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Save the Date for Interfaith Advocacy Day!

The annual People of Faith United for Justice Advocacy Day will be held on April 4, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Madison.

This day-long gathering is a great way to learn about and advocate for legislative issues important to Wisconsin's Jewish community. All participants will meet with their state legislators to discuss priority issues and weigh in on the proposed state budget.

People of Faith United for Justice Advocacy Day is sponsored by the Wisconsin Jewish Conference, the Jewish Federation of Madison, the Jewish Community Relations Council Milwaukee Jewish Federation, the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, Lutheran Office for Public Policy, Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice, the Wisconsin Council of Churches and the Madison Urban Ministry.

Please register online at: www.wichurches. org under "Events".

The Mission of the Federation

By Dina Weinbach, Executive Director
Jewish Federation of Madison

Since the Jewish Federation of Madison was founded 76 years ago, our community and our needs have evolved. Our mission and values, however, are timeless. In these times of change it is important to focus on these three elements – needs, mission and values – as the foundation of our responsibilities both for our local community and global community. Together we address these needs as a powerful collective.

I want to take this opportunity to share our mission with the community only to reinforce and reiterate what the Federation works so hard to achieve.

The mission of the Jewish Federation of Madison ("Federation") is to work toward building a strong and unified Jewish community in order to ensure the survival, well-being and continuity of the Jewish people in this area, in Israel and throughout the world.

The Jewish Federation of Madison acts to develop the resources and create the initiatives required to support agencies, activities, services and programs which strive to fulfill this mission.

The primary goals pursued by Jewish Federation of Madison to fulfill this mission are:

- To develop human and financial resources.
- To encourage and support Jewish educational programs, formal and informal, at all levels.
- To support the social service needs of the Jewish community.
- To affirm, support and strengthen our relationship with the people of and the State of Israel.
- To enhance the quality of life for Jews in other countries and to support the migration of Jews in peril.
- To maintain effective relationships and understanding between the Jewish community and the community-at-large.
- To cooperate with other organizations in meeting the needs of the Jewish community.
- To coordinate, plan and implement programs and services in order to maximize the effectiveness of the Jewish community and how it relates to working with the total community.
- To engage in community-wide planning in order to accomplish this mission.

Our mission statement gives us direction, highlights our goals, and guides our actions. It is one that we come back to again and again to ensure we are on course to achieve our goals. Our work is a collective effort which will continue for years to come. We are fortunate to live in a fabulous community with wonderful people and volunteers who care so much, and who work tirelessly on behalf of the Jewish community. To those who give your time and energy, you have my heartfelt thanks. To those of you who would like to become involved – or more involved – please let me know. I look forward to continuing our work together to build a stronger and more dynamic Jewish community.

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Tu B'Shevat with a Twist



The Yahara Bay Distillery was the perfect setting for a February cocktail party to celebrate Tu B'Shevat. The crowd gathered in the main bar area to hear more about the work of the Federation. Read about the evening and see more photos on page 19.

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Camp Shalom Offers Annual Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

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

There are four different sponsor levels:
- *Director's Circle $10,000+ (14+ Campers' Tuition)*
- *Shalom Circle $5000-$9999 (7-14 Campers' Tuition)*
- *Friendship Circle $2600-$4999 (4-7 Campers' Tuition)*
- *Camper's Circle: $795-$2599 (1-3 Campers' Tuition)*

Each level of the Camp Shalom's Annual Corporate Sponsorships includes many benefit and recognition opportunities. For additional information, please contact Dina Weinbach at (608) 442-4070 or dina@jewishmadison.org.

Few youth-serving programs in Dane County are six decades old. It has taken the involvement of many to accomplish what we have. We hope to raise $115,000 in scholarship funds for the summer of 2017. There is little question that scholarship needs will be greater than last year; that's been the case throughout our history. Last year, with the support of our community, the Jewish Federation of Madison awarded $105,000 in full and partial scholarships to 193 campers. Without exception, families tell us how grateful they are and how much their children love Camp Shalom; an experience the children would not have without scholarship support.

Please help us spread the word and consider the Camp Shalom Corporate Sponsorship Scholarship program for your business. Thank you in advance for helping to make the summer of 2017 at Camp Shalom the best one yet.











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Shalom Madison Jewish Community Day School

By Marla Becker, Head of School

Madison Jewish Community Day School

The Madison Jewish Community Day School is a beneficiary agency of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Shalom Chaverim,
Shalom Chaverim,

Being a part of Madison Jewish Community Day School since March 2012 has been a remarkable adventure. To this day I am amazed that we have a school where equal emphasis is placed on the social, emotional, and academic needs of each child. It has been an honor to spend the years working with the children as they navigate social situations, identify and process their own thoughts and emotions, and handle the challenges and achievements of academics.

To teach in an environment where we deeply immerse ourselves in the material, infuse creativity, and have the children provide input and take on leadership roles has been astounding. Watching the children spend their days learning Jewish values, language, history, religion and culture, and then figuring out how it applies to their own lives is heartwarming and gratifying.

We really do have a "school family," where the children are "siblings," supporting one another through challenging times and celebrating each other's accomplishments. We have a place where parents, grandparents, friends, and the community at large volunteer with the kids, bring in special visitors, arrange field trips, and take care of each other's children.

Unfortunately, our MJCDS adventure is coming to an end. Even though our school will be closing this June, our "school family" will remain with us forever. Following are some of our students' reflections about what the school has meant to them.

I will miss MJCDS so much. MJCDS was and will always be my home. Everyone in the MJCDS family is so caring and loving. Being at MJCDS makes me feel like I have a place to feel safe from worrying about random things, a place where I am safe, a place to see happiness everyday, a place to have friends that will always care about me. I will miss all my friends and teachers, the people that work in the building and the laugh and smile on people's faces. I will never find a school like this again, so I should be happy that I had a chance to be in this big family. I have so many great memories. I will always remember this school. This place will always be my home. MJCDS is my home. I will never let it go.

Charley, age nine

I will miss MJCDS and everything in it. I will miss all the kids (my friends) and all the people who worked here. I love all the things and activities we do here. I wish I could be here with my friends for sixteen more years. I love when we are together. We are a family forever. With all my heart.

Love, Shiloh, age ten

Lehitraot, Lehitraot,
Shalom, Shalom



The children take a moment in between classes to enjoy the warm weather.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:

***Andrew Dylan Ries**, son of Joshua and Andrea Ries and brother of Jacob and Emma; grandson of Judy and Gary Ries; nephew of Jill Ries Noyce and Mark Noyce*

***Toni Legend**, daughter of Brittney and Michael Naaman; and sister to Charlie Danger*

***Malia Rose Adele Small**, daughter of Gisela and Vincent Small and granddaughter of Barb and Rick Mulhern*

Condolences to the families of:

***Seth Loeb Lettofsky**, son of Rabbi Alan and Jean (nee Loeb) Lettofsky; and brother of Sharon (Marcelo Schliserman) Lettofsky and Deborah (Howard) Bobrow*

***Milton Paul**, beloved husband of Judith Heilizer*

***Nathan Elbaum**, husband of Louise and father of Mike and Philip*

***Joel Ogush**, brother of Ina (Ted) Smolker and uncle of Leslie (Daniel) Kemp*

***Jeff Sauer**, father of Chip (Rachel) Sauer, grandfather of Eliana and Camden Sauer*

***Bruce Wilson**, cousin of Patricia Litscher*

***Adrianne Lee Slaymaker**, mother of Wes Slaymaker*

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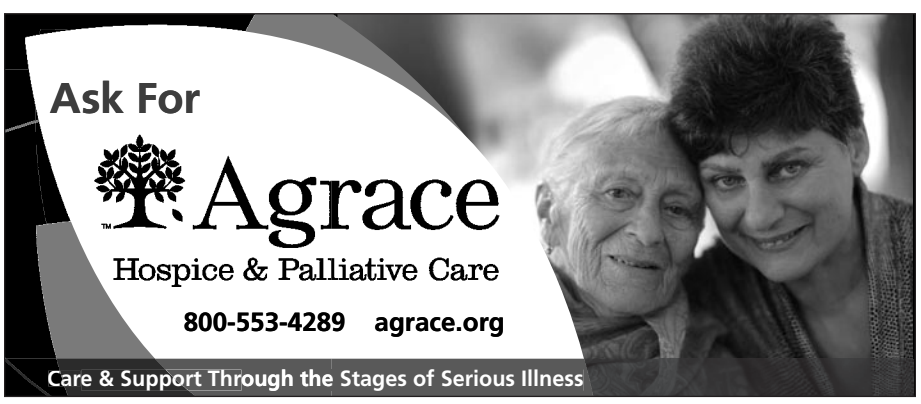

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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS

15th Annual Israeli Film Festival

Thursday, March 2
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Hillel, 611 Langdon St., Madison

Final Film: The Other Son

About The Film: The moving and provocative tale of two young men -- one Israeli, the other Palestinian -- who discover they were accidentally switched at birth.

Contact: Shirly Gill-Raiz, israelfellow@uwhillel.org



Hamantaschen Baking Workshop

Sunday, March 5
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison

Fill, Fold and Bake the Hamantaschen to be sold at the Community Purim Carnival (Sunday, March 12th at Beth Israel Center). Making the Hamantaschen for the community Purim carnival takes a lot of preparation and WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Come for the whole time or just drop by for a little to help. There will be a dough-making tutorial from 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking, and packaging these yummy Purim treats.

We also need a few adults to help us in the kitchen making the dough on March 1, 3.

Hamantaschen will be available for purchase, individually, by the half-dozen or dozen at the Community Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 12.

Brought to you by the Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education Committee.



Register for Camp Shalom

Wednesday, March 8
Visit www.JewishMadison.org for more information

Camp Shalom - which means "peace" – is the summer day camp of Jewish Federation of Madison. Its Jewish environment is welcoming to all elementary and middle school-age children and provides a safe, nurturing, and fun experience.



Community Purim Carnival

Sunday, March 12
9:30 am - 11:30 am
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison

Dust off your costumes and get ready to spin your groggers...
We're celebrating Purim as a Community!
Schedule of Events:
9:30 am - Doors Open
9:45 am - Purim Spiel
10:00 am - NEW This Year: Costume Parade & Contest
10:15 am -11:30 am - Carnival Games

Snacks & Hamantaschen (individually, by the half-dozen, and dozen) will be available for purchase.

Admission Price: $7 for Ages 2-12; Free for All Others
Children ages 2-12 will get a hand stamp for admission

Volunteers Wanted: Help make the fun happen by selling tickets, food or hamantaschen, running carnival activities, games or prize room, or being part of the clean up crew.

See the full page ad on page 11 for details. For more information contact Ellen Weismer, (608) 278-1808 or program@jewishmadison.org.

Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand) Playgroup

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

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

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

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

Community Yom HaShoah Service & Program

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

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

From the Holocaust to Civil Rights

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



Madison Hadassah is Bringing Community Together Through Walking Adventures

Madison Hadassah Walking Adventures goes to the State Capitol. See the exhibit celebrating 100th Anniversary of Wisconsin State Capitol.

Date: Wednesday, March 22
Time 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm Tour Capitol
*Optional 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm: Visit with a local legislator. Check our Facebook page for updates
1:30 pm Lunch at nearby restaurant

Free. Handicap accessible. Reservations required. To reserve space or for more information: Email: MadisonHadassah@gmail.com
Call: (608) 770-6521
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Get exercise while viewing the capitol and a special exhibit celebrating Wisconsin State Capitol's 100th Anniversary. Get a close look at the capitol's remarkable architecture and workmanship including magnificent murals, marble mosaics and towering marble columns. This is also a great time to become familiar with the legislative chambers, meeting rooms and offices of the state senate, assembly, governor and their support staff.

Park at one of parking structures near square. Meet at Information Desk on 1st floor. If you arrive late and want to locate the group, call (608) 770-6521. If you need help using elevators, please call the same number.

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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In honor of the engagement of Ilana Rosen and Ben Roach
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In honor of the birth of Livia Asher's granddaughter
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Hadassah Speaks Out on Immigration, Healthcare, Education and More

Hadassah has a long and proud history of advocacy on a wide variety of issues facing our nation, Israel and other international matters of concern. As a charitable organization, Hadassah and its chapters cannot campaign for political candidates, but we can lobby for issues. As a chapter, we represent over 400 women when we speak with legislators. As an organization, we stand for over 300,000 women in the nation.

Several of Hadassah's policy statements are particularly important now. For example, Hadassah has policy statements and lobbies for healthcare-for-all, reproductive rights, and LGBT rights. As recently as January 24, Hadassah's National Board passed a new Refugees & Immigration Policy Statement celebrating American diversity, multiculturalism, and religious pluralism.

To read more about these policies and learn about opportunities for our chapter to speak to legislators as a Hadassah member, go to http:// www.hadassah.org /advocate/policy-statements/hadassah-advocacy-history.html. Or sign up for Hadassah's Advocacy Alerts at Advocacy@Hadassah.org

Save the date April 4, 2017!
Madison Hadassah joins
Wisconsin Interfaith Day
Watch for upcoming details.

The Jewish Women's Circle

By Alicia Schiff

You'll always find something different at the JWC. Whether it's a project making clocks out of old record albums (I picked the Jackson 5), learning how to make a flower arrangement or decorating Kiddush cups, it's always fun. The hosts also change; each month a volunteer opens her home up to the group.

You'll also find some things stay the same: a warm, inviting home filled with Jewish women; delicious, interesting and healthy foods; giving tzedakah; saying a timely prayer, and—of course—Faygie Matusof. JWC wouldn't be the same without Faygie.

Faygie beautifully weaves Jewish text with Jewish tales and important life messages in a short d'var offered with warmth, humor, emotion, and intelligence. Her last d'var got a big chuckle from the group when she didn't know the difference between a lobster and a clam for the story she was telling. Everyone chimed in to assist. (It was a lobster).

At the start of each gathering, we schmooze, mingle, see familiar faces and meet new ones. Then we gather in a circle, as best we can. We give tzedakah, say a prayer and then Faygie begins.

After the d'var, we've been moved emotionally, spiritually and intellectually. Then it's time for fun. We have permission to be young again—to craft, to laugh, to create and to be with others in a warm, safe, friendly environment. Some stay after to chat, others brave the winter and leave the warmth of the hostess's home.

Either way, we all walk away fulfilled. We've spent a midweek evening with other Jewish women who just want to connect, learn and have fun.



Learning how to make a flower arrangement.



Enjoying delicious food.

18th Annual

Greenfield Summer Institute: Jews and Science

July 9–13, 2017

University of Wisconsin–Madison
Tuition: $195 for the full Institute
(single-day pricing also available)

"I've always been a student, my whole life... being able to come back, sit in on lectures from professors who are experts in their field, and share those experiences with other people who have similar interests—to me that sounds like a really fun vacation. A learning vacation."
—Robin Berman Thompson '72 (Fairfax, VA)

The Greenfield Summer Institute showcases the award-winning teaching and research of acclaimed Jewish Studies scholars from UW–Madison and around the country. Participants enjoy lectures, a book talk, film screenings, meals, and other opportunities to learn and socialize. This year's program, Jews and Science, will examine the Jewish world's relation to science and scientific understanding from antiquity to the modern period.

More information and online registration at jewishstudies.wisc.edu/greenfield

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

All events are open to the community and take place at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, unless otherwise noted.

We encourage members of the Jewish community to join Temple Beth El, and we welcome prospective members to participate in programs and activities. Contact Interim Executive Director Terrie Goren at (608) 238-3123 or executive@tbemadison.org.

Shabbat Dinner Get-Together

Friday, March 3, 5:30 pm
Private Address, RSVP for information

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

Men's Club Book Group

Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 pm

This month, Men's Club Book Group will discuss "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City" by Matthew Desmond.

Singles Creating Community Dinner

Wednesday, Mar 8, 6:30 pm
Quivey's Grove Stable Grill
6261 Nesbitt Rd., Fitchburg

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

Purimfest 2017: Haman's Hoedown (21+)

Saturday, March 11, 7:00 pm

Brush off your boots and brandish your bandanas! Temple Beth El is having an adult only Purim Party and this year's theme is "Haman's Hoedown". Come enjoy food, adult beverages and lots of fun with a poker tournament, Cards Against Humanity, inflatable jousting, sumo suits and more! Costumes encouraged but not required. Admission is $20/adult. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/Purimfest2017.

Madison's Jews' Next Dor (20s & 30s) Meet & Greet Dinner

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 pm
Lucille, 101 King St, Madison

Enjoy a family style pizza dinner with fellow young adults. Dinner will be no more than $20 per person. Please bring cash, small bills appreciated. RSVP to Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org, (608) 238-3123.

Singles Creating Community Coffee

Friday, March 17, 9:00 am
Steep & Brew (in Market Square)
6604 Odana Rd., Madison

Start your Friday with some lovely conversation.

Cancer Support Group

Sunday, March 26, 2:00 pm
Frank Adult Lounge, Temple Beth El

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

Men's Club Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, March 31, 7:30 pm

Please save the date to join the Temple Beth El Men's Club for this special Shabbat Worship Service. More information to follow.

Tots 'n Tunes with Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy: Passover Edition

April 2, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Tots 'n Tunes is a program for 0-5 year olds and open to the entire Madison Jewish Community. Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy will host Jewish families with young children by engaging them in playful, musical, educational moments. This is a meaningful program at Temple that fosters connections between Jewish families in Madison, while getting to know our newest clergy member and our Temple Beth El synagogue. Caregivers and their children will to sing, move, learn, play, create, bond, pray and grow with our new Tots 'n Tunes programming.

Social Action Shabbat Worship Service

Friday, April, 6:00 pm

Save the date! Join the Temple Beth El Social Action Committee for a Shabbat evening service with themes of Freedom. Dinner to follow. For more information and to register visit http://bit.ly/2017sac-shabbat or contact Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3125.

Seder Matching

Monday, April 10
"Let All Who Are Hungry Come and Eat"

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

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

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

Please register at bit.ly/sedermatching2017 by March 31 indicating whether you would like to volunteer to host or would like to be matched with a host.

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

Young Adult Passover Seder

Monday, April 10, 6:00 pm

Enjoy a friendly Kosher for Passover Seder with other 20 and 30 somethings at a private residence close to Temple Beth El. Space is limited so let us know that you're coming soon! Address will be sent to those who register.

RSVP by March 31 online at http://bit.ly/2017youngadultseder or to Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org

Community Seder

Tuesday, April 11, 7:00 pm

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

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

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

- Adult (14+): $30 TBE member; $35 nonmember
- Youth (5–13): $20 TBE member; $25 nonmember
- Tot (2–4): $6 TBE member; $8 nonmember

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

Passover Yizkor Service

Sunday, April 16, 5:00 pm

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

Career Opportunities:

Temple Beth El is hiring for the following positions:

Associate Executive Director

http://www.templebethelmadison.org/now-hiring-associate-executive-director/

Kesher Movie at Temple Beth El

Wednesday, March 15:
Zero Motivation

Doors open at 7:00 pm for a 7:15 pm showing

"Zero Motivation", a workplace comedy, will be shown at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison. Arbor Street doors open at 7:00 pm, with the movie beginning at 7:15 pm. As always, time is allowed for schmoozing and nosh. Both come free!

"Zero Motivation" takes place on an Israeli desert outpost, within the confining space of a Human Resources office. Three female soldiers with different agendas and little to do attempt to pass their time in a variety of nonsensical ways, while at the same time attempting to reach their disparate goals.

"With shifts of tone that go from slapstick to satiric to horrifying with fluid ease "Zero Motivation" is sure to take its place on any list of the most memorable workplace comedies."

Beth Israel Center

Come see what our traditional, egalitarian community is all about. Beth Israel Center programs and services are open to all members, prospective members, and visitors. Some events require registration, however. Please call (608) 256-7763 or email office@bethisraelcenter.org with any questions. Rabbi Ben-Gideon or another congregational leader will gladly help you get to know us better. We love to talk about upcoming events, education for children and adults, membership and more. You may also visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, for more information.

Here are a few upcoming event highlights:

Purim Masquerade Ball

Saturday, March 4, 8:00 pm

All are welcome to this fun night out for grownups, which is also Beth Israel Center's annual fundraising event. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and desserts, creative drinks, music and more. Tickets are $100 per person and may be purchased at the door. RSVP by contacting the office or using the registration link on our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, or in our weekly e-news.

Megillah Reading & After Party

Saturday, March 11, 7:00 pm

It's a mitzvah to hear the whole Megillah! All are welcome. No RSVP required. Enjoy light snacks and drinks. Feel free to contribute your preferred beverage. Wondering which liquors are kosher? Ask Rabbi Ben-Gideon. Bring friends. Plan a group costume. Also, bring boxes of small dry pasta – macaroni, shells, etc. They make great graggers, and then we'll donate them to a local food pantry.

Community Carnival

Sunday, March 12, 9:30 am

Beth Israel Center is hosting this year's community Purim Carnival. For more info, see page 11.

Torah & Mindfulness

Saturdays, March 4 and 18, 9:15 am

Come to Beth Israel Center on the first and third Shabbat mornings of the month

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Beth Israel Center

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for meditation, chanting, and discussion. In this iteration of Torah & Mindfulness, you may begin with the group at 9:15 am, 9:30 am, or 9:45 am – or enter quietly at any time. Come for any or all of the 15-minute segments. This format allows for meditation as preparation for P'sukei d'zimra (which begins at 9:30 am in the main sanctuary), Shacharit (which typically starts around 9:50 am in the main sanctuary), or Torah Service (which typically begins around 10:10 am). Find Torah & Mindfulness in Classroom 3, which is on the far side of the library on the lower level.

MOUSY Casino Night

Saturday, March 18

Come place your bets for a late night of dressing up, card playing, socializing, delicacy noshing, and Tikkun Olam. Prizes will be awarded for best costume and more!

Yom Rishon

Sunday, March 19, 10:00 am-11:15 am

Come experience family education for preschoolers at its finest! Each session includes art, movement, music, stories and snacks as well as age-appropriate learning on a Jewish theme for preschoolers and their grownups. Yom Rishon meets about once a month during the school year. Our last Yom Rishon of the year will be on April 30.

Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck Dinner

Friday, March 24, 5:45 pm

Welcome Shabbat and enjoy a casual dinner after services at Beth Israel Center. The evening begins with happy hour at 5:00, followed by our song-filled services at 5:45. By 6:40, we'll sing Yigdal and then enjoy a kosher-dairy potluck dinner. If you're bringing something commercially produced, it needs a hecksher. Bringing something home-made? Use kosher ingredients. Not sure what's kosher? Please read our kashrut policy for home-cooked food, which is on our website, or contact the office with questions.

Kolot Kehilla with Jonathan Pollack

Sunday, March 26, 9:30 am-11:00 am

Our Sunday morning speaker series featuring the voices of our community (kolot kehilla) continues in March with a talk by Jon Pollack called "Dunkin' Bagels, Recitals, Solidarity, and the Language of Cash: Yiddish in Black Music." In the mid-20th century, why did Black musicians perform Yiddish songs and insert Yiddish words into scat-singing and other forms of vocal jazz? Join Jon Pollack as he talks about Yiddish in the music of Slim Gaillard, Cab Calloway, Paul Robeson, and more! As always, a light breakfast will be served, and donations of $5 per person are appreciated to offset the costs of this Beth Israel Center Adult Education program.

Hametz Food Drive

March 26 -April 9

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

Conversational Yiddish

Mondays, 7:00 pm

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

Talmud Class

Wednesdays, 9:15 am

Study Talmud in Hebrew and Aramaic with rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. New students are welcome any time. Contact either rabbi or subscribe to our e-newsletter for information about this year's topic and confirmation of class dates.

Shabbat Services

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

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

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

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

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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

Shabbat Evening Potluck: Share Your Creative Writing and Music

Friday, March 3, 6:00 pm
Please call the office for location.

Join us for our Shabbat potluck. Following the meal we will share creative writing and music (written by you or others). Feel free to bring something or just come and listen. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Hamantaschen Baking

Sunday, March 5, 11:45 am
Center for Families
2120 Fordem Avenue

Bring a lunch and join us for hamantaschen baking. We'll try new recipes and start the holiday off with treats.

Exploring Judaism: Open Discussion About All Your Jewish Questions

Wednesday, March 8, Time TBD
Located at our offices – please call the office for exact location.

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

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays, March 11 and 25, beginning at 9:30 am
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On March 11, we will have Torah study at 9:30 am followed by a Shabbat service at 10:30 am. All are welcome to stay for kiddush at 12:30 pm. On March 25, we will have a musical intergenerational Shabbat service for kids and adults of all ages from 9:30 am-11:00 am followed by a bagel lunch. This is a great opportunity to check out our children's education program and meet our families.

Dance – Cheer – Jeer – and Make Merry: Purim for All Ages

Saturday, March 11, 5:30 pm
Location: First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive
(Landmark Auditorium)

Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to jeer at Haman and cheer for Queen Esther! Free pizza dinner at 5:30 pm followed by festivities. We'll have an adult-oriented creative retelling of the story with plenty of singing and children's activities led by Marian Herzog. We will read small parts of the megillah in Hebrew but most of the evening will be in English.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Cantorial Soloist Michelle Rozansky

Friday, March 17, 5:30 pm
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

At 5:30 pm we will provide macaroni and cheese for children and light hors d'oevres for adults. At 6:15 pm, Cantorial Soloist Michelle Rozansky, visiting from Milwaukee, will lead a spirited Shabbat service. Following the service at 7:30 pm we will have a potluck dinner and discussion.

Passover Dessert Tasting Competition

Saturday, March 25, 6:00 pm
Please call the office for the location.

Suzanne and Mike Swift invite you to join us for our annual competition. Bring your favorite authentic Passover dessert to share. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. They will provide a simple dinner for all.



Purim Masquerade Ball

Saturday, March 4, 2017 from 8:00 pm until 11:00 pm
At Beth Israel Center

Costume or cocktail attire with mask

Generous hors d'ouevres *Open bar*
Delicious desserts *Music and Dancing*

Tickets: $75 per person by February 17, $100 at the door or after February 17

Contact Beth Israel Center at office@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763 for tickets, mask purchase, donations, and volunteer opportunities.

All proceeds benefit Beth Israel Center

Get Ready for the Hamantaschen Workshop!



Brought to you by the Jewish Federation of Madison's Family Education Committee

Join us for an afternoon of baking, filling, folding and fun!

When: Sunday, March 5, 2:00 pm-4:30 pm
Where: Beth Israel Center

Come for the whole time or just drop by for a little to help. There will be a dough-making tutorial from 2:00-2:30 pm and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking and packaging. Learn to bake Hamantaschen. Help fill them, fold them and bake them to be sold at the community Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 12 at Beth Israel Center.

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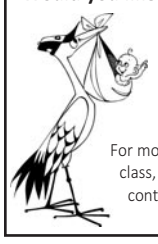
New Baby?

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



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

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

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

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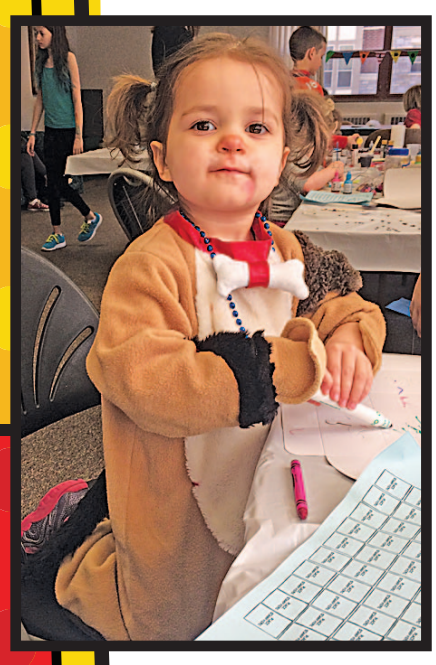
COMMUNITY PURIM CARNIVAL!



PLEASE JOIN US!

Dust off your costumes
Get ready to spin your groggers
We're celebrating Purim as a Community!

DATE: **Sunday, March 12**
9:30 am-11:30 am
LOCATION: **Beth Israel Center**
1406 Mound Street, Madison



New this year ... costume contest and parade!





SCHEDULE:

9:30 am - Doors Open
9:45 am - Purim Spiel
10:00 am - Costume Parade
10:15 am -11:30 am - Carnival Games

Snacks & Hamantaschen will be available for purchase.

Volunteers will be needed!





Jewish Education

What's Going On at Gan HaYeled

The Gan HaYeled Preschool students learned about Tu B'Shevat. They explored the meaning and the traditions of the holiday by sculpting trees, making tree puppets, planting their own parsley (to be used for Passover in a few months), learning songs, discussing recycling and the importance of trees and nature. The children also played with Daniel Gil, our community Shaliach, who helped them connect the holiday to Israel too.

Since winter makes them wiggly, the Gan students found ways to stay busy. The Bet kids had a winter "beach day." They wore bathing suits, played in water and soaked in the sun. The classes burned off energy with Coach Amy during their Keva Sports classes and dancing with Donna Peckett. They went sledding on their perfect preschool-sized hill when the weather allowed and enjoyed indoor picnics when it was too cold to go outside.

Registration for the Gan HaYeled 2017-2018 school year is now open. To learn more about Gan HaYeled or take a tour, contact Rachel Sauer, gan@jewish-madison.org.



Amelie practiced stacking and building with tree-like blocks.



The Bet class enjoyed an indoor picnic.



The kids painted a pot together for an afternoon activity.



Beach Day was a fun way to cure the winter blues.



Curtis and Nitzan put their engineering skills to work playing with gears.



The Dalet class had game day and practiced teamwork.



Aleezah, Nevo, Jaime, Hani and Avner are lined up and ready to go.

Midrasha Updates





Second semester at Midrasha has been busy! This semester the students are participating in the following classes:

- 8th grade: Jewish Ethics; Survey of Jewish History
- 9th grade: Moral Dilemmas in the Torah
- 10th grade: iJew: Judaism and My Decisions
- 9th/10th grade electives: Political Activism in Jewish Tradition; Israel's History
- 11th grade: Jewish Leadership Training
- 12th grade: Jewish Cooking
- 11th/12th grade electives: Creative Writing; You Say You Want A Revolution?

The Midrasha students had a special Youth Group Fair this month during their break between classes. MOUSY, MATTY, C-TEEN AND BBYO brought information about their programs so the Midrasha students could learn more about what it means to join. And everyone enjoyed a field trip to the Memorial Union to see the film *Mekonen* at the UW Hillel Israeli Film Festival.

Eighth grade students had a unique interfaith experience. A church youth group was visiting Temple Beth El and taking a tour so we coordinated a short program for the students to do together. They had conversations about the similarities and differences in the two religions and took a look at the Torah together. One of the eighth graders, Mirra Blehert, recognized they were looking at the Torah portion from her Bat Mitzvah and read a bit to everyone. This was the first time the church youth, and some of the adults with them, had ever heard the Torah being read. It was a wonderful moment!

Midrasha parents – Join us on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:30 pm. Zach Galin, from Galin Education, is coming to do a presentation about preparing students for college, finding the right college for your student and Jewish life on campus. Parents who have attended these sessions in the past found them incredibly helpful. You don't want to miss this!

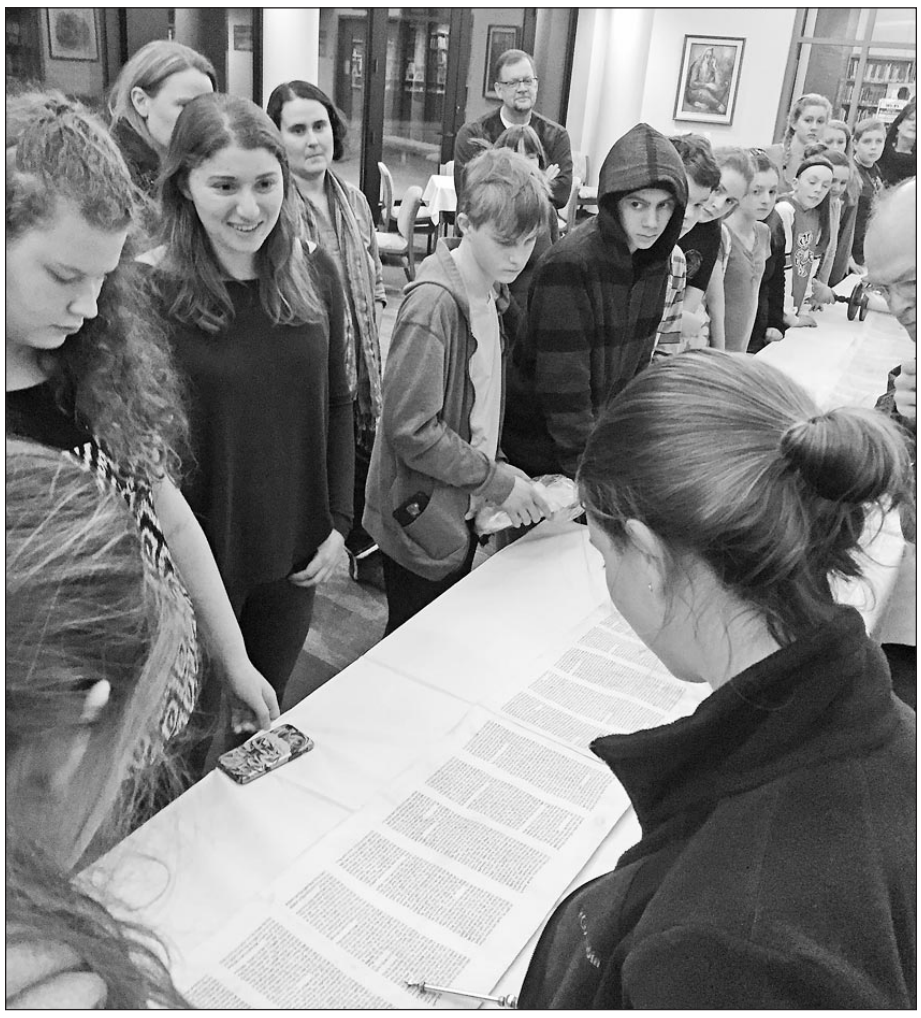
Midrasha will be in session on the following days in March:

Wednesdays: 1, 8, 15, 29

Sundays: 5

No school on March 12 for Purim, March 19, 22, 26 for UW Spring Break

For more information about Midrasha Hebrew High School email Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.





Midrasha students participated in an online Kahoot game during their break between classes.

Jewish Social Services

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Your JSS during these difficult times

By Dawn Berney, Executive Director

Jewish Social Services

Excerpts from the remarks Dawn Berney, executive director of Jewish Social Services made at the Temple Beth El Sisterhood service on January 27, 2017. The service took place on the day the executive order "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States" was signed into law. The status of this order continues to change.

I had a sermon written that I had planned to give tonight. It was great. It included personal stories about how I became involved with Jewish Social Services. It included information about everything that we do and everyone who we serve at Jewish Social Services. It even included a very colorful description of watching one of the Syrian toddlers we resettled playing in the snow for the first time and his interaction with the son of a member of the JSS team. And I would have added all that I learned about how much the two little girls who arrived seven days ago loved their first day of elementary school. But then, President Trump started to dismantle our safety nets and started to sign executive orders. And I deleted the talk that I had written and started over.

Jewish Social Services has three legs. First, we provide social services to those who need help with their basic needs and we provide programming for seniors who might otherwise be isolated. We do case management, help with housing, and help with arranging care. We do the Lechayim lunch program here at Temple Beth El and we do the Levy lecture series. We have been doing these for nearly 40 years and we do them well.

Second, we provide immigration legal services to those who cannot afford lawyers. This includes a significant number of young people who came to the US from other countries, including Mexico, as children. They also include asylees who seek protection from the dangers in their own communities. JSS has been working in this area for several years.

Third, we provide refugee resettlement. We started this work many years ago; first when Jews were fleeing Europe, then Cubans, then Soviet Jews. Most recently we became an affiliate of HIAS, the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society, because the Jewish community of Madison told us that they wanted to help resettle the more than 21 million refugees worldwide. This is 2.5 times the population of New York City. Jewish Social Services is already working with three families from Syria who have arrived in Madison. Two more families from Syria and one from Eritrea are in the pipeline but will instead continue to live in refugee camps.

But the president signed an executive order today.

The Jewish community has seen America at its best—when many of our families were given opportunities to gain education, join the workforce, and become part of building our great nation. Tragically, we have also seen xenophobia overwhelm our nation's capacity for compassion, and we have experienced the doors slam shut in our greatest hours of need.

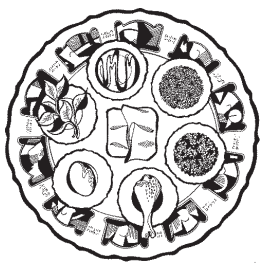
JSS is proud to stand with over 1,700 American rabbis (now over 1,900) including the rabbi of this congregation, who recently urged elected officials to keep America's doors open to refugees, declaring that "Our Jewish tradition teaches that every individual was created in the image of G-d. We must not turn our backs to the suffering of those individuals who have fled horrific violence, and who continue to be in extreme peril."

Jewish Social Services stands with the Madison Jewish Congregations for Social Justice. We also stand with the Syrian community of Madison, several of whom came to the Jewish Social Services office earlier this afternoon to talk about their contributions in helping the refugees, as well as next steps, and to discuss how we can support one another. We were actually in the middle of this meeting when we heard that the executive order had been signed.

This week I read a quote in the *Forward* newspaper, written by Rabbi Ilana Schachter, campus rabbi at UPenn's Hillel, who wrote an article about Hillel students and the Muslim Student Association riding together to the Women's March in Washington D.C. "We belonged to each other at 5 am, when the MSA's Muslim chaplain described the power of beginning this journey at the last third of the night, a sacred time for Muslims when one is closest to Allah. We belonged to one another just before sunrise, when we laid out prayer rugs for Muslim morning worship. We belonged to one another at the Religious Action Center's pre-march worship service, where we heard an insightful Torah portion, reflecting on the impact of a new and unknown Pharaoh. As we held up signs, as we huddled together, as we shared our stories, over and over again, we remembered that we belong to each other."

We need to help one another. It is what we have always done at Jewish Social Services and what we continue to do.

For more information, please go to our website at www.jssmadison.org.



Invitation to Passover Seders

Please join your neighbors, volunteers and Jewish Social Services staff for a community Passover Seder! Capitol Lakes is hosting their annual Passover Seder on Thursday, April 13, from 11am-1:30 pm. Oakwood Village University Woods is hosting their Seder on Friday, April 14, from 11:30 am-2 pm. ***RSVP to Paul Borowsky at paul@jssmadison.org or 608-442-4083.***

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to Our Seniors



Our monthly Shabbat gatherings, with wine donated by Frank Liquor, includes candle lighting, challah, singing and discussion.

Attic Angel Place at 2:30 pm in the Garden Room
8301 Old Sauk Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith, with the assistance of Angel Volunteers.
March 3, May 12

Capitol Lakes at 3:00 pm in the Grand Hall
333 West Main Street
A program of Jewish Social Services and Capitol Lakes Retirement Community. Led by Rabbi Andrea Steinberger with assistance from UW students through the UW-Hillel Foundation.
March 10, May 5

Oakwood West at 4:00 pm in The Oaks Community Room
6225 Mineral Point Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. With the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg.
March 24, May 19

ATTENTION REHAB PATIENTS: If you are going to be in one of these locations during your rehabilitation, you are welcome to attend.

Volunteer For Jewish Social Services!

Add something special to your life! Find our volunteer application at www.jssmadison.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer. Contact our volunteer program at (608) 442-4083 or visit our website for information.

Our mission: Our dedication to service will improve the quality of life and maintain the dignity of our clients in a compassionate and caring atmosphere. Volunteers will enhance the ability of the agency to achieve its overall mission.

Drivers Needed: Help people remain independent. Provide rides to clients for appointments and other destinations on an as-needed and as-available basis. Requires copies of proof of insurance and driver's license plus a driver's record check, done at our expense.

Designated Shopper: Take a friendly older woman to do errands once or twice a month in the west Madison area or help an elderly home-bound man remain in independent living by delivering groceries and other items.

Back-up Volunteer Photographer: Take photos at JSS events which will be used for promotional materials and social media.

Bikur Cholim/Friendly Visitor: Opportunities to make brief drop-in visits with several elderly women in memory care – Verona, Middleton and southwest Madison. We are also seeking a friendly visitor for an elderly newcomer in Sun Prairie. These visits can be made when convenient for you.

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

Double your Volunteering Mitzvah

Check with your human resources department to see whether your company has a policy of matching employees' community volunteer hours with a monetary donation to the agency for whom the employee volunteers.



Lechayim Lights

A Senior Adult Program of Jewish Social Services, a Beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Madison

March Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. Contact Jewish Social Services at (608) 278-1808 or email office@jssmadison.org ***no later than 2:00 pm the preceding Wednesday.*** **A vegetarian or strictly kosher option is available with a reservation.** If you are over age 60, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what is comfortable for you. The cost of the meal is $7.50 for those under age 60.

If you cannot attend the meal, please join us for the free program at 1:00 pm.

Many thanks to UW Hillel Adamah Catering for Providing our Delicious Kosher Meals!

Monday, March 6

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Complimentary blood pressure check with Nurse Lori Edelstein
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Wild mushroom risotto, cucumber salad, market fruit, mini Israeli dessert
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	"Who you callin' Bird Brain? Exploring Avian Intelligence." Matt Reetz, PhD, Executive Director of Madison Audubon Society.

Monday, March 13

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Smoked beef brisket, (vegetarian entrée – curried vegetables), roasted potato, steamed green beans, market fruit, Israeli dessert
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Currach Trio – jigs, reels, hornpipes as well as songs/ballads from Ireland.

Monday, March 20

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Roasted chicken with garlic and apricots (vegetarian entrée – roasted tofu w/garlic and apricots), saffron rice, Israeli salad, market fruit, Israeli dessert
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Slavic Folk and popular songs by vocalist and musician Anna Gubenkova.

Monday, March 27

11:30 am-12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm-1:00 pm	Seared haddock, (vegetarian entrée - chana masala), saffron rice, glazed turnips, market fruit, Israeli dessert
1:00 pm-2:00 pm	Duo will play an eclectic mix of music from classical to ragtime to folk.

April dates: April 3, 10, 24

Transitions

Happy March Birthday

Anna Heifetz	Elsa Johnson	Paul Grossberg
Arie Carmi	Harold Farkas	Rita Kades
Cleo Loftsgordon	Ida Wyman	Robert Schlesinger
Dean Ziemke	Ilya Fiksel	Roz Levin
Edie Fox	Lillian Zwilling	

Mazel Tov

Euna Staniforth is a great grandmother for the second time! Euna's grandson, Tony Bird, and his wife, Holly, gave birth to their little girl, Nora. As a student, Tony, who played in the UW Marching Band, came with his bandmates to play for Lechayim.

Присоединяйтесь к нашему столу, увлекательной беседе и интересным программам на встречах «Лехаим. Больше чем обед»

Ждем Вас в Храме Бет-Эль (Temple Beth El), по адресу: 2702 Arbor Drive. Заказать место вы можете у Ингрид Рейс-Гласс по тел. (608)-278-1808 или (608)-442-4083 или по электронному адресу: ingrid@jssmadison.org до 14:00 часов четверга предшествующему очередной встрече. **Вегетарианское или строго кошерное меню готовится по предварительному заказу.** Стоимость обеда - $7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет $4.00, если возможно.

Если вы не можете присутствовать на обеде, пожалуйста, присоединяйтесь к нам для бесплатной программы в 1:00 часа дня

ЛЕХАИМ БЛАГОДАРИТ UW ГИЛЕЛЬ ADAMAH КАТЕРИНГ ЗА ВКУСНЫЕ И КОШЕРНЫЕ БЛЮДА!

Понедельник, 6 марта
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
11:30-12:30 Бесплатное измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
12:00-13:00 Ризотто с лесными грибами, салат из огурцов, фрукты, израильский мини десерт
1:00-14:00 "Что это такое "Птичий Ум"? Изучение птичьего интеллекта, Мэт Ритц, доктор философии, исполнительный директор Madison Audubon Society (Общество изучения птиц)

Понедельник, 13 марта
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-13:00 Копченая говяжья грудинка, (вегетарианское блюдо - овощное карри), жареный картофель, тушеные зеленые бобы, фрукты, израильский мини десерт
1:00-14:00 Трио Currach (Лодка) - народные танцевальные мелодии и песни / баллады из Ирландии.

Понедельник, 20 марта
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-13:00 Жареная курица с чесноком и абрикосами, (вегетарианское блюдо - жареный тофу с чесноком и абрикосами), рис с шафраном, израильский салат, фрукты, израильский мини десерт
1:00-14:00 Славянские народные и популярные песни: поёт и играет Анна Губенкова.

Понедельник, 27 марта
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-13:00 Обжаренная пикша (разновидность трески), (вегетарианское вариант - индийское блюдо с горохом), рис с шафраном, глазированая репа, фрукты, израильский мини десерт
1:00-14:00 "Дуэт": лучшая музыка от классики до регтайм и народной.

Даты апреля: 3, 10, 24

Making Lechayim Reservations

- When you check-in at Lechayim, sign up for the following week.
- Call Jewish Social Services at (608) 278-1808 or email office@jssmadison.org **before 2:00 pm on the preceding Wednesday**.
- Reservations cannot be taken on Fridays or over the weekend.
- If you did not make a reservation but would like to come, call **(608) 278-1808 before 10:00 am on Monday** to see if there have been cancellations.
- We regret that we are unable to guarantee a meal for last minute reservations or walk-ins.

Lechayim Snow Day Policy

Lechayim is cancelled when the Madison Metropolitan School District closes schools due to inclement weather. Listen to the radio, check a local TV channel or the Internet for school closings. If Madison schools are open but we think Lechayim should be cancelled, we'll decide by 8:00 am, contact those with reservations for Lechayim and post the cancellation on our website.

Transportation to Lechayim

Transit Solutions provides door-to-door service for $1 round trip, payable to the driver. Contact Paul Borowsky at (608) 278-1808, (608) 442-4083 (direct) or pborowsky@jssmadison.org by 12:00 pm the preceding Friday. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request. Please contact us if you need to cancel a ride.

About Our Programs

Monday, March 6

Birds have long been the subject of human fascination for their ability to fly, remarkable colors, varied songs, and curious (to us) behaviors. But, let's face it – not many people thought birds were all that smart. Recent evidence is revealing that, quite contrary to previous "bird brained" thinking, birds are quite intelligent. They are capable of problem solving, self-recognition, play, and much more. In this talk, we will explore the interesting thinking and genius of our feathered friends.



Matt Reetz

After diverse experiences in academic, state agency, private and non-profit worlds, Matt Reetz, PhD, feels he now has the perfect job. As executive director of the Madison Audubon Society, Matt is able to combine experience in program development and partnership-building, a deep enthusiasm for applied wildlife conservation, and a genuine interest in people. Matt earned a BS from the University of Illinois, and Master's and PhD degrees in wildlife ecology from the University of Florida. Prior to returning to his Wisconsin roots, Matt was a field technician, researcher, and professor and knows he is fortunate to have conducted work on an amazing variety of birds in the Caribbean, Chile, Australia and the United States. When not leading the world's greatest team, Matt enjoys sharing the great outdoors with his wife, a super-smart wildlife epidemiologist, and his young son, a super-smart wildlife enthusiast. Matt's current favorite bird is the brainy American Crow.

Monday, March 13

Come celebrate Purim and St. Patrick's Day with some great music from the Currach Trio – jigs, reels, hornpipes as well as songs, including ballads, from Ireland. We heard from some of these musicians who also play for Yid Vicious, who were at Lechayim a few months ago.

Daithi Wolfe will be on fiddle. He also plays with Yid Vicious. A true Badger now, he is originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan. When not working hard at the fiddle, Daithi works as an early education policy analyst for the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families. Darl Ridgley, who will be on the bodhran, an Irish frame drum, is originally from Maryland. Currently, a hard working Badger as well, working at the Department of Workforce Development. Darl will share his talent and love for some Scottish songs as well. Sheila Shigley will play the fiddle and bouzouki (string guitar-like instrument from Greece). Sheila is the farthest immigrant to Badger territory. She spent some of her childhood in Hong Kong. Sheila works for Wisconsin Public Radio in Madison. She also sings in Navan (Celtic language harmonies). A fun, eclectic and diverse group with great energy and talent. Hope to see you there.


Currach Trio includes, left to right: Sheila Shigley, Daithi Wolfe, and Darl Ridgley.


Anna Gubenkova

Monday, March 20

Anna Gubenkova is currently a student at the UW-Madison, learning music and graphic design. She was born in Orsha, Belarus. She became interested in music at a very early age. When she was four years old, she joined the children's folkloric ensemble "Tsernitsa" directed by her mother. She graduated from high school with a minor in choral music. She also learned piano. At the age of fifteen, Anna began her studies at the choral conducting department of the Rimsky – Korsakov State Music College which she graduated from with high honors. In 2010 she entered the Belarusian State University of Culture and Arts in Minsk. She immigrated to the United States before graduating. Later, she met Victor Gorodinsky, a conductor of UW-Madison Russia Folk Orchestra, and she began singing with the group regularly. Besides music, Anna is interested in arts, poetry, and literature. And she loves sweets!


The Duo's Mona Wasow.


Bob Block of The Duo.

Monday, March 27

The Duo will play an eclectic mix of music for us, from classical to ragtime to folk. Mona Wasow will play the piano to accompany Bob Block on the tuba. Mona will also perform several folk songs on the autoharp that invite audience participation.

Mona raised three children of her own, plus two wonderful step-sons. It took her 13 years to complete her undergraduate degree with all those kids in the house! She went on to graduate school and ended up as a professor in the School of Social Work here at UW Madison, where she taught for 30 years. Music, both classical and folk, has been a huge joy throughout her life.

Bob grew up in Watertown, WI. Over a period of five days in June, 1961, he married his wife Bonnie and graduated from UW Medical School. They have raised two boys and have two precious grandchildren. After five years of training beyond medical school, Bob worked as a physician for thirty eight years in Green Bay and here in Madison. In the twelve years since retirement he has enjoyed many hours playing the tuba in several groups and especially with friends.

Lots of Fun at Lechayim







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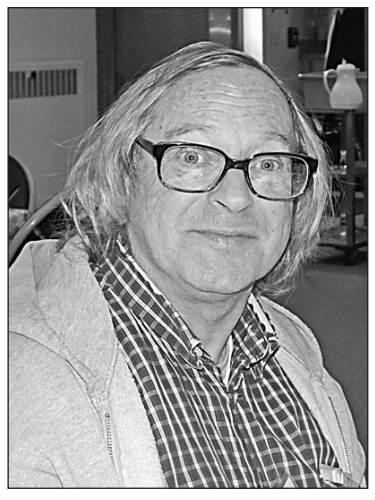



This article is about the legal system of the United States (part 2).

Генрих Бабич

Судебная система США: ее структура и функции

(окончание)

Особенностью прецедентной правовой системы США является существование иерархии прецедентов, по которой прецеденты, принятые вышестоящими судами, являются обязательными при рассмотрении дел в нижестоящих инстанциях. Система находится в постоянном движении, она создается и определяется непосредственно судьями, принимающими решения по тем или иным делам. Принятое по конкретному делу решение в дальнейшем становится применимым и к другим делам аналогичного характера. Часто случается так, что судьи сталкиваются с отсутствием в законах четких определений. Тогда система права передает им полномочия и даже вменяет в обязанность самим определять правовые нормы, создавая новые прецеденты. В дальнейшем при рассмотрении различных дел в случае несогласия сторон с точкой зрения установленного прецедента, судья рассматривает дело в соответствии с положениями предыдущего прецедента по аналогичному процессу. Если подобный спор ранее уже рассматривался в суде и по нему было принято решение, судьи обязаны следовать аргументам, применявшимся в предыдущих решениях. При этом суд может установить, что суть рассматриваемого дела отличается от той, что была в предыдущих процессах. Тогда принятое решение также будет считаться прецедентом.

Судебный прецедент содержится в юридических документах под названием, имеющим форму A v. B. Здесь A и B – юридические лица, в качестве которых могут выступать отдельные граждане, группы людей, государственные или общественные организации, фирмы и т.д., а символ v. (сокращение от латинского слова versus – против) указывает на то, что в данном прецеденте рассматривался иск между юридическими лицами A и B.

Механизм, сочетающий действие законов и прецедентного права, кратко рассмотрим на примере развития расовых взаимоотношений, которые в течение всей истории страны определяли жизнь ее народа.

Рабовладение было узаконено Конституцией США, принятой в 1789 году. Понадобились десятилетия и Гражданская Война для того, чтобы в 1865 году рабство было отменено и в 1866 и 1869 годах были приняты поправки к основному закону, которыми бывшие рабы признавались гражданами страны и получили право голоса. Несмотря на решения, принятые на высшем законодательном уровне, свободное американское общество, в особенности на Юге, не проявило готовность принять бывших рабов в свои ряды. Началась многолетняя борьба за юридическое признание равноправия черных американских граждан. В процессе этой борьбы получило распространение мнение, что, уравняв черных американцев в их основных правах, нужно, тем не менее, отделить их от остального общества, т. е. сегрегировать в обыденной жизни в среде белых американцев. В результате, через тридцать лет после Гражданской Войны, в 1896 году, Верховный Суд страны в рамках прецедентного права принял эпохальное для американского законодательства решение Plessy v. Ferguson. Это решение поддержало в рамках федеральной Конституции правомерность штатных законов, которые допускали расовую сегрегацию по принципу “раздельные, но равные”. Решение Верховного Суда установило допустимость сегрегации при условии, что штатные и местные органы власти обеспечат равенство черных и белых граждан во всей сфере общественного обслуживания, в жилых помещениях, при оказании медицинской помощи, в образовании, при приеме на работу, в транспорте и т. п. Принцип “раздельные, но равные” в течение семидесяти лет оставался стандартной доктриной американского законодательства.

Решение Верховного Суда исходило из того, что оно охватывает все материальные стороны жизни цивилизованного общества. Но оно оставляло в стороне то, что людям присущи эмоциональные и нравственные потребности, выходящие за рамки материальных требований. К ним относится чувство собственного достоинства, моральные проявления равенства, взаимное уважение людей и т. д. Эти стороны жизни находятся вне доктрины сегрегации. В результате, в американском обществе развернулась борьба за установление полного расового равенства.

Пик борьбы против расовой сегрегации пришелся на десятилетие после Второй мировой войны. Черных американцев, как в равной степени и белых, война бросала в атаку против фашизма, в основе которого лежало расовое неравенство. А выжившие в войне черные солдаты, вернувшись на родину, столкнулись с сегрегацией – другой формой расового неравенства. Кроме того, имело значение то, что в развернувшейся Холодной войне американское руководство, включая судей Верховного Суда, начало осознавать вред, который расовая сегрегация наносит международному имиджу страны.

В результате широкого общественного движения Верховный Суд США отступил от руководящего прецедента дела Plessy v. Ferguson, принятого в 1896 году. В соответствии с прецедентным правом было принято решение, что это дело больше не может применяться в государственных законах и актах. В 1954 году Суд принял решение Brown v. Совет по Образованию Города Топека. Согласно этому новому решению по старому вопросу было установлено, что штатные и местные законы, в соответствии с которыми создавались раздельные школы для белых и черных учеников, противоречат Конституции страны. Решение получило публичный резонанс. Оно явилось победой в движении за гражданские права, проложило путь к интеграции и стало основой для многих будущих судебных решений. Отмечу в этой связи, что с 1896 года положения Конституции, касающиеся гражданских прав черных американцев, не изменились. В стране лишь создалась другая общественная ситуация. Возник прецедент, благодаря которому началась перестройка соответствующих сторон системы образования, а затем и всей общественной жизни.

Так, через 10 (!) лет, в 1964 году, Конгресс принял Закон о гражданских правах (Civil Rights Act), в соответствии с которым дискриминация по признакам расы, цвета кожи, пола или этнической принадлежности противоречит закону и не может применяться никакими государственными и частными организациями. Закон запретил неравноправие в требованиях к регистрации в избирательных списках (такое неравноправие использовали власти для дискриминации черных избирателей), расовую сегрегацию в школах, на рабочих местах и в местах общественного пребывания (ресторанах, кинотеатрах и др.). В 1965 году был принят федеральный закон, запрещающий расовую дискриминацию в избирательном праве (Voting Rights Act), которая содержалась в штатных и местных законах. В этих законах, например, часто предусматривался тест на грамотность, который использовался для дискриминации черных избирателей.

В сложившейся за многие годы в американской практике системе деловых взаимоотношений предусмотрено несколько способов разрешения споров.

Разбирательство в суде (судебная тяжба). Правила, используемые в конкретном споре, зависят от сферы полномочий и типа суда, осуществляющего разбирательство. Стороны, заключившие контракт, устанавливают дислокацию суда, который будет разбирать спор по контракту, а также по законам какого штата должен рассматриваться этот спор. При предсудебном разбирательстве истец является инициатором рассмотрения и предъявляет свои претензии по отношению к ответчику. Начинается расследование, в процессе которого юристы сторон рассматривают документы, обстоятельства и другую информацию, касающуюся претензии. Если в процессе расследования спор разрешить не удается, дело передается в суд. В зависимости от характера претензии дело рассматривается либо судом присяжных, либо непосредственно судьей. При рассмотрении судом присяжных судья решает какие законы следует привлечь к рассмотрению дела. Одним из преимуществ судебного рассмотрения дела является то, что решение суда присяжных или судьи является обязательным к исполнению.

Довольно популярной альтернативой судебного разбирательства является **арбитраж**. Условия арбитража и процедура его проведения могут быть предусмотрены в контракте, т. е. они являются предметом соглашения даже до возникновения делового спора. Для проведения арбитража часто предварительно устанавливается третья сторона, которой будет доверена организация процедуры разрешения спора. Существенным преимуществом арбитража является то, что такой способ разрешения спора обычно приводит к более дешевому и быстрому результату. При этом стороны спора могут сами устанавливать процедуры и правила его проведения и контролировать соблюдение соглашений. Другим преимуществом арбитража является то, что он, в отличие от судебного разбирательства, проводится в закрытом порядке. К числу недостатков такой процедуры следует отнести то, что возможности обжалования арбитражного решения очень ограничены и суды не принимают к рассмотрению дела в связи с допущенными в них юридическими ошибками.

Другой альтернативой судебному разрешению спора является **посредничество**. Такая процедура, как и арбитраж, проводится без привлечения суда. Стороны спора выбирают нейтрального посредника, который рассматривает дело путем раздельных встреч с конфликтующими сторонами. Посредники обычно достаточно квалифицированы в проведении подобных переговоров и в улаживании споров, хотя строгих правил посредничества не существует. Важно при этом, что роль посредника не состоит в разрешении спора и он не оказывает нажима на позиции конфликтующих сторон, а лишь предоставляет помощь в поисках взаимоприемлемого решения. Если посредничество не приводит к успеху, процедуры арбитража или судебного разбирательства могут быть возобновлены.

В статье рассказано о том как построена и работает судебная система при разрешении возникающих в американском обществе правовых проблем гражданского характера. Но кроме этого страна, естественно, сталкивается с широким спектром криминальных проблем, в которых на первый план выдвигаются задачи определения наказания за совершенные преступления и осуществление мер по предотвращению новых преступлений. Это отдельная область функционирования судебной системы, требующая самостоятельного рассмотрения.

В целом можно утверждать, что американская судебная система, также как вся демократия Запада, не в полной мере совершенна. Трудно также предположить, что ее судебные решения избавлены от ошибок. Но при этом важно, что судебная ветвь власти США действует независимо от двух других ветвей.

Israel and the World

Tu B'shevat in Madison



From the Mideast to the Midwest

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Israel: One Country, a Potpourri of People

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

This month we feature the Persian Jews. Happy Purim!!

Purim is a favorite holiday for Jewish people, young and old. It is the perfect time of year to honor the Persian community in Israel! The Book of Esther, which we read on Purim, tells the story of the Jews of Persia during the sixth century BCE, where Iran is today. Israel and Iran have a complex relationship but many people do not know that there is a vibrant Jewish community in Iran, approximately 8,500 Jewish people, one of the largest communities in the Middle East.

Today, the majority of Persian Jews live in Israel and the United States, mainly in New York and Los Angeles. There is a warm relationship between the Persian communities in Israel and Los Angeles. Los Angeles recently became a popular destination for Iranian immigrants, including many Jews. Haim (Jimmy) Dlsad, a Persian Jew who emigrated to the United States, served twice as the mayor of Beverly Hills.

There are several famous Persian Jews, such as Rita, the singer and Yosef Shiloach, a cult film actor who helped make Persian culture popular and known. The security situation in Iran can make it harder to get access to radio stations and other media but Persian teens in Israel still learn Farsi from their parents and go to Persian Disco nights. They celebrate their culture and have been able to preserve their roots in Israel.

Persian Jewry also has its own holiday customs. At a Passover Seder they grab green onion and hit each other with it while singing "Dayenu." Try it this year and see what the people at your Seder think!

Want to learn more about Persian Culture? Don't miss our next "Black Moon Party," on March 28, at Layla's Persian café. Stay tuned for more information in the Monday morning emails and on Facebook.



Persian Purim Facts

1. Even though it is a custom in the rest of the world, Purim was not celebrated with costumes in Iran until modern times.

2. It is a tradition to burn a mannequin who represents Haman during Purim in Iran.

3. The graves of Mordechai and Esther, the heroes from the Book of Esther, have always been considered one of the holiest sites for Iranian-Jews. They are places of worship for Jews and Muslims and recognized by the Islamic Republic as a Historical Heritage site.

4. There are several words in Hebrew that actually came from Farsi through the Book of Esther. The most significant example is the word dat, which means in "law" in Farsi and is used figuratively in Hebrew to mean "religion".

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Rita – the most famous Israeli-Persian.



Persian disco party in Israel.

Connecting with Israel

Tu B'Shevat with a Twist

The Yahara Bay Distillery was the perfect setting for a February cocktail party to celebrate Tu B'Shevat. With nearly 50 people in attendance, guests enjoyed craft cocktails with a Tu B'Shevat twist. The distillery highlighted three of the liquors they distill by combining them with Tu B'Shevat themed mixers. We had *Ruach Punch* (a fruity rum punch), *Meshuggah Press* (a whiskey or bourbon cocktail mixed with soda), The *Menschtini* (a vodka and cranberry mix). There were delicious appetizers, new friendships made and a chance for everyone in attendance to learn a little more about the Jewish Federation of Madison and the programs and causes we support. If you are interested in getting involved in events like this please contact program@jewishmadison.org or check out the Jewish Federation of Madison calendar of events.



The bar was open for a tasting, the chai vodka was a favorite for many.



Jonathan and Lindsay Suttin took a break from sipping cocktails to pose for a picture.



Tu B'Shevat with a Twist was a great setting for Madison friends, old and new, to connect.



Jeremy Tunis enthusiastically welcomed everyone to the event.



Thank you to all of the Tu B'Shevat with a Twist hosts.


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