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Time to Celebrate the 2016 Tzedakah Campaign

Editor's note: On Sunday, September 11th, 2016, the community gathered at Full Compass to celebrate the 2016 Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff. This special evening was filled with delicious food, wonderful music, and information about the local and worldwide needs funded by the Jewish Federation of Madison. Below is an address given by Joe Shumow, Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

Now is the Time to Act

My name is Joe Shumow. I'm the vice president of the Jewish Federation of Madison. When Dina and Marc aren't asking me to serve on committees, I work as a real estate shareholder at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren. I am also a lecturer for the Wisconsin School of Business in the Department of Real Estate and Urban Land Economics.

I have been involved in Federation activities for many years – dating back to my time as a student at UW. I was active at Hillel – as so many were and as so many continue to be. In those days UW Hillel was run by a dynamic leadership duo that inspired Jewish students to be active on campus and in the greater Madison community. This couple inspired me to re-evaluate how important Judaism was to me from a spiritual perspective and from a cultural perspective. If you think this duo might sound familiar to you, it probably does. Greg and Rabbi Andrea Steinberger are directly responsible for my initial involvement in the Jewish Federation of Madison.



Joe Shumow

In 2004, my senior year of college, Greg asked me to meet with Steve Morrison and others at the Madison Jewish Community Council. At that time, Madison was considering a sister city with Rafah in Gaza. The Madison Jewish Community Council (this organization's former name) formally opposed the proposal and began a process to educate Madison Common Council members about Rafah's role in terrorist acts committed against the State of Israel. If you think this issue sounds familiar to you, it probably does. A group locally continues to push for this sister city, although with considerably less likelihood of success than 12 years ago.

I left Madison for law school and returned to start a job working with Dan Kaplan at Foley & Lardner. Dan asked me to help the MJCC amend its bylaws – pro bono, which is Latin for "best to avoid this work".

I presented the revised bylaws to the Federation's board and was incredibly impressed. The board asked so many thoughtful, smart questions. I have worked with many non-profit boards before and after that. I have never worked with one that asked so many questions…so, so many. The engagement of board members was, and continues to be, a hallmark of the Federation. People on our board really care about Jewish life in Madison and globally.

My time with the Federation since has been very rewarding – in large part because of what the Federation does, locally and globally. Here's some of what it does locally:

• The Federation owns and operates the Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus, a 154-acre campus in Verona, which is home to a large recreational facility and a beautiful six-lane pool that welcomes thousands of swimmers every year. The lead gift by Irwin and Robert Goodman made this facility possible and continues to serve the greater Madison community year-round. Although the Goodman Brothers donated the land and continue to support its activities through their Foundation, it is the Federation's job to fundraise to support operations and to keep it up to date.



Susan and Jonathan Lipp

• The Federation operates Gan HaYeled Preschool. Jewish preschool is one of the most effective ways to promote Jewish living in modern America, as most recently highlighted by the Pew Center's study named "Portrait of Jewish Americans."

• And perhaps most recognizable to

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Why is this Tzedakah Campaign Different than all other Tzedakah Campaigns?

Because this year there will be NO TZEDAKAH SUNDAY.

This year the High Holy Days fall on Sundays so we will not be designating one Sunday for Tzedakah campaign calls. This year, we will be having a **Tzedakah Season**. We will still be reaching out and making calls, but there will not be a specific calling day like in the past. If you wish to reach out to us to make your Tzedakah Campaign donation, please feel free to call Lynn Kaplan at (608)442-4076 or go online and donate at **www.JewishMadison.org**. Thank you all for being such generous supporters of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

You are cordially invited to attend

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Jewish Federation of Madison

Sunday, November 20th – 4 to 6 p.m.

Goodman Jewish Community Campus
7762 County Highway PD, Verona

4:00-4:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres and reception
4:30-6:00 p.m. Program and Annual Meeting

Couvert: $10 per person

Please join us as we highlight the successes of the past year and present the following awards:

- ❖ Miriam Singer Sulman Young Leadership Award will be presented to Dan Weiss
- ❖ Ben Minkoff Volunteer Award (a surprise announcement)
- ❖ Andrea J. Stein Jewish Community Professional Award will be presented to Dina Weinbach

Other business includes the election of the board of directors and officers.

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people in the Madison area, the Federation runs Camp Shalom, a summer day camp that is home to 1,000 campers each year. A friend of mine, who is not Jewish but sends her kids to Camp Shalom, calls it the "Club Med" of Madison day camps. Best of all, the Federation has never, ever turned away a camper because his or her family can't afford it.

The Federation does quite a bit locally to support Jewish life in and around Madison, but also to support human life in and around Madison. All of that is wonderful. For me, though, that alone is not why I donate to the Federation.

I donate to the Federation for what it does nationally and globally. A portion – a minority by the way – of our donation is sent out to support and, more importantly, protect Jews across the world.

• Our support helps the Anti-Defamation League keep track of anti-Semitic activities. Unfortunately, we have seen minor tick-ups in anti-Semitic activity in this country. Because of the ADL's work, we know that anti-Semitic activity on college campuses doubled last year over the previous year. That's important for us to know, especially given our proximity to UW.

• Anti-Semitism is sweeping across Europe – in France, Belgium, Denmark, and elsewhere. Xenophobia is probably strongest in Hungary. Our donation to the Jewish Federation of Madison provided funding, through the Joint Distribution Committee, which supported "Judafest" – a street festival of approximately 10,000 people in the streets of Budapest.

Our history as a people both, ancient and recent, tells us we need to stay vigilant against rising anti-Semitism. In my opinion, there is no work more important to Jewish life locally or globally than that.

There are great reasons to support the Federation whether it's locally or globally. Whatever your reason, now is the time to act.

Thank you for all you do for the Federation, for Madison, and for the greater Jewish community.



Many thanks to Susan and Jonathan Lipp for generously hosting the 2016 Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff event at Full Compass on Sunday, September 11th.

Why We Give

By Jon Eckhardt, Board Member

Jewish Federation of Madison

Editor's note: Jon Eckhardt was asked to speak at the Major Gifts event on August 28th, 2016, at Nakoma Golf Club. Below are the words he shared with the fifty community members in attendance.

Tonight I want to share with you why my wife Lee and I donate to the Jewish Federation of Madison. Our story with the Federation started before we arrived in Madison. Lee and I had started our family in Washington DC, and we were looking for a permanent home.



Jon Eckhardt

Madison rose to the top of our list professionally, but as East Coasters living in a major metropolitan area, we knew little about what it would be like to raise our children in Madison. One night, we typed in the words "Jewish Madison" in Google, and we came across the website for the Jewish Federation of Madison. Our computer screen exploded with culture. We found synagogues, a Jewish preschool, a successful Hillel, and a day camp.

We then received a large package from the Federation that contained written material about the Jewish community in Madison – including an issue of a Jewish newspaper! After all of this, we were convinced that Madison should be our next home.

Our children have flourished here. They have developed strong Jewish identities in no small part due to Federation programs such as Midrasha, Camp Shalom, Gan Hayeled, and the One Happy Camper Program. Our daughters were able to participate in these programs because of the Madison community's history in investing in building the community.

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Please join us for a special guest speaker from New York!



Stephanie Hausner, Director of Community Strategy for the Jewish Federations of North America, Jewish Council of Public Affairs and the Israel Action Network

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(Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions of Israel)
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Center for Jewish Studies and School of Music Team Up to Create Innovative Approach to Holocaust Study

What does the Holocaust mean to us today? How does the memory of the Holocaust affect our reality?

Two University of Wisconsin-Madison professors, Rachel Feldhay Brenner and Teri Dobbs, are combining their fields of expertise—literature and music—in their course, "Holocaust: Literature, Music, Memory, and Representation" to answer these questions.

The course offers an innovative approach to the study of the Holocaust: together, we shall discuss the cultural responses to the event of the Holocaust by exploring iconic works in the fields of classical music, film, poetry, literature, and Yiddish folklore tradition. Our goal is to address questions of authenticity, appropriateness, sensitivity, and moral judgments in relation to this unprecedented historical event.

"Holocaust: Literature, Music, Memory, and Representation" will be offered at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for Spring 2017. This course is intended for students of all ages who have a keen interest in how literature and music intersect with Holocaust memory and testimony. Wisconsin residents age 60 and older may register for the course as senior guest auditors and are warmly welcome. Registration will open in early November. Date, time, and location of the course will be made available at that time. Verification of Wisconsin Resident status and age is required. Questions on the application will determine if these requirements are met.

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SPECIAL EVENT
Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016
7:00 – 8:00 pm: Panel presentation "Stitching History in Czechoslovakia: A Survivor's and a Historian's Perspective" co-sponsored by Center for Jewish Studies.
Nancy Nicholas Hall, Room 1199

Check *designgallery.wisc.edu* for details on additional programs.

Stitching History From The Holocaust is an original exhibit created by and on loan from the Jewish Museum Milwaukee. Supported by the UW-Madison Anonymous Fund, Friends of the UW-Madison School of Human Ecology, the Jewish Federation of Madison, the George L. Mosse/ Laurence A. Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, and Fran Weinstein.

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Fall Events and New Faculty at Center for Jewish Studies

By Joan Hong, Project Assistant

UW Center for Jewish Studies

The Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies is thrilled to welcome three new faculty members this year. Marina Zilbergerts joins us as the Lipton Assistant Professor of Eastern European Jewish Studies at the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and in the department of German, Nordic, and Slavic Studies. She received her Ph.D. from Stanford University and is a Posen Fellow. Professor Zilbergerts will teach a course entitled "Russia and the Jews: Literature, Religion, and Culture." Sunny Yudkoff joins the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies and the department of German, Nordic, and Slavic Studies after spending the past three years teaching Yiddish literature at the University of Chicago. She received her Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2015 and is currently at work on her first book project entitled, *Let it Be Consumption!: Tuberculosis and the Modern Jewish Writer*. At UW-Madison, Professor Yudkoff will teach courses in Jewish Literature and the Medical Humanities. Adam Stern will also be teaching for us. He is currently completing his Ph.D. in the Study of Religion at Harvard University. His areas of interest include modern European philosophy, the history of Jewish thought, and political theory. These fabulous additions bring the number of faculty at UW-Madison who focus on Yiddish and Eastern European Jewish Studies to six!

The Center will host a series of lectures and events this fall that are free and open to the public. Please join us for one or more of these events.

From September 11th to November 13th, the Center will co-sponsor the "Stitching History from the Holocaust" exhibit. This event takes place at the Ruth Davis Design Gallery, School of Human Ecology. Community members are invited to the following events at the exhibit:

On Thursday, October 20th, the Center will co-sponsor a panel presentation at the Stitching History exhibit, "Stitching History in Czechoslovakia: A Survivor's and a Historian's Perspective." Simone Schweber, Goodman Professor of Education and Jewish Studies and Director of the Center for Jewish Studies will chair the panel. Amos Bitzan, Frances and Laurence Weinstein Assistant Professor of Modern European Jewish History and Renata Laxova, Professor Emerita of Genetics at the Departments of Pediatrics and Medical Genetics, Waisman Center will present. The panel presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1199, Nancy Nicholas Hall. On November 6th, there will be an "Afternoon with Friends", featuring Mary Louise Roberts, WARF Distinguished Lucie Aubrac Professor and Plaenert Bascom Professor of History, speaking on "Stitching Wartime History: The Case of the French Resistance". Following the lecture, UW Madison design studies students will be on hand to talk about their design process and dresses featured in the companion exhibition "Inspired by Hedy." 1-4 p.m. at Nancy Nicholas Hall, room TBD.

On Tuesday, October 18th, the Center will co-sponsor a lecture put on by the George L. Mosse Program in History. Ronnie Ellenblum, Professor of Geography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem will give a talk, "Multi Cultural Jerusalem-A New Biography." This lecture will take place at 4:00 p.m. in room L 140 Elvehjem Building (Chazen Museum).

On Thursday, October 27th, the Center welcomes Stanford University's Steven J. Zipperstein, Daniel E. Koshland Professor in Jewish Culture and History to deliver the annual Tobias lecture. His talk, "Pogrom: Kishinev and the Tilt of History," will explore Kishinev's pogrom of 1903 which was the first event in Russian Jewish life to receive international attention. The riot that left 49 dead in an obscure border town dominated the headlines of the western press for weeks, intruded on Russian-Jewish relations, and left its impact on an astonishing array of institutions: the nascent Jewish army in Palestine, the NAACP, and was the likely inspiration for the first version of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion." Why did it have this impact? How is it that this particular event so shaped history? The lecture will take place in the Festival Room (lower level), Memorial Union (800 Langdon) at 4:00 p.m. The Tobias lecture is made possible through the generosity of Harry and Marjorie Tobias.

Community members are invited to join Professor Yudkoff's course on Migration in Film and Literature for several film screening which will take place at the UW Hillel at 6 p.m. The series is entitled *Heading Home: The Comedies of Jewish Migration*. September 19th: *Hester Street*, November 2nd: *Yentl*, November 21st: *A Serious Man*.

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

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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS



Stitching History through the Holocaust

Exhibit, lectures and panel discussions
Exhibit: Runs now through November 13th
Monday-Thursdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays, noon-4:00 p.m.
Ruth Davis Gallery
Nancy Nicolas Hall, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison
1300 Linden Drive, Madison

This project was funded in part by an Innovation Panel Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison. Design Gallery events are free and open to the public

About The Exhibit: Paul and Hedy Strnad are trapped as the Nazis close in. Can Hedy's dress designs and their cousin in Milwaukee help them get to the United States? All efforts failed. Hedy and Paul perished in the Holocaust, but their memory lives on in a letter and sketches, which form the core of this haunting exhibit.

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater's costume shop meticulously created with historic accuracy the eight dresses and accessories from the original sketches by using period styles and techniques. The museum staff has collected years of research to give visitors a closer look into the lives of this couple — a story that represents one of the millions of lives extinguished by the Holocaust and the immeasurable loss of talent and creativity.

The Design Gallery is also pleased to feature a separate exhibition of garments created by UW Madison fashion design students who looked to Hedy's legacy for a modern twist on late 1930s – 1940s styles.

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Future Related Programs
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7 p.m. – 8 p.m., Nancy Nicholas Hall, Nancy Nicholas Hall, Room 1189

Panel presentation: "Stitching History in Czechoslovakia: A Survivor's and a Historian's Perspective" co-sponsored by Center for Jewish Studies

– Simone Schweber, Goodman Professor of Education and Jewish Studies and Director, Center for Jewish Studies will chair the panel.

– Amos Bitzan, Frances and Laurence Weinstein Assistant Professor of History.

– Renata Lexova, Professor Emerita of Genetics at the Departments of Pediatrics and Medical Genetics, Waisman Center, University of Wisconsin–Madison

Jewish Business & Professionals Roundtable

Wednesday, November 2nd, 7:30-9:00 a.m.
Nakoma Golf Club

Countering BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions of Israel) Deligitimization: What Is It and How Do We Do It? Featuring guest speaker Stephanie Hausner, Director of Community Strategy for the Jewish Federations of North America, Jewish Council of Public Affairs and the Israel Action Network.

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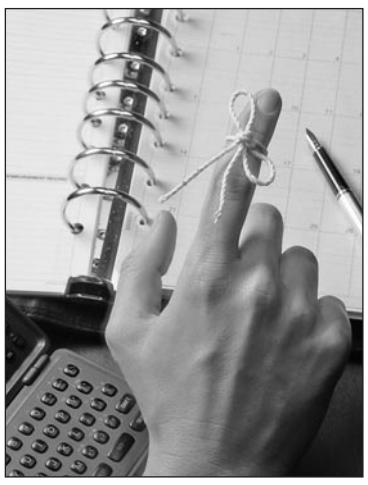
SAVE THE DATE! Jewish Federation of Madison Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 20th, 4 - 6 p.m.
Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus

Join us as we highlight the successes of the past year. Other business includes the election of the Board of Directors and Officers.

Please RSVP by November 11th via email (rsvp@jewishmadison.org) or phone (608)278-1808 or at JewishMadison.org.



Schmooze & Move

Tuesdays: October 11th, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and December 6th and 13th
9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, Conference Room
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

Join us weekly for a parent/tot yoga class with an instructor from little om BIG OM. The class will be 45 minutes followed by a chance to schmooze with the other caregivers and their children. Parents, Grandparents, and Nannies are all welcome! Cost is $65 for 1 child or $115 for two children (siblings) for this 8 week session.

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Eckhardt

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Community is important for raising our children, but history provides us constant reminders that our survival as a people depends on us supporting each other. Our family recently learned of the Jews of Priest's Grotto. At Priest's Grotto and nearby Verteba Cave in the Ukraine, several families of Jews--the Stermers, the Dodyks, the Wexlers, the Bodians, the Franks, the Barads, the Kitners, the Goldbers, the Kurzs, the Kavaleks, the Reibels and Mr. Chisdes, survived the Holocaust by taking refuge underground. Some of the members of the families spent 344 consecutive days living in the caves. This is apparently the longest consecutive period known that humans have survived underground. Young children were without sunlight for months at a time.

Thirty-eight people from these families survived the war and immigrated to Canada and the United States. These families survived because of community—they helped each other. But this was not just a story of Jewish survival. The families received help from fellow Ukrainians. People like Munko Lubudzin--who helped them find the caves—and Semen Sawkie—who sold the families food at great personal risk.

Many, if not most of us in the room tonight, are descendants of people who relied on others to survive World War II. Lee and I feel a personal obligation to invest in community because of this history of tzedakah and tikkun olam. Through our annual gift to the Federation we support programs that strengthen our community like Camp Shalom, Jewish Social Services, Gan HaYeled, Hillel and Chabad Programs on Campus. These programs pull us together and strengthen our shared identity.

Our gift helps Jews worldwide including those in need living in places like the Ukraine and China. Since 1950, Israel has promised to provide a safe-haven for Jews fleeing oppression world-wide. Through our Federation gift we help support this important effort.

In the spirit of tikkun olam, many of our programs strengthen the city we live in by serving those of all faiths. Camp Shalom is open to the entire community. Gifts to the Federation help to provide legal assistance to immigrants in need through services provided by Jewish Social Services of Madison. Outside of our local community, the Jewish Federation of North America funds relief efforts worldwide. Recent initiatives include providing assistance for those impacted by natural disasters in Baton Rouge, Houston and Nepal. Recent events in Milwaukee and across the United States remind us of the importance of regularly supporting the communities that we live in.

We hope you share our sense of obligation and an understanding of the importance of these programs in perpetuating life and helping those in need worldwide.

We give for community--but there is one other reason we give. Our involvement in the Federation has fostered friendships that we cherish that we hope continue to deepen in the years to come.

That's it. That's why we give.

Please commit to supporting our Jewish community in Madison and around the world. I hope you understand that there is no one else. Our donors—of which you are one—are an incredibly small number of people. The success of our annual campaign and the future of Jewish life in Madison relies on you.



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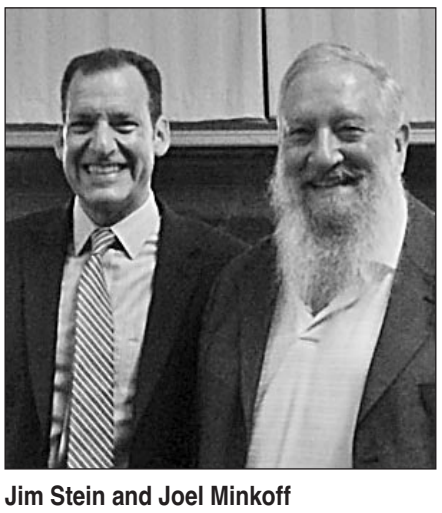

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Your annual contribution to the Jewish Federation of Madison *Tzedakah Campaign* provides essential support to these local and overseas agencies and programs:

For our children

Yad B'Yad: Provides infants and toddlers and their parents/caregivers socialization opportunities as well as relevant programs

Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool: In its fourth decade, provides year round Jewish early childhood experiences and provides scholarships for low-income families.

Camp Shalom: In its sixth decade, offers summer experiences for more than 1,000 campers of various religions and ethnicities and provides scholarships for low-income families

One Happy Camper: Helps to provide financial assistance to children attending Jewish resident camps for the first time.

Ivrit B'kef/Hebrew Club After-School Program: kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders experience adventure through the Hebrew language. Learn the Aleph Bet and develop reading and writing skills through structured lessons, arts & crafts, movement, and more!

Yonim: Israeli folk dancing program for students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

The Madison Jewish Community Day School: Works with students to develop a capacity for critical thinking, a connection to their Jewish heritage, and a profound sense of community and responsibility. MJCDS is pluralistic, egalitarian and committed to fostering a lifelong love of learning.

Midrasha Hebrew High School: Jointly sponsored by Jewish Federation of Madison, Beth Israel Center, and Temple Beth El. Program includes weekly sessions for 8-12 graders with incentive scholarships for graduating seniors.

For our college students

Hillel at the University of Wisconsin: One of the country's preeminent Hillel Foundations, offers social, educational, cultural, and religious activities to the UW's 5,000 Jewish students

Taglit-birthright Israel: Jointly sponsored by Jewish Federation of Madison and other North American Federations, the government of Israel, and private Jewish philanthropists, provides free, first-time peer group educational trips to Israel for Jewish young adults ages 18 to 26

Chabad at the University of Wisconsin: Dedicated to serving Jews throughout the university, Madison, and Dane County regardless of background and affiliation

For our individuals & families

Outreach: Led by the outreach coordinator and the volunteer corps, we connect and engage individuals and families with the many opportunities available to live Jewishly in the Madison area.

Jewish Social Services: Provides services to individuals and agencies in the Jewish and general communities.

Jewish education teacher training: Organizes and sponsors an annual teachers' convention for local Jewish educators and offers subsidies for conference and courses

Jewish family educational and social programs: Activities including holiday events, swim parities and community celebrations

Future Directions: leadership program of the Federation provides opportunity for participants to learn, engage and impact our community

Jewish Business & Professionals Roundtable: Programming dedicated to the interests of Jewish business executives and professionals

For our local community

The Irwin A. and Robert D. Goodman Jewish Community Campus: The 154-acre home of Camp Shalom and the center for year-round community recreational, educational, and social activities

The Goodman Aquatic Center: Our 5,500 square foot outdoor pool with six 25-meter competition lanes and zero depth entry, used by more than 10,000 swimmers each summer from the Jewish and general communities

The Minkoff Center: Our year-round 12,000 square-foot recreation and education center, including a kosher kitchen, showers, and meeting space

Madison Jewish News: Our free monthly newspaper for the entire Jewish community

Community Shlichim: Provides educational programming for the entire community and serves as an advocate for Israel within the Jewish and broader community

Yom Hashoah: Annual Holocaust memorial service and program

Jewish Federation OF MADISON

Yom Ha'Atzmaut: Israel Independence Day Annual celebration

Jewish Community Picnic: Summer kickoff event at the Goodman Campus

Wisconsin Jewish Conference: Serves as a resource, advocate, and clearinghouse to address important public policy issues for local Jewish communities throughout the state

Community Relations Committee: Serves as a liaison between the local Jewish community and the larger population

Partnership Together (P2G): A partnering with Tulsa, Milwaukee, St. Paul and the Sovev Kinnert region of Israel encourages community exchanges of ideas, programs and friendship.

For our national community

Anti-Defamation League: Anti-Defamation League: Fights anti-Semitism and other forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals, and safeguards civil rights for all in the U.S and abroad

Jewish Council for Public Affairs: Serves as the public affairs arm of the organized Jewish community

Jewish Telegraphic Agency: The independent, not-for-profit global source of breaking news, investigative reporting, in-depth analysis, opinion, and features on current events and issues of interest to the Jewish people.

For our worldwide community

America Jewish Joint Distribution Committee: Provides relief, rescue and renewal programs to Jewish communities in Israel and 70 countries and non-sectarian aid to general communities in times of crisis.

Jewish Agency for Israel: Provides social welfare and refugee rescue and resettlement programs in Israel, including education, job training, and new business loans to struggling new immigrants

World ORT: The world's largest Jewish education and vocational training non-governmental organization which operates free colleges, schools, training centers and programs in Israel, Russia, Argentina and many other countries worldwide.

Here are some of the ways you can annually contribute to the *Tzedakah Campaign*

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Congregation News

Temple Beth El • Congregation Shaarei Shamayim • Beth Israel Center

Temple Beth El

Visit us online at www.templebethel-madison.org. All events are open to the community and take place at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison, unless otherwise noted.

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

Our office will be closed Monday, October 3rd, Wednesday, October 12th, and Mondays, October 17th and 24th.

Join Temple Beth El for High Holy Days!

Guest High Holy Day Entry Cards are available for $75 per adult, per holiday. Children 25 or younger included at no extra cost. Complimentary High Holy Day Entry Cards are available for members at other URJ congregations, full-time college students, and active duty military personnel upon request or with ID.

Apple Picking

Apple Picking
Sunday, October 2nd, 11:00 a.m.
Eplegaarden
2227 Fitchburg Rd., Fitchburg

Ring in the new Jew-year (5777) together. Smell the sweet fresh apples as you pluck them right off the tree to begin Rosh Hashanah, they're a great traditional addition to your Rosh Hashanah table. Please bring a picnic lunch for yourself/family. *You are responsible for purchasing the fruit you pick*. Meet at the entrance at 11:00 a.m. We will go pick apples first, then come back to the picnic tables near the entrance to enjoy our lunches together. Please let Aleeza know you're coming at (608) 238-3123 or engage@tbemadison.org

Communal Tashlich & Nosh

Monday, October 3rd, 1:15 p.m. following Rosh Hashanah morning services
Wingra Park

Join us for this unique tradition of symbolically casting away your wrongdoings into the waters of Lake Wingra. A Tashlich Nosh will follow in the Weinstein Community Court at Temple Beth El. All ages welcome. RSVPs are appreciated to Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

Friday, October 7th, 5:30 p.m.
Imperial Gardens on University

You're invited to our first Shabbat Dinner Get-Together of 5777. Join with friends, and friends to be for a Chinese food dinner prior to services on Friday night. Each person is responsible for paying their own bill. Those interested will have plenty of time to eat, schmooze and get to Temple Beth El by the time Shabbat Evening Services begin at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org or (608)238-3123.



Cancer Support Group

Sunday, October 9th, 2:00 p.m.
Frank Adult Lounge, Temple Beth El

A Support Group for those whose lives have been touched by cancer are meeting on certain Sundays throughout the year meeting from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 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.

Family Fridays Shabbat

Friday, October 14th & 28th
5:45 p.m. Family Fridays Shabbat schmooze
6:00 p.m. Family Fridays Shabbat service with songs & stories
6:30 p.m. Dinner bring your own dinner to enjoy together. It's lovely seeing the kids play together.

Family Fridays Shabbat is a spirited Shabbat experience with song and story geared towards young children.

Tots 'n Tunes with Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy

Sundays in 2016:
October 16th | November 20th
Sundays in 2017:
January 29th | February 12th | April 2nd, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Tots 'n Tunes is a program for 0-5 year olds and open to the entire Madison Jewish Community. This year our new 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 should be prepared to sing, move, learn, play, create, bond, pray and grow with our new Tots 'n Tunes programming. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pizza and Sukkah Decorating

Sunday, October 16th, 11:30 a.m.

All ages are welcome to help us beautiful our Sukkah so it's ready to welcome in the Holiday later in the day (6:00 pm). We'll have some of our artist congregants helping to lead our crafts. $6 per person with a $24 max per family. Register for our Pizza lunch and Sukkah decorating online at http://bit.ly/sukkahdecorating or contact Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org or (608)238-3123.

Sukkot Service

Sunday, October 16th, 6:00 p.m.

Join Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy to usher in the Sukkot holiday. Service will take place in the Sukkah if favorable weather. Shake the Lulav and Etrog while fulfilling the mitzvah of dwelling in the sukkah.

Singles Creating Community Dinner

Wednesday, October 19th at 6:30 p.m.
Nonno's 704 S. Whitney Way, Madison
Kesher Israel Film – *Under the Same Sun* (drama)
Wednesday, October 19th, 7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m., film begins at 7:15 p.m. Snacks and beverages provided. A discussion will follow the film. *Under the Same Sun* presents us with two gentlemen, one Israeli, one Palestinian who embark on a joint business venture to bring solar energy to the Palestinian territories. Convinced the plan would benefit both peoples, they begin, only to be confronted by what seem to be insurmountable obstacles. *Under the Same Sun* is a realistic portrayal of the many agendas which separate the two populations. In addition, it is a fantasy projection of how Israel might appear with a completed two state solution.

Genre: Drama. Released: (U.S.A.) 2013. Time: One hour, 15 minutes. Rating: N/R The Kesher Israel Committee recommends this film for those high school age and above.

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

Thursday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.
Location TBD

Enjoy a family style dinner with fellow young adults. Dinner will be $20 or less per person. Please bring cash, small bills appreciated. RSVP to Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org, (608)238-3123.

Seeking Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Art of Human Character Development

A Mussar Seminar of Eight Sessions
Thursdays this Fall at 7:00 p.m.
October 20th and 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th; December 1st, 8th, 15th

"Mussar" comes from the Hebrew word for "turning aside" or "paying attention," and has come to mean the Jewish science and art of personal human character development. Led by Rabbi Biatch, this course will enable participants to look at their own character and soul, to determine better ways of interacting with the world, and then to commit themselves to that new way of behavior. Weekly writing assignments, spiritual practices, and weekly group discussion are essential components of this course. The subsidized fee for this course is $56 for TBE members and $80 for non-members. The class requires a minimum of six students, and will be limited to the first ten registrants. You will be able to register and pay no later than October 15th, online at http://bit.ly/tbemussar. The materials and direction come from The Mussar Institute, a nationally recognized group that provides guidance to those who wish to increase their appreciation of Jewish behaviors that help to improve our world.

Singles Creating Community Coffee

Friday, October 21st, 9:00 a.m.
True Coffee Roasters
6250 Nesbitt Rd,. Fitchburg

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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. And tickets are required for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Prospective members and students may request complimentary High Holiday tickets by contacting Elissa Pollack, Executive Director, at elissa@bethisraelcenter.org or (608)256-7763.

Questions may also be directed to Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon (rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org), Education Director Beth Copelovitch (education@bethisraelcenter.org) or Program Director Deborah Hoffman (hoffman@bethisraelcenter.org). We love to talk about upcoming events, membership, and education for children and adults! You may also call (608)256-7763 or visit our website, www.bethisraelcenter.org, for more information.

Some upcoming program highlights are listed below. See also the schedule of holiday services on page 17.

Tashlich Nosh

Monday, October 3rd, 4:00 p.m.

Looking for a casual setting to meet people from our congregation or reconnect with old friends? Come to Vilas Beach on Rosh Hashanah afternoon for a nosh and to schmooze before ceremoniously casting your sins into Lake Wingra. The Tashlich service will end in time to walk to Beth Israel Center for Mincha (at 5:45 p.m.).

Torah & Mindfulness Mini-Retreat

Saturday, October 8th, 1:30-4:20 p.m.

Come to Beth Israel Center on the Shabbat afternoon between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and explore how bringing awareness to our experience connects us to our natural *chochma, chesed and rachamim* (wisdom, loving kindness and compassion). The program will include sitting and walking meditation practice, chanting, and teachings. Reservations are not necessary. Contact Matt Banks (president@bethisraelcenter.org) for more information.

Mikvah Education Programs

Sunday and Monday, October 9th and 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Going to the mikvah to prepare for a holy day – Yom Kippur in particular – is a centuries-old tradition that is very much alive today. If you are curious about mikvah immersion, about how this custom can be part of your preparation for Yom Kippur, or just want to see our beautiful new mikvah, this program is for you. Similar programs will be offered on Sunday for women and Monday for men.

Yom Rishon

Sunday, October 16th, 10:00-11:15 a.m.

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. Put all of our 5777 dates on your calendar: October 16th, November 20th, December 18th, January 22nd, February 26th, March 19th, and April 30th.

BIC Sukkah Hop

Thursday, October 20th, 5:45 p.m.

Beginning in the BIC Sukkah, visit several sukkot around Madison. Maps and directions will be provided.

East Side Sukkah Hop

Sunday, October 23rd

Jointly hosted by members of Congregation Shaarei Shamayim and Beth Israel Center, the annual East Side Sukkah Hop is a progressive dinner, beginning with appetizers in one sukkah, ending with dessert in another, and featuring food and fellowship all along the way.

Simchat Torah Party

Monday, October 24th, 6:00 p.m.

Come to Beth Israel Center for a casual deli dinner to kick off our Simchat Torah celebration. Reservations are required for dinner. RSVP to office@bethisraelcenter. org.

Services & Hakafot (dancing with the Torah) begin at 6:45 p.m. Enjoy lights snacks and strong drinks throughout the evening.

Kolot Kehilla with Louise Goldstein and Phyllis Holman Weisbard

Sunday, October 30th, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Our Sunday morning speaker series featuring the voices of our community (*kolot kehilla*) continues with a talk by Louise Goldstein and Phyllis Holman Weisbard about their recent trip to Jewish Italy. A light breakfast will be served, and donations of $5 are suggested.

Adult Education Programs:

Conversational Yiddish

Mondays, 7:00 p.m. in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center

Join Yiddish enthusiast and talented teacher Sylvia Grunes at Yiddish class on Monday nights, 7-8:30 p.m. 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

Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center

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.

Hebrew Reading Level II

Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. at Anna's home

This class is designed for those interested in reading Biblical Hebrew through study of the weekly Torah portion. Whether beginner or intermediate readers, all levels of knowledge are welcomed. Led by Anna Heifetz. Contact the office to confirm the schedule and location.

Shabbat Services

Every Friday at 5:45 p.m.
Every Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

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

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 a.m. 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.

Temple Beth El

Simchat Torah (with Yizkor) & Kindergarten Consecration

Sunday, October 23rd
4:30 p.m. Yizkor (Memorial) Service
5:00 p.m. Pasta Dinner $9 for children & $13 for adults, reservations required. Gluten Free pasta upon request.
6:00 p.m. Kindergarten Consecration and Simchat Torah celebration.

Rejoice in completing one cycle of reading Torah and beginning the next as well as our Kindergarteners starting their formal Jewish journey. Help us unroll a whole Torah scroll! Come dance and parade with the Torah.

Register online at http://bit.ly/simchattorah by Friday, October 14th at noon. Contact Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org or (608)238-3123.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

Friday, November 4th at 5:30 p.m.
Nile Mediterranean
6119 Odana Rd., Madison

Join with friends, and friends to be for a Mediterranean dinner prior to services on Friday night. Each person is responsible for paying their own bill. Those interested will have plenty of time to eat, schmooze and get to Temple Beth El by the time Shabbat Evening Services begin at 7:30 p.m. RSVP to Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org or (608)238-3123.

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50th Annual Food-A-Rama

Election Day - Tuesday, November 8th, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (Deli until 6:00 p.m.)

Save the date for Food-A-Rama, Sisterhood's annual Election Day luncheon, now in its 50th year! Featuring corned beef sandwiches, kosher-style hot dogs, Mediterranean vegetarian platter, scrumptious baked goods, and more. Dine-in, carry-out, and delivery available. This year because it's our 50th FAR, the Deli will remain open until 6:00 or as long as items last. We decided to try to keep the Deli open longer for people who can't get here during the regular hours. Funds raised at this tasty event help support Temple Beth El, Camp Shalom, and community organizations. Go to www.food-a-rama.com to pre-order your delicious lunches!

Swarsensky Memorial Scholar-in-Residence Weekend – Beth Hamon

"The Power of Story in Realizing Your Jewish Path & Journey"
November 11th-13th

Beth Hamon is a teacher, artist, musician and bicycle mechanic living in Portland Oregon, who came into her Judaism later in life. Not long after joining a synagogue community for the first time, she was recruited to teach there and her Jewish journey blossomed further. Her journey continues today, and she looks forward to sharing with us. Check our website or contact Aleeza engage@tbemadison.org or (608)238-3123 for details and to RSVP.

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.

Screening of *Crime After Crime*

A film about incarceration, teshuvah, and Jewish obligation
Sunday, Oct. 9th, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Location: Center for Families
2120 Fordem Ave.

All are welcome to watch *Crime After Crime*, which tells the story of the legal battle to free Debbie Peagler from prison, two decades after her life sentence for involvement in the murder of the man who had abused her. Two young attorneys, Joshua Safran and Nadia Costa, with no background in criminal law, step forward to take her case, bringing long-lost witnesses, new testimonies from the men who committed the murder, and proof of perjured evidence. Safran, an Orthodox Jew, explicitly connects his observance with his sense of obligation toward Peagler.

Reflecting on the Holocaust and Establishment of the State of Israel

A Conversation with Teri Dobbs and Rachel F. Brenner
Sunday, Oct. 16, 9:50-11:30 a.m.
Location: Center for Families
2120 Fordem Ave.

Shaarei Shamayim welcomes Professors Teri Dobbs and Rachel F. Brenner from the School of Music and the Mosse-Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies at the UW-Madison. They will share their current work with our community: Professor Dobbs will discuss how the Holocaust has left an indelible mark on the psyche of post-Holocaust generations. Professor Brenner will explore how the establishment of the State of Israel was another watershed moment in the history of the Jewish people and in the world at large. The discussions will investigate the interwoven, and unfortunately often hostile and always complex religious underpinnings of the present political situation.

Sukkot Dinner, Shabbat Service, and Campfire

Friday, Oct. 21st, 5:30 p.m., dinner; 6:30 p.m. Shabbat service
Location: Gaebler Lawn and Living Room, First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

We'll gather in and around our sukkah for a vegetarian potluck dinner followed by a Shabbat service. We'll stay warm around the campfire – feel free to bring an instrument to play. Please bring a dish to share.

Simchat Torah Celebration

Monday, Oct. 24th, 5:30 p.m., dinner, 6:30 p.m., service and dancing
Location: First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

Join us for free pizza followed by a service of singing, dancing, and rolling the Torah. We'll finish the evening with a dessert potluck. Please RSVP.

Temple Beth El's Election Day Food-A-Rama Raises Funds for Camp Shalom



Attendees enjoy the delicious food and community gathering at Temple Beth El's Food-A-Rama in 2015.



Mark your calendar for Temple Beth El Sisterhood's 50th Annual Food-A-Rama, an Election Day luncheon and community gathering that features great food, community service, and a delicious reminder to get out and vote. Held at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, on Tuesday, November 8th, this tasty event features corned beef sandwiches, kosher-style hot dogs, Mediterranean vegetarian platters, scrumptious baked goods, and more. Dine-in, carry-out, and delivery options are available.

In honor of the 50th anniversary, Food-A-Rama this year will feature some favorite "throwback" recipes from years past (potato knishes and stuffed cabbage rolls), upgraded patriotic-themed decorations, and extended deli hours. Dine-in hours are 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Leslie Kemp, Food-A-Rama chair, says, "The room is abuzz. You never know who you'll meet, from within or outside the Jewish community. There's good food and good company. You can feel the camaraderie in the room."

Deli sales, including frozen matzah ball soup and cabbage soup, fresh chopped liver, challah, and corned beef, will be for sale from 10:30 a.m.- 6 p.m. (while supplies last).

Bakery sales (10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) feature homemade pies, cakes, tortes, bars and Jewish delicacies including rugelach and mandelbrot.

Lottie Frank, Sisterhood co-president and 50th anniversary committee member, says, "People line up before the event begins, and items sell out. Come early—it's definitely not to be missed!"

Food-A-Rama volunteers are hard at work preparing for this year's extravaganza. A typical year features 1,100 to 1,300 lunches served or delivered. This year, with the extended deli hours, organizers are hoping to make the deli favorites available to more people, allowing them to stop and pick up tasty prepared food for dinner or to freeze for convenient future meals.

A portion of the proceeds from the event supports the Camp Shalom scholarship fund, in addition to other causes in the Madison area including community food pantries, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS), the YWCA Third Street Program, and Temple Beth El.

Dina Weinbach, Executive Director of the Jewish Federation of Madison, which sponsors Camp Shalom, says, "We receive close to 200 applications a year for financial assistance from families who are trying hard to make ends meet; families who have an average yearly income of $22,000; families with costly medical expenses; and families who can't afford a quality summer program for their children. Food-A-Rama and the Temple Beth El Sisterhood have our utmost thanks and gratitude for their support of the Camp Shalom scholarship fund and for helping us to ensure that no child would be denied a Camp Shalom experience because of financial need."

Everyone is welcome to attend Food-A-Rama or place an order! To obtain order forms for delivery or carry-out, visit www.Food-a-Rama.com. Delivery orders (5 or more lunches, Madison area only) must be placed by November 1st.

For more information, contact Leslie Kemp at (608)798-4212 or sisterhood-foodarama@gmail.com.

Reflections on Food-A-Rama's 50th Year

As Food-A-Rama approaches its 50th anniversary this coming Election Day (November 8th), the women of Temple Beth El Sisterhood are gaining a new appreciation for the voices and memories of the countless dedicated volunteers who have made this annual community event and fundraiser happen.

The experiences of working on Food-A-Rama, told in the volunteers' own words, come together in a video produced by Sisterhood board member Carole Kantor in honor of the 50th anniversary.

Food-A-Rama started in 1966, inspired by a similar fundraiser held each spring by the similarly named Temple Beth-El in Rockford, Illinois. The Madison organizers chose Election Day because the temple building was a polling place at the time. "It grew very fast," says Arlene Rotter, who was Sisterhood president at the time of the first Food-A-Rama.

Today, voting no longer takes place on site, yet Food-A-Rama chair Leslie Kemp explains that the event continues as a "celebration of democracy," noting, "we can have this delicious food and come together, whether we are Democrat or Republican or independent."

Photographs, news clippings, and other memorabilia from the Food-A-Rama archives will be on display at Temple Beth El on November 8th, and the video will be played for continuous viewing.

For a 1-minute preview of the video, as well as hours, delivery/carry-out order forms, and other information on Food-A-Rama, go to www.Food-A-Rama.com. On the Facebook pages for Food-A-Rama, Temple Beth El, and Temple Beth El Sisterhood, a series of "Throwback Thursday" pictures and news clippings will be posted each week leading up to the event (be sure to "like" each page so that Facebook can put the updates in your news feed!).

Everyone is welcome to attend this milestone event on November 8, or place an order for delivery! For more information, contact Leslie Kemp at (608)798-4212, email sisterhoodfoodarama@gmail.com, or visit www.Food-A-Rama. com.

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Family Friendly Walking Adventure at UW Arboretum

Sunday, October 23rd

10 a.m. – noon

Led by Hadassah's own Arboretum tour guides

By the end of October, the Arboretum trails are full of surprises. As trees shed their colorful leaves, owls and other wildlife suddenly come into view.

Our guides will choose trails on the morning of the hike based on what's most interesting that morning.

The trail and hike will be easy enough for strollers and walkers of all abilities.

• 10 a.m. - Meet on steps of UW Arboretum visitor center

• Naturalists will lead the hike and activities such as games for children.

• Noon – Meet at Michaels on Monroe Street for schmoozing & noshing. We'll bring the chocolate.

For questions or to let us know to expect you, call Lainie at (608)354-8567 or Shelly at (608)215-6946

Or email us at MadisonHadassah@gmail.com

Save the Dates:

Sunday, November 6th, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cherokee Marsh

Sunday December 11th (9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:

***Leyora Avery Weiss**, daughter of Dan and Carey Weiss*

***Alana Claire Kirklin**, daughter of Stephanie and Brian Kirklin*

***Julian Gary Schmidt**, son of Brian Schmidt and Christine Khosropour and grandson of Laurie Schmidt and Gary Schmidt (z"l)*

***Sofia**, granddaughter of Barry Baruch*

***Zahra Lenore Prajapati**, daughter of Allison and Pratik Prajapati, granddaughter of Susan Friedman-Hill and Greg Hill, niece of Amanda Hill and great niece of David Friedman and Pam Robbins*

Mazel tov on the engagement of:
Jonathan Laufman**, son of Ilene and Mark Laufman, to **Arielle Morrison

Condolences to the families of:

***Walter Chmielewski**, father of Stefanie (Fritz) Statz and grandfather of Nick and Matt*

***Abraham (Abe) Landsman**, husband of Gloria Landsman (z"l), father of Howard (Judith) Landsman and Marcia Landsman (z"l)*

***Barbara Lerner Barrett**, grandmother of Brian Hirsh (Cathlene Hanaman), and great-grandmother of Liah and Sadie Hirsh*

***Tibor Veszpremi**, grandfather of Paola Fliman (Alexander Yevzlin), and great grandfather of Mimi, Shayna and Alana Yevzlin*

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In honor of Dan and Carey Weiss on the birth of their daughter, Leyora Avery Weiss:
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In honor of Joel Minkoff's special Birthday
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In honor of Elli Sweet being selected as a United States Senate Page:
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Tikkun Olam

By Marla Becker, Head of School

Madison Community Jewish Day School

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How can we help you? What activities can we participate in as a school or with our families? Do you have any information we can share with other members of the community?

At Madison Jewish Community Day School, the children are actively exploring what it means to be part of a larger community. These three questions are part of our weekly discussions, as the students take turns conversing with community members representing various Jewish organizations. With clipboards in hand, they take down notes and file them away in their labeled file folders. The children present the information to the rest of the school during our Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, explaining what MJCDS and other people can do to help out and spread awareness of the other organizations.

When Rachel Levy presented her work with Russian Jews, six year old Roger de Laix explained, "When Rachel Levy came to visit I learned about Russian Jews. I learned that the organization does not just help Jewish Russian kids. It helps everyone. If the person in charge in Russia says you can be Jewish and now you can't be Jewish, the organization will send the Jewish people to Israel. I learned we can send money so that there can be a Russian PJ Library."

Lilah Heifetz and Charley Kobylarz (both age 8) visited Temple Beth El and met with Executive Director Terrie Goren. As Lilah describes, "It was really fun. We got to talk about a lot of different things. It was light conversation, but we talked about serious things. I learned we could help Temple Beth El by supporting the food drive. I am familiar with Temple Beth El, but I learned a lot about it that I didn't know before."

The children are so excited to become a part of the larger Jewish community. If your organization has not heard from the children yet, we are just a "How can we help you" away.



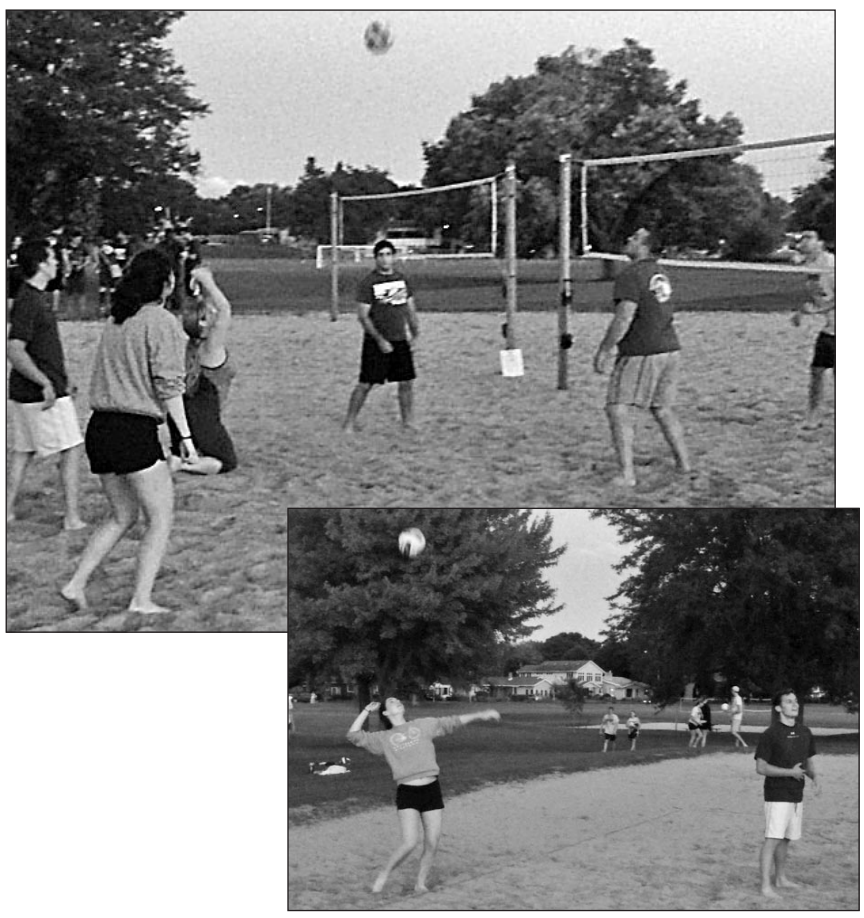
Rachel Levy shows MJCDS students a map of Russian, where children will receive PJ Library books.



Notice

Please note the new deadline for submissions to the *Madison Jewish News*. **Copy deadline is at noon on the 12th of each month for the following month's issue.** If the 12th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, copy must be received by noon the preceding Friday. If the 12th is on a holiday when the Federation is closed, copy must be received by noon the preceding weekday.





From the Sand Court to the Dugout

By Tiz Goff, Outreach Coordinator

Jewish Federation of Madison

The Matzah Balls had not just one, but two volleyball teams (cleverly named Matzah Balls and Matzah Balls 2). We saw new faces with this new-to-us sport, growing our membership in the Matzah Balls Facebook group. Our team is phenomenal at having fun, making friends, laughing, celebrating with dinner afterwards, and making plans to see each other in the Jewish community beyond our sport locations. Volleyball is complete, and we are already off and running in kickball! We would LOVE to have fans cheer us on! Please check the calendar for dates and times; we even have a mascot costume you can wear! Contact Tiz Goff, outreach@jewishmadison.org, for further information.



SAVE THE DATE!

Hanukkah Shuk (Market)

Sunday, December 4th

More details to follow in upcoming issues of Madison Jewish News



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Cost: $65 for 1 child or $115 for two children (siblings) for this 8 week session
Location: Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building, Conference Room, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

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Please make check payable to the Jewish Federation of Madison and reference Schmooze & Move with child's name(s) in memo or attached note.

Mail or bring in to:
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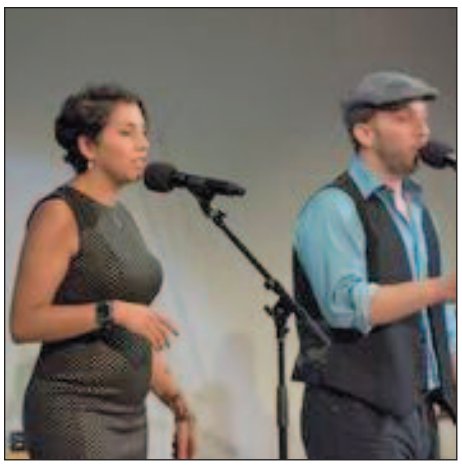
For more information, contact Rachel at gan@jewishmadison.org or (608)442-4075.

Madison Jewish Community Kicks Off































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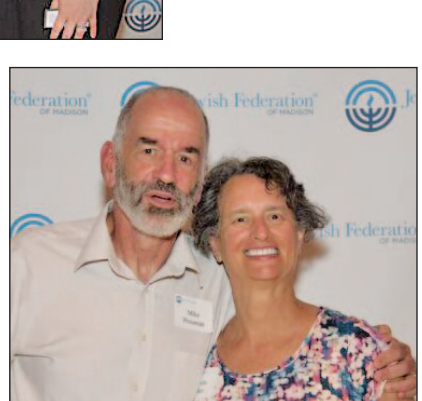







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Rosh Hashanah Greeting

By Rabbi Yona Matusof

Chabad Lubavitch of Madison

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The Midrash recounts the following dialogue on the significance of sin:

Wisdom was asked: What is the fate of the transgressor? Wisdom replied: "Evil pursues iniquity" (Proverbs 13:21).

Prophecy was asked: What is the fate of the transgressor? Prophecy replied: "The soul that sins, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:20).

The Torah was asked: What is the fate of the transgressor? Torah replied: He shall bring a guilt offering, and it shall atone for him (Leviticus, chapter 5).

G-d was asked: What is the fate of the transgressor? G-d replied: He shall do teshuvah, "return," and it shall atone for him.

There is one thing, that the philosophical, prophetic and Torah perspectives on sin have in common: the transgression was, and remains, a negative phenomenon.

"Wisdom" sees it as the harbinger of evil in a person's life. "Prophecy" sees it as antithetical to life itself. Torah delves deeper yet, revealing the root cause of sin and providing the key to the transgressor's rehabilitation; but even after the atonement prescribed by the Torah, the transgression itself remains a negative event. Torah itself defines certain deeds as contrary to the divine will, so nothing in Torah can change the fact that a transgression constitutes a betrayal of the relationship between G-d and man.



G-d, as the author of wisdom, the bestower of prophecy and the commander of Torah, is the source of all three perspectives. But He also harbors a fourth vision of sin, a vision that is His alone: sin as the potential for teshuvah.

Teshuvah, in its ultimate sense: the reclaiming of the "lost" moments (or days, or years) and energies of a negative past; the magnified force of a rebounding soul.

The baal (master of) teshuvah sublimates his negative deeds and experiences to fuel his yearning and passion for good, he brings to light the sparks of G-Dliness they hold.

The baal teshuvah, is one whose every thought and endeavor is driven by the recognition that he must depart from what he is in order to come close to G-d.

This is G-d's perspective on sin: sin as the facilitator of teshuvah. "Wisdom," "Prophecy" and "Torah" are all part of a reality polarized by good and evil; they can perceive only the damage inflicted by sin, or at most (as in the case of Torah), the manner by which it might be undone. G-d's reality, however, is wholly and exclusively good. "No evil resides with You," sings the Psalmist. In the words of Jeremiah, "From the Supernal do not stem both evil and good."

From G-d's perspective, there is only the positive essence of transgression—the positive purpose for which He created man's susceptibility to evil and his capacity for sin in the first place. As viewed by its Creator, transgression is the potential for a deeper bond between Himself and man—a bond borne out of the transformation of evil into good and failure into achievement.

This Rosh Hashana, let us use this G-D given opportunity to harness our past deeds and shortcomings, to propel us forward – towards a life filled with meaning, purpose and holiness.

Rabbi Mendel and Henya, Rabbi Avremel and Mushka, Faygie and I, extend our blessings to each and every one of you to be inscribed and sealed for a good and sweet year, a year of true peace, prosperity and love.

Shana Tova U'metukah.



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HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah:
Erev – Sunday, October 2nd, 2016
First Day – Monday, October 3rd, 2016
Second Day – Tuesday, October 4th, 2016

Yom Kippur:
Kol Nidre – Tuesday, October 11th, 2016
Yom Kippur Day – Wednesday, October 12th, 2016

Please call in advance for admission and ticket policies

Beth Israel Center
1406 Mound Street
(608) 256-7763
bethisraelcenter.org

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2nd
5:45 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah – both days
Monday, October 3rd and Tuesday, October 4th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – Youth Program
11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. – Preschool Family Service

Tashlich
Monday, October 3rd
4:00 p.m. at Vilas Beach
5:45 p.m. – Mincha (at BIC)

Kol Nidre
Tuesday, October 11th
6:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12th
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – Youth Program
11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. – Preschool Family Service
3:45 p.m. – Mincha
7:20 p.m. – Final Shofar
Break Fast sponsored by the Board of Directors

Sukkot (First Day)
Monday, October 17th
9:30 a.m.

Sukkot (Second Day)
Tuesday, October 18th
9:30 a.m.

Hoshanah Rabbah
Sunday, October 23rd
8:15 a.m.

Shemini Atzeret
Monday, October 24th
9:30 a.m.

Erev Simchat Torah
Monday, October 24th
6:45 pm

Simchat Torah
Tuesday, October 25th
9:30 a.m.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim
(Located at the First Unitarian Society)
900 University Bay Drive
(608)257-2944, shamayim.org

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2nd
5:00 p.m. – Vegetarian potluck
7:00 p.m. – Services in the main sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
Monday, October 3rd
9:30 a.m. – Services in the main sanctuary
9:00 a.m. – Tot services (0-5 years old)
10:00 a.m. – Children's services (K-5th grade)
10:00 a.m. – Discussion (6th-8th grade)
10:00 a.m. – Discussion (9th-12th grade)
3:00 p.m. – Tashlich. Call the office for location

Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)
Tuesday, October 4th
9:30 a.m. – Services in the main sanctuary
12:30 p.m. – Picnic lunch

Kol Nidre
Tuesday, October 11th
6:00 p.m. – Services in the main sanctuary

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12th
9:30 a.m. – Services in the main sanctuary
9:00 a.m. – Tot services (0-5 years old)
10:00 a.m. – Children's services (K-5th grade)
10:00 a.m. – Discussion (6th-8th grade)
10:00 a.m. – Discussion (9th-12th grade)
2:00 p.m. – Yizkor
3:00 p.m. – Meditation
4:15 p.m. – Avodah
5:45 p.m. – Neilah
7:15 p.m. – Break Fast potluck

Sukkot
Friday, October 21st
5:30 p.m. – Dinner
6:30 p.m. – Shabbat service

Simchat Torah
Monday, October 24th
5:30 p.m. – Dinner
6:30 p.m. – Service and Dancing

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(608)238-3123
templebethelmadison.org

Putting the Pieces Together: A World To Be Made Whole

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2nd
11:00 a.m. — Apple Picking at Eplegaarden
5:45 p.m. — Shalom Rosh Hashanah (geared to ages 0-8)
7:30 p.m. — Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah
Monday, October 3rd
8:45 a.m. — Family Service
10:30 a.m. — Adult Service
10:30 a.m. — Teen Program (ages 13-18)
10:30 a.m. — Child Care (ages 0-6)
1:15 p.m. — Tashlich at Lake Wingra
Tashlich nosh to follow at Temple Beth El

Shabbat Shuvah
Friday, October 7th
7:30 p.m. — Special Shabbat Service of Healing and Wholeness

Kol Nidre
Tuesday, October 11th
5:45 p.m. — Shalom Yom Kippur (geared to ages 0-8)
7:30 p.m. — Evening Service

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12th
8:45 a.m. — Family Service
10:30 a.m. — Adult Service
10:30 a.m. — Youth Program (ages 7-12)
10:30 a.m. — Teen Program (ages 13-18)
10:30 a.m. — Child Care (ages 0-6)
1:30 p.m. — Discussion & Panel
3:00 p.m. — Afternoon Service
(Including Yizkor—Memorial Service)
5:30 p.m. — Concluding Service
Break the Fast immediately following

Sukkot
Sunday, October 16th
11:30 a.m. — Pizza & Sukkah Decorating
6:00 p.m. — Evening Service in the Sukkah

Simchat Torah
Sunday, October 23rd
4:30 p.m. — Yizkor Memorial Service
5:00 p.m. — Congregational Dinner
6:00 p.m. — Kindergarten Consecration and Simchat Torah Celebration

Chabad Lubavitch House
1722 Regent Street
(608) 231-3450
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Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2nd
6:30 p.m. – Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
Monday, October 3rd
10:00 a.m. – Shacharit
12:00 p.m. – Shofar Blowing
2:00 p.m. – Mincha
2:30 p.m. – Tashlich
5:00 p.m. – Shofar in the park (Hoyt Park Shelter)
7:15 p.m. – Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)
Tuesday, October 4th
10:00 a.m. – Shacharit
12:00 p.m. – Shofar Blowing
2:00 p.m. – Mincha

Kol Nidre
Tuesday, October 11th
3:15 p.m. – Mincha
6:00 p.m. – Kol Nidrei

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12th
10:00 a.m. – Shacharit
12:30 p.m. – Yizkor
5:00 p.m. – Mincha
6:00 p.m. – Neilah
7:00 p.m. – Fast ends

Simchat Torah
Monday, October 24th
7:00 p.m.

UW Chabad
223 W. Gilman Street
(608)257-1757
JewishUWmadison.com

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2nd
5:45 p.m. – Evening Service
7:00 p.m. – Rosh Hashanah Brisket Dinner at Ogg Hall 835 W Dayton St.

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
Monday, October 3rd
10:00 a.m. – Morning Services
12:00 p.m. – Shofar Sounding
1:30 p.m. – Holiday Lunch
3:00 p.m. – Mincha Afternoon Service
3:30 p.m. – Tashlich Service
7:00 p.m. – Evening Service
7:30 p.m. – Rosh Hashanah Dinner

Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)
Tuesday, October 4th
10:00 a.m. – Morning Services
12:00 p.m. – Shofar Sounding
1:30 p.m. – Holiday Lunch
3:00 p.m. – Mincha Afternoon Service
3:30 p.m. – Tashlich Service

Kol Nidre
Tuesday, October 11th
5:00 p.m. – Prefast Meal
6:10 p.m. – Kol Nidrei Service

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12th
10:00 a.m. – Morning Service
4:45 p.m. – Mincha Afternoon Service
5:45 p.m. – Neilah Closing Services
7:01 p.m. – Fast Ends & Break Fast

UW Hillel
611 Langdon Street
(608)256-8361, uwhillel.org

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2nd
6:00 p.m. – Evening Service
7:00 p.m. – Dinner

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
Monday, October 3rd
10:00 a.m. – Morning Service
12:30 p.m. – Lunch
5:00 p.m. – Tashlich on Lake Mendota
6:00 p.m. – Evening Service
7:00 p.m. – Dinner

Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)
Tuesday, October 4th
10:00 a.m. – Morning Service
12:30 p.m. – Lunch

Kol Nidre
Tuesday, October 11th
5:00 p.m. – Dinner
6:00 p.m. – Service

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12th
10:00 a.m. – Morning Service
12:00 p.m. – Yizkor
5:30 p.m. – Evening Service
7:15 p.m. – Break the Fast

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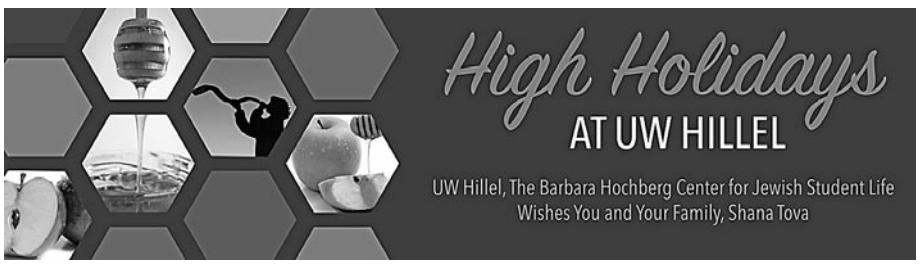
Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2nd
7:00 p.m. – Brisket Dinner and Evening Services at the Concourse Hotel

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
Monday, October 3rd
5:30 p.m. – Shofar in the Park – Hoyt Park

Kol Nidre
Tuesday, October 11th
6:00 p.m. – Kol Nidre (Call for location)

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12th
10:00 a.m. – Morning Service
5:30 p.m. – Mincha
6:15 p.m. – Neilah
7:01 p.m. – Break Fast



UW Hillel Looks Forward to Welcoming in 5777 with High Holiday Services and New Initiatives

By Amy Kasmir

UW Hillel is a Beneficiary Agency of the Jewish Federation of Madison

5777 is almost upon us. UW Hillel, located at 611 Langdon Street, is looking forward to celebrating the High Holidays with the UW student population and the greater Madison community. The Barbara Hochberg Center for Jewish Student Life will be having Reform and Conservative Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. The Reform services will be led Rabbi Andrea Steinberger, while Conservative services will be led by Rabbi Moishe Steigmann. Registration and tickets are required for anyone choosing to attend services or meals at UW Hillel for High Holidays. For more information on services and meal times, as well as ticket pricing, please visit our website at www.uwhillel.org/high-holidays.

In addition to High Holiday services, UW Hillel is highly anticipating innovative initiatives and opportunities for the new year. These new initiatives include programs, internships, and a scholarship opportunity.

UW Hillel is pleased to announce the Harry Drexler Hillel Scholarship. This scholarship was established by Dan and Nicole Drexler in memory of their Great Uncle Harry Drexler. The scholarship is intended for a member of University of Wisconsin-Madison new freshman class, the class of 2020. The scholarship is a four-year award that will go to the same student over those four years. In order to remain eligible to receive the award, the student must maintain a 3.25 GPA. Additionally, there is preference that the student who receives the award was involved in a Jewish youth group, synagogue, or other Jewish communal leadership activities while in high school. The selection of the student will be made by the Hillel of UW Madison scholarship committee according to established procedures within the Hillel Foundation. The number and award amount is determined by the scholarship committee. The deadline for the application submission is Friday, October 14, at noon. UW Hillel looks forward to working with the Drexler family and awarding a well-deserving freshman with the inaugural Harry Drexler Hillel Scholarship. For more information, please visit www.uwhillel.org/the-harry-drexler-hillel-scholarship-fund.

UW Hillel prides itself on working with campus and community partners, as well as national partners. UW Hillel is fortunate to have the opportunity to work with the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago (JUF). Working with JUF, UW Hillel has made a new student leadership opportunity available to students. The Israel Education Center (IEC)/Hillel Israel Internship is a one-year internship that focuses on bringing Israel-related engagement, programming and activism to the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. The IEC/ Hillel Israel intern will be a face of Israel education on campus, working to build coalitions across campus, plan on-campus programming, and engage with fellow students. Our IEC/Hillel Israel intern will work closely with our Israeli fellow, Shirly Gill-Raiz to plan programs, engage students, as well as continue to develop relationships across campus.

Finally, UW Hillel is excited to be collaborating with the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) Civility Campaign and its Resetting the Table initiative. Resetting the Table is recognized as a leading innovator in building constructive dialogue across differences on Israel and creating a more compelling paradigm for young adult Israel engagement. The unique methodology supports students moving through difficult conversations with trained facilitators and utilizing a process designed from expertise in the conflict resolution and dialogue fields. UW Hillel is proud to be a part of this celebrated program that opens up Israel dialogue to students on campus. Moreover, UW Hillel believes that Resetting the Table will enable conversations to be started that will empower the participants as well as allow them to feel supported and valued.

One of the central tenets of UW Hillel is dynamic pluralism. We strive to create an environment for students to have a meaningful experience when they walk into The Barbara Hochberg Center for Jewish Student Life for any of the Shabbat or High Holiday services, communal meals, or various events and programming. Our goal is to enable University of Wisconsin Jewish students to have a voice in the community which allows them to maintain their ties to Judaism. These new programs and initiatives are examples of our emphasis on these ideas.

The University of Wisconsin Hillel Foundation at The Barbara Hochberg Center for Jewish Student Life wishes you and your family a happy and healthy new year and a safe and easy fast. L'shana Tovah!

The UW Chabad House is Expanding

By Jen Fine

UW-Madison Class of 2017

Chabad at UW is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Madison

When news broke that Chabad at the University of Wisconsin was granted permission by the City of Madison for a much-needed expansion to its house, Jewish students all over campus rejoiced. The expansion requires the demolition of an adjoining property considered historic by some, and therefore faced some opposition. On August 29, over 70 students came out to support Chabad at the plan commission vote. Students gave speeches and heard arguments that eventually led to a decision in the organization's favor.

Chabad at UW serves a multitude of roles for both students and community members here in Madison. Rabbi Mendel Matusof and his wife, Henya, who reside at the Chabad house with their young children, have made a warm and welcoming environment where students can learn, unwind, enjoy a delicious meal, and get a little taste of home. More recently, however, large events that bring such joy to students, such as Friday night dinners, have become hindered by the lack of space needed to accommodate these growing crowds.

Many Jewish students can finally breathe a sigh of relief knowing that one of their favorite spots on campus will get the space it so desperately needs to keep such a pivotal part of their college experience up and running. There is tremendous excitement regarding the new direction this organization is taking, which has become apparent after talking to many of Chabad's frequenters. Former Chabad Student President, Jamie Rosenbaum, along with many current students and Wisconsin Alumni, expressed her elation by sharing a heartfelt Facebook post immediately after hearing the good news.

Brothers Zach and Jacob Erlichman, who are not only members of the Chabad Student Board, but also active participants in the programs and events held there, share Rosenbaum's sentiments. In terms of the expansion, Zach commented, "It's really exciting that Madison's Plan Commission approved the expansion of such a vital program to the Jewish community." Having a common place that serves as a warm Jewish home on such a large campus is hugely important to hundreds of Jewish students.

While there are other valuable and important Jewish resources for students in Madison, Chabad at UW offers a personable non-corporate atmosphere, providing students a homey environment within a large community. Chabad is incredibly inviting and non-judgmental, allowing Rabbi Mendel and Henya (the latter being certified in mental health first aid) to form deep relationships with many students. No matter how full Chabad is, and how hard it must have been to prepare for the large crowd, the joy that Rabbi Mendel and Henya have while inviting students in, is palpable and contagious.

The Chabad house is more than just a physical structure with four walls and a set square footage. Chabad is a meeting of the minds– a place where students can think critically and challenge themselves, find comfort and support during difficult times, and celebrate their culture and their friendships. As the current Student President of this organization I could not be prouder of the work that the Matusof's do every day to support both the students and community members of Madison and I am eager to see just how far this expansion takes them.

Postscript by Rabbi Mendel Matusof:

The UW Chabad House expansion at 223 W Gilman St is due to begin in November and to be completed for the 2017-18 school year. The 13,000 square foot facility will include a 2,300 square foot social/dining hall, a library, offices, an expanded kitchen, a guest suite, a kosher student apartment, and the rabbi's personal residence.

We are incredibly grateful to those who have helped and will help us make this project a reality. We are an independent institution, receive no funding from a central Chabad fund, and rely solely on the generosity of friends, alumni and parents who share our vision of a great future for Jewish life on campus.



Jen Fine (at right) with some members of the Chabad student board.



Rendering of the Chabad House expansion.

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A Century On, Celebrating the First Yiddish-Language College Course

By David Tennenbaum

University Communications, UW-Madison

One century ago, the University of Wisconsin became the first institution of higher education in the Americas – and perhaps the world – to teach Yiddish, the language of the eastern European Jews. Louis Bernard Wolfenson, a La Crosse native and UW alumnus, started teaching the classes in the semester that began Sept. 20th, 1916, in the Department of Semitics and Hellenistic Greek.

This was more than 30 years before Yiddish classes originated in a much more logical location, New York City, says Henry Sapoznik, director of the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture on campus. "Wolfenson was the first person to give the language an imprimatur through a university. Columbia University in 1948 makes more sense; it was the right place, and the right time. What we're talking about here is pretty far ahead of the curve."

One hundred years after those pioneering Yiddish classes, the Mayrent Institute is celebrating the anniversary with a revised website featuring something even older: the oldest known recordings of Yiddish music, the folk/popular and liturgical music of eastern European Jews, and a revived program intended to keep the language alive.

"We are creating a continuity of spoken Yiddish on campus," says Sapoznik, a Brooklyn native who is the son of Polish Holocaust survivors. "Just as Wolfenson used a new format – the classroom – we are using the website for distribution and dissemination."

Mayrent assistant director Scott Carter played a key role in the quest for documents to explain what motivated Wolfenson to start the world's first Yiddish classes, and to learn where he wandered after leaving Madison in 1925.

When Mayrent was founded in 2010, benefactor Sherry Mayrent donated more than 9,000 78 rpm Yiddish recordings. Mayrent's subsequent gift of 14 celluloid cylinder recordings that date to as early as 1901 includes the oldest known examples of recorded Yiddish music. The recordings are held at the Mills Music Library on campus, "which is one of a handful of major historic sound repositories in the country, one of the finest music libraries," Sapoznik says.



Louis Bernard Wolfenson

Full story with audio can be found at http://news.wisc.edu/a-century-on-celebrating-the-first-yiddish-language-college-course/

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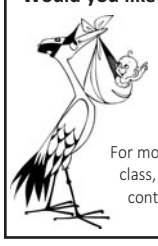
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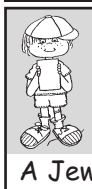
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Jewish Education

Get to Know the Midrasha Staff

Aaron Seligman is an avid lover of the outdoors. He and wife Jami have a baby named Mara who they are teaching to love the variety of food and outdoor activities in the Madison area. He will be teaching The Election and the Jewish Community as well as Jews and Sports. He hopes Midrasha will help him to recruit future athletes for the Jewish Federation of Madison's sports team, The Matzah Balls.

Alina Boyden: Alina will be teaching Holocaust Studies this semester. She is joining the staff for the first time this year. In her day job, Alina teaches prehistory at UW Madison and focuses her research on paleolithic projectile weapons. She was also a long-bow archery champion. She is looking forward to teaching such a meaningful subject and being a part of the community.

Daniel Gil is the Madison Jewish Community Shliach. Through his work he is able to connect with people of all ages in the community. He is looking forward to teaching three courses this semester: Hebrew, The Election and the Jewish Community and the Arab/Israeli Conflict. Daniel is gearing up for his second Wisconsin winter ☺.

Eva Bernstein will be teaching Hebrew on Sundays this semester. She is a premed student in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at UW Madison. She loves eating cheese curds and is excited to have the opportunity to study abroad next semester.

Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon returns to Midrasha for his 9th year to teach the 10th graders. His class this semester is called *Tough Choices and Difficult Texts in Judaism*. He is the rabbi at Beth Israel Center. This summer he completed his second Ride to Ramah, he and other Madisonians biked all the way to Camp Ramah in Wisconsin. He enjoys the cheese and ice cream in Madison and is looking forward to getting to know all of the students this semester.

Josh Davidson has been the Office Assistant at Midrasha for 9 years; he was also a Midrasha graduate. In his day job, Josh works for the Family Support and Resource Center. He is active on the Camp Shalom committee and plays on the NOISE Ultimate Frisbee team, who will be going to Nationals again for the second time this year! Josh will be in the office to greet students upon arrival, help teachers with equipment for their classrooms and will make sure that no students leave Midrasha without a note from home. If your student is leaving early please remember to call, send an email or a note.

Lucy Marshall recently moved to Madison from New York where she was a student in the joint program at Columbia and the Jewish Theological Seminary. She loves Madison, especially the Terrace! In her day life Lucy is the Communications Manager at Sustain Dane. This semester she will be teaching World Judaism and Jewish Social Justice Warriors. She is hoping to inspire the students to make an impact on the local community!

Rachel Orbuch returns to Midrasha after a short break to study abroad last semester. She is a biology and political science major and she recently took the MCAT, way to go Rachel! Rachel is the captain of the club lacrosse team in Madison. She will be teaching World Religions and Jewish Holidays Around the World. She is excited to meet new students and reconnecting with former students this semester.

Talia Gray joins the Midrasha staff for the first time this year. As a senior at UW Madison she is studying communication arts. She loves the atmosphere in Madison, meeting new people and all of the restaurants. She is looking forward to sharing her knowledge and experience in the Jewish Image in Film, Culture and Literature this semester.

Tsurit Grisham recently moved to Madison from Israel. She is a talented jeweler who loves metal-smithing. She will be teaching Hebrew this semester. Tsurit enjoys all of the nature and outdoor opportunities in Madison. She is looking to get more involved in the Jewish community!

Ethan Ehrlich is a junior at UW-Madison. He will be teaching Hebrew and Jewish Image this semester. He's looking forward to studying abroad in Prague this spring.

Noga Shafer-Raviv just moved to Madison from Jerusalem this summer. She has been active in Tikkun Olam through a range of social and educational projects, working with marginalized communities in Israel-Palestine and around the world. She is excited about spending the upcoming year in Madison, teaching Hebrew and Jewish Social Justice at UW, Midrasha and Shaarei Shamayim, taking a range of fascinating courses, practicing yoga, volunteering and enjoying the outdoors in her spare time.

We are so thrilled to have all of the staff working with our students this semester. If you have any questions about Midrasha please contact Ellen Weismer, program@jewishmadison.org.



Midrasha staff 2016-2017.



Students at Midrasha kick off night.

Ivrit B'Kef (Hebrew Fun)

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Thursdays – 3:45 - 5:30 p.m. at Beth Israel Center
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Registration is available at www.JewishMadison.org, for more information please contact Ellen Weismer, Program Director, Jewish Federation of Madison at program@jewishmadison.org.

Ivrit B'Kef Calendar 2016-2017

Semester 1 = 13 classes	*Semester 2 = 18 classes*
9/22	1/12
9/29	1/19
10/6	1/26
10/13	2/2
10/20	2/9
10/27	2/16
11/3	2/23
11/10	3/2
11/17	3/9
12/1	3/16
12/8	3/23 - No Class - UW Spring Break
12/15	3/30
12/22 - End of semester open house	4/6
	4/13 - No Class - MMSD Spring Break
	4/20
	4/27
	5/4
	5/11
	5/18
	5/25 - Open House and Final Performance

Look What's Happening at Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool!



Eve and Hanni celebrating in the kitchen.



Eve, Yonatan, Nevo, Adam, Nitzan and Talya making muffins during Camp Shalom Katan.



Solly and Adam on the playground.



Adam, Talya, Sydney and Eve making berry baskets at Camp Shalom Katan.



Ziv, Sam, Stav and Abby using the rice table with Camden.



Celebrating Shabbat on one of the last days of Camp.



Ziv, Stav and Henry at the art bar during late care.



Who wants a popsicle?



Eve and Jaime playing.



Yasha, Sasha and Hanni having a conversation on the playground.



The Bet class doing an art class with Romy.



Saying the Shabbat blessings with Avner, Laura, Solly, Stav and Yasha.



Romy doing a papier-maché art project with the Dalet class.



Ziv, Philip and Tina using the loose parts table.



The Bet class splashing in rain puddles.



Jaime and Mateo playing dress up.



Eve and Sydney doing cheers with popsicles while Jaime and Sam observe.

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Refugees Welcome

Jewish Social Services will be holding three informational meetings in partnership with local Jewish congregations regarding our new Refugee Resettlement program. By connecting with individuals wanting to volunteer with us we can create a network of support for new refugees. People interested in participating in these efforts should join us for one of the following dates:

Temple Beth El: Sunday, October 23rd at 9:45 a.m. located at Temple Beth El (2702 Arbor Dr)

Beth Israel Center: Sunday, October 23rd at 11:15 a.m. located at Beth Israel Center (1406 Mound St)

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim Social Action Shabbat Potluck: Friday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. For location details and to RSVP please contact (608)257-2944 or office@shamayim.org

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Designated Shopper – Take a friendly older woman on the West Side of Madison shopping a couple of times per month.

Back-up Volunteer Photographer – Come enjoy JSS events and take photos at these events to be 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.

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Youth Volunteering, Youth Group Projects and B'nai Mitzvah Projects

Come talk with us about doing a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services. There are also opportunities for older youth and youth groups to volunteer and contribute to the community, develop new skills and have fun. Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608)278-1808 or (608)442-4083 direct for a brochure or to discuss doing a mitzvah project with Jewish Social Services.

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. What a great way to enhance the benefits of your volunteer work!

Scenes from the last Levy Summer Series with Dr. Richard Davidson







Save the date for the 2016 JSS Annual Meeting:
This year's Annual Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 19**, at the Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building (6434 Enterprise Ln). The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Jim Mackman at (608)278-1808 or office@jssmadison.org.

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October Lechayim Calendar

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

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Monday, October 3rd, ***Rosh Hashanah – Lechayim does not meet***

Monday, October 10th

11:00-12:00 p.m.	Complementary Blood Pressure Check with Nurse Lori Edelstein
11:30-12:00 p.m.	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Shepherds Pie or Vegetarian Pot Pie, House Salad w/ Honey Balsamic Dressing, Market Fruit, Mini Israeli Dessert
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Prof. Rachel Brenner and Prof. Teryl Dobbs - *"Reflecting on the Holocaust and Establishment of the State of Israel"*

Monday, October 17th and Monday, October 24th, ***Sukkot – Lechayim does not meet***

Monday, October 31st – ***Costumes strongly encouraged in honor of Halloween!***

11:30-1:00 p.m.	Sheila Cohen – voter registration, rides to vote/ID cards
11:30-12:00 p.m.	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Chicken Schnitzel or Southern Fried Tofu, Saffron Rice, Moroccan Carrots, Market Fruit, Mini Israeli Dessert
1:00-2:00 p.m.	Mad City Jug Band

November dates: November 14th, 21st, 28th

Making Lechayim Reservations

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

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• If you didn't make a reservation but would like to come, call JSS at (608)278-1808 or Ingrid at (608)442-4083 before 10 a.m. on Monday to see if there have been cancellations.

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Понедельник, 24 октября Суккот, Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, 31 октября - костюмы настоятельно рекомендуются в честь Хэллоуина!
11:00-12:00 Измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Куриный шницель или жареная по-южному тофу, рис с шафраном, марокканская морковь, фрукты, израильский мини десерт
1:00-2:00 Мэдисон Сити банд "Кувшин"

Даты ноября: 14, 21, 28

In Memoriam:

Abe Landsman, z"l



Wherever there was music and a bit of dance, there was Abe. Wherever there was goodness to be done, there was Abe. Wherever there was light humor, there was Abe again. He was a light in this community, especially the Lechayim community. Abe Landsman fought in the war that ended the Holocaust. In overseeing supplies for his unit, he almost single handedly organized it and created order. He did the same for Jewish Social Services. He served on the Senior Adult Committee, volunteered at Lechayim, and was a member of the JSS Board of Directors. What he did made it possible for the organization to do what it does best and do it so much better!

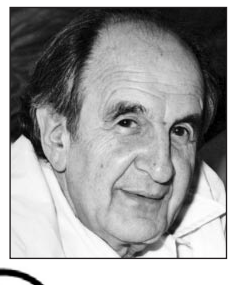
Abe was full of love and of giving. It was Madison's good fortune that he decided to move here shortly after the death of his wife, Gloria. He became part of us as a volunteer driver, visitor, first friend, and more. He was honored by the City of Madison and by JSS. Now we remember him with both honor and love.

A celebration of Abe's life will be held on Sunday, Oct. 9th, 2016, from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., in the community room on the first floor in The Oaks at Oakwood Village West, 6225 Mineral Point Road, Madison.

Don Kanel, z"l

Don Kanel came to America just in time: He was only 15 years old when he left his family in Bialystik, Poland and came to Queens, New York with his mother's brother in 1938….just before the tragedy of the Holocaust. Most of the rest of his family perished in the flames.

He liked to describe himself as having arrived as a "Jewish socialist" from Poland and, under the influence of FDR, becoming "a New Deal Democrat".



Because of his love of nature, he became a professor of Agricultural Economics and part of the Land Tenure Center. His research, teaching, and consulting took him all over the world: India, El Salvador, Chile, and Botswana, Africa. His love of creation extended beyond the world to astronomy … and beneath to archeology. Students and family from all over the world remember him with admiration and Love that extends from Madison, to Canada, Israel, Africa, and more.

About Our Programs

On **Monday, October 10th**, Lechayim Lights welcomes Professors Teri Dobbs and Rachel F. Brenner from the Mead Witter School of Music and the Mosse-Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies at the UW-Madison. They will share their current work with our community:

Reflecting on the Holocaust – Professor Dobbs will discuss how the Holocaust has left an indelible mark on the psyche of post-Holocaust generations. Survivor testimonies have been transformed into numerous literary, cultural, and artistic forms. The goal is to explore together how the testimonies of the survivors inspired these cultural responses, which continue to shape our present.

Teryl L. Dobbs, Associate Professor and Chair, Music Education, School of Music, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mosse-Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Establishment of the State of Israel – Professor Brenner will explore how the establishment of the State of Israel was another watershed moment in the history of the Jewish people and in the world at large. The complexity of the new state is deeply grounded in the three Abrahamic religions. The discussions will investigate the interwoven, and unfortunately, often hostile and always complex religious underpinnings of the present political situation.

They will be teaching these courses at the university in Spring 2017 and warmly invite you to join them. Wisconsin residents age 60 and older may register tuition-free as senior adult auditors.

Rachel Feldhay Brenner, Professor, Max and Frieda Weinstein-Bascom Professor in Jewish Studies, Mosse-Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Registration information can be found at http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/advising/audit60.htm or by telephoning (608)262-1156.

The Mad City Jug Band will join us for a performance on **Monday, October 31st**. The band portrays Americana and roots music at its greatest. It is a unique 7 piece ensemble dedicated to preserving and celebrating the classic jug band music from the1920s and 30s as well as the jug band revival hits from the 1960s that were made popular by musicians like the Greatful Dead and Jim Kweskin and the Jug Band. Then there are hokum tunes from the early 1900s which use analogies and euphemistic references to keep the songs "G-rated". Jug band music is loved by people of all ages.

The band features instruments such as guitars, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, upright bass, accordion, kazoo, washboard, other percussion instruments, and of course, a jug. (Everything but the kitchen sink!) The band is a member of the Southern Wisconsin Bluegrass Music Association (SWBMAI).

Also, Sheila Cohen will be at Lechayim to register participants to vote and help with transportation to vote and obtain ID cards for those who don't have a valid driver's license.



The Mad City Jug Band



Professors Rachel Brenner and Teryl Dobbs

Lechayim photos?

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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 p.m. in the Garden Room
8301 Old Sauk Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Attic Angel Place. Music by Les Goldsmith and with the assistance of Angel Volunteers.
December 2nd

Capitol Lakes at 3:00 p.m. 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.
October 21st, November 4th, December 9th

Oakwood West at 4:00 p.m. in the Oak's 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.
October 7th, November 18th, December 16th

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

Rosh Hashanah Teas

Residents at these locations, their friends and families are invited to welcome Rosh Hashanah 5777 with coffee, tea, honey cake and the blowing of the shofar.

Wednesday, October 5th, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Capitol Lakes Retirement Community, 333 West Main Street, in the Grand Hall.

Thursday, October 6th, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Oakwood Village University Woods, 6225 Mineral Point Road, in the "Oaks" Community Room.



Transitions

Happy October Birthday

Barbara Jacobson
Bill Lewis
Cheryl DiVittorio
Grayce Seidenberg
Leonard Stein
Linda Montello
Lyudmila Radovanskaya
Martin Kades
Mindy Wiseman
Michael Pressman
Nan Youngerman
Sandra Weitzman

Condolences

To the Family of Don Kanel

To the family of Abe Landsman

This article is about the history of Jews in Wisconsin.

Генрих Бабич

Об истории евреев штата Висконсин

Почти двадцать лет тому назад на русской странице газеты публиковались статьи об истории поселения и развития религиозной и общественной деятельности евреев в нашем штате, а в 2016 году Историческое общество Висконсина выпустило книгу Шейли Терман Коган, *Евреи в Висконсине* (Sheila Terman Kohen, *Jews in Wisconsin*). Книга содержит новые сведения по этой проблеме, которые дали основания для написания настоящей статья.

Обратимся к первым еврейским поселенцам Висконсина. В 1767 году Яков Франкс со своими родителями приехал из Англии в канадский Квебек. В 1793 году предприимчивый Яков в возрасте 25 лет, ступил на землю в районе нынешнего Green Bay. Эта территория затем стала частью штата Висконсин. Франкс установил дружеские отношения с местной индейской общиной и позже вступил, как мы бы сейчас сказали, в гражданский брак с девушкой-индианкой. У них родились пятеро детей. В обстановке добрососедства с местными охотниками Франкс, с приехавшим племянником Джоном, организовал бизнес по торговле мехами. Затем, в 1809 году, он построил мельницу.

Новая страница истории евреев Висконсина открылась в связи с наплывом иммигрантов из Германии. Немцы, а с ними и евреи, устремились в США не в связи с притеснениями на родине, а в поисках новых возможностей. Притягательным фактором первого большого поселения на территории будущего штата Висконсин стал район Милуоки. Этому способствовала его дислокация на берегу озера Мичиган, которое в 1825 году получило доступ через канал к другим Великим озерам. Пароходы обеспечили торговую связь с обширной территорией. С 1837 года иммигранты начали формировать в Милуоки две обособленных друг от друга зоны и в течение короткого времени одна из них была заселена преимущественно евреями. Такое разделение сохранилось и после создания города Милуоки в 1846 году.

В 1848 году был принят закон о создании штата Висконсин. Это время совпало с революциями в Европе и по инициативе молодого штата в газетах многих европейских стран была размещена политическая реклама, которая, в частности, гласила : "Приезжайте к нам! В Висконсине все люди свободны и равны перед законом... Они обладают полной свободой, их религиозная деятельность здесь отделена от государства." В результате, к 1850 году 20 тыс. иммигрантов из Германии, включая 350 евреев, приехали в Милуоки.

Особенностью иммиграции того времени была семейная общность. Установился обычай, когда вслед за "передовым отрядом" семейства к нему присоединялись многочисленные родственники. Этот процесс получил даже название "цепочной иммиграции". На основе семейных связей развивались многие виды бизнеса и профессиональная деятельность, которая продолжала вековые еврейские традиции. Возникли разветвленные хлебопекарные фирмы, системы магазинов по торговле одеждой и др. Так, к 1870 году еврейская кампания по пошиву и продаже одежды стала третьей по размеру в Милуоки. В религиозной жизни немецкие евреи явились основоположниками организации в Висконсине зародившегося еще в Германии реформистского течения в иудаизме. Милуокские евреи отошли от многих религиозных процедур ортодоксов, в частности, значительно ослабили требования к кошерности пищи. В городе была построена реформистская синагога, созданы несколько благотворительных обществ. Евреи проявляли доброжелательность к общеамериканским национальным праздникам, таким как День Благодарения. Большое влияние приобрело общество B'nai B'rith, основанное на кредо "Благотворительность, Любовь к Ближнему, Гуманизм".

В течение XIX века в Милуоки проживали 80% евреев Висконсина, а во второй половине века евреи немецкого происхождения стали распространяться в западные районы штата. Этому способствовало развитие железных дорог и повышение проходимости шоссейных трасс. В результате, значение водного транспорта по озеру Мичиган упало. Вдобавок, в малых городах, таких как Медисон, La Crosse, Appleton, Green Bay было меньше конкурренции для организации бизнеса. В этих местах стала обосновываться еврейская общественная жизнь. В 1856 году в Медисоне была создана первая реформистская община. До конца XIX века вторым городом в штате по численности евреев оставался Appleton. Однако роль евреев в малых городах не следует преувеличивать. В 1877 году в Appleton'e жили 143 еврея, в La Crosse – 106, в Медисоне – 76.

В конце XIX века волна еврейской эмиграции из России, основная часть которой осела на восточном побережьи США, докатилась до Висконсина. Хотя эти иммигранты, так же как и ранее приехавшие из Германии, были ашкенази, на этом их общность заканчивалась. Сложность состояла в том, что восточно-европейские евреи принесли с собой психологию местечек, которая на многие годы отличала их от немецких ашкеназов. Дело было не только в характере одежды, языке идиш, приверженности к ортодоксальной, а не реформистской, религии. Различия между этими группами в течение длительного времени проявлялись в социальной, религиозной и политической жизни. Евреи из России, прибывавшие с конца 1880-х и в течение 1900-х годов, принесли с собой определенные жилищные и бытовые проблемы. Для их разрешения понадобились усилия благотворительных организаций, которые объединились в Еврейскую Федерацию Милуоки.

Иммигранты из России, которые в течение столетий испытывали насилие царских правителей, принесли с собой сионистскую ментальность, которая объединяла их устремления. Они превратили Милуоки в центр сионистской активности на Среднем Западе и твердо стояли на том, что евреи обретут свою родину в Палестине, где смогут навсегда избавиться от всяческих преследований. Такая позиция воспринималась как непатриотическая со стороны евреев выходцев из Германии, которые до конца не могли постичь ужас преследований своих единоверцев на их бывшей родине.

В дополнение к этому, евреи Восточной Европы прибыли в США на волне массовых потрясений в России и принесли с собой социалистические идеалы предреволюционной активности. Эти настроения упали на благодатную почву в тогдашнем Милуоки. Ни один город в стране не избирал в руководящие органы так много политических деятелей социалистической направленности. Хотя каждый иммигрант должен был быть доволен безопасной жизнью на новой родине, их коллективное сознание привлекало внимание к любой несправедливости. Во главу угла они склонны были ставить проблему капиталистической эксплуатации трудящихся (по Марксу). Поэтому зарождающееся социалистическое движение легко находило контакты с профсоюзами в борьбе за ограничение детского труда, сокращение рабочего времени и при разрешении других проблем. Поскольку немецкие и восточно-европейские евреи проживали в разных кварталах города, между этими районами проходил водораздел как по местным социальным проблемам, так и по более общему отношению к политике сионизма. Характерна в этой связи история Голды Меир, будущего премьер-министра Израиля, которая училась в средней школе Милуоки, примкнула к социалистическому движению и с большой группой единомышленников в 1921 году уехала в Палестину, где вскоре преуспела в построении кибуцев – высшей формы социалистической организации жизни.

Первая мировая война внесла в ряды различных групп евреев США и штата Висконсин заметные сдвиги. Поскольку США вступили в войну на стороне определенной группы государств, евреи выходцы из разных европейских стран испытывали замешательство от того, какую позицию они должны были занять по отношению к бывшей родине. Не вдаваясь в подробности, скажу только, что Виктор Бергер, еврей из Австро-Венгрии, который был избран в федеральный Конгресс США по списку социалистической партии, возглавил в Висконсине группу антивоенного протеста. Что касается русских евреев Милуоки, то до них доходили сведения о том, что жители местечек России испытывали насилие вследствие широких массовых столкновений в стране. Поэтому для оказания им помощи были созданы благотворительные фонды. Милуокские евреи из Германии, чтобы подчеркнуть приверженность к новой родине и во избежание упреков со стороны коренных американцев, стали больше говорить по-английски, а не по-немецки. Наконец скажу, что во время войны в американской армии служили 225 тыс. евреев, включая около одной тысячи из Висконсина.

Послевоенное десятилетие характеризуется в США бурным развитием экономики. В первую очередь это относилось к жилищному строительству и автомобилестроению. В социальной и политической жизни происходящее сопровождалось некоторыми как положительными, так и отрицательными изменениями. Говоря о положении евреев в стране, отмечу значение Сухого Закона, с которым связано развитие мафии, а также вспышку антисемитизма и увеличение активности Ку Клукс Клана. Большое значение имело принятие в 1924 году антииммиграционного закона.

Обращаясь к Висконсину, отмечу, что в 1920 году из 3,5 миллионов евреев страны в нашем штате проживали 30 тыс., а Милуоки по числу евреев был девятым городом. Послевоенное развитие привело к значительному сближению немецких евреев и выходцев из Восточной Европы. Восточно-европейские евреи больше вошли в американский образ жизни, а выходцы из Германии восприняли новые для них еврейские особенности. Обе группы обрели ощущение стабильности, приобщились к успехам в жизни новой для них страны и восприняли чувство американской свободы. Евреи еще больше проявили приверженность к образованию как к средству преодоления бедности. Они справедливо полагали, что высшее образование будет способствовать их изоляции от проявлений антисемитизма. Все это сопровождалось замещением языка идиш английским языком.

В части высшего образования отмечу важную особенность положения евреев Висконсина. Антииммиграционный закон 1924 года косвенно привел к тому, что для евреев негласно устанавливались квоты на прием в университеты. Так происходило во многих местах, но не в Висконсине. По предложению губернатора Ля Фоллета в штате был принят закон, который для нашего университета предусматривал препятствие для такого антисемитизма. Не случайно в 1924 году при университете Висконсина было открыто второе в США, после Иллинойса, отделение еврейского студенческого общества Гиллель.

Исторические события лучше видятся "издалека". Я старался вычленить сведения о евреях нашего штата из общегосударственных проблем. Вне внимания статьи остались проблемы эмиграции евреев из Европы после Второй мировой войны, главным образом из СССР. Эти проблемы не прошли мимо Висконсина, но об этом на русской странице газеты уже говорилось.

Israel and the World



From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

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Israel: One Country, a Potpourri of People

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

This month we feature the Egyptians.

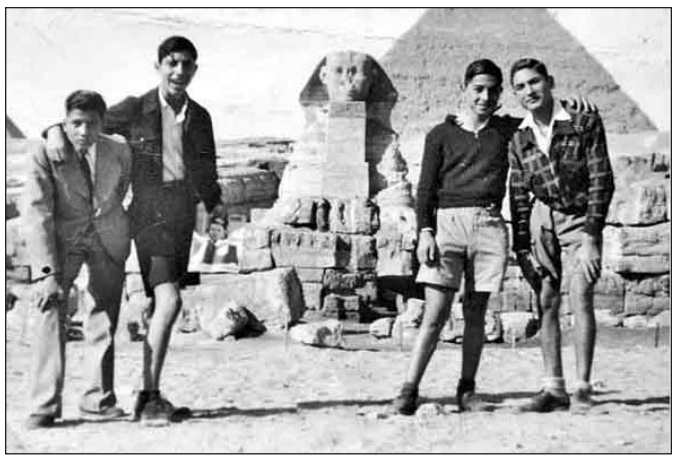
This month we celebrate Yom Kippur, a holiday in which we pray for forgiveness. In Israel, this holiday reminds us of the Yom Kippur War, also known as the October War. On October 6, 1973, Egypt and Syria invaded Israel from the south and north and the fighting lasted for 19 days. The war left a huge impact on all sides, and despite the peace agreement with Egypt, tensions still exist. Just this year, in the Olympics games in Rio, Egyptian Judoka refused to shake hands with the Israeli competitor. This was not always the case. Egyptian Jewry was the largest and most prosperous Jewish community among the Arab countries, and their impact on the Israeli culture lasts to this day.

How did it all start ?

The Egyptian Jewish community was founded by Jewish refugees after the destruction of the First Temple, and has grown tremendously in the Greek period. Jews had freedom of religion, and even built a temple (Temple of Onias) that was the same size of the Temple in Jerusalem. The first translation of the Bible, - the "Septuagint" (late second century BC), was written in Egypt and exposed the Bible to the world. The situation of the Jewish community in Egypt deteriorated in a series of failed rebellions against Rome, which eventually destroyed about 90% of the Egyptians Jews.

At the beginning of the 19th century, with the penetration of European countries, Egypt experienced modernization. Although the Jews didn't receive Egyptian citizenship, it was a prosperous period for the Jews because they were able to bridge between two cultures: the European and Western-Arab-Egyptian. The Jewish quarter blossomed and the synagogue "Gate of Heaven" was built, which could accommodate over 1,000 people. This is the only synagogue that still exists in Egypt today. According to an estimate of the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem, in the 20th century the number of Jews was over 80,000.

At the beginning, it seemed that there was no conflict of interests between the Jewish national movement and the Egyptian one. In 1918, at the opening the Zionist movement office in Egypt, the King Fouad said "The Jews of Egypt, we will protect you until you return to your land - the Land of Israel". The Zionist movement's offices were located near those of the Muslim Brotherhood, and there were even some Jews who were both members of the Egyptian Parliament and the Zionist organization.


Young Jews at the Pyramids of Giza in Cairo, 1943.

Second Exodus

In the 1930s, the public mood in Egypt began to change. Anti-Semitic publications grew during this period. On the night of the declaration of Israel, and the Arab invasions to Israel, Egyptian police arrested Jewish men and women between the ages of 16-67. The government confiscated the property of Jews and Jews were forbidden to gather. During 1948, hundreds of Jews were killed in incidents of violence against them. The crackdown forced more than 30,000 Jews to leave Egypt. The Sinai War, in October 1956, marked the end of the community. This was followed by expulsions from Egypt (1956-57). Many Jews became refugees. By 1957 only about 3,000 Jews remained in Egypt. By 1967, the number fell to 100.

Today in Israel: Basketball and good falafel.

Today in Israel, there are about 57,000 Jews of Egyptian origin. As of September 2014 , there are about 20 Jews in Egypt, but the Egyptian culture still lives vibrantly in Israel, even if many are not aware of it.

Egypt was known in the 1940s as one of the strongest basketball teams, and the Jewish-Egyptian team "Maccabi Alexandria" won many times. The Jewish team was so good that for the London Olympics in 1948, King Farouk invited the group members to join the Egyptian delegation. However, a few hours before the game, King Farouk wanted the Jews to convert to Islam or be forbidden to play. The Jewish athletes refused and eventually did not play. Some members of the "Maccabi Alexandria" later immigrated to Israel and helped improve the Israeli team, Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Tel Aviv. These teams are at the head of the Israeli league today .

But perhaps the most surprising influence comes from the culinary field, as the Israeli national dish, Falafel, actually originated in Egypt! The roots of the falafel, according to conventional wisdom, are from Egypt around the first half of the first millennium. Falafel apparently developed by Coptic Christians in Egypt as alternative dish to meat, and was made of Faba. From there, the Falafel spread to other Middle Eastern countries, chickpeas being the main ingredient. The Falafel became a popular food in Israel in the 50s when immigrants from Arab countries began to open many falafel stands. In any case, the Israeli falafel is probably the first in which the patties are placed into pita.


Inner courtyard of the Cairo Gate of Heaven Synagogue, 2014.

Black Moon Party Nov. 1st

On November 1st, we will have our first "Black Moon Party", which we will celebrate the new Hebrew month "Heshvan". The theme of the evening will be "the Ethiopian Jews". Look for the event on Monday morning email, and on Facebook.

Connecting with Israel

My Summer Adventures Across Israel

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In July, I spent a week traveling across southern Israel and meeting a range of Israeli leaders who are doing *mitzvahs* every day. I recruited a group of ten people from small Jewish communities as part of a Jewish Federation Mission. The participants ranged in age from 49-75 and came from Indiana to West Virginia. Some of them had never left this country while others were regular travelers to Israel.

The goal of the Mission was to visit some of the people who benefit from Jewish Federation - the country's most disadvantaged citizens (including Israeli Arabs), vulnerable immigrants, children and youth at-risk, the elderly, and people with disabilities. Every meeting brought tears to my eyes as I felt the power of what the Jewish Federation is accomplishing and how much awe-inspiring work there is left for the organization to accomplish.

Did you know that 25% of all Israelis are living in poverty? There is a significant gap between rich and poor—the second largest in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development countries. The Jewish Federation is focused on supporting Israel's most vulnerable populations, many of whom fall under the poverty line.

In my short lifetime, I have been privileged to visit Israel over a dozen times. The last time was in 2012 for my honeymoon with Jeff. We had a wonderful time enjoying the many fine restaurants and walking around biblical sites. I was amazed to see how much had changed since my previous visit: from the higher end shops to the fancier restaurants to the more efficient public transportation system. However, I was most amazed by the number of skyscrapers that have been built in Tel Aviv - over 700 start-ups on Rothschild Boulevard since the Oslo Agreement in 1995. The gorgeous view of the Mediterranean is now complemented by a view of impressive high rise buildings.

There is no better place to spend Shabbat than in Jerusalem. While at our hotel we had a heartbreaking meeting with 10-year-old Israeli Arab girls from a school in East Jerusalem. The Jewish Agency is a proud supporter of Youth Futures, a community-based mentoring program for at-risk students. The director of the program described the challenges that the girls face, ranging from broken families, abusive parents and lack of access to higher learning. By providing these girls with mentors, the organization has deeply impacted the girls' futures. One of the mentors explained that the students were living in crisis mode trying to survive the weekend in their abusive homes with no food or money. Now, they see they have access to other options. The girls are empowered to work hard to get good grades, make friends, improve their self confidence and apply to college. The mentor we met was truly exemplifying the motto, "you can't change the world, but you can make the world change."

It was wonderful to see the smiles on these young girls as they did an art project with us. They were also excited to be in a hotel conference room that was larger than most of their homes and to use an elevator for the first time in their lives! The program has been eye-opening for these girls as well as for their siblings, parents and classmates. The director explained: "It is like throwing a rock in a puddle for one child. The ripple effect expands across the other students and the teachers." These girls are now able to decorate their drawings with rainbows and hearts for a better future. They are able to dream rather than just fight for survival.

During our last day in Israel we went to the Beit Canada Absorption Center in Ashdod where we had coffee with ten new immigrants from Ukraine, Russia, Turkey, Brazil and Argentina. They were all nervous about learning the language and finding jobs but it was clear that the staff at the absorption center would not let them fail. It was wonderful to hear each of their stories of hope for a brighter future in Israel.

For the past five years, The Jewish Agency has specifically worked to encourage Jewish doctors from Russia and Eastern Europe to immigrate to Israel. Our funding provides them with Hebrew lessons, housing and a year of classes to become certified to practice medicine in Israel. We met with Ester, a Moscow-trained psychiatrist who had made *Aliyah* two weeks prior with her husband, a mathematician, and their three young children. Ester is enrolled in our doctor's program with the goal of finishing her re-certification in Israel next year.

On this quiet day in Ashdod, we also met Lea, Moshe, and their five year old daughter, Gisel, who had just arrived from Istanbul, Turkey last October. They were thrilled to have just passed their *Ulpan* courses, and Moshe was about to begin a new job in the Ashdod port. A mere day after our visit, however there was an attempted coup in Turkey that left thousands dead. This underscored the urgency for the Jewish people to leave Turkey and the insight Lea and Moshe had in making *Aliyah* when they did. Lea is five months pregnant and believes that the best future for her family is in Israel.

There are those with the mistaken belief that there are no longer Jews in need of rescue from their countries. However, according to the Jewish Agency, there are currently 60,000 Jews living in hostile areas where their Jewish identities put them at risk daily. We read in the news every day that the state of emergency for Jews is currently intensifying throughout the Muslim world.

This past year Jewish Federation supported the Jewish Agency to bring nearly 9,000 Jews from Ukraine. Dozens of people have been killed in Eastern Ukraine over the past few months by Ukrainian forces and armed groups. One of the participants in my group traveled to Dnepropetrovsk last year to learn about the ongoing humanitarian crisis. It was very powerful for our Mission to join an *Ulpan* class that was filled with Ukrainians who had successfully been rescued by Federation this summer and brought safely to this absorption center.

Svetlana and Anna from Kharkov, Ukraine were proud to use their Hebrew and ask our group: *Eich korim lachem? Me'eifo atem?* (What are your names? Where are you from?) They had already learned more Hebrew in one week than most of my group had learned from countless years of Hebrew school. It was clear that they were very motivated to learn Hebrew, their lifeline to a better future in Israel.

I got on the airplane home, and I felt tremendous pride in all of the ways that the Jewish Federation is touching people's lives. From children at risk to new immigrants, we have changed the entire scope of their futures and provided them with a better life in Israel. Together we are making a difference. Todah Rabbah.

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Mentor with Arab-Israeli children from Youth Futures thank Jewish Federation leadership.



Rachel Levy (on the left) with the group that traveled to Israel.

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