Tiz Goff, Community Outreach Coordinator,
773-620-4404 or outreach@jewishmadison.org





SUMMER FAMILY EDUCATION EVENTS

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

Family Education Lesson of the Month ...

What's an Oneg? Oneg Shabbat (Hebrew: "Joy of Sabbath"), informal Sabbath gathering to express outwardly the happiness inherent in the Sabbath holiday. Now more social than religious, the group entertains itself with music, drama, community discussions, lectures, or the singing of religious melodies—all in keeping with the biblical injunction, "and call the Sabbath a delight" *(Isaiah 58:13)*.

Join us for an Oneg Shabbat in the park on Saturday, August 29th, 12:30- 2pm.
Meet by the shoe-slide in Vilas Park. Snacks and stories will be provided. Please RSVP if you can to Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org



Oodles of fun at the Goodman Aquatic Center this summer!

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

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Thank you to all the individuals and businesses who donated to the Camp Shalom 2015 Scholarship Fund. We reached our goal thanks to the generosity of many. Throughout the six decade history of Camp Shalom we have never had to deny a child a summer camp experience because of financial need. Thank you for helping us to continue this tradition.



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Policy

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regard to all examinations and other academic requirements.

2. Any student or any parent or guardian of any minor student may request an accommodation under this Policy. The student's school shall provide a reasonable means by which a student exercising his/her sincerely held religious beliefs will be permitted to make up an examination or other academic requirements at another time or by an alternative means without prejudicial effect. Under no circumstances shall a teacher deduct points or lower a grade on a test, assignment or other class requirement because a student has requested and received an accommodation pursuant to this policy.

3. District staff shall handle all such requests confidentially. Any staff member who receives or becomes involved, on a need-to-know basis, in responding to a request for an accommodation under this policy, or in responding to any formal complaint, shall treat the request/complaint as a confidential matter involving student records.

4. A student or parent or guardian of a minor student with a need for an accommodation under this Policy shall be permitted to seek such an accommodation by directly contacting the building PRINCIPAL or his/her designee. Excluding unexpected emergencies and conflicts that cannot reasonably be identified in advance, a request for an accommodation shall be submitted (generally, in writing) in advance of the date of the exam or the due date of any other academic requirement.

5. If the student or parent/guardian is not satisfied with the accommodation proposed/offered by the student's school, or otherwise has an unresolved concern arising under this Policy, the student or parent/guardian may file a formal complaint with the District. This Policy incorporates the complaint procedure identified in Board Policy 8012. Any complaint of a student or parent or guardian of a minor student arising under this Policy may be filed and appealed as provided in Board Policy 8012 with respect to student discrimination complaints arising under ch. PI 9 and Wisconsin Statute § 118.13.

6. Annual written notification of this Policy and the related Complaint procedure shall be provided to all students, the parent or guardian of minor students, and instructors.

7. Prior to the beginning of each school year, the SUPERINTENDENT or his/her designee shall distribute a calendar to all schools containing a list of religious and cultural days of importance of which school staff must be considerate when scheduling exams and activities to the extent practicable.

In order to ensure that all students and families have the opportunity to participate in school activities, extracurricular and cocurricular activities and special events, the SUPERINTENDENT or his/her designee shall also distribute a shorter list of "Observances That May Impact Attendance." Schools shall avoid scheduling exams, athletic events/contests and other special events, such as assemblies, field trips, and back-to-school nights, on days identified as "Observances That May Impact Attendance." The list of "Observances That May Impact Attendance" shall be:

Rosh Hashanah
Yom Kippur

Easter
Christmas

Eid-al-fitr
Eid-al-Adha

Birth of Baha'u'llah
Naw Ruz

This policy applies only to events scheduled at the school level or by the school DISTRICT. It does not apply to participation in events the scheduling of which is outside of the control of the school DISTRICT; however, with respect to such events, accommodations shall be made for students who exercise their sincerely held religious beliefs.

No student shall be penalized in any manner because the student requested and received an accommodation pursuant to this policy.

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JFMIP

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August 7, 2015. The panel member will be happy to work with applicants prior to the deadline. If interested, please email dina@jewishmadison.org.

JFMIP is charged with identifying and investing in creative, innovative, new programs and organizations that have the potential for community impact. JFMIP supports programs based in the greater Madison area.

For more information, criteria and guidelines, please visit JewishMadison.org or email Dina at dina@jewishmadison.org.

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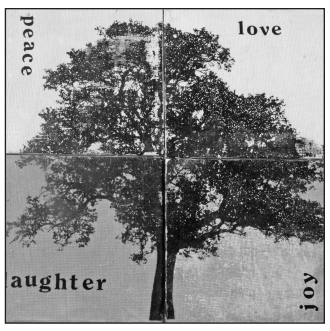
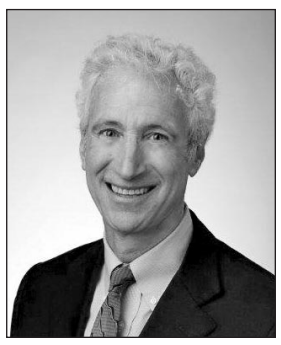
Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS

Let's Paint! Adults Night Out
Monday, August 3rd at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 Country Road PD, Verona



Learn to paint/print transfer and create a stunning piece of art to take home. Light refreshments served. $25 per person. Open to adults ages 21+.

Jewish Business & Professional Roundtable
Tuesday, August 11th, 2015 at 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Nakoma Golf Club, 4145 Country Club Road, Madison



Join us for lunch with our guest speaker, Jay Loewi, Chief Executive Officer of QTI Group

Cost: $25 per person

Register at www.jewishmadison.org or email Lynn Kaplan at LKaplan@jewishmadison.org

Yad B'Yad (Hand In Hand) Playgroup
Fridays, August 12th and 26th at 10:00AM - 11:30AM



Join us for this free traveling playgroup for children ages 0-2 and their caregivers!

For location, contact Tiz (773) 620-4404 or outreach@jewishmadison.org

Co-Ed Kickball Team
Join Our Team ~ The Matzah Balls
When: Games are Thursdays - 6:30, 7:30, or 8:30 pm
August 20th (first game) thru mid-October
Where: Demetral Field, 601 North Sixth Street, Madison



Looking to make friends, keep active, and be part of a team? We are searching for people to be on our adult co-ed kickball team through Madison Sports and Social Club.

Cost: $30 (+ $2 transaction fee) per person (includes 100% cotton team t-shirt)*

For more information and to register contact Tiz Goff at (773) 620-4404 or outreach@jewishmadison.org (payment deadline is Wednesday, August 12th)

Goodman Aquatic Center is Open!
Goodman Jewish Community Campus, 7762 County Highway PD, Verona

Enjoy the beautiful 5,500 square foot outdoor pool, nestled in the scenic Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona. Open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On weekdays the community is generally invited to swim from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., after Camp Shalom hours. There are extended weekday hours at other times throughout the summer.



Also, early morning lap swimming is available through August 26th, Mondays & Wednesdays at 6:00 am - 8:00 am.

Gan HaYeled Parent Orientation
Thursday, August 27th, 2015 at 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm



Orientation for all families who will have children attending Gan HaYeled Preschool this fall. Stay tuned for more detailed information.

Shabbat Oneg in the Park
Saturday, August 29th, 2015 at 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm



Join us for an Oneg Shabbat in the park. Meet by the shoeslide in Vilas Park. Snacks and stories will be provided. Please RSVP to Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org

Schmooze and Tunes
Fridays, September 11th - December 4th, 2015 at 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Jewish Federation of Madison, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

Weekly music classes for very young children, between the ages of 3 months – 3 years, and their caregivers. Each week, following the music portion of class, we have schmoozing time and a delicious, homemade challah snack. This is a great way to meet other families and introduce your children to Jewish friendships that may last a lifetime!

Register online at www.jewishmadison.org or for more information, contact Rachel at gan@jewishmadison.org or (608) 278-1808.



75th Diamond Gala
Saturday, October 17th, 2015 at 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Mariott West, 1313 John Q Hammons Drive, Middleton

Save the date! Join the Jewish Federation of Madison to celebrate 75 years. More details and registration coming soon.

New Outreach Activities are Happening!

Some of the best ideas for Outreach events and things to do with our Jewish newcomers come from community members! THANK YOU! A Jewish friend sent me information on an 11:35am Mallards baseball game for a day when Camp Shalom wasn't in session. Genius! As a result, 19 Jewish fans together saw the Mallards play on July 13th. The affordable tickets included a hat, food and serious entertainment on a sunny day.

And guess what? The adult co-ed kickball team, Matzah Balls, was another suggestion from our community. The team is filling up, but there is time to let me know if you'd like to join us for some social fun while keeping active.

Finally, painting events are very popular. Can you guess what happened? Yes, another community member suggested a painting event for our community. On August 3rd at 7-9pm our Jewish community will have the opportunity to paint and use a print transfer to create a beautiful Tree of Life painting. Register at JewishMadison.org.

Please keep the ideas flowing on how to reach out to Jewish members of our community just waiting for the right event to get them involved and engaged! Please contact Tiz Goff at outreach@jewishmadison.org or 773-620-4404.



The Goff family at the "Duck Pond."



Mallard mascot with fans Ann Imig (middle row) and sons, Max and Elliott (front row) along with Eliana and Nathan Goff (back row).

Practice the Mitzvah of Hachnasat Orchim (Welcoming Guests)

Want to host our new Shlichim for a kosher or vegetarian meal in August or September? Or take them on a tour and teach them about Madison? Contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org or 608-278-1808 to make arrangements.

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Shalom from the New Shlichim!

Shalom! We are Shirly and Daniel, your new Shlichim. Daniel will work mainly at the Jewish Federation of Madison with community programs and Shirly will be working primarily at UW Hillel.

So the countdown is coming to an end. All of the boxes are packed and we are almost ready to start our adventure on Shlichut in Madison.

This will be the first time for us to live in the USA and there are no words that can explain how excited we are for the experiences we are about to have. We can't wait to meet you all!

We both were born in Israel and met through a good mutual friend. We got married two and a half years ago and have been living in Jerusalem in a cute apartment.

Below we have taken some time to tell you about ourselves…each through our spouse's words ☺

Let me tell you about my red-headed husband – Daniel is 28 years old and was born and raised in the city of Bnei-Brak. After he finished his army service he got a B.E.D and started to teach history, Hebrew and bible studies. He is a professional tour guide specializing in Jerusalem. He has many hobbies, such as playing the guitar and painting on canvas, and is just a great handyman for all the things that need to be done. He has a great sense of humor and is outgoing and just a great people-person.

Let me tell you about my other half, Shirly – She is one of a kind; you will know what I mean when you meet her. She was raised in Jerusalem by a Spanish mother and an Israeli father. Because of her Spanish background, she spent her national service as a Counselor on the gap year program in Israel. She is now in the middle of getting an MA in conflict resolution at the Hebrew University. During her studies she worked as a writer for an Israeli newspaper and in the Menachem Begin Heritage Center. Between studying, working and having a social life, she also volunteered as the spokesperson of 'Wakeup,' a Jerusalem-based political social organization with the aim to promote Jerusalem to become a more pluralistic place. Shirly also has many hobbies, such as love for dancing (which she is AWESOME at), and she loves to learn about new places and and cultures. She may seem very Israeli but can't stand even the smell of hummus.

We started to settle in Jerusalem so living in the USA will be an interesting experience. We expect to learn another perspective of the Jewish way of life, get the opportunity to share our Israeli experience and create an ongoing relationship with your community. Moving to the United States and joining your community is something we are looking forward to. We are eager to learn and get a new perspective on the Jewish way of life.

Just a little bit longer and we will be there. Save the date for our arrival on Aug. 9th!

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:
Janis Ada, daughter of Rachel and Jared Cordasco;
Harrison Jay, son of Krista Sterken and Zach Galin; and
Charlie Danger Naaman, son of Brittney and Michael Naaman.

Mazel Tov on the engagement of:
Talia Karasov, daughter of Corlis and Bill Karasov, to Michael Werner.

Mazel Tov on the marriage of:
Lee Bernfeld, son of Lauri Roman and Jack Bernfeld, and grandson of Sarah Bernfeld, to Darcy Foreman; and
Gisela Mulhern, daughter of Barbara and Richard Mulhern, to Vincent Small.

Condolences to the families of:
Mary Cohen, grandmother of Stephanie (Brian) Kirklin;
Gary B. Seltzer, father of Beth (Arie) Moszkowicz, Rebecca Seltzer (Harry Schwartzman), and brother of Debra Seltzer (Charles Altman);
Howard Scharfman, father of Paul (Vicki Semo) Scharfman;
Feliks Gerchikov, husband of Galina and father of Viktoria Danilova;
Craig Dixon, brother of Neil (Brie) Dixon and uncle of Alex Fritz and Arian Dixon;
Rose Greenfield, mother of Gerry Greenfield (Lauren Meyers);
Jules Last, husband of Marilyn, brother-in-law of Nena (Tom) Dyher;
Robert Littky, father of Wendi (Craig) Joseph; and
Louis Rada, father of Lou (Lisa) Rada and grandfather of Hahna Rada.

Mayrent Institute Now Home to Oldest Surviving Cylinder Recordings of Yiddish Music



MADISON - The Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture has acquired the twelve earliest known cylinder recordings of Yiddish music, released c.1901 by the one-time Chicago-based Thomas Lambert Company. The recordings enhance the Institute's offerings in combination with the Mayrent Collection of Yiddish Recordings, a repository of over 9,000 78rpm recordings of Yiddish and Jewish music, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Mills Music Library.

These rarest of earliest American recordings trace Yiddish theater's journey from its European provenance to its reinvention as a major American venue. "Rozhinkes mit Mandlen" ("Raisins and Almonds"), the evergreen lullaby composed in 1880s Romania by the father of the Yiddish theater, Abraham Goldfaden, and recorded six years before his death in the New World, echoes continuity, while others of the two-minute recordings clue us in to the diversity of the Yiddish stage's pioneer participants.

The remarkable sound quality of the recordings is due to the transfer skills of the historian/sound engineer/collector David Giovannoni (UW-Madison, 1980), who made the collection available. It is also thanks to the pristine condition of their original celluloid surface, and to its inventor.

In 1900, Thomas Lambert began recording on celluloid, an early form of plastic that produced superior sound and resiliency. Unlike Thomas Edison's 1877 invention — metal followed by wax cylinders that could be played only a handful of times before wearing out — Lambert's cylinders were labeled "Indestructible." He, unfortunately, was not; frivolous patent infringement lawsuits initiated by Edison drove Lambert out of business by 1906.

In the end the Thomas Lambert Company's 1008-song catalog came to reflect mainstream popular music. Yet half of its first releases — some forty in all — were Yiddish. The extant dozen has found its rightful home. The Institute is cooperating with Grammy Award-winning Archeophone Records, which will reissue the recordings later this year under the title Attractive Hebrews: The Thomas Lambert Yiddish Cylinders 1901-1904.

Mayrent Institute founding Director Henry Sapoznik says, "We are profoundly grateful to Archeophone Records for inviting me to produce a reissue of these precious recordings. Our leadership in preserving Yiddish heritage pairs brilliantly with Archeophone's skill in the reissue market of ancient audio. The result will be a top-flight production that looks and sounds great and puts the recordings in their proper historical context."

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

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Ken and Dee Stein

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In honor of Ken Stein's birthday
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In honor of Barbara Simon's birthday
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Judy Pierotti
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Louise Root-Robbins and Ken Robbins
Hannah, Francie and Shira

Mazel tov on the birth of Sydney Palay
Marla and Larry Frank

In memory of Fred Boris, husband of Lee Ann Boris
Bettine and Dan Lipman

In memory of Louis Rada
The Ginny Graff family

Center for Jewish Studies Presents Symposium with Tel Aviv University

From August 31 to September 1, the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and Tel Aviv University's Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies will present a symposium with Tel Aviv University.

The symposium is part of an innovative, multi-year collaboration that was made possible through the vision and generosity of Debra and Richard Sincere (BA '75), a UW alumnus who spent his junior year at Tel Aviv University. The first symposium of the exchange, on the subject of "Religion and the Public Sphere in the Contemporary Middle East," took place in Tel Aviv in November 2014.

This year's symposium, which will take place on the UW–Madison campus, builds upon the momentum of the previous year and provides important opportunities for interdisciplinary exchange among faculty, graduate students and postdocs from both institutions. Highlights of the program include evening lectures by distinguished scholars. Michael Walzer, professor emeritus at Princeton's Institute for Advanced Study, will present a public lecture based on his most recent book, *The Paradox of Liberation*, on Monday, August 31. Uzi Rabi, director of the Dayan Center, will give a talk entitled "Israel and Iran: Challenges and Chances" on Tuesday, September 1.

The daytime program features research presentations by over a dozen scholars from UW–Madison and Tel Aviv University, as well as notable guests from other institutions in the Midwest, including Roberta Kwall, a professor of law at DePaul University; Yael Aronoff, director of Jewish Studies at Michigan State University and an associate professor at James Madison College; Joel Berkowitz, director of the Sam and Helen Stahl Center for Jewish Studies at UW-Milwaukee; and Lisa Silverman, an associate professor of History and Jewish Studies at UW-Milwaukee. The speakers cover wide areas of research, and their talks will focus on several common themes, including memory, labor movements, anti-Semitism, and Jewish law.

The symposium with Tel Aviv University will take place from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31 and Tuesday, September 1 at the DeLuca Forum of the Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery (330 N. Orchard St.). All presentations are free and open to the public. The community is especially encouraged to attend public lectures by Michael Walzer (Monday, 8/31 at 7:00 p.m.) and Uzi Rabi (Tuesday, 9/1 at 7:00 p.m.). For a complete schedule and up-to-date program information, please visit http://jewishstudies.wisc.edu/events/telaviv/, or call the Center for Jewish Studies at 608-265-4763.

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Beth Israel Center

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Beginning this Fall, the renowned Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning will be offered at Beth Israel Center. This pluralistic Jewish learning program goes far beyond one-shot lectures or short-term seminars, challenging adult 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.

The local faculty will be Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. Classes will meet most Sunday mornings from October 11, 2015 through May 22, 2016. Thanks to an Innovation Grant from Jewish Federation of Madison, Madison students will pay only $265 for the first year, plus the cost of the reader. Regular tuition is $500 per year. To register, go to www.events.com/melton-madison. Space is limited.

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. The programs listed below are offered at no charge.

Except where noted, programs are held at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street. Sunday through Friday, please enter from the parking lot (off Randall). On Shabbat morning and other times when we gather in the main sanctuary or social hall, you may enter from Mound Street or the parking lot.

Highlights from our August calendar:

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Picnic

Friday, August 21
Hoyt Park, 3902 Regent Street

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors. Services begin at 5:45 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. Can't make it on August 21? We'll do it one more time this summer, on September 11.

Torah & Mindfulness

Thursdays, August 13 and 27
7:30-9:00pm

The Torah & Mindfulness program that began this spring at Beth Israel Center is continuing through the summer and into the fall. Come on select Thursday evenings for mindfulness practice and discussion of *This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared* by Rabbi Alan Lew. Attendance at all sessions is not required. All are welcome.

Saturday, September 19
2:00-5:00pm

Also part of the Torah & Mindfulness program, this Shabbat afternoon mindfulness retreat will build on the group's discussions of *This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared: The Days of Awe as a Journey of Transformation*, by Rabbi Alan Lew. The retreat will include opportunities for practice, and Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon will teach about mindfulness, Yom Kippur liturgy, and the theology of The High Holidays. The retreat is co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

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.

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@tbemadison.org for membership information.

Summer Office Hours: 8:30am-4pm M-TH; 8:30am-2pm Friday.

Picnic Shabbat on our Terrace

August 7
5:30pm—Pre-Shabbat Nosh
6pm— Shabbat Service
7pm— Picnic Dinner

Bring your own or order a box picnic dinner through Temple, from Panera, for $10 each. Visit our website on the Events page for the Panera options and to register. RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org.

Children's Services

10:30am Saturdays, August 8 and 29

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 two Saturdays in August. Babies, toddlers and preschoolers should bring their grown-ups with them. Grown-ups are optional for school-age children. Visitors are always welcome!

Shabbat Honoring our Seniors

Friday, August 14

The Madison Jewish Community is invited to a Special Early Shabbat Service & Dinner Honoring Our Seniors! All events will take place in the Swarsensky Social Hall, Temple Beth El. Homemade kugel and desserts. Everyone, of any age, is invited to join us!

5:45pm RECEPTION

6:00pm SHABBAT SERVICE with Rabbi Biatch — open to all, no reservation required

6:30pm DINNER — Brisket (or veggie entrée), kugel, salad, challah, and homemade desserts. Reservations are required for dinner. $6 for seniors, $10 for non-seniors. Transportation provided as needed if notified no later than 1pm on Friday, August 7. Register for dinner by Friday, August 7. Contact Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org or register online.

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel Film Series

Temple Beth El Kesher Israel film series will be starting a five film series in August. All films are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Doors open at 7:00pm, with movies beginning at 7:15pm. Israeli snacks provided.

Wednesday, August 19, "Jaffa"
Wednesday, September 16, "Lady in Number 6"
Wednesday, October 21, "Munich"
Wednesday, November 18, "Ruth"
Wednesday, December 16, "Noodle"

Madison's Jews' Next Dor Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, August 20 at 7pm
Check our website for location.

Hungry and ready to mingle? All 20-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 engage@tbemadison.org.

Join us for High Holy Days

Check out our High Holy Day season of events including apple picking, Family Yoga, as well as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services at http://www.templebethelmadison.org/high-holy-days-2015-5776/. We will begin blowing the shofar at our Friday evening services starting August 21. High Holy Day entry cards for services are available for $75/holiday per adult for non-members. For more information or to purchase entry cards, or to join our community, please contact David Hoffert, Executive Director at 608-238-3123 or executive@tbemadison.org.

The Selichot Experience

Saturday, September 5

7:15pm Film and High Holy Day Learning with Rabbi Biatch "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" MPA Rating R

9:15pm Ice Cream Social

10:00pm Selichot Service with changing of the Torah covers

High Holy Day Fair & Welcome Nicole Jahr, our new Director of Lifelong Learning

Sunday, September 6

9:15am — Informal Meet and Greet with Nicole Jahr

9:30am — "Walking the Path" Activities for Families & Adult Expeditions with Rabbi Biatch. Join us for crafts, foods and learning to help us prepare for the High Holy Days including an opportunity to put your aspirations for the new year in the ark.

10:35am — Welcome Ceremony for Nicole Jahr

10:50am — Lunch

Please RSVP by August 28, online or to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org.

Gift Shop will be open from 9:15am — 11:30am

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Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays, August 8 and 22
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On August 8, Torah study begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Shabbat services at 10:30 a.m. and a Kiddush lunch in honor of Jean Weissburg's 80th birthday at 12:30 p.m. On August 22, Dagan Lander Fishbain becomes a bar mitzvah; services begin at 9:30 a.m., and a Kiddush lunch will be held at 11:45 a.m.

Bagels in the Park: For Parents Looking for A Children's Education Program

Sunday, August 30
Vilas Park (meet at the shoe)
9:30 a.m.
Rain Location: Café Zuzu, at the corner of Drake and Randall

Meet with Rabbi Laurie and members of the children's education committee to learn about our children's education program. Kids can play while adults drink coffee and chat about Jewish education at Shaarei Shamayim.

Join our Bet Sefer (Children's Education Program) Community!

Shaarei Shamayim has a lively, creative school that combines traditional and progressive approaches in a learning environment that is meaningful and fun. Each student is encouraged to think, question critically, and interact with respect and kindness. We have created a vibrant community at our school; we go on field trips, volunteer at local organizations and celebrate Shabbat and other holidays together. We teach Jewish values and texts through lessons that are tailored for children's individual needs, and we incorporate dance, music, storytelling, arts and crafts, and drama into our curriculum in order to reinforce and enrich the subject matter. For further information, please email our school's Director, Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman, at rabbi@shamayim.org or call her at 608-257-2944.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Celebrates 25 Years; Welcomes New Torah into the Community



Above, Eli Judge won the honor of filling in a letter of the Torah with Soferet Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli.



Judith Zukerman Kaufman completes the last letter of the Torah.

The last weekend of June was a joyful celebration for Madison's youngest synagogue. In addition to celebrating its 25th anniversary, members of the community completed the last seven letters on its new Torah, generously funded by the Goodman Foundation and written by Soferet Yonah Lavery-Yisraeli, one of only a handful of women Torah scribes.

Photos by Lisa Hampstead.

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 August 26 at Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street as we continue our unique series of dialogues moderated by a professional mediator using materials from the Jewish Dialogue Group. All of the remaining sessions of this year are open to all. We also welcome people to join more than one as space permits.

Dates for the rest of the year, all from 7:00-9:00 p.m. – mark your calendars for September 9, October 28, November 11, and December 14.

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, and UW Hillel.

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

Join the Mad Town Jewish Teen Volunteer Program

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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, 2015, 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.

Looking for a Children's Education Program?
Create community with us.

Shaarei Shamayim's Bet Sefer program links Jewish life and learning, builds Jewish identity, and instills a sense of curiosity in Jewish traditions and social justice. Our kids learn how to think critically and creatively while connecting with the past and finding meaning in their world.

Learn more over bagels at Vilas Park.
Sunday, August 30 – 9:30 a.m.
Contact us at office@shamayim.org or 257-2944 for more information.

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That's how volunteer Karen Sielaff describes Lechayim, which meets on most Mondays during the academic year. While we seek a weekly commitment, we are very flexible and accommodate volunteers' appointments, work schedules, emergencies, vacations and extended time away during the winter.

Volunteers set up, serve, clear, welcome participants, lead Yoga from a Chair or take blood pressures, socialize with participants and make sure that everyone feels welcome and included. Volunteers arrive at different times and stay for varying amounts of time within the 11:00-2:00 time frame, depending on their tasks; most volunteers do not stay the whole time. Training is provided in preventing cross-contamination, emergency procedures, customer service and other topics.

The first Lechayim this fall is on September 21, 2015. You can read more Lechayim volunteers' comments at www.jssmadison.org/volunteer/volunteer-projects.

Volunteer Program and Senior Group Program Specialist

Jewish Social Services (JSS) is looking for a dynamic individual to lead our agency's volunteer program and develop and implement our senior group programs. The position is responsible for developing volunteer activities, recruiting, screening, scheduling, training and supervising volunteers for all programs. In addition, as the Senior Group Programs Specialist, this person will staff various programming committees as well as be responsible for designing, marketing, coordinating and implementing all senior group programs.

Self-motivation, attention to detail and excellent organizational and inter-personal skills are a must; volunteer management and group programming experience recommended.

This is a full-time position that reports to the Executive Director. Position requires travel in personal vehicle; valid driver license required.

A more complete job description can be found on our website at www.jssmadison.org.

Levy 2015 Summer Series

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

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11:30am-2:00pm | Check-in begins at 11:00am | Cost per event $14

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

Levy Summer Series Registration

(Or register online at www.jssmadison.org)

Please check which day(s) you will be attending, and meal preference. All events are $14 per person. Please list the names of your guests and their meal preference. Reservations are due a week in advance.

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

NAME:	FISH	VEG
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Making Connections Through Partnership Together

By Judith Herstand

Editor's note: Visiting artists from the Partnership Together (P2G) program were at the Jewish Federation of Madison's Hava Nagila Picnic on June 28th. Thanks to Judith for sharing her story about the connections she discovered. P2G is designed to cultivate people-to-people relationships, projects and professional programs.

Meeting Assiya at our 2015 Hava Nagila gathering was like meeting my long lost family from afar! Pure excitement!

Upon urging from Racheli to go and meet the visiting artists, first I walked up with my plate of Shashukah to this gorgeous woman Assiya, an Artist of Hamsa's introducing myself as Judie, 100% Sephardi & 100% Ashkenazi; I was asked by Racheli to introduce myself to you!

Assiya, with her lively spirit responded, "Me too!" She was sure to tell me she's Greek from Sephard/EsSpainia! I asked, "From where in Greece?" She replied, "Salonika!" I said, "Ooh la la, I was there!"

She proceeded to question me of my origin. She told me her birth name was Pardo, I responded we're family. But, of course we're all family when it comes to connecting to Israel, how silly of me. She continued to ask me questions while her other visiting artist friend told her, " Let her eat." Honestly, who wanted to eat? Sharing the joys of reconnecting, I had no appetite!

She asked me where I've lived in the states. I told her Michigan, she said, "Me too"! Now, we've got the 100% Sephardi and 100% Ashkenazi thing going, on, we've both lived in Michigan (always another great connection), we're probably related via our Pardo heritage family name too. I told her I was related to Stami Pardo, and when she told me her father was Haim Pardo, the mystery and loving connections were just growing, Mystery for me because I wasn't 100% accurate how Haim Pardo was related to Stami Pardo.

She asked me from where in Michigan? I told her I was raised in the Detroit area, my sister raised her children in Huntington Woods, and my other sister raised her family in Flint. Now, Assiya is so excited she said I lived in Flint too! I asked her if she knew the Megdell's? She said Marilyn? I said she's my sister! Now the connection and excitement has even risen beyond. Once she learned I was Marilyn Megdell's sister from Flint, MI, hugs and love started flowing even more!

Assiya gave me a great big hug and told me, "She didn't even know Marilyn had a sister." I said she had two sisters, Hinda was our eldest sister who died in 2005. And that's when Assiya said she had moved from Flint in 2005 but had lived there for 18 years. She couldn't wait to show me her photo of my nephew Josh, Marilyn's son. Assiya said she and Marilyn had always hoped to make a marriage between Josh and her daughter. I spoke with my nephew, Josh, since that gorgeous fabulous Sunday and he confirmed, yes indeed, his mother and Assiya wanted to make a shiduch (arranged marriage - Jewish match) but he confirmed he's happily married with two precious sons.

At our lovely Hava Nagila gathering, the excitement between Assiya and me kept increasing as we talked of our familial connections.

The meet up with Assyia was truly amazingly awesome! The electricity between us was forever pure love! And I couldn't wait to call my sister Marilyn to tell her who I had met!



Front row: Assia Aprik and Irene Golani, back row: Judith Herstand



Israel's 260 Member Disaster Relief Team Reaches Nepal Within Three Days

Less than three days after a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Nepal, leaving thousands dead and thousands more injured or missing, an Israeli Defense Team (IDF) humanitarian aid mission was on the ground providing much needed emergency services.

Dr. Shree Krishna Kashichawa, an orthopedic resident at Hadassah and Nepalese native was among the 260 member medical delegation. Kashichawa was eager to return to his country to be part of the emergency mission. His parents and five married siblings live in the area most affected by the earthquake.

"I landed in Nepal on Monday night. I worked with the team in building the field hospital," Kashichawa said. "I want to thank Hadassah hospital's medical and IDF team and the Israeli government ... for making this happen."

Israel has one of the top disaster relief teams in the world and is consistently among the first to offer substantial aid to countries in distress from natural and other disasters. Hadassah is proud of Israel and the physicians at Hadassah Medical Organization for helping those most in need of help.

"We're on a mission to achieve three things," said Colonel Yoram Larado, head of the IDF humanitarian delegation to Nepal. "Deploy major search and rescue operations. Admit patients to our field hospitals within 12 hours of landing. Help the Nepalese people."

Contact Madison Hadassah
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Kosher snacks will be provided by the Jewish Federation of Madison. Invite your friends!

Upcoming dates: August 12, August 26, September 9, September 30, October 14, October 28, November 11, November 25, December 9 and December 23.



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NOBO 2015 – Something for Everyone!

By Lisa Friend-Kalupa

Director, Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim

Leading a staff of 20 amazing counselors and two outstanding assistant directors is really a privilege. Their commitment, creativity and energy bring the magic of camp to all of our 6th-9th grade campers every day, and they inspired and delivered a really wonderful summer to everyone enrolled in Noar-Bogrim. Camp was a busy, exciting and always changing experience, and I learned early in the summer to keep a camera handy on my desk and a camera charger handy in my bag, because the temptation to capture everything that was happening was just plain irresistible!

One of the highlights of our program is our Yitzeerah block, week-long specialty activities that bring a wide range of opportunities to our campers. This summer we brought in a hip hop dance instructor to teach Hip Hop, and a potter to do pottery and glaze work with some of our campers. Other campers built Rube Goldberg machines, learned to play Ultimate Frisbee, and engaged in week-long D.I.Y. sessions. We cooked based on week long themes, and we cooked in competition with one another in the NOBO version of Cupcake Wars and the NOBO version of Chopped! Campers imagined their way into other worlds when they chose Medieval Week, Harry Potter Week, or Dungeons and Dragons Week. We painted our picnic tables and our walls with beautiful murals designed by campers during their Yitzeerah weeks, and we learned to do a little Origami too! Olympics week, Spa week….Yitzeerah offered something for everyone!

After Yitzeerah ended each day, every camper had the option of staying to participate in on-site programming, or leaving to participate in off-site programming. One of the staples of our on-site program this summer became challah baking. For the first time, Noar-Bogrim campers began producing all of the camp's challah for our weekly Shabbat celebrations. We were led in this by our fabulous Shlichim, Racheli and Mickey. As Fridays were also theme days at camp, our Shlichim helped our campers adjust our challah each week to fit the occasion—our Red, White and Blue challah before the 4th of July was a visual hit, and our Science Fair challah experiments were a taste hit (my personal favorite being a challah roll that could easily have been mistaken for a jelly doughnut!).

There were many programming highlights this summer, but campers who were on-site for Jurassic Day are unlikely to forget the fun of making dinosaur suits out of pool noodles for a poolside Dino-battle, and campers who had the opportunity to work on mosaics with our visiting Israeli artists produced a lasting piece of art for our campus. This year's campers and counselors loved getting messy on campus—at one time or another, it seemed as if almost every camper and counselor ended up covered in paint or shaving cream! In some of my favorite pictures, it's hard to see who's under all that paint or shaving cream, but it's impossible to miss the big smiles! We played four-square volleyball for the first time, constructed and tried to race cardboard boats across the pool, and made dream catchers and other craft projects during our morning and afternoon activities.

Off-site we provided a wide-range of opportunities from log rolling, to crafting classes to long hikes in our State Parks. All of our campers had the opportunity to bike the Military Ridge Trail or the Sugar River Trail this summer! We laser tagged, visited museums, swam at Troll Beach, skated with ice-skates and roller skates, and explored many local parks and pools. We kayaked and canoed in Lake Wingra, tubed on the Sugar and Wisconsin Rivers, and had crazy photo scavenger hunts all around town. A highlight this summer for a lot of campers was a trip to Goodman Youth Farm, where campers harvested food to be donated to a food pantry, learned to prepare a garden-fresh recipe, and got to get up close and personal with the farm's beehives. We also visited Gan Ha Yeled pre-school, bringing our own camper-made "Children's Museum" exhibit to go with their camping theme. We put quite a few miles on the buses as we traveled all around the Madison area, and we heard great things everywhere we went. We are always so proud to get unsolicited compliments from the places we visit! We hear often about how engaged our staff is with our campers and how polite and respectful our campers are when they are out experiencing new things!

All grade levels had an overnight opportunity this summer, with the ninth graders taking a three-day trip and staying at Camp Chi in the Dells area. This is always a great way to end our campers' years at camp. Not only do they engage in a lot of great activities during the trip, but it gives the group a long stretch of uninterrupted time together. Many of our campers have been part of Shalom and Noar-Bogrim for ten summers by the time they leave us, and they have a strong sense of connection to the camp and to their friends. It's not easy to say good-bye to such a great experience. Many will go on to apply to the Camp Shalom Counselor in Training program though, where they will bring their love of camp to another generation of campers.

Noar-Bogrim 2015 has been busy, exciting, exhausting and wonderful. It has flown by faster than any of us imagined when we started in June, and I know that many of us—campers and staff alike—are already counting the days until NOBO 2016!

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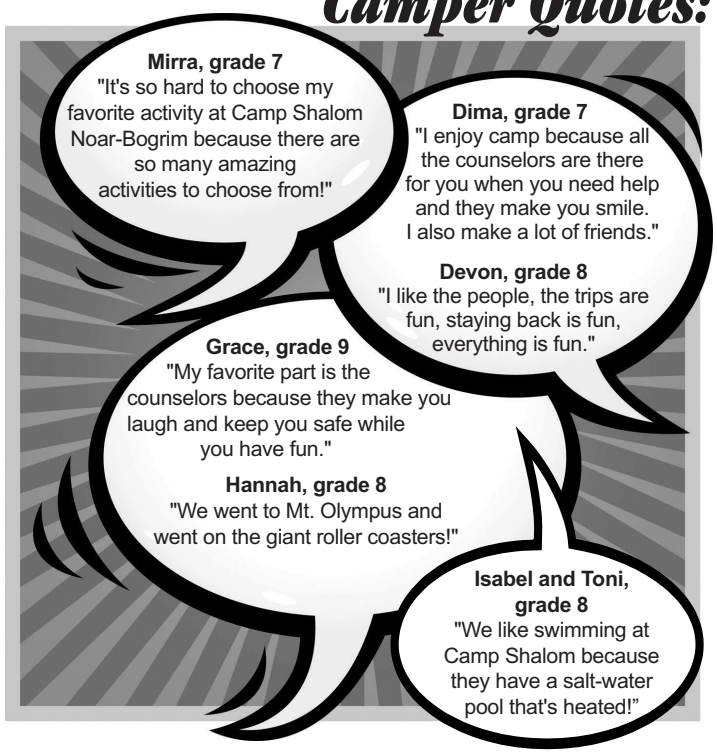

Superheroes of Summer: Camp Shalom 2015

By Ari Davidson

Camp Shalom Director

It's hard to believe we only have one session left of summer. You know what they say though – when you're having fun, time flies. This summer at Camp Shalom our programming has been based on the theme "Superheroes of Summer," so let's use our superhero powers to slow down time and take a look back at all of the fun activities that happened during the first half of our summer at Camp Shalom.

This summer the Camp Shalom staff focused on adding new, innovative exciting programming to the campers. The addition of tennis courts and all of the physical improvements on the Goodman Campus provided us with the perfect backdrop for making this happen. The updated basketball courts and addition of a new tennis net were a hit with everyone!

During all 3 sessions Boulders Climbing Gym brought their portable wall for fourth and fifth graders to try. Campers overcame fears and used their strength to conquer the wall. Also new this year, we reached out to local businesses to bring specialized programming to our campers. During Chugim (choice time) campers were given the opportunity to learn Korean Martial Arts from our friends at HwaRangDo. Not only did they have a blast learning different forms and techniques, but they channeled their inner hero by learning about self-discipline, meditation and leadership. Our friends from littleomBIGOM Yoga also helped us learn about mindfulness through fun and playful yoga.

Campers also had a lot of fun learning and creating during Omanut. This summer every camper learned the art of tie-dye and each camper made a one-of-a-kind tie-dyed Camp Shalom t-shirt. Once again, we welcomed back Henry Vilas Zoo and their "Zoo to You" program. Our favorite had to be the penguins! We also learned about creepy, crawly critters through the Aldo Leopold Nature Center. Some of the other special programming included hip-hop dancing, decorating tiles donated by Studio You, and exposing kids to the craft of building using supplies from Home Depot. One of our biggest goals this summer was to get each camper to try something new and with so much variety in our programming, I think we were successful!

Second session included one of the best days ever, Maccabiah! Campers were split into four teams and competed in fun games all day long. The day ended with a marathon relay that required help from the entire team. There was so much ruach (spirit) during song sessions, teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. It was truly a day to remember.

In August we are looking forward to session 3 at Camp Shalom. The only thing that may match the ruach of Maccabiah is the UW Marching Band. We look forward to having them join us the last week of camp during our carnival. With blow-ups, prizes, snow cones, popcorn and other fun booths, campers will surely be jumping around.

The real heroes are and will always be the Camp Shalom staff. They come to work every day with smiles on their faces ready to make positive and lasting impressions on the campers. Through their hard work, creative and engaging planning, and ruach, Camp Shalom is truly the best place on earth. May their superpowers help inspire your campers to learn, create, and make lasting memories at Camp Shalom.

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Fun Times at Camp Shalom Katan!



Benny is a canvas for Avner to paint!



Avner is painting Talya and Yonatan is painting Payton.



Benny, Avner and Delaney exploring the water table.



Naomi, Eve, Sophie and Jaime digging in the dirt.



Sasha and Hephzibah getting acquainted at Keva (sports) time.



Solomon, Benny, Yonatan, Aliza, Sasha and Eve during Keva (sports) time.



Yonatan and Solomon drip, drip painting.



Ravyn, Tova, Naomi, Benny, Sophie and Payton have fun with playdoh.



Eve, Sasha, Solly, Jaime, Delaney and Hephzibah learning how to throw rings.



Naomi on the slide.



Sydney, Shira, Naomi and Talya using the binoculars that the Noar-Bogrim campers brought to share.



Yonatan conquering the monkey bars, with Sophie waiting and Jaime watching.



Talya and Sydney roasting marshmallows for their s'mores with the Noar-Bogrim campers.



Adam, Eve, Sasha and Aliza showing off their homemade sun visors.

Yonim News: From Dancer to Director

The Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe is excited to announce their new Director, Aviva Gellman, a Yonim and Midrasha graduate and the Liesel Blockstein Award Winner in 2011.

Hi, my name is Aviva Gellman, and I'm thrilled to be the new Artistic Director of Yonim! I grew up in Madison, and danced in Yonim for ten years, so I am very excited to have the chance to teach talented kids who share my passion for Israeli dance. I graduated from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in May, and during my time in Minnesota, I found numerous outlets to continue to dance, including weekly harkadah sessions, assisting with the local Israeli dance troupe, choreographing for shows, and continuing to perform. I have been attending dance camps all over the country for the past few years, which have helped me become a better dancer, teacher and learner. I look forward to an amazing year with a group of dedicated dancers!



Aviva Gellman

Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe Registration Begins Aug. 15

Calling all kids! Come dance with Yonim! The Yonim Israeli Dance Troupe is an incredible opportunity for kids of all ages. Offering classes for K-12 dancers the Yonim curriculum focuses on helping ALL dancers develop their technique, gain experience performing, explore different kinds of music and rhythm, learn Hebrew terms and Israeli culture and develop authentic and long-lasting friendships.

Visit www.yonim.org for more information.





Plan Ahead for Schmooze and Tunes This Fall!

Classes start September 11th, 2015 and registration is open now.

Schmooze…

Meet, socialize and network with other parents and their children in the Jewish community. Find out about other great programs in the Gan HaYeled Preschool. Get to know other families with children who are between the ages of 3 months – 3 years (older child welcome with younger sibling.)

Tunes…

The Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool has created a special program with our own music teacher, Liron Weiss. Liron will be offering music classes for families in the Jewish community on Friday mornings in the conference room of the Jewish Federation of Madison. The sessions involve informal singing, moving, and instrument playing activities that are appropriate for very young children and their caregivers.

Each week, following the music portion of class, we have schmoozing time and a delicious, homemade challah snack. This is a great way to meet other families and introduce your children to Jewish friendships that may last a lifetime!

Program

Dates: Friday mornings, September 11 – December 4, 2015 (not meeting November 27)

Cost: $144 for 12 weeks (Additional fee of $72 for participating siblings)

Downloadable Registration Form at www.JewishMadison.org.

For more information, contact Rachel at gan@jewishmadison.org or (608) 278-1808.

Madison Kvells at Jewish Day School Graduation



Graduates Josephine and Jonathan receive congratulatory flowers from their kindergarten friends at MJCDS graduation.

The Madison Jewish Community Day School celebrated its second graduation in June.

"I could not be prouder of our graduates tonight," said Head of School Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon. "Jonathan and Jojo are both excellent students and enthusiastic learners. They are more than ready to take on new challenges at middle school and I have no doubt that they will do so with panache and find great success.

"But above all, we are proud of you both and are going to miss seeing you here each day because you are both amazing mensches," she told the graduates.

Like other elementary school graduations, the MJCDS festivities honored the achievements of students who will take the next steps in their education at middle school next year.

This graduation also represented another milestone for the school itself. This year's graduates, Jonathan Greenspan and Josephine Sidney, are the first to have spent all of their elementary years at MJCDS, kindergarten through fifth grade.

Those who graduated in 2013 began in first grade when the school opened. The first school of its kind in Madison's history, MJCDS was founded in 2008 to offer a dual curriculum of general and Jewish studies, including daily Hebrew language.

The graduation took place at Beth Israel Center, where MJCDS is located, and included divrei Torah from each of the graduates, as well as songs, a slide show and desserts.

Jonathan Greenspan spoke about the story in the Torah of the scouts who visit the promised land only to feel too scared by what they see to move forward. A main goal of education at MJCDS is for students to relate Jewish learning to their own lives in a unique and personal way, and Greenspan did so beautifully.

"God is always with you to give you confidence. When people are afraid they usually roll under their bed and chew their fingernails. People also scream. Plus, they run away from stuff. These actions do not help them face their fears. Instead, they could take actions that would help them face their fears. For example, they could breathe deeply and they could think confidently," Greenspan said.

"When I had a broken leg I was scared. What helped me was the support of my friends and family. They helped me cross that bridge with God's help."

Josephine Sidney delivered her interpretation of a story in the Torah about Miriam and the power of words to hurt or help others. In addition to reflecting on the subject of gossip, she also reflected on her time at the school and how it has prepared her for the future.

"MJCDS has provided a bully-free, gossip-free zone where creativity meets learning," she said. "During the day we get so much attention personally from the teachers. Our teachers teach us the way we learn best."

"MJCDS has helped me understand who I am Jewishly. Being here has expanded my knowledge of Judaism and traditions I picked up at home. It also helps me by being in a Jewish community with Jews my age on a regular basis."

For more information about Madison Jewish Community Day School, contact info@madisonjewishdayschool.com or call 204-9900.



New Partnerships Will Transform UW Hillel's Birthright Israel Program

By Jennifer Jennings

Once again, UW students have come back from an incredible, life-changing summer trip experiencing Israel with UW Hillel. Twice each year, UW Hillel sends a busload of UW students to Israel. For many participants, this trip is their first opportunity as young adults to engage with Judaism and Israel. For Jordan Rosenbaum, who did not grow up attending a synagogue, sharing Shabbat with his sister in Tiberias was a highlight of the trip. "We didn't grow up going to services, and to be able to experience it together in this environment was truly an amazing experience," said Jordan.

Jenna Quilty found meaning in hiking Mount Arbel. "Climbing Mount Arbel, following our wonderful guide, Sergey, and holding daily conversations with the Israeli soldiers are just some of the ways I learned how there is so much rich history and so many sides to every past and present story about Israel. I learned that my own experiences in Israel helped me to better understand and appreciate the complexity and beauty of the country."

Our Birthright Israel program is expanding through two exciting initiatives. This year, UW Hillel is partnering with a new company, Shorashim. Shorashim is a renowned trip provider that incorporates the Mifgash, cultural exchange with Israeli soldiers, throughout all ten days. This more immersive exchange allows students to deepen their connection to the Israelis on their bus through shared experiences. The Shorashim itinerary also features a night in Tel Aviv, an unusual offering amongst other trip providers.

Our second new initiative will significantly expand our Birthright Israel participation. Thanks to Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP), Greater Boston's Jewish Federation, UW Hillel will participate in an expansion of the IACT (Inspired, Active, Committed and Transformed) program. This campus involvement initiative leverages Birthright Israel trips to energize campus communities. Our goal is to dramatically expand our Birthright Israel participation. UW Hillel has hired our first IACT Coordinator, Adam Polacek, who will arrive on campus in August. Adam is originally from Florida and attended the University of Florida. He was most recently a Masa Teaching Fellow in Netanya. Adam will be tasked with increasing Birthright Israel participation on campus and engaging with Birthright alumni after their trips.

Pre-registration is now available for UW Hillel's winter trip! Visit http://bit.ly/ShorashimPreRegisterNow. Registration opens September 9. For more information about UW Hillel's Birthright Israel program, contact Adam Polacek at apolacek@uwhillel.org.

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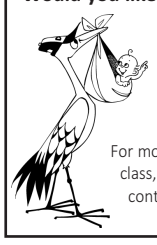

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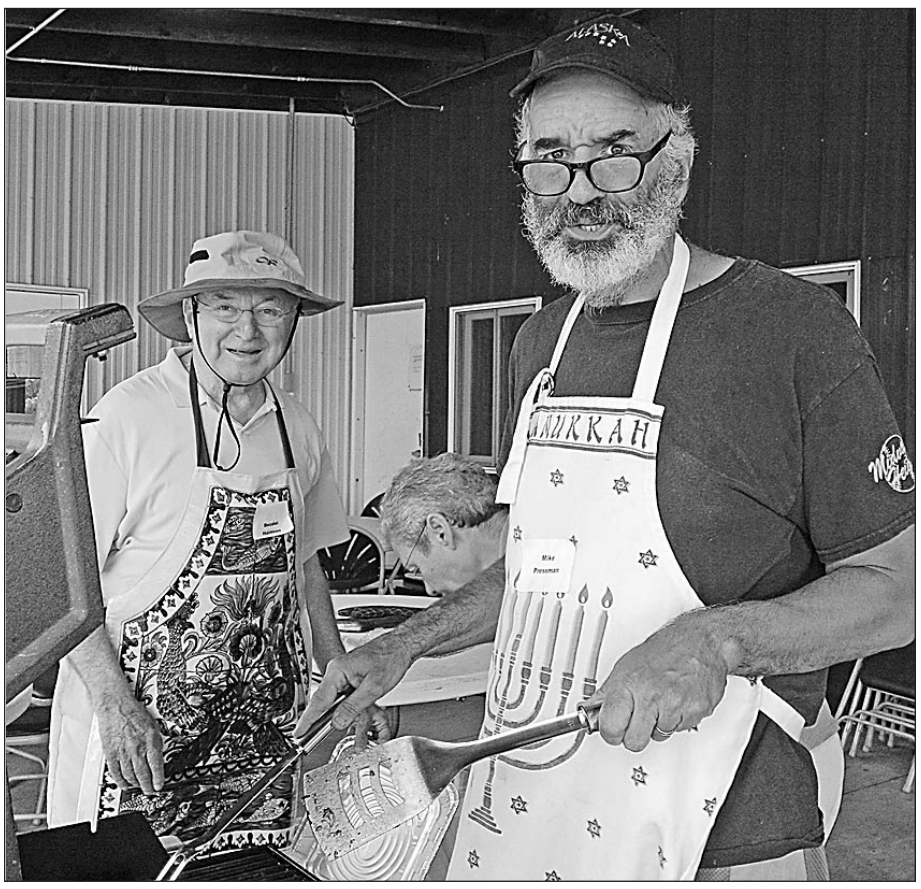

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Lechayim Lights

Spotlight: Sally Jamison

By Pamela Phillips Olson

If it weren't for Gloria Berman's vacation, Sally never would have become a Lechayim regular. Gloria z"l, asked Sally to step in and give Helen Vukelich a ride. When they entered Lechayim, Sally felt engulfed in a new culture. "I enjoyed the music and lectures. Particularly memorable was a fascinating talk about the Israeli zoo by the visiting director."



Sally Jamison (right) with Helen Vukelich

(Photo by Pamela Philips Olson)

I interviewed Sally in Helen's room at Hebron Oaks, Oakwood Village. The women relived memories, finishing each other's sentences, reminiscing about their social action experiences.

Before moving to Madison, Sally, hugely pregnant, had stood on a Beloit sidewalk handing out Adlai Stevenson campaign literature. People warned her husband, "She's so dedicated; she may give birth on the street!" In Madison, she met other politically active women. Waging battles for social justice, they were part of groundbreaking campaigns for change. They developed a strong bond of sisterhood.

"I remember being thrilled when Mary Louise Simon called me her **friend**," says Sally, expressing admiration for the first elected chairwoman of the Dane County Board. "Today I wore Midge's dashiki for this occasion," she told Helen, as they discussed working on Midge Miller's campaign for State Assembly.

"I came from a very conservative Lancaster County, PA, family. Grandfather Von Nieda was autocratic. Father was a conservative Republican sports fanatic. The whole family voted right. I never met a Democrat until college.

"In a time when women followed their husbands' directives, Mother read everything, including Eleanor Roosevelt's column, 'My Day'." For forty years her mother played bridge with the same conservative women, remaining silent when they talked politics. Her decision to speak up arose from a discussion of Eleanor Roosevelt's visit to destitute miners: "Their words, *'what's she doing going down in the mines? She is going against her class,'* were just too offensive." Her stunning retort: "She is a great woman and she is the eyes and ears of the world for Franklin."

Sally thought her political stance was radically different from her family's. But once, while they handed out literature for Representative Kastenmeier, her mother admitted that in the privacy of the voting booth, she followed her convictions, voting for Roosevelt in two elections. Years later, Sally remains touched by that revelation.

Lechayim continues to enrich Sally's life. One of her four sons married a Jewish woman and has two children. Lechayim, introducing Sally to friends and ideas, has also helped her to be a good Jewish grandma!

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To the family of Dr. Jules Last, brother-in-law of Nena Dyhr.

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Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, is holding a special Shabbat service and dinner honoring seniors on Friday, August 14. Seniors and their families are invited to enjoy homemade kugel and desserts. All ages are welcome to a reception at 5:45 p.m. followed by a Shabbat service at 6:00; no reservation is required to attend the service. Dinner at 6:30 requires a reservation; the cost is $6.00 for seniors and $10.00 for non-seniors. Register for the dinner by Friday, August 7. Contact Aleeza Hoffert at program@templebethelmadison.org or 608-238-3123. Please note that this program is sponsored by Temple Beth El.

Crime Prevention and Safety Conference is September 18

"Safer, Smarter Seniors: Become a Partner in Prevention" Annual TRIAD Crime Prevention and Safety Conference & Expo is set for Friday, Sept. 18 from 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at American Family Insurance, 6000American Parkway, Madison. $25/person includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials.

This event, sponsored by RSVP of Dane County, includes speakers, workshops and resource tables with the purpose of providing valuable information on topics related to crime prevention and safety. The event is well attended by law enforcement, older volunteers, aging network professionals and community members.

Register and pay online at www.rsvpdane.org or contact Mary Stamstad at RSVP (608-441-7897) for registration information and if you need special accommodations in order to attend.

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, plus treats and a few surprises. Just contact us at 608-278-1808.
Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and
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Need an "Oddjobber"?

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

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

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Alzheimers' & Dementia Alliance	608-232-3400
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Dane County Veteran's Service	608-266-4158
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Elder Abuse & Neglect Hotline	608-261-9933
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Metro Paratransit Reservations	608-266-4466
PLATO	608-262-5823
RSVP Driver Escort	608-238-7787
Safe Communities	608-441-3060
SAIL	608-230-4321
Social Security Administration	866-770-2262
Transit Solutions	608-294-8747
West Madison Senior Coalition	608-238-7368
West Madison Senior Center	608-238-0196

This article is about Judaism, its history and the development in the USA (part 3).

Генрих Бабич

История и сущность иудаизма, его развитие в США

(продолжение)

Реформизм в иудаизме продолжал развиваться. В 1818 году в Гамбурге была основана синагога, подобная берлинской. В реформе литургии гамбургская община ввела изменения в самый текст молитв. В 1819 году она выпустила молитвенник, в котором фразы о пришествии Мессии, избранности еврейского народа и возвращении в Сион были либо изъяты, либо заменены другими формулировками светского характера. Три ортодоксальных гамбургских раввина выпустили воззвание, в котором они обвинили приверженцев реформы в ереси и попытались (безуспешно) добиться закрытия новой синагоги. В 1820 году в Лейпциге был открыт новый реформистский молитвенный дом (отделение гамбургского), где в дни еврейских праздников совершалось богослужение на немецком языке. В течение последующих 30 лет реформистские общины возникли в ряде городов Европы и отличались друг от друга степенью радикализма в реформе литургии.

В 1830–40-х годах реформизм получил значительное распространение в Германии, главным образом, среди просвещенных представителей среднего класса, стремившихся к интеграции в немецкое общество. Руководство еврейскими общинами в этот период постепенно перешло в руки молодых раввинов, получивших, наряду с традиционным религиозным, университетское образование. В 1841 году вышло новое издание гамбургского реформистского молитвенника. Хотя по своим нововведениям оно было умереннее предыдущего, реакция ортодоксов была весьма резкой: на молитвенник был наложен запрет.

Ввиду серьезных разногласий в реформизме его лидеры в Германии потребовали созвать совещание раввинов, решения которого по вопросам изменений в иудаизме будут обязательными. В 1844 году в Брауншвейге было принято решение о допустимости браков между евреями и христианами. В 1845 году во Франкфурте-на-Майне реформисты потребовали ведения богослужения не на иврите, а на местных языках. Против этого выступила дрезденская община, которая настаивала на необходимости считаться с общепринятой традицией и не изменять молитвы, которые читаются всем еврейским миром. Такой подход не удовлетворил ни ортодоксов, ни реформистов. Затем совещание раввинов в Бреслау (1846 год) также оказалось не в состоянии создать авторитетное руководство реформистского движения. Тем не менее, во многих городах возникли независимые реформистские общины.

Революционные события в Европе 1848 года надолго затормозили процесс развития реформизма. Многие из его сторонников приняли активное участие в революции, из-за чего все движение приобрело в глазах властей окраску неблагонадежности. Новый подъем движения наметился лишь в конце 1860-х годов, когда состоялись два съезда реформистов при участии раввинов и других видных членов общин. Идеи реформизма постепенно приобретали все большее распространение. Крупнейшие еврейские общины Германии приняли реформированную литургию, многие общины ввели в нее органную музыку. Однако реформизм в Германии в этот период не проявлял стремления к радикальному разрыву с традицией. Одной из главных целей было достижение взаимопонимания с другими религиями. Реформисты стремились доказать, что иудаизм не противоречит основам современного общества. Они требовали освобождения школ от какого-либо церковного контроля и одновременно – введения преподавания основ иудаизма еврейским детям на тех же основаниях, что и преподавание основ христианской религии детям протестантов и католиков.

Некоторые **теоретические вопросы реформизма**. После 1840 года в реформистском движении проявились две различные теоретические позиции.

Авторы первой из них пришли к тому, что еврейская религия постоянно развивается. Библейская вера не идентична позднейшему раввинистическому иудаизму. Современность диктует дальнейшую эволюцию иудаизма. Особая роль традиции позволяла иудаизму постоянно приспосабливаться к изменявшимся историческим условиям. Раввины взяли на себя право модернизировать иудаизм, подобно тому, как законоучители Талмуда приспосабливали его к требованиям своего времени. Сторонники критического изучения Торы находили в ней примеры развития веры. Так как изменения в иудаизме всегда носили эволюционный, а не революционный характер, то и новые изменения должны вырастать из прошлого, а не порывать с ним. Поскольку перемены охватывают иудаизм как целое, реформизм не должен превращаться в секту. Незыблемыми были основные элементы иудаизма – монотеизм и законы морали. Ритуал лишь служит средством выражения этих идей и только в выполнении этой функции состоит его ценность. Поэтому он является изменяющимся элементом иудаизма. Характер еврейского народа также подвержен изменениям: некогда евреи были нацией, но теперь не являются ею. Чаяния народа предлагалось понимать не в духе стремления к национальному возрождению. Так говорили реформисты этого типа.

Предлагалась и другая теория реформизма, которая отличалась значительно бОльшим радикализмом, распространявшимся и на практические рекомендации. Согласно этой теории реформизм имеет не эволюционный, а революционный характер. В содержании Торы, боговдохновенной книги, можно различить два элемента – вечные истины религии и связанное с конкретными условиями своего времени древнее законодательство, утратившее значение после разрушения и падения еврейского государства. С тех пор сохраняют свое значение лишь монотеизм и мораль. Все, связанное с Храмом и государством, следует считать утраченным. В эту категорию предлагалось включить практически всю обрядовость. Раввинистический иудаизм обладает, в лучшем случае, лишь относительным значением. Утверждалось :"В талмудическую эпоху прав был Талмуд, в мой век прав я". Высказывалось мнение, что вопросы правового статуса еврейских общин, порядка субботних и праздничных дней, законодательство о браке и наследстве должны входить в компетенцию государственных органов, которые будут определять и круг вопросов, остающихся в сфере действия раввинов и еврейских религиозных учреждений. Запрет на смешанные браки должен быть снят, как утративший силу после разрушения еврейской государственности. Эта теория реформизма была направлена против сохранения еврейской автономии.

Развитие реформизма в США. Во второй половине XIX века главным центром реформизма становятся Соединенные Штаты Америки. Идеи движения встретили здесь гораздо большую поддержку, чем в Германии. Еще в 1824 году 46 членов еврейской конгрегации в городе Чарлстон (Южная Каролина) подали петицию о реформе ритуала, сокращении литургии и использовании английского языка в молитвах и проповедях. Петиция была отвергнута, а подписавшие ее вышли из конгрегации и организовали "Реформированное общество израильтян", которое практически приняло изложенные Маймонидом принципы веры, за исключением тех, где утверждается вера в воскрешение мертвых и в пришествие Мессии, который восстановит еврейское государство и Храм. Общество осуществило некоторые реформы традиционной литургии.

Хотя эти идеи просуществовали всего несколько лет, дух реформизма проник в конгрегацию. В 1841 году была построена синагога, в которой имелся орган. Затем сторонники реформизма основали свои конгрегации в Балтиморе и Нью Йорке. Реформистские синагоги распростр-нились по всей стране. Многие общины, основанные как традиционные, под руководством эмигрировавших из Европы видных раввинов-реформистов, приняли реформированный ритуал. Их усилия продолжили тысячи раввинов во всех частях страны. В 1873 году была создана первая общеамериканская организация реформистских общин – Союз американских еврейских конгрегаций. В 1875 году Союз основал Еврейский институт религии, а в 1902 году возложил на себя задачу организации реформистских общин и религиозных школ в тех городах США, где их до этого не было.

В американском реформизме сложились два течения – умеренное, которое представлял Вайс, и радикальное, сторонником которого был Эйнхорн. Радикальное течение возобладало со времени Питсбургской конференции (1885), на которой была принята декларация принципов реформистского движения в США. Реформизм нашел последовательное выражение в принятой конференцией так называемой Питсбургской платформе. В платформе утверждалось, что каждая религия представляет собой попытку постичь Бесконечное, и что священные книги всех религий отражают сознание пребывания Бога в человеке. Иудаизм представляет высочайшую идею Бога, содержащуюся в Священном Писании, затем развитую и одухотворенную еврейскими законоучителями в соответствии с моральными и философскими идеями своего времени. Платформа признавала в Торе свидетельство посвящения еврейского народа миссии служения единому Богу и ценила ее как самый мощный инструмент религиозного и морального воспитания. Вместе с тем, платформа, стремясь доказать совместимость иудаизма с научным прогрессом, утверждала, что Тора отражает представления своего времени, а концепция Божественности и Справедливости иногда облачена в устарелую форму рассказа о чудесах. Важным пунктом платформы было признание Моисеева законодательства как системы подготовки еврейского народа к миссии его национального возрождения в Эрец-Исраэль. Платформа признавала обязательными моральные законы, а из ритуальных предписаний поддержала лишь те, которые, по современным представлениям, возвеличивают и освящают жизнь человека, но отвергала все то, что не соответствуют воззрениям и привычкам современной цивилизации. Утверждалось, что все библейские и раввинистические законы о кашруте, об одежде утратили смысл для современных евреев. Платформа рассматривала современных евреев не как нацию, но как религиозную общность. В иудаизме платформа видела прогрессивную религию, всегда стремящуюся к согласию с требованиями разума. Платформа утверждала идею бессмертия души и отбрасывала веру в воскресение мертвых во плоти.

Центральная конференция американских раввинов (ЦКАР, 1889 год) целиком приняла Питсбургскую платформу, которая оставалась главной декларацией принципов реформизма до 1937 года, когда она была значительно пересмотрена.

Историческая реальность опровергла чрезмерный оптимизм Питсбургской платформы и продемонстрировала неразрывную связь еврейского народа с Землей Израиля. Была создана новая платформа реформизма, которая внесла важные коррективы в декларацию принципов иудаизма. По-прежнему подчеркивая совместимость иудаизма с прогрессом науки, центральную роль морального закона и прогрессивный характер откровения, новая платформа утверждала значение Закона (как Письменного, так и Устного) для сохранения исторически сложившихся норм еврейской жизни и признавала среди евреев связь, которая по-прежнему объединяет этот народ. Новая платформа утверждала обязанность всего еврейства содействовать возрождению Эрец-Исраэль и превращению его в центр еврейской культуры и духовной жизни. Подчеркивалось, что иудаизм, как образ жизни, требует, наряду с соблюдением моральных и духовных предписаний, также соблюдения субботы, праздничных и святых дней, сохранения и развития таких обычаев, символов и обрядов, которые способны воодушевлять людей. Культивировалось использование иврита, наряду с другими языками, в литургии и преподавании. С принятием новой платформы реформизм в США стал более внимателен ко многим формам традиционного ритуала, а в программы школ было включено изучение иврита.

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Israel and the World









From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By Racheli and Mickey Aziz-Komar

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

Home is wherever your heart is.

It's hard to put into words what the past two years of calling Madison home has meant to us.

As Israelis, when we thought about going on this program to "AMERICA" of course we imagined ourselves in N.Y. or L.A… because that's what we know, that's the face of America for foreigners like us! When we heard we are going to "Madison" we asked where's that? Mid-west… where is that? Near Chicago… Oh.. somewhere in between N.Y. and L.A? Yes! Now we get it…

When we got here, to Madison, we learned pretty quickly that this is real America! The landscapes, the farms, the people, the culture… we felt so welcomed and immediately felt at home!

Coming to Madison as two Orthodox Jews from Israel we didn't know what we would face. In Israel it's pretty much black or white. We might have known some Conservative people, never met a Reform Jew and never heard of Reconstructionists before we got here. The diversity and differences between Israeli and American Jewry is huge!!! It didn't scare us to explore Judaism in different eyes nor did it scare us to think differently and change who we are. We think American Jewry has a lot to offer to us, the Jews of Israel! And we ask you, our friends, to be patient and for forgiveness for sometimes being ignorant towards you – some of us just really don't know there are other ways too!! We are eager to go home and share what we learned here in Madison!

Talking, sharing speaking for and about Israel wasn't always easy. Israel is like a rollercoaster, something always happens there! If we are not in war, it's a different inner conflict we have to deal with! Israel is complicated, it always was, always is and probably always will be! Maybe we had to come all the way to Madison to understand that – understand where Israel stands with the world, where it stands with American Jewry and where it stands with us!

In Perkai Avot we learn:

"Ben (the son of) Zoma said: Who is wise? He who learns from all people, as it is said: 'From all those who taught me I gained understanding.'" (Psalms 119:99).

We want to thank each one of you for sharing and teaching us about your life. From our office mates, coffee dates and Shabbat meals at our house, you made us wiser by opening your hearts, your homes and sharing your life with us. We hope we were able to leave here some of ours.

Our hearts have to go home now, to Israel.

We are not saying goodbye, we are saying Le'hitraout! Le'hitraot means see you again in Hebrew.

Le'hitraot Madison family, hope to see you in Israel!

Please feel free to contact us in Israel and if you come to Jerusalem, coffee is on us! ☺

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10 Things We Will Miss Most About Madison:

the snow
the farmers market
the lakes
the green grass
the cheese curds
the square
the calm driving
the politeness
the space
the never-ending hot water in the sink

10 things we can't wait to get back to Israel for:

the food
Jerusalem
the Israeli chutzpa
Hebrew
the dessert
the Shuk (market)
the Jewish holidays in Israel
the Dead Sea
the Shabbat and the Friday cooking smell
the family

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Signature _____

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