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Camp Shalom Rooted in Tradition as Dane County's Largest Day Camp

By Pamela Cotant
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VERONA — The oldest day camp in Dane County, Camp Shalom is rooted in long-standing traditions and practices that have led to its institutional status. It starts with the name of the camp, a Hebrew word for peace.

"This is really the epitome of what peace is," said Ellen Weismer, Camp Shalom director, about the camp started in 1954. "The whole idea of camp is to make it a fun and safe place for everyone."

She said the summer camp for kindergarten through ninth-graders attracts youth of different races, backgrounds and religions from areas across Dane County. It accommodates children with disabilities and awards scholarships with the goal of never having to turn away anyone due to finances. This year saw the greatest scholarship need, but fundraising allowed the camp to award $115,000 in scholarships, she said.



Counselor Ethan Zarov dances with Marlo Hunter, 2nd grade, during a surprise visit by the UW Marching Band at Camp Shalom in Madison on Wednesday.

The camp is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Madison and located at the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus in Verona.

The camp embraces its religious affiliation by observing the Jewish ritual of Shabbat every Friday. Some of the challah bread is made by campers who also take turns helping prepare for the candle lighting. At other times the campers learn about the Jewish religion and culture. Activities and places at the camp are identified with Hebrew words. Campers also take part in a variety of traditional camp activities and special events, and swim every day in the pool on the camp's grounds.

Norah Feinberg, who will be a fourth-grader at Sauk Trail Elementary in Middleton, said she likes going to Camp Shalom because she is Jewish and likes observing Shabbat. Weismer said that also is a favorite time for many campers because it provides a way to connect.

Another Camp Shalom hallmark is attracting campers year after year and then turning them into counselors.

Camp Shalom is for campers going into grades K-5 and Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim is for campers going into grades 6-9. The two together serve more than 1,000 youth throughout the summer, making it the largest day camp in the county.

After their freshman year, some former campers volunteer for a year in the "counselor-in-training" program and then become paid employees the next summer.

Jacques Frank-Loron, a 2017 graduate of Verona High School, said as an elementary student he would pretend to be a counselor as he walked around camp with a clipboard. After the fun he had at camp he saw becoming a counselor as the next step.

Morris Kodesh, who will be a fourth-grader at Lincoln Elementary, said he gets attached to the counselors, so it's tough when they leave. But he always meets new ones he likes.

With her start as a kindergarten camper and her embrace of the camp's philosophy, Hannah Ehrlich, a 2017 West High School graduate, reflects Camp Shalom's mission.

She has fond memories of the connections she made coming to camp every summer and now tries to help make happy memories for new campers. "Working through (campers' individual issues) and helping them have a better day is really rewarding," said Ehrlich, who was wearing a Camp Shalom 60th anniversary T-shirt from her first year as a counselor. "It's up to us to make it fun for them."



Counselors Megan Ely, front left, and Nico Nijhawan, behind, act out as red vampires during a skit at Camp Shalom Wednesday in Madison. Camp Shalom is the largest and oldest day camp in Dane County.



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Hillel Students Explore Jewish/Social Justice Identities, Connect with the Legacy of the Civil Rights Movement and Welcome New Social Justice Specialist

By Talia Gray and Jordan Salinsky
edited by Aaron Seligman and Andrea Steinberger

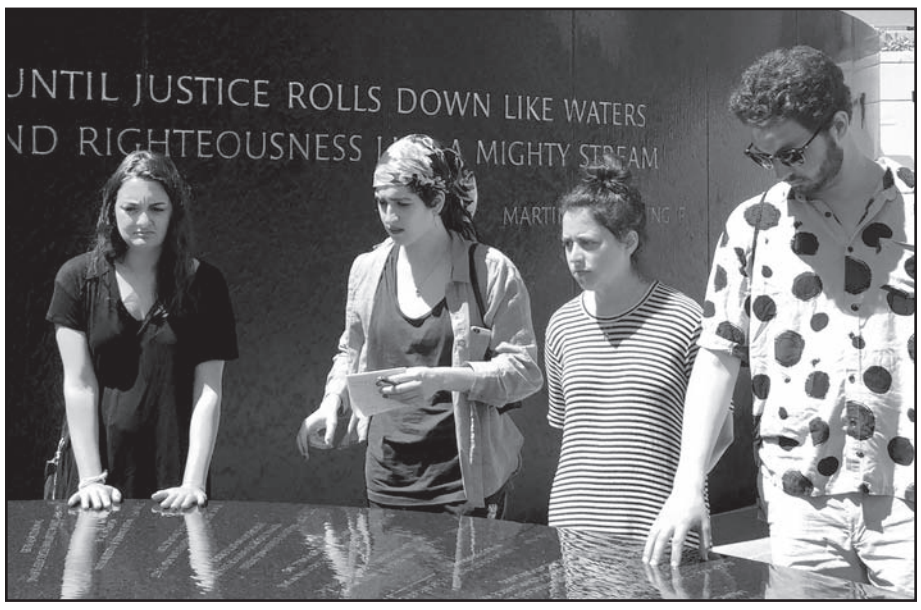
Hillel is a beneficiary organization of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

The Hillel Civil Rights Fellowship, a ten week in depth class this spring culminating in five-day tour from Georgia to Tennessee in May, was an opportunity that came "when I was feeling very uneasy about the state of our country, especially with regards to social issues," says recent UW graduate Talia Gray. The class of fifteen students, co-taught by Hillel's Rabbi Andrea Steinberger and Hillel's Executive Director, Greg Steinberger, focused on the role Jewish identities play in social justice, which is something Talia had not considered as thoroughly and deeply as she did in the Hillel class, "even after ten years of Talmud Torah." Jordan Salinsky, a rising senior, added, "being a Jewish student immersed in social and environmental justice coursework, I had often found myself feeling slightly alienated in both categories. Recognizing there are other Jews engaging in social justice on campus makes a huge difference in how I identify and belong in both communities— they are not mutually exclusive."

The students were exposed to and, "challenged with multiple perspectives in the South, and throughout the semester," said Jordan. Before the trip, neither student (like most in the class) had ever been to the South. Talia, a Minneapolis native admitted that she "barely even left my liberal bubbles, so this trip was eye opening to me. We saw a monument of a confederate soldier; we saw a proclamation of states' rights at a rest stop. In both of these moments, I found myself baffled by how distant I felt from this part of the country."

On the trip, Talia was struck by a conversation with Bishop Calvin Wallace Woods Sr. who was an active proponent during the Civil Rights Movement and had once served as a driver for Martin Luther King Jr. "Bishop Woods epitomized hope. It was incredible to hear from someone who experienced the civil rights movement first-hand in the sixties who could draw on that experience to talk about how pertinent some of those issues still are today." She was also challenged by the perspective of a woman, Jacqueline Smith, opposed to the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, who has maintained a continuous vigil outside of the museum for almost thirty years. "She argued that creating a museum at the site where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated does not honor him in a way that she thinks he would have wanted. Museums cost a lot of money; money the woman believes could have been used to offer services to better a community that is now undergoing gentrification due to the creation of the museum." The semester's class and the civil rights journey to the south gave students an opportunity to consider views they had not previously considered, asking questions and articulating their own views on civil rights issues.

On campus this fall, students will have the opportunity to continue exploring social justice themes through programs and service as Hillel welcomes a Springboard Social Justice fellow, Elizabeth Wallis. New to Madison, a recent graduate of the University of Denver who majored in geography and sustainability, Wallis will dedicate her time as a Hillel staff member to planning and collaborating opportunities for social justice with students and organizations on campus and throughout Madison. With Wallis's hire, Jordan is "looking forward to continuing conversations started in the fellowship about topics ranging from music and food to fixing mass incarceration and gentrification, and I am proud to be both a Jewish UW-Madison student and a social justice activist after a difficult spring semester carrying these identities." These projects at Hillel are made possible through generous donations from Jewish alumni of the UW and friends of Hillel. Hillel is proud to offer opportunities for students to explore the intersection of their Jewish identity with social justice and civil rights issues.



Students at the Civil Rights Memorial Center in Birmingham, Alabama



Andrea and Greg Steinberger with students on the Civil Rights Journey



The Bishop Calvin Wallace Woods Sr. speaks to students in Birmingham.

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MWF 1:20-2:10

JS 220: Modern Jewish History (Professor Bitzan)
TR 2:30-3:45

JS 230: Representing the Holocaust in Poland (Professor Filipowicz)
TR 4:00-5:15

JS 230: Dead Yiddish Poets Society (Professor Zilbergerts)
MWF 11:00-11:50

JS 230: Russia and the Jews: Literature, Culture, and Religion (Professor Zilbergerts)
MWF 9:55-10:45

JS 231: Jewish Law, Business, and Ethics (Professor Rosenblum)
MW 9:55-10:45

JS 267: Yiddish Song and the Jewish Experience (Professor Potter)
M 1:20-2:10

JS 269: Yiddish Literature and Culture in Europe (Professor Hollander)
TR 1:00-2:15

JS 335: King David in History and Tradition (Professor Hutton)
MW 11:00-11:50

JS 367: Israeli Fiction in Translation (Professor Hollander)
TR 2:30-3:45

JS 430: Testimonies and Cultural Expressions of the Holocaust (Professor Brenner)
MWF 9:55-10:45

JS 433: The Soviet Jewish Experience (Professor Paretskaya)
TR 1:00-2:15

JS 518: Anti-Semitism in European Culture (Professor Bitzan)
R 8:50-10:45

Bill to Amend Wisconsin's Hate Crime Law Approved by Committee; State Budget Contains Items Important to Jewish Community

By Michael Blumenfeld, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Jewish Conference, With contributions from Erin Fabrizius

Since our last update, the effort to amend Wisconsin's hate crimes law to include members of law enforcement has continued in the State Capitol. Assembly Bill 48 (AB 48) is one step closer to becoming law.

The Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety voted 7-4 along party lines to pass AB 48 on June 8. It can now be voted on by the full State Assembly.

AB 48 would apply the same penalty enhancers that are currently only used for crimes involving the victim's religion, race, sexuality, national origin, ancestry or disability status to crimes committed against members of law enforcement.

During debate on final passage, Democratic members of the committee repeatedly brought up the fact that members of law enforcement are already protected by Wisconsin statute. They said that it is inappropriate to put an occupation on the same level as immutable characteristics like race or sexual orientation.

Representative Jim Ott (R-Mequon) responded by saying that "law enforcement is a different occupation" and that people leave for work in the morning and their families aren't sure if they're going to come home or not.

State Budget Update
Assembly and Senate Republican leaders were still trying to reach a deal on transportation and K-12 education funding to end the state budget stalemate, as of our publication deadline.

While finding a solution to the states $1 billion transportation funding shortfall has dominated most of the news coverage, legislators are also trying to reach agreement on the K-12 education budget. Republican leaders are reportedly negotiating an increase to the income eligibility limits for the school choice program.

Some items of interest to the Jewish community have already been approved by the Joint Finance Committee.

Child Sex Trafficking: the committee approved Governor Walker's proposed $2 million increase for programs that support child victims of sex trafficking.

Work Requirements for BadgerCare: the committee approved Governor Walker's proposal to require able-bodied childless adults on BadgerCare to work.

FoodShare Work Requirement: the committee voted to approve a pilot program that would require able-bodied adults, including those with children over the age of six, to work in order to remain eligible for FoodShare (food stamps).

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Thursdays, August 3, August 17, August 24, August 31
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P2G Kick-Off Meeting

Monday, August 14, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
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Join us to learn about Partnership2Gether (P2G). We will look at this past year's programs and help plan upcoming programs for next year with our partnership region in Israel.

P2G connects 450 Jewish and Israeli communities in 46 city-to-city and region-to-region partnerships, engaging more than 350,000 participants each year in meaningful ongoing connections between Israelis and Jews around the world, through unique programs and one-on-one encounters. Communities share ideas, strengths, challenges and models of success; and empower one another to generate change. Madison, Milwaukee, and St. Paul are in a cluster that is paired up with the Sovev Kinneret.

We create programming throughout the year that benefits both Madison and our partnership region. In the past, we have had programming such as Medical Clowns, Run2Gether (Marathon Delegation), Reciprocal Birthright Trip, Kinneret People Exhibition, and currently we have Shin Shinim (Israeli Staff) at Camp Shalom.



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Amid Ongoing Crisis Between Israel and Many Diaspora groups

Netanyahu announces six-month delay of controversial conversion bill New committee will seek compromise between demands of ultra-Orthodox parties and US Jewish leaders; no progress on Western Wall dispute

BY TIMES OF ISRAEL STAFF June 30, 2017, 3:04 pm



Then-Negev and Galilee development minister Aryeh Deri, left, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, center, and Health Minister Yaakov Litzman at the weekly cabinet meeting in the Prime Minister's Office, Jerusalem, December 20, 2015. (Yonatan Sindel/Flash90)

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Friday afternoon that the controversial conversion bill at the heart of the flare-up in Israel-Diaspora tensions this week would be frozen for six months while a state-appointed committee attempts to reach an "agreed-upon arrangement within our people." On a second issue of dispute, the question of a permanent space for pluralistic prayer at the Western Wall, however, there was no significant progress.

According to an agreement reached by coalition leaders in a testy meeting earlier Friday, the government, liberal Jewish streams and private Orthodox conversion initiatives will together ask the High Court of Justice to delay any rulings on conversion for the next six months while the committee does it work.

"Harmony within the Jewish people is important to me," Netanyahu said as he prepared to board a plane at Ben Gurion Airport for the French city of Strasbourg to attend the funeral of former German chancellor Helmut Kohl.

"It's important to me as the prime minister of Israel, and it's important to me personally and a son of the Jewish people," he said.

Jerry Silverman, president and CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America, expressed optimism over the plan for a new committee, together "with all the parties that have stakes in this," to reconsider the conversion issue. "We still have a lot of work to do, and there are still differences," he said, "but we're hopeful that… we'll be able to come to solutions so we don't have to face this again." He said he appreciated that Netanyahu had "listened to our thoughts," on the issue, and said he assumed the Jewish Agency would represent Diaspora Jewry in the discussions.

Rabbi Gilad Kariv, head of the Israel Reform Movement, stressed that his movement would "never accept a monopoly" over conversion, and would again resort to the High Court if necessary.

According to Netanyahu, "the appellants [to the High Court] and the government of Israel agree to freeze all initiatives, the appeals on conversion to the High Court, the legislation in the government and the Knesset, and this will have course allow me to establish a committee that will work for six months to find solutions for an agreed-upon arrangement on conversion."

The sides would approach the High Court on Sunday, he said.

"I very much hope the High Court will acquiesce to this joint request, since it will cool tempers and open up the possibility and hope for an agreed-upon arrangement within our people."

According to a statement from Netanyahu's office, if the High Court rejects the delay and decides to rule on one of the outstanding petitions dealing with conversion, then the government would operate according to the coalition agreements.

This statement appears to be a concession to the Haredi parties in his coalition, who demanded that if the freeze is rejected by any party, the conversion bill they have advanced would be brought back to the Knesset to begin its legislation.

But Netanyahu's statement limits its commitment to what is required under the "coalition agreement," which requires unanimous agreement among coalition members for any change in the religion-and-state status quo. The Yisrael Beytenu party of Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman has already announced it opposes the conversion bill in its current form and filed an appeals against the bill last Sunday at a meeting of the Ministerial Committee for Legislation.

If passed, the conversion bill would deny citizenship rights under the Law of Return to non-Israelis who convert to Judaism under private auspices in Israel. It would not affect the eligibility for citizenship of those who convert outside Israel.

Liberal American Jewish groups have noted that the bill would mark the first time the Haredi-controlled state rabbinate was given control not only over who it recognizes as Jewish, but over who the state as a whole views as eligible for the right of return.

Seth Farber, head of the Giyur Kahalacha movement — which allows for conversions according to Orthodox Jewish law (halacha), but outside the bureaucracy of the chief rabbinate — said that assuming the High Court agrees to the delay, "this is an enormous victory for reason over might."

Farber, whose movement performed

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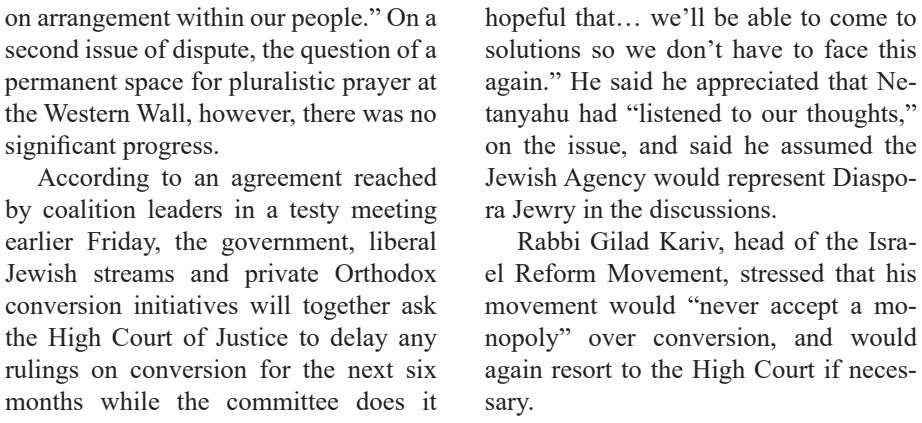
Jerry Silverman, the CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America (screenshot: YouTube)



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Partnership2Gether Tours the Midwest

By Zachary Blumenfeld

This past May as part of Partnership-2Gether with the Sovev Kinneret, six young adults from our partnership region in Israel participated in the First Annual Reciprocal Birthright Program here in the Midwest. Partnership2Gether (P2G) is a program through the Jewish Agency for Israel and is designed to cultivate people-to-people relationships, projects and professional programs between the Sovev Kinneret and the Madison, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Jewish communities. Young Adult American Jews have the opportunity to attend Taglit/Birthright, where they travel to Israel for ten days to learn about the Jewish homeland, it's history, and culture. The purpose of the Reciprocal Birthright Program was to give the same opportunity to Israelis so they could experience what it is like to be Jewish in the Midwest. In addition to the six Israelis, there were three Jewish young adults from Madison and one Jewish young adult from Milwaukee who joined the trip in its entirety. There were also many locals who joined up for different stops along the way. The Israelis were here from May 16, 2017 to May 23, 2017 and had the opportunity to experience Chicago, Madison and Milwaukee.

The trip began with two nights and three days in Chicago. We had the opportunity to visit KAM Isaiah Israel, which is a synagogue in Hyde Park as well as visit the JCC Chicago Hyde Park. We also had the unique opportunity to go to the Israeli Consulate and visit with Itay Milner, the deputy consulate general in Chicago. Part of the Reciprocal Birthright Program was to have the Israelis see what is it like to be Jewish in America, along with building lifelong relationships. The other purpose of the trip was for them to experience everything that America has to offer. With that in mind, we took them to a Chicago Cubs game, visited the Shed Aquarium, Millennium Park and of course the Bean.

From Chicago, we caravanned up to Madison, and started where everyone should go when they get here, the Memorial Union. While in Madison the delegation visited Gan HaYeled and helped the kids get ready for Shabbat. The delegation received a tour of Hillel and had the opportunity to attend Shabbat services at Temple Beth El, as well as have Shabbat dinner there. They were also able to schmooze with the community at the oneg after services. The delegation also had a behind the scenes tour of both Camp Randall, with former Badger Matt Bernstein, and the Wisconsin State Capitol, with Michael Blumenfeld.

Our final stop was Milwaukee. The delegation did everything from a Sprecher Brewery tour to a visit at the Milwaukee JCC and Milwaukee Jewish Day School. The delegation had the chance to visit many museums, but their favorite was the Milwaukee Jewish Museum and a visit with Hannah Rosenthal. They also toured the Urban Ecology Center, where they learned about environmental initiatives and got to immerse themselves in the outdoors.

There is a growing disconnect between the Diaspora and Israel, especially for the young adult demographic. P2G and programs like these help bridge the gap and develop a broader understanding of the issues that each population faces. Throughout this program we created long term connections between the two sides at a critical age, when each side is about to shape their lives and perspectives on the world.

For anyone interested in future Parternship2Gether programs or if you would like to join the Partnership2Gether committee, the 2017-2018 Kickoff meeting is Monday August 14, 2017, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm at Jewish Federation of Madison.





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Zemirot / Songs of Shabbat

Saturday, August 5, 12:30 pm

Sing new songs and recall old ones with Rabbi Sami Barth during and after Shabbat Kiddush lunch. All are welcome, whether or not you can sing. We'll begin singing when we've finished eating, so the start time listed is only approximate. Zemirot (Shabbat songs) are an old tradition, and we'll add modern songs and melodies to some of the old standards.

Subversive Prayer Discussions

Sundays, August 6, 13, 20 and 27, 9:00 am

After Sunday morning minyan and a light breakfast, join Rabbi Sami Barth for "Subversive Prayer: Exploring Facets of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur." Prayer books can appear austere and pious, but partially hidden within the poems and reflections are subversive texts and challenging, even radical, understandings. We'll look at texts and their context, and use multimedia to encounter ways in which musical traditions can challenge, support and/or confuse us about the message of ritual. All are welcome to these discussions, regardless of Jewish ritual or educational background, Hebrew skill, or ability to commit to all sessions.

Schmooze with Rabbi Barth

Tuesdays, August 8 and 22, 11:00 am at Zuzu Café, 1336 Drake St.
Wednesdays, August 16 and 30, 2:30 pm at Colectivo, 2530 Monroe St.

Enjoy coffee or your beverage/nosh of choice with Interim Rabbi Sami Barth. This is an open invitation to a table at local coffee bars. Talk about Life, the Meaning of Life, Beth Israel Center, Israel…whatever is on your mind.

Meditation & Study

Thursdays, August 10 and 24, 7:30 pm

Come to Beth Israel Center for meditation and study with Rabbi Sami Barth, Matt Banks, and Jon Pollack on alternating Thursday evenings from June 29 until September 7. Attendance at all sessions is not required. Read Ehyeh: A Kabbalah for Tomorrow by Rabbi Arthur Green and come discuss the author's innovative approaches to making Kabbalah relevant for our lives. Each session will begin with a guided meditation, followed by discussion of two chapters of Green's book. On August 10, the discussion will focus on chapters 7 and 8.

Kabbalat Shabbat and Potlucks in Hoyt Park

Friday, August 11, 5:45 pm

Welcome Shabbat in the great outdoors with old and new friends, including Rabbi Sami Barth. A kosher-dairy potluck dinner follows services. All are welcome. Bring friends!

Children's Services

Saturday, August 12, 10:30 am

We offer our popular Shabbat morning children's services, which meet every Shabbat when school is in session, on select Shabbatot during the summer. Toddlers, preschoolers and elementary school-age children are all welcome to drop in on August 12. Younger children should bring their grownups along. Grownups responsible for older children may attend services in the Main Sanctuary while children attend the children's program. Children's services meet on the lower level, in a classroom off the center hallway (across from the lower level restrooms). Weekly services will resume on September 16. For more information, please contact Beth Copelovitch, education@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763.

Advanced Text Seudah Shlishit

Saturday, August 12, 4:30 pm-6:00 pm

All those who can read and significantly comprehend rabbinic Hebrew texts (unvocalized and without translation) are invited to come study "Kavanah: Meaning in Prayer and Shofar" over seudah shlishit (the third Shabbat meal) — featuring cholent! — at Beth Israel Center with Rabbi Sami Barth. We will study texts from Arba'ah Turim; Maimonides' Mishneh Torah; Arukh Hashulhan.

Maimonides on Teshuvah (Repentance)

Wednesdays, August 16, 23, 30, 7:00 pm

Approaching the Yamim Noraim (Days of Awe), Rabbi Sami Barth will lead an exploration of the way in which Maimonides presents us with a philosophy of sin and repentance in ten clear chapters. Starting with primary texts in original Hebrew and with English translation, then engaging with modern implications. All are welcome, no experience with rabbinic texts or knowledge of Hebrew required.

Songs of the Soul: Seudah Shlishit

Saturday, August 19, 7:00 pm

Join Rabbi Sami Barth at his home, 1137 Erin St. (Arboretum Cohousing), for seudah shlishit (the third Shabbat meal) and singing "songs of the soul" as the month of Elul approaches. We'll end with Havdalah around 8:45 pm.

Rosh Hodesh Elul – Sounding the Shofar

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 22 and 23, 7:00 am

Celebrate the new month during morning minyan at Beth Israel Center and hear the sound of the shofar. A light breakfast will be served after services.

Conversational Yiddish

Mondays, 7:00 pm

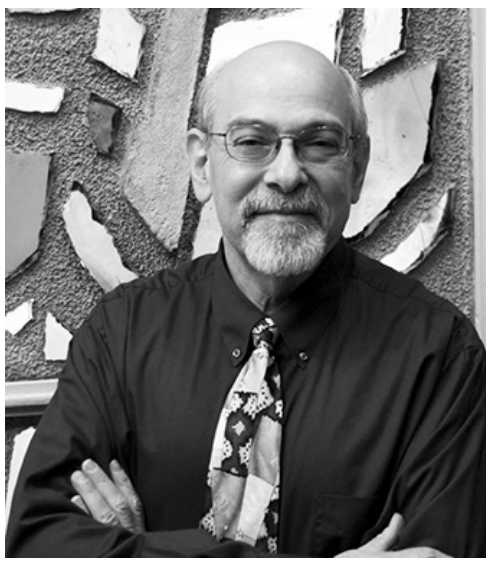
Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes at Yiddish class on Mondays, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm. Sylvia builds a love for the Yiddish language and culture through her long-running classes. Come learn from a master. All levels welcome and encouraged to attend.

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. See above for summer dates of children's services for babies, preschoolers, and elementary school-age children. 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.



Save the Date

for a Spectacular "Bar Mitzvah" Celebration in November

Join Temple Beth El at Full Compass on the evening of November 4 to celebrate Rabbi Jonathan Biatch, Doctor of Divinity in his 13th year at Temple Beth El.

This "bar mitzvah" celebration will feature live music and insider stories from acclaimed composer Jonathan Wolff, who created the music for 75 prime-time network series and is best known for the iconic sounds of Seinfeld. Look for more details coming soon!

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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, August 7

Located at our offices - please call the office for exact location. Curious about Judaism? Join Rabbi Laurie for a monthly gathering at 4:30 pm 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. If you would like to learn more or receive updates, please contact the office.

Shabbat Services

Saturdays, August 12 and 26, 9:30 am

Located at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive.

Join us for the Bat Mitzvah of Pearl Puleo Pincus. The service begins at 9:30 am followed by kiddush at 12:00 pm. On August 26, we'll have a lay-led service. Torah study at 9:30 am, service at 10:30 am, kiddush at 12:30 pm. All are welcome.

Listen and Sing American Jewish Folk Music

August 12, 5:00 pm

Gather with friends and join Todd Miller as he plays American Jewish folk music. We'll share a vegetarian potluck dinner and end the evening with Havdalah. All are welcome. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. For location, please call the office.

Men's Havurah

August 13, 10:00 am

Gather for conversation and coffee once a month. Located at Café Zoma, 2326 Atwood Avenue. Please contact office@shamayim.org for more information.

Havurah on Aging

August 15, 2:00 pm

Creating community for people in their 60s-80s. This group meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Please contact office@shamayim.org for more information and location.

Join Shaarei Shamayim at the Outreach Pride Parade!

August 20, 12:00 pm

Please call the office for the exact time and location. Look for Shaarei Shamayim's banner and march with us.

Looking for a Bet Sefer Assistant Director

Shaarei Shamayim is looking for an asst. director for our children's education program. For more information, please visit our website at www.shamayim.org/employment.

Join Bet Sefer, Our Children's Education Program!

We invite you to be part of our lively, creative children's education program that draws on progressive Jewish learning approaches in an environment that is meaningful and fun. Each student is encouraged to ask challenging questions, reflect on what Judaism means to them, and act with respect and kindness. We have created a vibrant community at our school and 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, story-telling, arts and crafts, and drama into our curriculum to reinforce and enrich the subject matter. or further information, please email our school's Director, Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman, at rabbi@shamayim.org or call her at 257-2944.

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 Executive Director, Terrie Goren at (608) 238-3123 or executive@tbemadison.org.

Shabbat Outdoors at Wingra Park with Dinner from Hong Kong Cafe

Friday, August 4, 5:45 pm

Get outdoors and welcome in Shabbat with Temple Beth El! This multi-generational Shabbat experience will be our only Shabbat experience on each of these evenings. Register in advance for dinner from Hong Kong Cafe, or bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy with us. Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on (and bug spray!) when we're at Wingra Park. Just ask anyone who's come before; with lawn games and delicious food, Shabbat Outdoors is a Shabbat experience like no other! Share the fresh air and lake view with us as we usher in Shabbat.
5:45 pm: Nosh (pre-Shabbat oneg) sponsored by the program committee
6:00 pm: Shabbat worship
6:45 pm: Dinner from Hong Kong Cafe
Register for one all events at bit.ly/shabbatoutdoors today!

Shabbat Honoring Our Seniors

Friday, August 11, 5:30 pm

The Madison Jewish community is invited to our annual Shabbat Honoring Our Seniors with a delicious dinner from Adamah, homemade kugel, and desserts! Anyone, of any age is invited to celebrate with us in the social hall. The 6:00 pm service will be the only Shabbat service at Temple that evening. Transportation provided as needed if notified no later than 12:00 pm on Wednesday, August 2.
5:45 pm: Reception
6:00 pm: Shabbat Service with Rabbi Biatch and Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy. —open to all, no reservation required
6:30 pm: Dinner which includes chicken or eggplant parmesan entrée from Adamah, homemade kugels, salad, dessert — reservations required
To make dinner reservations ($8.50 for seniors and youth, $12.00 for adults) visit: tbemadison.shulcloud.com/event/2017seniorshabbat
Contact Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123 with any questions. We hope that you will join us!

Kesher Israel Film Night-Holy Land Hardball

Wednesday, August 16, 7:00 pm

"An infectious, feel good experience" (IndieWIRE)

It was a Boston bagel maker, Larry Baras who wanted to create a baseball team in Israel. Others thought he was nuts. He began, continued and completed the project despite innumerable obstacles.

Look for insight into what determines an individual's sense of commitment. Then, sit back, relax and smile as the story unfolds!

"Take me out to the ball game, take me out to the crowd…." Mike Pressman, of Beth Israel fame and renowned baseball guru, will offer us an introduction to the film and join us in the concluding discussion.

As always, enjoy free nosh, drinks, schmooze time, and talk back after the film.

Madison Jews' Next Door Dinner Get Together

Location TDB, 7:00 pm

Come meet, greet, and eat your way through a tasty family style meal with fellow 20- and 30- somethings in the Jewish community. Dinner will cost $20 or less per person; please bring cash with you. Small bills are appreciated. Hungry and ready to mingle? See you there! RSVP so we have enough seats around the table(s). Contact Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org with questions.

Shabbat Potluck on the Terrace

Friday, August 18, 5:30 pm

This summer, break out your perfect potluck recipe! Join fellow TBE members on the Terrace for a community potluck meal. (No pork or shellfish, please!) Eat and schmooze before making your way to the sanctuary for a Shabbat evening service. RSVP to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123

Temple Beth El Men's Club Retreat

Sunday, August 20, 10:00 am–3:30 pm

Goodman Campus, 7762 County Rd PD

Join the Men's Club for their annual retreat on August 20, at the Goodman Community Campus.

Shabbat Outdoors on the Terrace with Dinner from Taste of India

Friday, September 1, 5:45 pm

Our warm weather tradition of Shabbat outdoors is back. These multi-generational Shabbat experiences will be our Shabbat experience on these evenings. Each month will feature a different dinner you can register for in advance, or bring your own picnic dinner to enjoy with us. Just ask anyone who's come before; this is one service they look forward to all year! Share the fresh air and lake view with us as we usher in Shabbat. Register for Shabbat Outdoors at bit.ly/shabbatoutdoors.
5:45 pm: Nosh (Pre-Shabbat oneg) sponsored by the program committee
6:00 pm: Shabbat worship
6:45 pm: Dinner

Temple Beth El will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 4.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

Friday, September 8, 5:30 pm

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

Apple Picking at Eplegaarden

2227 Fitchburg Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53575

11:00 am

Kick off this fall (and stockpile for Rosh Hashanah) with this quintessential autumnal activity! Bring the whole family and a picnic lunch for a fun apple picking experience with friends. Contact Aleeza Hoffert with questions or to RSVP at engage@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123.

Dave Weinbach teaches Pickleball!

Dave Weinbach, the National Pickleball Champion, ran a Pickleball clinic for the Jewish community on June 4. The response was amazing; 25 people showed up for this first-ever event on an extremely hot day to learn the basics of this fun sport. The 1.5-hour clinic turned into 2 hours thanks to Dave's fun personality and the enjoyment everyone had playing pickleball. Many people expressed an interest in starting up a regular pickleball schedule. If this interests you, please let Tiz know so that she can coordinate a schedule. Be warned! Once you start playing this game you will be hooked! outreach@jewishmadison.org



Pickleball participants enjoying a day in the sun.

Matzah Balls Set Spike Score!

The Matzah Balls are now playing sand volleyball! A handful of newcomers have joined the team, mixing with the seasoned veterans, and it's been a blast! Our double header started off the season right with two match wins! Olbrich Park is a beautiful space in which to enjoy a Thursday evening. Please consider coming out and cheering us on! And remember, kickball is next! So please let Tiz know if you want to be on the roster for that! outreach@jewishmadison.org



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Mazel Tov on the birth of

Julia Elizabeth Ihnchak, granddaughter of Elayne Ihnchak, niece to Tiz Goff, and cousin to Micah, Eliana, and Nathan Goff

Ellis Hirsh Youngerman Aronson, son of Becca Youngerman and Mark Aronson and grandson of Nan and Jim Youngerman

Laila Torres Karasov, daughter of Ariela Karasov and Danile Torres, and granddaughter of Corliss and Bill Karlasov, sister of Zevie, and niece to Talia Karasov and Mike Werner

Elan, grandson of Sherwood and Barbara Malamud

Mazel Tov on the wedding of

Isaac and Ashley Pratzel, son and new daughter-in-law of Mike and Barb Pratzel

Condolences to the families of

Jane Gould, sister of Michael Gould

Sharon Schatzberg Hormby, sister of Eric Schatzberg

Herbert Miller, father of Bart Miller, grandfather of Jacob and Sara

Leonard Sable, husband of Joan Sable, father of Cari (Steven) DiTullio, grandfather of Alexander, Mathew, and Elizabeth

Barbara Kasoff, sister of Steve (Jamel) Lipton, aunt of Nathan, Samuel, and Hannah Lipton

Jules Grossberg, father of Paul (Dean Ziemke) Grossberg and David (Karen) Grossberg; grandfather of Sean and Jacob Grossberg, and Sam and Hannah Grossberg

George Terry Bryan, husband of Sandra Schwartz Bryan

Sharon Schatzberg Hormby, sister of Eric Schatzberg

Maxine Sklare, wife of Jack Sklare, mother of Suzanne Sklare-Platt, Steven Sklare (Deborah Borenstein), Scott Sklare, and Stacy (Nadav) Serling, grandmother of Sarah and Charley Sklare, Sophie Tallard-Sklare, and Asher Shoshana, Elya, and Gavi Sterling

Susan Winnig, wife of Joel Winnig, mother of Samuel David Winnig and Sarah Winnig Schuldt, grandmother of Cora Rose Winnig and William Irvine Winnig

Warren Randy, father of Claudia Willie Haus and Linda (John) Eaves

Dolores Salganick, mother of Ingrid Reis-Glass (Mark Glass), grandmother of Mitchell

Make Music Madison at Gan HaYeled

Gan HaYeled hosted the No Name String Band on June 21, as part of the Make Music Madison free outdoor musical experience. It was a hit! Over fifty people showed up to relax, eat, and soak up the wonderful sounds of the band. Jakarta Café's food cart came to feed our bellies while the music filled our hearts. The kids made paper plate banjos to play along with the band. Who knows, maybe the next Madison musician will credit their night at Make Music Madison for the start of their musical career! Mark your calendars now, June 21, 2018, for the next time Gan HaYeled will host Make Music Madison.



Matzah Balls Wrap up Flag Football!

The Matzah Balls enjoyed another season of Flag Football. New people joined the team, new relationships were formed, and much fun was had. While we didn't make it to the championship this year, we did enjoy the journey! Matzah Balls, the Federation's coed sports team, is always looking for new members. Or, if cheering is more your thing, please check out the calendar for upcoming games to attend! Please let Tiz know if you have ideas, questions, or comments! outreach@jewishmadison.org





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Summer Fun at Camp Shalom!





































Jewish Education

We finished up our school year at Gan HaYeled and are now enjoying Camp Shalom Katan!



Jerri is singing songs with the Bet class as part of circle time before their farm field trip.



Annie helps Curtis light the candles, while Ethan and Sam wait for their turns with Kiddush and uncovering the challah.



Sasha gets to carry the Torah to start the Shabbat celebration.



Solly and Nitzan sliding down the big blue slide.



Playing with play dough are Henry, Zusya, Oliver and Parker.



The Dalet class is building with clay.



Our spring Schmooze group including Colleen and Georgia.



Scratching friends' backs during Shabbat at camp.

Hadassah's Walking Adventures

Madison Hadassah is bringing community together and encouraging physical fitness through walking adventures

Pewit's Nest and Devil's Lake – An End of Summer Walking, Swimming, and Picnicking Adventure
August 20, 2017
10:00 am – Noon Pewit's Nest –
12:15 pm– 2:30 pm – Devil's Lake

Enjoy one of the last summer Sundays this year cooling off just 46 minutes from Madison.
Free. Everyone welcome.

To let us know you're coming or for questions, call (608) 770-6521 or email MadisonHadassah@gmail.com. Check Madison Hadassah Facebook page for updates: www.facebook.com/ Hadassah-Madison/

10:00 am Pewit's Nest

First explore one of Wisconsin's beautiful hidden treasures — a dramatic gorge with waterfalls just 2 miles from Devil's Lake. We'll start with an easy 1/4 mile walk from the parking lot through a beautiful forest to a sandy beach at the base of the gorge and waterfalls Then walk up a short hill for the best views of the full gorge and waterfalls. Bring a swimsuit for wading and towel to enjoy sitting in this beautiful setting.

Directions: From Madison, take Hwy 12 into Baraboo. Turn left onto Country Rd. W and travel 1.5 miles. Parking at Pewit's Nest Natural Area is limited. Carpooling is strongly recommended.

12:15 pm Devil's Lake Picnic and Swim- 2 miles from Pewit's Nest

Meet at Devil's Lake Canoe and kayak rental. Look for blue and white flag. Carpooling available to enter park.



Pewit's Nest is a beautiful hidden treasure just 2 miles from Devil's Lake.

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

In memory of Allen Zemmol
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Jim and Nan Youngerman
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Diane Seder and Bruce Rosen
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In memory of Al Goldstein
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In honor of Dina Wienbach
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Alan R. Orenberg

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Selby's Wedding Anniversary
Ken and Dee Stein

In honor of Dr. Bud Margolis's special birthday
Ken and Dee Stein

In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Fabric's grandchild's B'nai Mitzvah
Ken and Dee Stein

In honor of the birth of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Marcus's granddaughter
Ken and Dee Stein

In honor of Eric Serlin's Bat Matzvah
Karen and Michael Ostrov and family

In honor of Dina Weinbach, Lynn Kaplan and Ellen Weismer
Steven Morrison and Goldie Kadushin

In honor of the birth of Ethan Fruit Ross
Linda and Steve Kailin

In honor of James Stein
Diane Seder and Bruce Rosen

In memory of Susan Winnig
David Bookstaff

In memory of Warren Randy
Karen and Harry Roth

Save the Date

Sunday, September 17, 2:00 pm-5:00 pm
Building Bridges – Celebrating Hadassah's Contributions to Healthcare for All - regardless of ability to pay in the US, Israel and throughout the world. Watch for details

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Levy Summer Series 2017

Thank you to all who have participated so far in our annual summer Levy Series presentations. It is a wonderful group of people and a great opportunity to socialize and learn from each other, have a sumptuous meal at the Nakoma Golf Club, and hear local experts in their field present and discuss their interests and research with us. Our last two presentations of the Levy Summer Series will be August 9 and 23. Thank you to our major sponsor and founder of the series, Madison businessman Jeffrey C. Levy. Jeff is co-owner of Phillips Distributing. He is a member of Temple Beth El and Beth Israel Center. Jeff serves on several community foundation boards including United Way, Meriter-Unity Point, and Olbrich Botanical Gardens. He and his family have been committed supporters of Jewish Social Services for many years. The presentation series was designed to provide educational activities in the summer months. A wide variety of topics are offered. We welcome you to participate in our remaining presentations. With generous support from Jeff Levy, Jewish Social Services will be completing our fifth year of Levy Summer Series programming.

Thank you to this year's planning committee: Dawn Berney, Paul Borowsky, Mark Cohen, Sheila Cohen, Annette Durkin, Tiz Goff, Louise Goldstein, Phyllis Holman Weisbard, Jeffrey C. Levy, Rick Margolis, Jean Weissburg, Judith Zukerman Kaufman (of memory). Thanks also to all our staff and volunteers at Jewish Social Services who make this series possible.

And, finally, our appreciation to all our presenters for generously sharing their time and talents. Our presenters and topics in June and July were:

Dr. Tal Elmaliach: "Jewish Youth between Zionism and the New Left, 1967-1973: A Comparative Look"

Professor Sunny Yudkoff: "A Tubercular Eden: Yiddish Literature of the American West"

Matt Bernstein: "Football and Jews in Collegiate and Professional Sport"

Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy, accompanied by pianist Ted Reinke and violinist Philip Tietze

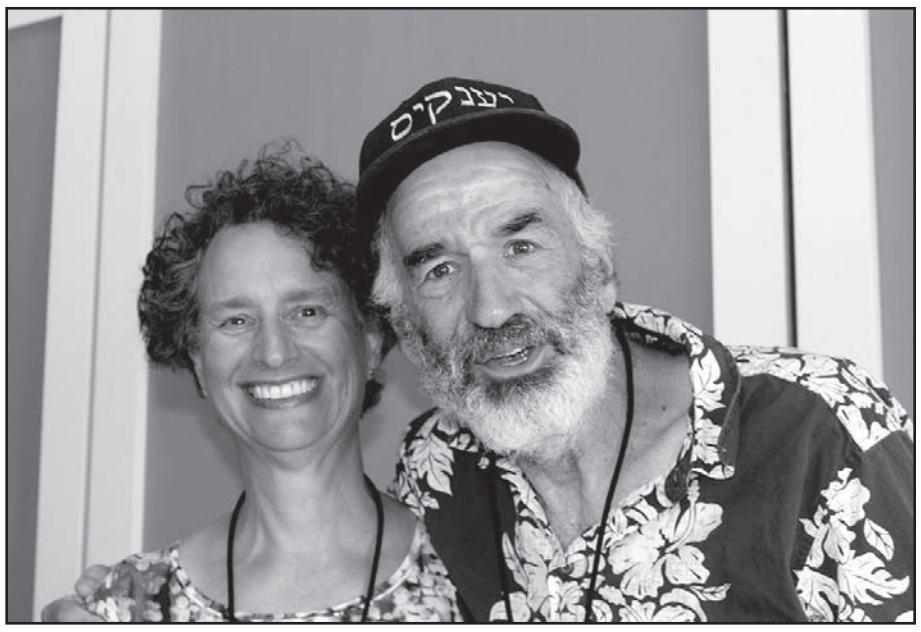
"Jews on Broadway and in Hollywood"

The last two presentations in the series are as follows:

Wednesday, August 9, "The Roots of Jewish Community at the University of Wisconsin"

Although there had been Jewish students at the University of Wisconsin since 1861, it was not until fifty years later that a significant enough group of Jewish students began to form self-consciously Jewish organizations. These early organizations—the Menorah Society, several student Zionist societies, and a Jewish Student Association sponsored by the Reform movement—attracted Jewish students to Wisconsin from around Wisconsin and around the United States. Like their counterparts at better-studied Ivy League universities, this first large generation of Jewish college students went on to excel in a variety of academic and professional fields, and their Jewish experiences on campus translated into leadership in other Jewish organizations.







The presenter is Jonathan Pollack, instructor at Madison College. Jonathon earned his Ph.D. in history at University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1999. His Jewish Studies research agenda has two parts: writing the history of the Midwestern Jewish experience into broader themes of American Jewish history, and tracing the complex roles of Jewish entertainers, impresarios, and fans within the history of twentieth-century popular culture. Dr. Pollack was awarded the National Endowment for the Humanities Faces of America grant for "Faces of Madison's Jewish Community" in 2002. He holds the Madison Area Technical College Fellowship at UW's Institute for Research in the Humanities. Jonathan has published articles on a wide range of issues related to Jewish social, cultural and historical topics. He also played drums, and you can still hear this music on CD recordings from Yid Vicious, Madison's most renowned klezmer band!

Lunch: vegetarian split pea soup, dinner rolls and mini muffins, tuna nicoise salad or Greek farfalle with artichoke hearts Dessert: Mango sorbet with pirouline

• This following event (August 23) is sold out. A waiting list has been started. Please call if you'd like your name added to the list.

Wednesday, August 23, "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Where Do We Stand Today?"

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Israel's conquest of the West Bank, and 100 years since the Balfour Declaration. This talk will explore the ups and downs of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict over that time, the current strategies of the participants, and where it is likely to go from here.

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

Lunch: Caprese salad, dinner rolls & mini muffins, Baked halibut or Vegetable phyllo, yukon gold potatoes, green bean bundle wrapped in carrot, apple fritters

Levy Summer Series Registration

All events are $18 per person, includes lunch with choice of entree. Scholarships are available: contact Paul Borowsky at (608) 442-4083 or paul@jssmadison.org.

Schedule: 11:00 am-11:20 am check-in, 11:30 am-12:30 pm presentation, 12:30

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pm-1:30 pm lunch, 1:30 pm-2:15 pm discussion
Where: Nakoma Golf Club, 4145 Country Club Road, Madison (just north of UW Arboretum entrance off Seminole Highway)

Online at www.jssmadison.org
Mail-in registration & payment to: Jewish Social Services, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison WI 53719 (phone help: (608) 442-4081)

For program information or general questions, Paul Borowsky, Volunteer Engagement & Event Program Manager at 608-442-4083 or email paul@jssmadison.org

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Transportation is available with Transit Solutions.
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more than 400 conversions in 2016, said Shas leader Aryeh Deri "has spent the last week and a half unnecessarily wielding a stick and trying to humiliate the American jewish community, the Reform and Conservative communities, and do a disservice to the future of conversion in this country. The compromise is an effective and positive step."

"Once the flames die down a little," Farber said, "there are meaningful legal ways to address the concerns of the bill without resorting to bullying tactics and [inflexible] party policy. What's at stake is the future of the Jewish people, and that's simply too important to leave in the hands of the myopic few."

Minister for Diaspora Affairs Naftali Bennett welcomed the move to delay the bill, saying in a statement Friday that it "creates dialogue between Israel and Diaspora" and "will ensure Israel remains the homeland of the entire Jewish People."

"Conversation is the key to Jewish unity, and close relations with US Jews are a strategic asset of Israel," said Bennett, who heads the right-wing party Jewish Home and is also education minister.

Stuck at the Wall

A source close to the government claimed on Friday that progress was also being made on the cabinet's Sunday decision to freeze the so-called Western Wall compromise deal, an issue that has also drawn angry opposition from American Jewish leaders in recent days.

The source reiterated to The Times of Israel that construction of the permanent facility for pluralistic prayer would go ahead, and said that the issue of how people would gain access to the various Western Wall prayer areas — via a single or multiple entry points — would now be reexamined.

The key issue of oversight of the pluralistic prayer pavilion would not be reconsidered, however, this source said. Under the now frozen deal, non-Orthodox streams of Judaism were to have had joint oversight of the pluralistic pavilion — a concession they deemed crucial and that ultra-Orthodox leaders fervently opposed.

Kariv, head of the Israeli Reform movement, told The Times of Israel on Friday afternoon that his movement was adamant in insisting on shared oversight of the facility, and would not compromise on the issue. Any assertion to the contrary was "nonsense," he said. "We already made all the compromises we're willing to make," he said.

In a separate statement, Kariv accused the ultra-Orthodox parties of leading "a campaign of destruction in Israel-Diaspora relations with the tacit consent of Netanyahu.

The JFNA's Silverman said an effort was being made to bring together Minister Tzachi Hanegbi, Netanyahu's point man on the Western Wall issue, and Jewish Agency head Natan Sharansky, in order to have them "begin dialogue working together on how to think about bringing the parties to the table and what's going to be different this time."

Earlier Friday, the leaders of the ultra-Orthodox Shas and United Torah Judaism parties had stormed out of the meeting of coalition leaders that sought to approve the delay of the conversion bill.

The delay was accepted by most of the party leaders, according to sources familiar with what transpired in the closed-door gathering who spoke to the Israeli media. Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit reportedly also backed the idea.

But then Netanyahu asked an aide to draft a letter announcing the decision that he would send to American Jewish leaders.

The request reportedly led Interior Minister Deri to demand that in exchange for Shas acquiescing to the delay, the other coalition parties would agree to advance the bill if the High Court of Justice does not itself delay hearing the appeals of the Reform movement and others on recognition for its conversions.

Kulanu leader Moshe Kahlon, the finance minister, insisted that any new push for the bill would require a new cabinet debate, leading Deri to complain angrily that he was the only one compromising. Deri then stalked out of the meeting, followed by MK Moshe Gafni of UTJ.

UTJ sources told Hebrew-language media outlets that their coalition partners had "backtracked on explicit agreements and violated the coalition agreement."

Defenders of the legislation, chiefly the ultra-Orthodox parties in the governing coalition, say it consolidates the conversion system in Israel and safeguards its integrity.

The conversion initiative, along with a move to nix the construction of the pluralistic prayer space at the Western Wall, angered liberal Israelis and triggered an unprecedented clash this week with representatives of US Jewry.

After Friday's meeting, Moshe Kahlon wrote on Twitter that he "expects all sides to return [to the table] and sit until we reach an agreed-upon framework."

He added: "National resilience and the real security of the Jewish people lies in its unity. The Jewish people paid a steep price in the past for its divisions, and we won't return to those periods."

The bill is also being challenged from within the coalition by Yisrael Beytenu, whose appeal is slated to be debated in the cabinet at its next meeting, currently scheduled for Thursday next week.

The measure, which was drafted last month by the Interior Ministry, led by Deri, is an attempt to circumvent a March 2016 Supreme Court ruling that allowed those undergoing private Orthodox conversions in Israel to become citizens under the Law of Return. The court did not take a stand on the religious question of rabbinic recognition of the converts as Jews, but did require Israeli civil agencies to treat them as Jewish for the purposes of naturalization.

Ultra-Orthodox lawmakers have vowed to fight for the bill, with Health Minister Yaakov Litzman, leader of UTJ, threatening his party will bolt the coalition if it isn't signed into law.

JTA contributed to this report.



Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman arrives at the weekly cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, June 25, 2017. (Marc Israel Sellem/Pool/ Flash90)

Jewish Federation of Madison Statement on Recent Actions by the Israel Government

We are deeply disappointed by two actions taken by the government of Israel that represent a threat to Jewish unity and Jewish peoplehood.

The government voted to suspend the historic decision reached last year to create an egalitarian prayer space at the Kotel (Western Wall) and to effectively end recognition of private conversions.

In 2013, following a decades-long advocacy campaign led by Women of the Wall and supported by the Conservative and Reform movements, Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu tasked Jewish Agency for Israel Chair Natan Sharansky with developing a compromise that would enable respectful accommodation of all recognized Jewish practice at the Kotel.

After several years of intense negotiations, a seemingly historic compromise was reached. The Jewish Federations played a central role in that effort, working with Reform and Conservative movements, the ultra-religious parties in Israel, The Jewish Agency for Israel, Women of the Wall, the rabbi of the Western Wall, and the Israeli government to reach an agreement.

As a result of the agreement, the Israeli Cabinet approved the proposal in January 2016 in a legally binding government resolution. Among other provisions, the Cabinet agreed to create a formal egalitarian prayer space as part of the overall Kotel area.

Beyond the success of the plan itself, many hoped that the groundbreaking agreement would have set a precedent, showing that compromise can be reached. The fact that so many disparate groups were able to reach an understanding was seen as a very positive sign. Nonetheless, the optimism proved to be short-lived, as implementation of the plan was halted due to pressure from ultra-Orthodox politicians and groups.

A number of petitions were filed in the Supreme Court on the issue. In September 2016, the Court strongly reprimanded the government for not implementing the deal. With a Court established deadline of June 26, 2017, ultra-Orthodox groups intensified their efforts to block the deal. At the urging of ultra-Orthodox coalition partners threatening to withdraw from Netanyahu's governing coalition, the government voted on June 25, 2017, to formally freeze the Kotel Resolution.

Almost simultaneously to the Kotel vote, the Israeli Ministerial Committee for Legislation approved a bill submitted by Interior Minister Aryeh Deri, leader of the ultra-Orthodox Shas party, that would require the State to recognize only conversions to Judaism implemented under the supervision of Israel's Chief Rabbinate. The full cabinet must now vote to approve or reject the bill before it is submitted for consideration in the Knesset.

The bill aims to circumvent a March 2016 Supreme Court ruling that permitted those who underwent private Orthodox conversions in Israel to become citizens under the Law of Return. The bill would grant the Chief Rabbinate direct supervision over conversion, an authority that it does not hold today.

The bill creates uncertainty regarding the future recognition of both Orthodox and non- Orthodox conversions to Judaism that were conducted outside Israel. The law may open the way for the State to recognize only conversions carried out abroad that are approved by Israel's Chief Rabbinate. The Haredi conversion bill would grant the Chief Rabbinate a total monopoly over conversion in Israel, and would annul all legal standing currently granted to Orthodox conversions performed in independent Orthodox rabbinical courts as well as for Reform and Conservative conversions. Jews who immigrated to Israel under the Law of Return and received their conversion status for naturalization purposes stand to have their conversions annulled or denied in the future.

The Conservative and Reform movements are vehemently opposed to the bill, and the TZOHAR Rabbinic Association, a national movement of 1,000 Religious Zionist rabbis in Israel, including noted Orthodox rabbis such as Shlomo Riskin, have expressed their opposition. Fortunately, this bill is now frozen for further study for the next six months, as a result of the strong international opposition.

Let us be clear. While our support for and commitment to Israel remain steadfast, we nonetheless take serious issue with these actions by the government. These actions will only deepen the already accelerating divide between Diaspora Jews and Israel, precisely at a time when Jewish unity has never been more important.

We call on the government of Israel to immediately restore and move ahead with the Kotel agreement -- a rare, unified compromise between all denominations that would be a landmark achievement for all Jews.

We also call on the government of Israel to promptly reverse its position on the conversion bill, which does such enormous damage to the hope and promise of Israel as a Jewish state for all of the Jewish people.

Federation and Jewish Agency leaders are already meeting with Israeli government officials, including Prime Minister Netanyahu, to express the concerns of Diaspora Jews. Jerry Silverman, CEO of the Jewish Federations of North America, and other top Jewish community leaders, including those of the Conservative and Reform movements, were in Israel at the time of the announcements for a Jewish Agency Board of Governors meeting.

Despite our disappointment, we want to reiterate that the love and care that we feel for Israel and its people will not change. Still, we join the chorus of Jewish Federations and other U.S. Jewish organizations at expressing our extreme disdain at the government of Israel's abandonment of its agreement to bring about respectful accommodation for all Jews to express their Judaism at the Kotel. We adamantly urge the Israeli government to consider the impact of these decisions on all Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora. It is incumbent on the Israeli government to reverse its recent actions.

Camp Corner

Bringing Sea of Galilee to Camp Shalom – P2G

By Shir Moyal and Yuval Aidan

Two months ago, we arrived in Madison, exhausted but excited for the unknown. We knew in general what was going to happen. We were here through a partnership program called P2G (Partnership2gether) that Madison has with our region in Israel, the Kinneret area (Sea of Galilee). We were going to be here for two and a half months, and we are going to be the "Israel professional staff" at Camp Shalom.

But we didn't really know what to expect. When we arrived, our host families welcomed us very nicely. They showed us the city, the American way of living and made us feel like we were home. They became our American "mommy and daddy," who planned our weekends and after camp time to be so amazing, and we are grateful for that.

Our other "home," and the main reason for our stay, was Camp Shalom where we met Ellen, the director of camp, who took care of us and made sure we were having the best experience possible.

We got to know all the kids in all the different ages and we had the opportunity to bring them a little piece of Israel. We were so happy to see their passion and hear their questions about Israel. For example, one of the activities we did was about the Western Wall. The kids loved the idea of making wishes, and really connected to the subject and wrote notes from their hearts. It was so powerful to read their wishes. Our favorite part at the camp was the Shabbat ceremony. It touched us to hear the Shabbat songs and the prayers, and to take part in challah making. It reminded us of home.

We also made friends who introduced us to Madison's night life, and experience the city from another point of view.

We are grateful for the opportunity to have such an amazing experience, thanks to the Jewish Federation of Madison for having this amazing program. Thank you to the whole generous Jewish community in Madison for welcoming us for these the last two months, and of course, thank you to the Israeli schlichim, Daniel and Shirly, who were our parents, teachers and friends during our time here.

We hope to see you all in Israel soon.

Shir Moyal and Yuval Aidan,

Your Israeli staff at Camp Shalom and Noar Bogrim.



Shir and Yuval teaching the daily Hebrew song.

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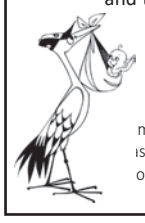

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Shir is teaching the kids about the Western Wall.



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Yuval and Nevaeh selfie.



Yuval is teaching about the map of Israel.



Yuval is teaching the kids Matkot, the Israeli beach game.

Camp Shalom and Noar-Bogrim ...Wet, Hot, Fun Summer!

By Ellen Weismer, Camp Director

At Camp Shalom we sing the song Rise and Shine. It tells the story of Noah building the ark and gathering the animals two by two to escape the 40 days and nights of rain. With all of the rain so far this summer, we have felt that our Minkoff Center and Goodman House are the arks for our campers. The weather taught us all a lot about being flexible and though there were some activities that needed to be altered due to weather, overall it was a fun start to summer!

Some of the highlights at Camp Shalom included Yom Yisrael, planned by our full-time Israeli staff. All the campers were able to make chocolate balls and pita, play a game that sent them on an Amazing Race around Israel and learned new Hebrew words. Our first session Latenight was a wet one so we had to hold the program indoors. However, the food carts and camper performances helped to make it a fun night for everyone. The Gimel campers slept at camp. With over 30 tents it was one of the biggest tent cities we have seen out here at Shalom. And the Aleph and Bet campers were so excited to play in the foam pit and participate in a day of programing based on Dr. Seuss books.

The Noar-Bogrim campers were able to go on many field trips around the Madison area including Amazing Race scavenger hunts downtown, log-rolling and boating at Lake Wingra and trips to Olbrich Gardens. The 9th grade campers had a fun, four-day camping trip at Camp Chi in the Dells and the 6th through 8th grade campers had their own adventures sleeping at the Goodman Campus because of the weather. They had a fun dance party, including cotton candy and snow cones. The session wrapped up with their annual Messtival, a day of messy fun and on Shabbat they ceremoniously silly-stringed their graduating ninth grade campers.

As this article comes to print we will be starting our third and final session of the summer. Look for more information about Camp Shalom in the September edition of the Madison Jewish News.

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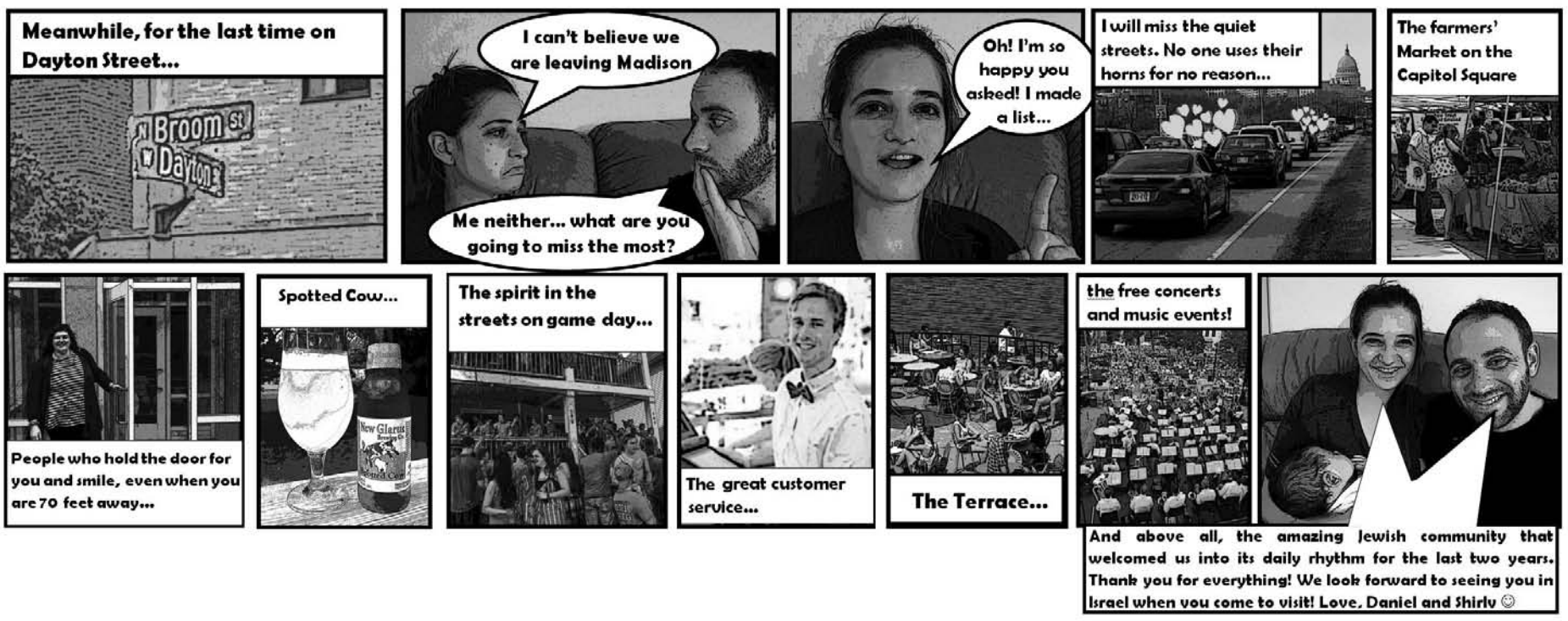

From the Mideast to the Midwest

By Daniel Gill and Shirly Gill
Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists Jewish Federation of Madison

After we married, about five years ago, we encountered a problem that seemed small but held a fundamental question. We moved in together, to build our house as a couple. Even though we lived in a small rented apartment, we of course called this place a "HOME" (or Ba'it in Hebrew). Home is a strong word, and even though we had just moved in and had not yet had any sentimental experiences or had feelings for the place itself, as the song "Home is wherever I am with you" says, it was indeed our home. However, Shirly continued to call her parents' house home as well. Daniel would get angry and say, "Shirly, it is no longer your home, it's your parents' house. Your home is now our home!" And Shirly would always answer, "Why can't I have two homes?" And the argument would go on and on.

Even now, five years later, we have not yet solved the crucial question of what is considered a home, but we agree on one thing: We do have two homes, one in Jerusalem and one in Madison.

We came here two years ago to connect Israel and Madison, and we found friends, found a community, and for the first time we even established a family here when Ariya was born two months ago. If it is not considered a home, then what is?

This month we are returning to Israel, after two amazing years in Madison, UW Hillel and the Jewish Federation. We go back to our home in Israel but know that we will always feel that we have another home, here in Madison with this amazing community.

There are many things we have learned in the last two years here. We learned that rain in the summer is normal, how to drive in snow and to wear summer clothes when it is only "40" outside. We learned that a day off to spend time with the family is important, how to be less judgmental and how to live our private lives in a different way. But perhaps the most important thing we have learned is related to the Jewish world. Judaism is so diverse, and have such a great spectrum of opinions. Now we have a better understanding of the idea that all the variants or streams of Judaism should feel at home in Israel. As of this writing, there are still some main issues about those ideas in Israel.

For us, this is the main goal of our mission. After an amazing two years during which we were Israeli representatives in your community, we are going back to Israel we are going to where we will be your emissaries. The mission is not only to bring an Israeli spirit to the Jews abroad, but also to bring the spirit and values of the Jews from abroad to Israel. This connection is important for the advancement of Israel and for the healthy development of Judaism in Israel, no less important for Jewish life outside of Israel. And that's the most important thing we've learned from our experience here in the past two years.

So, we hope that you see this connection as something unique and magical, and that you also feel that you have at least two homes, one here, and one with us in Israel. Every time you come to Israel, know that we are always there, waiting for you.

As a way of summarizing our incredible experience in Madison, we have collected a few photos from all the many programs we did or took part in.

We will meet again soon,

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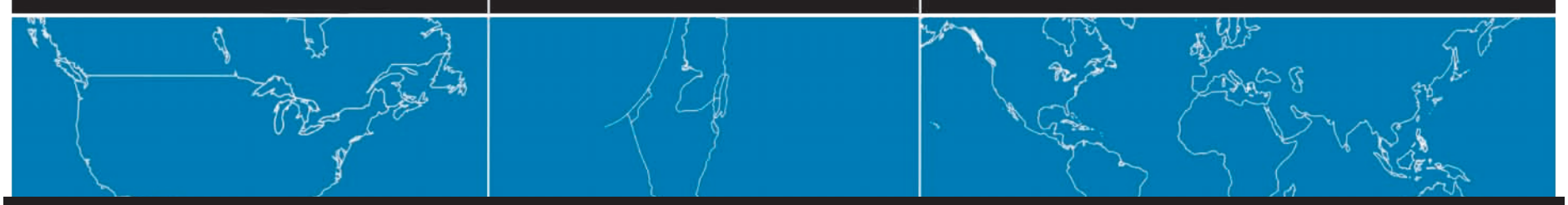

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