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The Jewish Federation of Madison Can Help

By Dina Weinbach, Executive Director

Jewish Federation of Madison

With a new school year starting we want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful and rewarding year ahead. Just as a reminder, with the High Holy Days right around the corner, if conflicts with school activities (either after school or in-school) and the High Holy Days arise please let your teachers and/or administrators know. Many school districts have very good religious accommodations policies in place. If you need help or support in managing these conflicts, please contact the Jewish Federation of Madison.

In addition, the Jewish Federation of Madison strongly encourages people to report incidents of anti-Semitism to the Federation. Each incident is reviewed and next steps are determined based on the situation. The Federation will monitor and respond accordingly. Help can only happen if incidents are reported. If you hear others talking about any such incidents, please encourage them to report it or ask if you can report it for them. When acts of hatred take place, it affects everyone. We need to confront acts of hatred and strongly condemn them.

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Stitching History from the Holocaust

By Laura Sparks

Center for Textiles and Design, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison

Editor's note: This project was funded in part by an Innovation Panel Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison

"Stitching History from the Holocaust," originally created by, and on loan from the Jewish Museum of Milwaukee, opens at the UW-Madison Ruth Davis Design Gallery on September 11, and will run through November 13, 2016. The exhibit has a remarkable back-story.

In the winter of 1939, desperate to obtain an affidavit to escape the onslaught of Nazi Germany, a man named Paul Strnad wrote his cousin Alvin in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In the letter, Paul included sketches of his wife Hedwig's designs; it was his hope that these examples of her work would provide evidence of their potential for financial independence, which was a requisite for them to emigrate to America. Despite Alvin's best efforts, both Hedwig and her husband Paul were unable to leave Germany and perished in the Holocaust. The letter and the sketches remained in the possession of the Strnad family, where they languished in a box in the basement. This would have been the end of the story had members of the Strnad family, going through boxes of old papers in 1997, not discovered the letter and sketches.



Part of the exhibit currently at UW-Madison Ruth Davis Design Gallery.

Not knowing what else to do with them, the Strnads donated the material to the Milwaukee Jewish Historical Society, which became the Jewish Museum Milwaukee (JMM). Once the Museum opened, these small items became central to the permanent exhibition. One day, a visitor commented that JMM should actually make these dresses, and the original impulse for "Stitching History from the Holocaust" was born.

JMM worked with the Costume Shop of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater to create the dresses from the sketches while the Museum researched the Strnad family to put together a worthy exhibit. While the main feature of this exhibit is the recreation of Hedy's dresses from her sketches, the final show, which arrives in Madison after a stint in New York City at the Museum of Jewish Heritage, will also feature a modern look at Hedy's legacy in a companion exhibition by UW-Madison design students. The result is that the exhibit as a whole serves as an example of what happens when human suffering is ignored, and is a testament to the incalculable loss of the Holocaust.

"Stitching History from the Holocaust," opens Sunday Sept. 11, at 1 p.m. with a panel discussion, "The Story Behind the Exhibition," followed by a reception. Everyone is welcome.

The Gallery of Design is located in Nancy Nicholas Hall, School of Human Ecology, UW-Madison, 1300 Linden Drive, Madison, WI, 53706. Check design gallery.wisc.edu for details on additional programs.


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For more details, contact assoc-director@cjs.wisc.edu, 608-265-4763.

Wisconsin residents age 60 (as of the first day of class) and older are eligible to audit courses free of charge. For details on how to apply see:
http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/advising/audit60.htm

LIST OF COURSES:

JS 211 – Introduction to Judaism (Professor Rosenblum)
MW 2:30-3:45
JS 220 – Introduction to Modern Jewish History (Professor Bitzan)
TR 1:00-2:15
JS 227 – Introduction to Biblical Literature (Professor Hutton)
TR 1:00-2:15
JS 230 – Migration in Film and Literature: The American Jewish Experience (Professor Yudkoff)
TR 9:30-10:45
JS 231 – FIG: Jerusalem, Holy City of Conflict and Desire (Professor Brenner)
MWF 8:50-9:40
JS 241 – Introduction Biblical Archaeology (Professor Blakely)
R 6:30-9:15
JS 269 – Yiddish Literature and Culture in Europe (Professor Hollander)
TR 1:00-2:15
JS 367 – Israeli Fiction in Translation (Professor Hollander)
TR 11:00-12:15
JS 430 – Testimonies and Cultural Expressions of the Holocaust (Professor Brenner)
MWF 9:55-10:45
JS 431– Religions of Ancient Israel (Professor Mandell)
MW 2:30-3:45
JS 518 – Anti-Semitism in European Culture (Professor Bitzan)
R 8:50-10:45
JS 665 – Israeli Politics and Society (Professor Shelef)
TR 2:30-3:45

Senator Baldwin Introduces Bipartisan Bill on Holocaust Property Restitution

By Michael Blumenfeld, Executive Director
Wisconsin Jewish Conference

The Wisconsin Jewish Conference is a beneficary agency of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin) and Marco Rubio (R-Florida) introduced legislation in July meant to facilitate the return of property seized during the Holocaust to survivors or their families.

The "Justice for Uncompensated Survivors Today (JUST) Act" requires the State Department to report on the efforts of other countries to identify and return, or provide restitution for, wrongfully confiscated Holocaust era assets. In addition, the Act directs the State Department to report on international compliance with the objectives of the 2009 Terezin Declaration on Holocaust Era Assets and Related Issues.

"We urgently need an improved public accounting of other countries' efforts to address Holocaust-era property restitution issues," Senator Baldwin said. "Tragically, we are losing survivors every day, and it is my sincere hope that this legislation, by shining a spotlight and solidifying this issue as an American foreign policy priority, will spur action in countries that are falling short of their obligations, ultimately resulting in a measure of justice for these individuals who have waited far too long."

The JUST Act has been referred to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.





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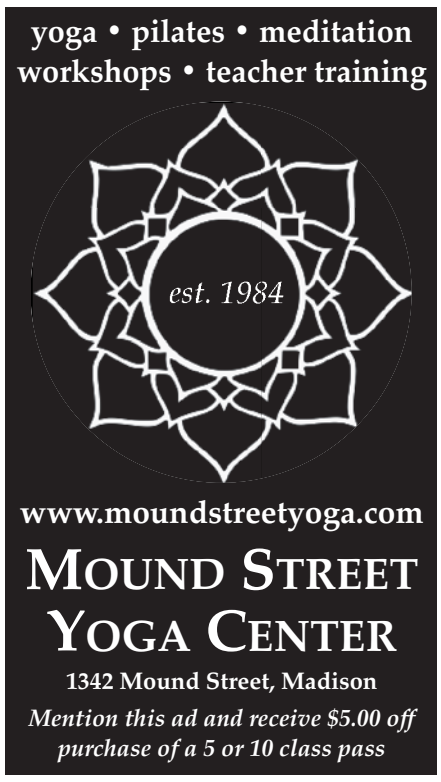

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www.events.org/meltonmadison.

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Questions?
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Upcoming Jewish Federation OF MADISON EVENTS



2016 Annual Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff

Sunday, September 11
5:30 to 9:00 p.m.
An Evening of Community, Food, and Music featuring
Listen Up! A Cappella

Save the date for the Jewish Federation of Madison's Annual Tzedakah Campaign Kickoff. Join us for food, entertainment and inspiration. Generously hosted by Susan and Jonathan Lipp of Full Compass Systems. You will not want to miss it!

Schedule: 5:30 pm Doors Open / 6:00 pm Dinner / 7:00 pm Program and Entertainment

Location: Full Compass System Headquarters, 9770 Silicon Prairie Parkway, Madison, WI

The Evening Will Include:

• Buffet Dinner: Serving Jewish deli favorites (all dairy) including knish, kugel, salads, and bagels

• Entertainment: Listen Up! A Cappella will deliver knock-your-socks-off vocal power through a love of Judaism and Israel

• Wine Pull: For only $10 you can buy a cork. Each cork is numbered and has a corresponding bottle on the "prize" table. It's like a carnival game for grownups and EVERYONE's a winner!

To RSVP: Dinner reservations are required and seating will be assigned. RSVP by Sunday, September 4th.

This is a free event open to the entire community. Attending the kick-off event implies commitment to donate to the 2016 Annual Tzedakah Campaign.

What People Are Saying About Listen Up!

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Questions? Contact Lynn Kaplan at (608) 442-4076 or lkaplan@jewishmadison.org

Jewish Dialogue on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Topic: The Status of the West Bank
Wednesday, September 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

Would you like to have a constructive, respectful conversation with other Jewish community members whose views about Israel and the Israeli-Palestinian situation differ from your own? Are you interested in talking about your experiences, feelings, convictions, and questions in an environment that promotes mutual learning? Join us for a unique dialogue moderated by Harry Webne-Behrman, a professional mediator.

This program is generously funded by an Innovation Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison and co-sponsored by Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, Temple Beth El, Beth Israel Center, Jewish Federation of Madison, and UW Hillel.Registration is required and space is limited. Register online or learn more please e-mail: office@shamayim.org. This session will be reserved for people who have previously attended a dialogue.



Yonim Israeli Dance Try-It Days!

September 11 and September 18

Yonim is the Jewish Federation of Madison's one and only Israeli Dance Troupe. Yonim is open to children entering Kindergarten through 12th grade. Yonim rehearses 2 Sundays each month at Temple Beth El. Come see what all of the fun is about; join us for TRY- IT DAYS in September. For more information please contact Yonim@jewishmadison.org.

We will be dancing on September 11th and September 18th
Harkada Club: K- 5 Grade, 12- 1pm
$5 for new families, $10 for returning families

Performance Dance Troupe: 6-12 Grade, 1:15- 2:30pm
$5 for new families, $10 for returning families

Midrasha Hebrew High School



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Founded in 1975, Midrasha provides students with experiences and educational opportunities that will strengthen their Jewish identity and encourage their interest to learn about their heritage.

For more details or to register, visit: www.jewishmadison.org

Ivrit B'Kef – Hebrew After-School Club

Time for Hebrew, Time for Fun!
Thursdays at 3:45-5:30 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound St., Madison



Kindergarteners to 2nd graders are invited to join Daniel Gill, our Community Shaliach, on a fun adventure through the Hebrew language exploring the letters of the Aleph Bet and developing reading and writing skills through structured lessons, arts and crafts, movement, & more.

For more details or to register, visit: www.jewishmadison.org or contact Ellen Weismer, Program Director at (608) 278-1808.

Melton Courses for Adults

25 Sunday morning classes starting September 11 at Beth Israel Center

Challenging and inspiring adult Jewish learners to engage in Jewish learning in a serious and comprehensive way. Classes will be taught by Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. Courses include The Ethics of Jewish Living and The Crossroads of Jewish History.

Thanks to an Innovation Panel Grant from the Jewish Federation of Madison, the first 22 students to register will pay only $265 for a full year, plus the cost of the student reader.

Previous participation is not required. All are welcome to register by visiting: www.jewishmadison.org

Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice: From Charity to Justice

Featuring Madison Volunteer, Rabbi Bonnie Margulis

By Bobbie Malone

For Jewish Congregations for Social Justice

Motivated by faith teachings of social justice like many Jewish and non-Jewish religious leaders, Rabbi Bonnie Margulis tirelessly pursues opportunities locally where action is demanded, to ensure more democratic equality of treatment and representation before the law. After Scott Walker's push for Act 10 attacked the rights of state workers and their unions, six rabbis in Madison attempted to set up a meeting with the governor to discuss the situation. After arranging a meeting between Walker's staff and twenty-eight faith leaders from a variety of traditions, during which they found the governor's aides to be unresponsive, they formed a group initially called Concerned Clergy of Wisconsin. Within a year, that group became known as Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice (WFVJ) (www.wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.org), with the Madison-Area Urban Ministry acting as fiscal agent. Rabbi Margulis is President of WFVJ, a statewide and multi-faith organization, with representatives from Jewish, Lutheran, Methodist, United Church of Christ, Quaker, and Buddhist congregations, in addition to other faith groups.

Many of Madison's congregations engage as a community in social action, such as setting up and volunteering in food pantries and other forms of housing and feeding the homeless. As crucial and beneficial as these efforts are, WFVJ believes that they are not enough. These community services meet a need, but they ultimately do not eliminate the "systemic problems that perpetuate cycles of poverty and create extreme income inequality." The only way to address these destructive patterns is vigilant advocacy, and training advocates is a core mission of the WFVJ. As Rabbi Margulis put it, "Our congregations do awe-inspiring work every day in running food pantries and homeless shelters. But unless we also get engaged in the public policy debates on issues of housing and homelessness, hunger and food insecurity, we're going to be running food pantries and homeless shelters to the end of time."

To address the need for faith-based advocacy training, the organization has created *Moving from Charity to Justice: A Workshop in Faithful Advocacy*, a three-session workshop in which congregational participants actively explore strategies that encourage and empower them to engage issues by writing letters to the editor, presenting public testimony, or making a visit to a local legislator. Congregations can contact Rabbi Margulis to set up a workshop. She's also made presentations to different progressive and outreach groups around the city, stressing that those who engage in advocacy need to be mindful that they remain non-partisan to maintain their congregations' 501c3status.

Rabbi Bonnie Margulis has been an active member of the planning committee for Jewish Congregations for Social Justice (JCSJ) since early discussions in the spring of 2013. She has brought her spirit of activism and broad knowledge of the community to the JCSJ projects. Jewish Congregations for Social Justice was deeply involved in service at Emerson Elementary School through the Adopt-a-School program, and had sponsored a four-part speaker series on racial inequity. The stated goal was to move from service and education to advocacy, but, as with many faith-based organizations, the way forward was not clear. Rabbi Margulis led interested congregational members through *Moving from Charity to Justice* sessions, which were so were excellent that JCSJ is considering offering the workshop another time for Madison-area's Jewish community.

The Minimum Wage Challenge is another initiative that WFVJ and The Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice of South Central Wisconsin have created to help participants realize just what it takes to live on $11 per day. Anyone can participate by spending no more than this amount IN CASH ONLY for a week! Or you might try recording every time you spend money in any way for a week: cash, check, or credit card. The question faced will be how long it took you to exceed your budget. Becoming mindful of the way money is spent helps increase one's awareness of how difficult it is to live on a minimum wage income. Then you can share your experiences with the *Challenge* on the Facebook Minimum Wage Blog.

The most intensive group experience that the WFVJ has created is the Poverty Simulation, a day-long workshop that "helps participants to gain insights into the daily life challenges faced by low-income and poor citizens of Wisconsin and provides an opportunity to explore and discuss societal perspectives and public policies on poverty." This simulation presents challenges and frustrations that the poor deal with in their everyday existence, and participants can more fully appreciate how these obstacles can affect both one's physical and psychological health.

The Dignity at Work Coalition, one of the most recent WFVJ initiatives, asks individuals and organizations to advocate for "higher standards of respect and equality for all who labor, greater compassion for working families, and to foster community solidarity in the service of our mission." The work undertaken by the Coalition reinforces social changes that foster better conditions for workers and their families, such as paid family and medical leave, affordable child care, paid sick leave, and predictable and stable hours on the job. It is easy to understand how such progressive policies would improve the lives of everyone in communities, giving us a more productive and healthy society. The Dignity at Work Coalition website has more information – www.dignityatworkcoalition.org.

Please feel free to contact Rabbi Bonnie Margulis at wifaithvoices4justice@gmail.com to become a more active, community-improving advocate, fulfilling Judaism's mission not to complete the work of social betterment, but neither to desist from joining in the battle to win a more just society.

For more information about Jewish Congregations for Social Justice (JCSJ), email: jcsjmadison@gmail.com or go to JCSJ's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CongregationsSocialJustice/.



Rabbi Bonnie Margulis

Simchas & Condolences

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Mazel Tov on the engagement of

***Benjamin Minkoff and Sarah Callahan**, son of Deborah and Joel Minkoff, daughter of Suzy and Kevin Callahan.*

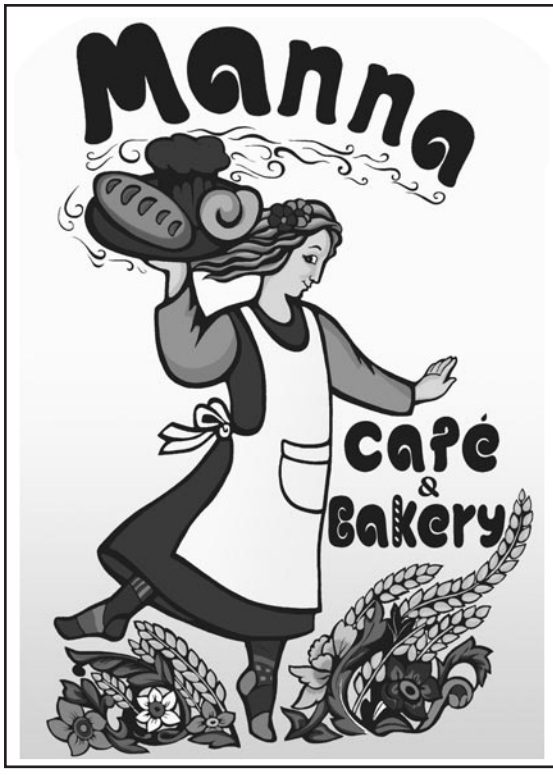
Condolences to the families of

***Sara Roth Schottenstein**, daughter of Karen and Harry Roth*

***William Kemp**, father of Dan (Leslie) Kemp, grandfather of Louis, Oliver and Sam*

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

***Will Simmons**, son of Liz Hecht and Scott Simmons*



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UW Hillel Welcomes New Staff for Start of New School Year

By Amy Kasmir, UW Hillel

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The beginning of the school year is right around the corner. UW Hillel is excited to welcome new staff to the UW Hillel family. Moreover, the staff is looking forward to engaging with new and returning students during Welcome Week programs and events. We look forward to a year full of holiday celebrations and exciting programming and student-led events.

UW Hillel looks forward to welcoming UW Badgers back to campus with its annual Welcome Week. Our annual Welcome Week provides a week of amazing programs and events to help the students get acclimated to their home away from home. The week of programming and events is free to all students and enables them to meet new friends, learn about leadership opportunities as well as student organizations. Welcome Week events range from yoga with the UW student group, Social Action Israel Network (SAIN), to bagels and coffee on Library Mall on the first day of class. Welcome Week begins on Tuesday, August 30, and culminates on Wednesday, September 7, with the Welcome Week barbecue. We look forward to continuing to engage with the UW-Madison student population and build on last year's terrific number of programs and events and student attendance.

In addition to Welcome Week, UW Hillel is excited to announce that it will be partnering with Shorashim for the campus Birthright Israel trips. Shorashim, based out of Chicago, has been awarded for overall excellence and has received the award for best itinerary for the past three years. Shorashim's trips are unique because Israelis participate in the Birthright Israel experience for all 10 days. UW Hillel will be sending two busses to Israel this winter; one trip will leave on December 25, 2016, and the other trip will leave on January 2, 2017. Students can sign up for the trip now at: israelwithisraelis.com/ uwmadison-signup to receive priority registration. Registration for the winter trip opens on Monday, September 12, at 9 AM.

UW Hillel is pleased to announce that the Madison Jewish Artists' Laboratory and the Jewish Learning Fellowship's Life's Big Questions will continue this year. For more information on these grant-funded initiatives, please contact Rabbi Andrea Steinberger at asteinberger@uwhillel.org.

In its fourth year at UW Hillel, the Madison Jewish Artists' Lab is generously supported by a grant from the Covenant Foundation. The artists' lab addresses the need to broaden the impact of the arts in Jewish life, helping foster meaning, community, identity, and spirituality. The purpose of this program is to challenge the artist participants' intellect and creativity and provide them with a community of creativity, support, and enrichment. The participants will engage in Jewish text study and discussions of topics and themes relating to Jewish art led by UW Hillel faculty and outside experts. This artist participants' work will be showcased in an exhibit in spring 2017.

The Jewish Learning Fellowship (JLF), a 10-week experiential, conversational seminar for students looking to deepen their understanding of Judaism on their own terms. This seminar will explore the big questions of life as refracted through Jewish texts and traditions. JLF is in its second year at UW Hillel and is generously supported by the Daniel M. Soref Charitable Trust.

UW Hillel is excited to welcome two new staff members to the team: Rachel Garfinkel, Director of Engagement, and Eli Milovets, Israel Travel – IACT Coordinator.

Rachel Garfinkel grew up as an active member of the Chicagoland Jewish community, attending Jewish day school, Jewish overnight camp, and being actively involved in BBYO throughout high school. She attended the University of Michigan where she earned her BA in International Studies and Hebrew & Judaic Cultural Studies. After graduating, Rachel moved to Madison and worked for Epic as a project manager for two years. Additionally, she was also was the advisor for Madison's BBYO chapter. Rachel is very excited to be joining the Hillel family and will do her best to simultaneously cheer for the Wolverines and for the Badgers.

A Madison native and UW-Madison alum, Eli Milovets has been active in the local Jewish community since preschool, engaging as a student, camper, counselor, teaching assistant, and youth group board member. After earning her B.A. in International Studies, Eli moved to Israel and worked as an intern at the International Relations Department for the city of Tel Aviv. Having resettled in downtown Madison, Eli enjoys traveling, hiking, playing Ultimate Frisbee, and brunching.

Finally, UW Hillel is pleased to continue its relationship with Adamah Neighborhood Table. The café, which reopened in August with limited hours, will return to its regular business hours on Tuesday, September 6. The kosher restaurant has a new menu with expanded offerings, including coffee service, glatt-kosher deli meats, and more. Moreover, UW Hillel looks forward to Adamah Neighborhood Table providing Shabbat dinner each week to students and community members. The first Shabbat dinner of the semester will take place on Friday, September 2.

For more information about UW Hillel's staff, events and programming, educational initiatives, and more, please visit our website at www.uwhillel.org or stop by UW Hillel's Barbara Hochberg Center for Jewish Student Life located at 611 Langdon Street.



Eli Milovets, Israel Travel - Coordinator (left) and Rachel Garfinkel, Director of Engagement.

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Congregation News

Temple Beth El • Congregation Shaarei Shamayim • Beth Israel Center

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.

Here are some upcoming highlights:

Rosh Hodesh Elul

Sunday, September 4, 8:15 a.m.

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

Kolot Kehilla with Nate Rudin

Sunday, September 11
9:30-11:00 a.m.

Our Sunday morning speaker series featuring the voices of our community *(kolot kehilla)* continues with a talk by Dr. Nate Rudin, who specializes in pain management. A light breakfast will be served, and donations of $5 are suggested to offset the costs of the program and support Adult Education at Beth Israel Center. Up next on October 30, Louise Goldstein and Phyllis Holman Weisbard will talk about their recent trip to Jewish Italy.

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Shabbat Morning Children's Services

Every Saturday resuming
September 17, 10:30 a.m.

Shabbat morning children's services are offered every Shabbat during the school year for toddlers, preschoolers and elementary school-age children. Toddlers and preschoolers should bring their grownups along. Grownups responsible for school-age children may attend services in the Main Sanctuary while children attend the children's program. Children's services are on the lower level, concurrent with Shabbat School for Talmud Torah students in grades 3-7. For more information, please contact Beth Copelovitch, education@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763.

Sukkah Building Workshop

Sunday, September 18

Learn how to build a kosher sukkah. Register by September 6, and all of the materials will be provided for you to build your own wood-frame / tarp-wall sukkah. Roof material (sh'chach) will not be included, however what to use for sh'chach and where to obtain it will be covered. Cost: $220. Register via email to office@bethisraelcenter.org or call (608) 256-7763.

Yom Rishon

Sunday, September 25
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: September 25, October 16, November 20, December 18, January 22, February 26, March 19, and April 30.

Slichot Service

Sunday, September 25, 8:00 p.m.

While many Jews think of the High Holidays as beginning with Rosh Hashanah, the days and weeks leading up to the new year are filled with opportunities to prepare for the Days of Awe. One such opportunity is the Slichot service, which follows the last Shabbat before Rosh Hashana. Beth Israel's song-filled Slichot service reflects the joyful and spirited singing that we engage in on Shabbat mornings and during the High Holidays. It's a wonderful opportunity to be spiritually awakened.

Pre-holiday Shabbat Dinner

Friday, September 30, 5:45 p.m.

On the Friday before Rosh Hashanah, take a break from holiday preparations and come to Beth Israel Center for a delicious Shabbat dinner of coconut chicken curry, vegetarian tofu curry, or chicken fingers catered by Adamah. Bring friends and let us know whom you'd like to sit with. Cost is $22 per person for curry (chicken or vegetarian, plus salad and seasonal vegetables), $10 per person for chicken tenders. Dinner includes wine and dessert. RSVP to office@bethisraelcenter.org or (608) 256-7763 by Sunday, Sept. 25.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Melton – Register now for Fall

Sundays, 9:30-11:15 a.m. at Beth Israel Center

Registration is now open for this world renowned, pluralistic Jewish education program for adults, which will be taught by Rabbis Joshua and Rebecca Ben-Gideon. Classes will meet on 25 Sunday mornings beginning September 11. Thanks to an Innovation Grant from Jewish Federation of Madison, Beth Israel Center is able to offer this outstanding educational program for about half the usual cost. All are welcome to enroll until the class is full. Go to www.events.org/meltonmadison for course descriptions and to register.

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 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 and start date.

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 and select weeks during school vacation times. 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.

Jewish Congregations for Social Justice Friends of Emerson School

As we watch youngsters return to school, Madison Jewish Congregations for Social Justice invites you to volunteer at Emerson Elementary School, 2421 E. Johnson St., on Madison's east side. JCSJ "adopted" Emerson in 2013. We have had great successes in the past two years and want to expand our efforts for 2016-2017. Here are quotes from our volunteers:

"Mentoring is so much fun, I look forward to it each week"

"Math mentoring is my best volunteer experience ever!"

"It is great to volunteer in Emerson School, which is full of positive energy from the kids."

Math Mentoring

If you can spare one half hour a week during the school year, you can make a positive difference in a child's education. You don't have to be good at math (on the contrary, remembering how it felt to struggle through story problems is a plus)! All you need is the ability to consistently visit with your student each week during regular school hours. The precise day and time can be adjusted to accommodate your schedule.

The teachers provide instructions and materials for each student, and the school provides resources to help you become familiar with Emerson's math program. Madison Jewish Congregations for Social Justice is lucky to have this special relationship with Emerson and the opportunity to participate in this unique program. There are many kids who need help – please become a Math Mentor!

To sign up, please email Sandy Wright at sandywright11@gmail.com.

For more information, you can also contact: Judy Pierotti or Larry Bensky at Beth Israel Center; Marcia Vandercook or Sandy Wright at Temple Beth El; and Sari Judge at Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

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.

Celebrate the High Holy Days with Shaarei Shamayim

Not sure where to spend the High Holy Days? Shaarei Shamayim invites you to join us for our services, potlucks, discussions, kids' programming, and other events. Since it's founding, we have never required visitors to purchase tickets. We want you to feel welcome, whether you are a relative of a member, a long-time friend of the congregation, or a guest checking us out for the first time.

Our services combine traditional prayers with contemporary poetry, readings, and songs. We are participatory and encourage our members and friends to lead elements of the service, sing along, share English readings, chant Torah and Haftarah, and blow shofar. We meet in the historic Frank Lloyd Wright auditorium of the First Unitarian Society.

Our services last several hours; we encourage everyone to take breaks and sit outside on the lawn or chat with a friend in the lobby. Many people come and go throughout these days.

We hold youth programming for all ages over Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: a tot service for children 0-5 years of age, a children's service for kindergarten through 5th graders, and discussions for 6th-8th graders and 9th-12th graders. For a full listing of our programming, please consult our website.

During the afternoon of Yom Kippur, our Yizkor service provides space for individuals to remember loved ones who have passed away. Later in the day some gather for meditation. Just before Neilah, our closing service, we have a creative Avodah program. This is an opportunity for participants to share poetry, songs, or any other offerings for the community.

We organize two community potlucks over the High Holidays – one on Erev Rosh Hashanah and one for break fast at the end of Yom Kippur.

Don't forget to make reservations for our potlucks and child care. For more information, please visit our website at www.shamayim.org or contact the office at office@shamayim.org or (608) 257-2944.

Temple Beth El

Visit us online at www.templebethelmadison.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, September 5.

Outdoor Shabbat & Dinner

Friday, September 2 at 5:45 p.m.
Temple Beth El Terrace, Madison
Indian Food Dinner

Join us for our last Outdoor Shabbat Service of 2016. This month we'll be on the Temple Beth El Terrace. This will be our only Shabbat service for the evening. 5:45 p.m. Nosh, 6:00 p.m. Service, 6:45 p.m. Indian Food Dinner by reservation $15/person. Learn more at www.templebethelmadison.org/events. Contact Aleeza at engage@tbemadison.org.

Dinner & Mini-Golf

Saturday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m.
Vitense Golfland; 5501 West Schroeder Rd, Madison

$18 for Dinner and mini–golf OR

$10 for Pizza Dinner Only OR for mini-golfing only

We'll gather in the meeting room across from concessions at Vitense Golfland for pizza & salad followed by mini-golfing on one of the outdoor or indoor courses. All ages welcome, bring the whole family! Register online at http://bit.ly/tbeminigolf below or contact Aleeza Hoffert at engage@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123 by September 1.

First Day of Religious School and Beit Café Panim

Our Religious School year kicks off and parents are welcome to connect at Beit Café Panim. For more information on our Religious School please contact Nicole Jahr, Director of Lifelong Learning, learn@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123. You must be a Temple Beth El Member to enroll in our school programs.

Mishkan Hanefesh: Introductions to a Different Language of Prayer and Worship

This year Temple Beth El will be using a new Machzor, High Holy Day prayerbook called *Mishkan Hanefesh, "a dwelling place for the soul"*. Cantor Brown-Levy and Rabbi Biatch are offering a series of three workshops to introduce our new prayerbook to the community. Held on Sundays in September and repeated on the following Thursdays. RSVP online at http://bit.ly/machzorsessions or to Sue Knudson at office@tbemadison.org or (608) 238-3123 is the schedule of the workshops:

Session I – A Communal Approach to Repentance/ Teshuvah and the new Machzor

Sunday, September 11 (1:00 – 2:30 p.m.), repeated Thursday, September 15 (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.).

The Sight of the Season: Beginning with prayers of healing and hope on the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11, we will explore the connections of our new Machzor to the High Holy Day tasks of repentance and helping to cleanse our souls.

Session II – Another Communal Approach to High Holy Day Worship

Sunday, September 18 (1:00 – 2:30 p.m.), repeated Thursday, September 22 (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

The Sound of the Season: What are the new words and music that will make up our worship on these Days of Awe? Come learn more about the structure of the Machzor while hearing and learning the new sounds of the Machzor and services. Renew our connections to melodies old and new with Cantor Sharon Brown-Levy.

Session III – Entering Indivdually into the Season of Repentance

Sunday, September 25 (1:00 – 2:30 p.m.), repeated Thursday, September 29 (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.)

The Soul of the Season: A Personal Invitation to Repentance and Forgiveness. How to individually enter the world of the new Machzor! How one can get lost in the beauty and imagery of this new resource, and one can find oneself there!

Singles Creating Community Dinner

Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 p.m.
The Melting Pot, 6816 Odana Rd, Madison

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

Thursday, September 15 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

Singles Creating Community Coffee

Friday, September 16; 9:00 a.m.
Panera, 3416 University Ave., Madison

Family Friday Shabbat

Friday, September 16

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: September 18 | October 16 | November 20
Sundays In 2017: January 29 | February 12 | April 2
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!

Kesher Israel Film – *Rabin, The Last Day* (documentary)

Wednesday, September 21; 7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 7:00pm, film begins at 7:15 p.m. Snacks and beverages provided. A discussion will follow the film.

Selichot – A Time To Begin Our Task of Self-Reflection and Improvement

Saturday, September 24, at 7:15 p.m.

The occurrence of Selichot is when we inaugurate in earnest, and in advance of the High Holy Days, our personal duty to acknowledge the flaws in our soul and to improve ourselves. Our evening program is divided in three parts, each one dedicated to bringing us closer to ourselves and to each other, to help to reassemble the pieces of our lives. Please join us!

7:15 p.m. – a screening of *Beasts of the Southern Wild* (2012, 93 minutes, MPAA rating PG-13) followed by a discussion of the film with Rabbi Biatch.

9:00 p.m. – Ice Cream Social and Sundae Bar Let Aleeza know you're coming at engage@tbemadison.org

10:00 p.m. – The Service of Selichot, a Service of Forgiveness Join us for a quiet and beautiful Havdalah service preceding our service of forgiveness and repentance. During the service we will change our Torah mantles from the colored covers to the white vestments in preparation for our worship over the entirety of the High Holy Day season

Seeking Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Art of Human Character Development

A Mussar Seminar of Eight Sessions: October 20 and 27, November 3, 10, 17; December 1, 8, 15

Thursdays this Fall –Time: 7:00 p.m. "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, the course "Seeking Everyday Holiness: The Jewish Art of Human Character Development" 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. This personal exploration of how one can understand oneself in deeper ways will examine the character traits of Humility, Patience, Order, Equanimity, Honor, Truth, Moderation, Responsibility, and Trust, and will help each participant perceive areas of personal growth and development. 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. Please register and pay no later than October 15, either online at http://bit.ly/tbemussar, or to Ross Brown in the Temple office, (608) 238-3123 or school@tbemadison.org. 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.

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.

Jewish Education



Ivrit B'Kef (Hebrew Fun)

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Kindergarteners – 2nd graders are invited to join Daniel Gill, our community Shlicha, on a fun adventure through the Hebrew language. Daniel will lead the students in a semester full of exciting sessions of exploring the letters of the Aleph Bet and developing reading and writing skills through structured lessons, arts and crafts, movement and more! No Hebrew language experience is necessary, all levels welcome.

Thursdays – 3:45 - 5:30 p.m. at Beth Israel Center
Fees include snack and materials
Semester 1= $234
Semester 2= $324
Sign-up and pay for both semesters by September 1, and pay $522, that's two free class sessions!
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
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	5/4
	5/11
	5/18
	5/25 - Open House and Final Performance



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



Talya and Stav making "mud" out of sand and water.

The Camp Shalom Katan Campers had such a fun summer! Field trips included the Hilldale Farmers Market, Camp Shalom for swimming, Steep & Brew for kosher ice cream, and the zoo. Visitors to Camp came from Camp Shalom Noar Bogrim, Dane County Humane Society and Aldo Leopold Nature Center.



Jake and Laura help Sydney and Cora make "pigs".



Ziv is petting Gizmo after Ash from the Humane Society taught us how to meet animals.



Enjoying ice cream after the walk to Steep N Brew!



Camp Shalom Noar Bogrim came during Market to Market week and planned some fun activities!



The campers after their successful walk from Gan to Steep & Brew.



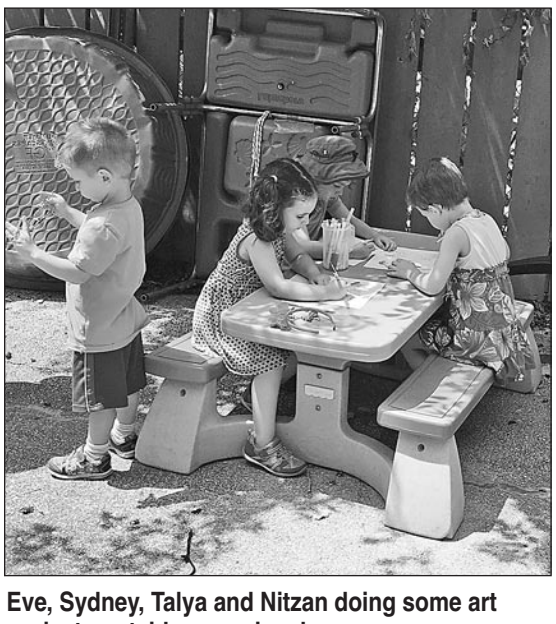
Many of the campers and volunteers at the market.



Sydney and Jaime with their purchases from the farmer's market.



Morning Rally to start our camp day!



Eve, Sydney, Talya and Nitzan doing some art projects outside on a nice day.



Eve, Talya, Solomon and Cora on the big city bus.



Laura tells one of her famous stories during water play.

Join the Madison Group in Israel for the Tiberias Marathon or 10K

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The Tiberias Marathon is only 4.5 months away and as part of our Partnership 2Gether programming, we are planning to send a delegation of runners to Israel for the marathon.

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The marathon will take place on January 6th, 2017. There will be a full marathon and a 10k, but there's no half marathon. The delegation will leave Madison on Tuesday, January 3rd and will return on Wednesday, January 11th. We will stay with local host families for the visit. The cost to each person is only airfare, plus incidentals.

September 8 is the deadline for notifying us if you would like to join the delegation. Please contact Daniel Gill at israel@jewishmadison.org as soon as possible if you're interested. Financial assistance is available.





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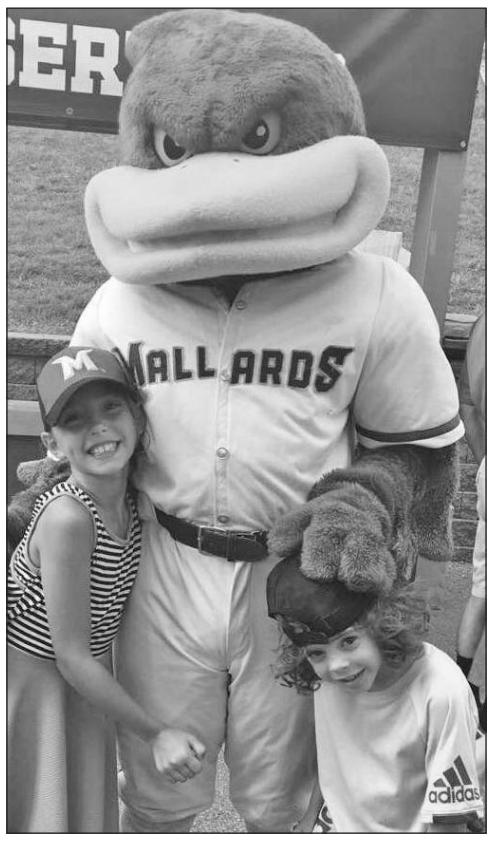
Making Memories With the Madison Mallards!

On Sunday, July 31, over 30 members of our fabulous Jewish community enjoyed watching the Madison Mallards defeat the Green Bay Bullfrogs. Community members, new and established, braved the heat for the fun of the game! Have an idea for a community event; an event that will appeal to many members of our community? Let's hear it! Tell Tiz Goff at outreach@jewishmadison.org.



Charley and Jacob Kobylarz enjoying the Mallards game.

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I give $_____ [or____% of my residuary estate] to the Jewish Federation of Madison, Wisconsin.

- If you already have a will, you can easily add this charitable bequest with a supplement, called a codicil.
- If you need to make major changes to your will, you can include this charitable bequest in your updated document.
- If you don't have a will, now's the time to make one to ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes, not by strict state intestacy laws. And if you have minor children, a will is essential to ensure that they're cared for by someone you choose, not by a court-appointed guardian.

Thank You for Supporting the Camp Shalom 2016 Scholarship Fund!

Thank you to all the wonderful individuals, families and businesses who donated to the Camp Shalom 2016 Scholarship Fund. Because of the generosity of so many donors we were able to send 194 children to Camp Shalom this summer. Since 1954, when Camp Shalom was founded, we have never had to deny a child a Camp Shalom experience because of financial need. Fortunately, to this day, we are able to continue with this tradition. Todah Rabah!

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Madison Hadassah is bringing community together and supporting fitness through walking adventures. Join us on our September Walking Adventure at-Pheasant Branch Nature Conservancy.

(July walk at Pheasant Branch was cancelled due to extreme heat)

Sunday, September 18th

• 10:30 a.m. meet at Prairie Café, 3109 Pheasant Branch Rd (near intersection with Century Blvd).

• 10:45 a.m. we will drive to 3rd parking lot on Pheasant Branch Rd.

11:00 Hike starts at Pheasant Branch Rd gravel parking Lot A

• Walkers will divide into two groups.

~ Group 1 takes an easy 1 mile walk to see Sacred Springs and Conservancy overlook.

~ Group 2 takes a 3.2-mile hike on trail around the conservancy.

• After the walk, we'll return to Prairie Café for a snack and chocolate.

• *Bring water bottle and binoculars if you have them.*

• *Non-members are welcome. Feel free to join walks at any point.*

• Please call Betsy at (608) 238-7010 Corliss (608) 770-6521 for directions and to RSVP so they know to expect you.

You are invited to fill out Madison Hadassah's Walking Adventure Survey

Madison Hadassah is conducting a survey to learn about the kinds of walking adventures you might enjoy.

The survey includes a wide variety of walks for winter (including Epic and museums) and warmer months (including more of a tour of Jewish Madison, architecture of Madison, and Vilas zoo & neighborhood).

Everyone is invited to do the survey.

For survey, please send a request to madisonhadassah@gmail.com. Madison Hadassah will send the survey to members for whom with have email addresses. Or call (608)770-6521 if you want a paper copy sent by mail.



Save the Date...

Please stop by the Jewish Federation of Madison's table at the **Willy Street Fair Sunday, September 18, 11am-7pm**

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Rosh Hashanah Greetings



Feeling the Joy of the Jewish People

By Rabbi Andrea Steinberger

Hillel at the University of Wisconsin

It is my honor to be able to wish the Jewish community in Madison, Wisconsin a happy and healthy new year of 5777.

Several weeks ago I was in Eagle River, Wisconsin. I had some time to spare, and I decided to drive to the place where my family vacationed each summer for almost a decade when I was a child. I drove into the grounds of the resort, a place that had held so many memories for me, only to discover that things had really changed. The office was in a different area, as were the pool and the restaurant. I expected to walk in and find everything waiting for me. Instead I found myself standing in the new office looking at an old photo of the resort from many decades ago, saying, "Now that's the way I remember it!"

Although I was initially a bit frustrated by these changes, I realized that maybe the modifications were not so bad. Come to think of it, over 30 years had passed since I had been there. And even in those childhood days, the buildings were old and worn. Hoping that things would stay the same for me, when so much of life had changed for me, was really an unrealistic expectation. I had grown and made some transformations of my own, and so had this lovely little spot. It really looked good!

We often marvel at the ways in which the Jewish people have changed over the years. Some people find it really unpleasant and difficult to accept these changes. Today, Jews are intersecting with other people, and some are marrying folks from outside the Jewish community. Inside our own Jewish community we are

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Intentional Community

By Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon

Beth Israel Center

This past summer, I spent one month of sabbatical time at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin up in Conover, just a few miles from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Camp Ramah is one of the phenomenal Jewish summer camps we have here in Wisconsin. Each is a place where amazing things happen every summer.

At Ramah, every day except Shabbat, each age group prays together. The major exception to this is Friday night when the entire camp gathers by the edge of Lake Buckatabon to begin Shabbat together with Kabbalat Shabbat. This is a very intentional and special way that camp begins Shabbat, emphasizing the unity of every camper and adult in camp, around 600 people all together, welcoming the Shabbat Bride together.

It is an idyllic setting. As I sit with Rebecca and our kids, I look around the circle of benches and see children of all ages, from the youngest in camp to the oldest, as well as the counselors and staff including the nearly 50 Israelis in camp. Among the beautiful spirits evident each week, one young man's enthusiasm every Friday night inspired me.

Danny is a participant in Atzmayim, an edah (age group) which means Independent Ones in Hebrew. This is a program for young adults with autism and helps them to develop the skills to increase their ability to live more independently the rest of the year. They work on a number of important social and life skills, such as working at various businesses in the area including a local supermarket and coffee roaster. Each week on Friday night, Danny's enthusiasm seemed to overwhelm his ability to stay in his seat as he would get up and dance around the middle of the circle. The joy on his face and unbridled enthusiasm in his motion contrasted with my own, comparatively bridled enthusiasm and self-conscious singing. Danny's full-spirited participation is an ideal that I strive for.

Camp Ramah is an intentional community where for eight weeks during the summer an entire community buys into the core mission of camp. Part of that

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L'Shanah Tovah

Look for a
Rosh Hashanah greeting
from Rabbi Yona Matusof
in the October edition of
Madison Jewish News.

Creating Inspiring, Authentic Judaism in the New Year

By Rabbi Laurie Zimmerman

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

As I begin my fourteenth year at Shaarei Shamayim I've been thinking about my vision for Jewish community. What are we aspiring towards? Why do we come together? What can Jewish life offer the next generation of American Jews?

I believe we must create an inspired Judaism rooted in creativity and authenticity, one that is open and pluralistic. Judaism can be a means for bringing justice, holiness, and joy to our world.

At Shaarei Shamayim we try to live out this vision. We are a ritually diverse community and invite people of varied Jewish backgrounds to join us. We value the participation of singles, families, twenty- and thirty-somethings, and empty-nesters. We are LGBT and interfaith inclusive, strive to accommodate people with disabilities, and welcome Jews-by-choice and Jews of color.

We embrace community. We create space for our members and friends to deepen their Jewish lives, reconnect to their Judaism, or encounter it for the first time. We teach each other, challenge each other, and care for each other in times of need. Our members will drop off lasagna when there's a new baby, or drive a fellow congregant to chemo. We find going through life with others is preferable to going it alone.

We are secular, spiritual, religious, and none of the above. We try to create a meaningful ritual life through Shabbat gatherings, meditation, Torah study, prayer, storytelling, life cycle ceremonies, and holiday celebrations. We know there are many ways to encounter holiness and find deep purpose in our lives.

We believe that having difficult conversations, grounded in deep listening and respect for others, is essential to creating a vibrant community. Rather than pushing controversial issues under the rug, we study, debate, and share ideas so that we can all grow wiser.

An essential tenet of Judaism is social justice. We are inspired by Jewish tradi-

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Greetings for a Healthy and Happy New Year 5777

By Rabbi Jonathan Biatch

Temple Beth El

On behalf of the leaders, staff, and members of Temple Beth El, we send to you greetings for a healthy and happy New Year 5777 that begins the evening of October 2. May you have an exciting year, and may your relationships be positive and full of love!

At this time of year, forgiveness and repentance are on our minds. So we take an accounting of our soul and resolve to become better people. And among the positive human characteristics that we hope to improve is our willingness to acknowledge guilt and accept responsibility for our actions.

Oddly enough, King David serves as a role model in this crucial area of human interaction.

David perceived himself as having been chosen by God to lead his people: He brought much goodness to his subjects, enriching the nation; he united tribes from the north and from the south; he strengthen his nation's security; leaders of other nations admired him.

But he viewed himself above the laws of other human beings, and the book of II Samuel reminds us of his seizing for a wife Batsheva, the wife of Uriah the Hittite, and then sending Uriah out to battle where David knew that Uriah would die.

But an even greater sin was David's denial of his crimes.

It eventually took an intervention to

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HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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

Please call in advance for admission and ticket policies

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1406 Mound Street
(608) 256-7763
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Erev Rosh Hashanah
5:45 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah – both days
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Youth Program 10:30 - 1:00
Preschool Family Service 11:00-12:00

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

Kol Nidre
6:00pm

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

Tickets are required for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Members may purchase tickets. Prospective members, students, and visitors should contact Executive Director Elissa Pollack at (608) 256-7763 or elissa@bethisraelcenter.org about tickets.

Chabad Lubavitch House
1722 Regent Street
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Selichot (Saturday, September 24)
12:45 AM .....Selichot Service

Erev Rosh Hashanah
6:30 PM .....Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah (First Day)
10:00 AM .....Shacharit
12:00 PM .....Shofar Blowing
2:00 PM .....Mincha
2:30 PM .....Tashlich
5:00 PM .....Shofar in the park (Hoyt Park Shelter)
7:15 PM .....Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah (Second Day)
10:00 AM .....Shacharit
12:00 PM .....Shofar Blowing
2:00 PM .....Mincha

Erev Yom Kippur (Tuesday, October 11)
3:15 PM .....Mincha
6:00 PM .....Kol Nidrei

Yom Kippur Day
10:00 AM .....Shacharit
12:30 PM .....Yizkor
5:00 PM .....Mincha
6:00 PM .....Neilah
7:00 PM .....Fast ends

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Selichot Observance
Saturday, September 24
7:15 pm — Film Screening & Discussion "Beasts of the Southern Wild"
9:00 pm — Ice Cream Social
10:00 pm — Selichot Service

Rosh Hashanah
Evening — Sunday, October 2
11:00 am — Apple Picking at Eplegaarden
5:45 pm — Shalom Rosh Hashanah (geared to ages 0-8)
7:30 pm — Evening Service

Morning — Monday, October 3
8:45 am — Family Service
10:30 am — Adult Service
10:30 am — Teen Program (ages 13-18)
10:30 am — Child Care (ages 0-6)
1:15 pm — Tashlich at Lake Wingra
Tashlich nosh to follow at Temple Beth El

Shabbat Shuvah
Friday, October 7
7:30 pm — Special Shabbat Service of healing and wholeness

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

Morning — Wednesday, October 12
8:45 am — Family Service
10:30 am — Adult Service
10:30 am — Youth Program (ages 7-12)
10:30 am — Teen Program (ages 13-18)
10:30 am — Child Care (ages 0-6)
*1:30 pm — **Pathways Toward Wholeness Discussion & Panel***
Personal stories of determination & courage
3:00 pm — Afternoon Service
(Including Yizkor—Memorial Service)
*~ 5:30 pm — **Concluding Service***
***Break the Fast** immediately following*

Sukkot
Sunday, October 16
11:30 am — Pizza & Sukkah Decorating
6:00 pm — Evening Service in the Sukkah

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

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 upon request for members at other URJ congregations, full-time college students, and active duty military personnel with ID. Contact Terrie Goren at 608-238-3123 or executive@tbemadison.org

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim
Services are held at
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive
(608) 257-2944
shamayim.org

Selichot, Sat., Sept. 24
Services and poetry sharing followed by dessert potluck 7:00 PM. Call office for location.

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sun., Oct. 2
Vegetarian potluck 5:00 PM
Services in the main sanctuary 7:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah, 1st day, Mon. Oct. 3
Services in the main sanctuary 9:30 AM
Tot services (0-5 years old) 9:00 AM
Children's services (K-5th grade) 10:00 AM
Discussion (6th-8th grade) 10:00 AM
Discussion (9th-12th grade) 10:00 AM
Tashlich 3:00 PM call office for location
Young adult potluck dinner 6:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah, 2nd day, Tues. Oct. 4
Services in the main sanctuary 9:30 AM
Picnic lunch 12:30 PM

Kol Nidrei, Tues., Oct. 11
Services in the main sanctuary 6:00 PM

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

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Erev Rosh Hashanah
7:00 PM, Brisket Dinner at the Concourse Hotel

Rosh Hashanah (first day)
5:00 PM, Shofar in the Park – Hoyt Park Shelter

Kol Nidrei
6:00 PM, Kol Nidrei (Call for location)

Yom Kippur
10:00 AM, Morning Service
5:00 PM, Mincha
6:00 PM, Neilah

UW Hillel
611 Langdon Street
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Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2
Evening Service: 6:00 PM
Dinner: 7 PM

Rosh Hashanah – First Day
Monday, October 3
Morning Service: 10 AM
Lunch: 12:30 PM Tashlich on Lake Mendota: 5 PM Evening Service: 6 PM
Dinner: 7 PM

Rosh Hashanah – Second Day
Tuesday, October 4
Morning Service: 10 AM
Lunch: 12:30 PM

Erev Yom Kippur
Tuesday, October 11
Dinner: 5 PM

Kol Nidre Service
6 PM

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 12
Morning Service: 10 AM
Yizkor: 12 PM
Evening Service: 5:30 PM
Break the Fast: 7:15 PM

UW Chabad
223 W. Gilman Street
(608) 257-1757
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Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, October 2
Evening Service, 5:45 pm
Rosh Hashanah Brisket Dinner
7:00 pm at Ogg Hall 835 W Dayton St.

Monday, October 3
Morning Services, 10:00 am
Shofar Sounding, 12:00 pm
Holiday Lunch, 1:30 pm
Mincha Afternoon Service, 3:00 pm
Tashlich Service, 3:30 pm
Evening Service, 7:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah Dinner, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 4
Morning Services, 10:00 am
Shofar Sounding, 12:00 pm
Holiday Lunch, 1:30 pm
Mincha Afternoon Service, 3:00 pm

Yom Kippur
Tuesday, October 11
Prefast Meal, 5:00 pm
Kol Nidrei Service, 6:10 pm

Wednesday, October 12
Morning Service, 10:00 am
Mincha Afternoon Service, 4:45 pm
Neilah Closing Services, 5:45 pm
Fast Ends & Break Fast, 7:01 pm

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Beth Israel Center

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mission is to be a Jewish community for all Jews. I experience Danny's dancing as enthusiasm and not as a behavior issue because camp is designed for me to see it this way. Time spent in this immersive, intentional environment has lasting effects that spill over into my life—and into campers lives—during the year. On Friday nights outside of camp, Danny's example continues to inspire me to fully participate in communal life, especially singing on Friday nights.

Camp's model of intentional community inspires me too. Our synagogues and our families are also intentional communities. When I leave camp each summer I ask myself, "Am I being intentional in helping to create community so as to build into it the values that I hold dear and want to see perpetuated in my children and in my congregation?" This question weighs heavily on my mind each Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Camp isn't only about summer…it's about how the experience of living in this intentionally-created, vision-guided community shapes the lives of participants even when they are living their lives far from Conover.

The same is true of our intentional community here at Beth Israel Center. When we come together on Shabbat or for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, it's not only about those comparatively few hours that we spend together in the building. When we are together, we need to have an experience intense and intentional enough that it affects who we are and the choices we make when we leave the walls of Beth Israel Center.

I am so deeply proud of the ways our community creates experiences and relationships that deeply impact and enrich our lives. This is particularly true of BIC's High Holiday services, when our sense of community is felt especially strongly. This year, as we sit in High Holiday services, let's ask ourselves: How can I allow this experience of intentional and intense community to spill over into my everyday life and relationships?

Shana Tovah U'Metukah!
Rabbi Joshua W. Ben-Gideon

Temple Beth El

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set things right. When confronted by Nathan the Prophet with his crimes, and when Nathan made it clear that God would cause David to suffer, David could do nothing more than acknowledge his transgression: "I stand guilty before God!"

The High Holy Day season allows us to make our own intervention in our lives. The challenge is to recognize the difficult behaviors that we want to change, and commit ourselves to change them.

May we all be successful in this endeavor, for as we better our lives and strengthen those human characteristics that God gave to us, the world is transformed into a world of love and life!

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tion to fight for a sustainable world, amplify our voices, care for the vulnerable, and work for a more racially and economically equitable city.

Celebrating our young people is a core value. Our educational programs foster critical thinking, self-reflection, and curiosity. We support our children and teens to explore the wisdom of Jewish tradition and find relevance in it today.

May the new year be filled with health and happiness, justice and holiness. We hope you will visit Congregation Shaarei Shamayim over the holidays and bring your unique voice to our community.

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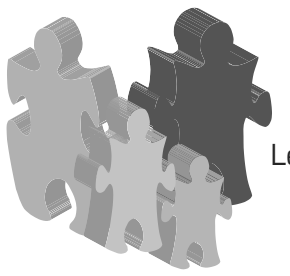
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learning to adjust to people who are asking us to accept and understand ethnic and gender identities that we had not recognized before. As I reflect on the conversations that I am having with Jewish college students these days, I recognize a common theme of people feeling challenged by making relationships with other people. People are questioning how they will find ways to make connections between one Jewish person and another, between Jews and Israel, Jews and Palestinians, Jews and Black Lives Matter. All of these changes to the way that Jewish people look and act, and think may make us feel distant from the Jewish people today. However we need only to look a little closer to see what Judaism can offer us.

Judaism is a miraculous religion, adapting sometimes from one generation to the next, yet also remaining a consistent foundation of community and stability for the Jewish people. Each new holiday and life cycle event, with its preparation, anticipation, its emotional connection, its theology, and the community that comes together reminds us that we another chance to reconnect with the Jewish people. Some years are harder than others. Some come with disconnection-to family, to tradition, to the questions, to the answers. And some years come with happiness, with yearning, and surrounded by Jewish people who are looking for a warmth of connection to community.

In this New Year, let us encourage ourselves to continue to take this journey of the Jewish people. Let us remember the holidays our families celebrated, or did not celebrate, in our youth. Let us keep exploring and trying new things. Let us read more news and books and look for Jewish community wherever we go. Let us learn about new rituals and do them, or discard them. Let us continue to learn about this amazing Jewish people, living all over the world, existing for 3,000 years-adapting, changing, growing, sometimes fighting for its existence, sometimes enjoying its richness.

Some people would say that more than anything else it is fear that connects them to other Jews-the fear of our being wiped out, the fear of anti-Semitism, the fear of hatred and the end to the Jewish people. I say, let's live as though this is the greatest period of the Jewish people. To paraphrase Emory Professor Deborah Lipstadt's words as she spoke at Madison's Hillel in the spring of 2014: "Being Jewish should give us JOY, not OY." Being a part of the Jewish people should be a joyful and uplifting experience for us, connecting to one another, remembering the long and storied past of the Jewish people, and making our own future – a future that connects us to one another in celebration, in eating shared meals, in shared rituals, and in friendship with one another. These joyful celebrations and rituals are what connect us to the Jewish people. Let's make sure that we continue to live with JOY, not just in fear of the OY.

The Jewish people are a remarkable people. Take a look at our photo album. And add a page of your own.

May the coming year of 5777 be one of peace among all people. May our Jewish community find strength and vigor. And may each of us find health and joy. Shana Tova Tikateivu. May we be written in the Book of Life for a good year.

Andrea Steinberger is the rabbi at the Hillel at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

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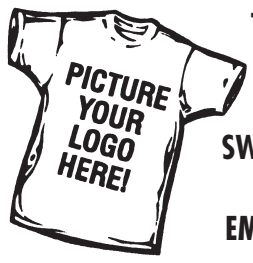

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'Our Sweet Library' at Madison Jewish Community Day School Receives Donation



Madison Jewish Community Day School students and families sort the books for "Our Sweet Library."

By Maria Becker

Make books your companions; let your bookshelves be your gardens: bask in their beauty, gather their fruit, pluck their roses, take their spices and myrrh. And when your soul be weary, change from garden to garden, and from prospect to prospect.

~ Ibn Tibbon, c. 1120-1190 ? Spanish Jewish scholar

We sure do have gardens this year, blooming with literature. Thanks to the generous donation of over 1,900 books from Merle and Patti Sweet, Madison Jewish Community Day School now has a school library. Merle was the first head of school for MJCDS. These books, along with others donated throughout the years by MJCDS students and families, members of the community at large, and the Naomi Chesler Library Fund, fill our new bookshelves.

The Sweet's donation comes from the extensive children's book collection Patti gathered in her years as a reading specialist in the Madison schools. As the Sweets explain, "Reading is the most important skill that contributes to lifelong learning and [we] hope the books in the MJCDS library will provide students with motivation to enjoy reading and explore topics that interest them."

The wide range of reading material fulfills our goal to enjoy a "real" school library and we are extremely grateful.

The children love being read stories, as well as reading them aloud to others. If you find yourself wanting to experience the wonder of literature through the eyes of 5 to 10 year olds, please gather the fruits, pluck the roses, take the spices and visit us in "Our Sweet Library."

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Israeli Folk Dance

Don't Miss Out on the Fun!

Yonim is the Jewish Federation of Madison's one and only Israeli Dance Troupe. Yonim is open to children entering Kindergarten through 12th grade. Yonim admits students of any race, color, ability, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students in Yonim. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ability, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs or athletic and other Yonim administered programs.

Mission: By exploring Jewish Heritage through Israeli Dance, kids of all ages will develop friendships, have fun and enjoy cultural enrichment. Yonim provides structured educational and social opportunities for everyone.

Yonim Israeli Dance!

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Mark Your Calendar! (bold= special event or performance)

September 11, 18- Try it Days!	January 8, 29
October 9, 30	February 12, 26
November 13, 27	March **12**, 26
December 4, **18**	April 2, 30
	May **7**

Harkada Club: Grades K- 5
Two Sundays per month at Temple Beth El from 12- 1pm
Participants will learn Israeli Dance steps and practice Harkada dancing. All levels welcome. Performance opportunities may be available.
Fees - $160 if you pay all at once by October 1st or $20/month due by the first of the month ($180 total per year). **September Try- It Days are $5 for new families!**
*Temple Beth El Sunday School students can bring a light lunch to eat in the dance room before rehearsal. We will have someone there to supervise.

Performance Dance Troupe: Grades 6- 12
Two Sundays per month at Temple Beth El from 1:15-2:30pm
Groups will do Harkada dancing together from 1:15- 1:45pm and then divide into two groups to work on performance pieces
Rehearsals 2 Sundays/ month with the possibility of additional rehearsals for upcoming performances
Retreat opportunities throughout the year, not included in rehearsal fees
Fees - $240 if you pay all at once by October 1st or $36/month due by the first of the month ($288 total per year). **September Try- It Days are $5 for new families!**



Camp Corner

Camp Shalom is a program of the Jewish Federation of Madison

CS= Camp Shalom
(Grades K-5)

NOBO= Camp Shalom Noar- Bogrim
(Grades 6-9)

Thank you to all of the businesses who supported the Camp Shalom Scholarship Fund this summer!

Hyvee
Willy Street Co-op
K and A Greenhouse
Madison Mulch Delivery by Terry Benjamin
River City Vending
Trader Joes
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Costco
Seafood Center
Thirty-One Satchel Love
Nitty Gritty
Badger Swim and Stix
Steam Plus Carpet, Tile, and Upholstery Cleaning
Goodman Aquatic Center
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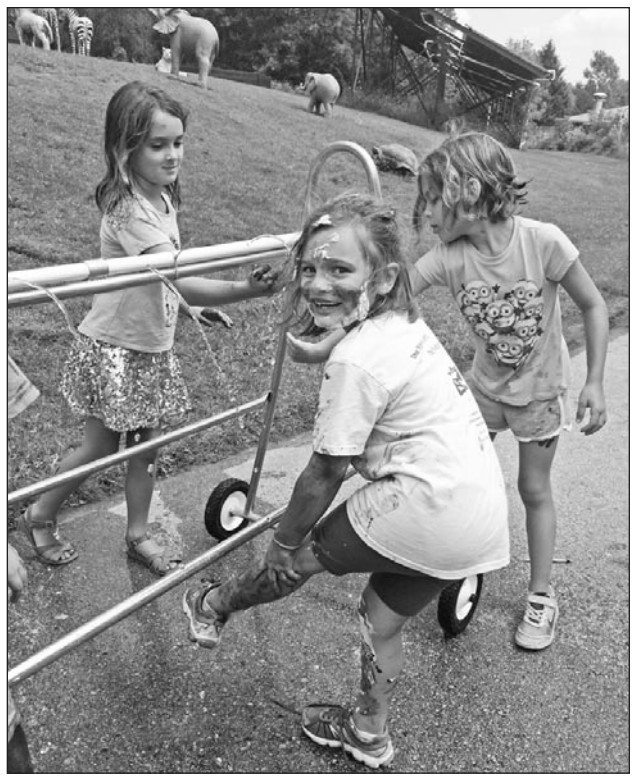





Jewish Social Services

JSS

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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.

Career Opportunity: Community Jewish Chaplain

Jewish Social Services is looking to hire a Community Jewish Chaplain (approximately 25% part-time) who will conduct chaplaincy visits and programs, develop, organize and implement education and awareness efforts; establish and maintain connections and relationships with a wide array of institutions, facilities, and synagogues; and provide oversight of the initiative's operations. Jewish Social Services has received three years of pilot project funding from the Goodman Foundation for the chaplain position.

For a full job description, please see our website: http://jssmadison.org/about-jss/career-opportunities/community-jewish-chaplain

Add Something Special to your Life!

Volunteer For Jewish Social Services!

Volunteer application at www.jssmadison.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer, contract Ingrid at (608) 442-4083 or email Ingrid@jssmadison.org, or visit our website for information.

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

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

Designated Shopper – Take a friendly older lady to do errands once or twice a month; West Madison area. Help an elderly home-bound gentleman remain in independent living by delivering groceries and other items.

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

Volunteer at the Oakwood Shabbats! – Help the residents of Oakwood Village welcome Shabbat one Friday per month from 4-5 p.m. - seat guests, pour wine and juice, and distribute challah, interact with the residents of Oakwood Village and their families. Bonus points if you like to sing Shabbat songs!

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!

Great Excitement with Lechayim's New Menu

Jewish Social Services is thrilled to announce that UW-Hillel's Adamah Neighborhood Table restaurant will serve delicious kosher meals for the Goodman Lechayim Lunchtime Plus program. This partnership between JSS and Hillel will allow seniors, who may be otherwise unable, to receive kosher meals at a Dane County Nutrition Site. Lechayim gives Madison-Area seniors the opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal in the company of friends. Attendees also enjoy yoga from a chair as well as engaging programming which includes interesting speakers and talented musicians.

Adamah, at 611 Langdon St., opened in 2014, and promotes good healthy and kosher cuisine to UW-Madison and the larger Madison area. Ingrid Reis-Glass, who manages the Lechayim program said, "We are really excited to be partnering with UW-Hillel and Adamah and working with Executive Chef Jason Kierce. Through this partnership, JSS and Adamah will fill a significant need for seniors in Madison."

Lechayim is held on most Mondays from September-May. Please call our office at (608) 278-1808 for more information or to make a Lechayim reservation.



Lively International Crowd at the High Noon Saloon for Immigration Sensation!

Photos by Dave Barger

On July 17, Jewish Social Services hosted a fundraiser to celebrate its work with the immigrant community in Dane County. Musical guests included Anna Gubenkova and singers from the Madison Russian School Choir, "Spring", Kikeh Mato Afro-Pop, and Edi Rey y su Salsera. The community response to this event was like nothing JSS had seen before. Ten different countries were represented among attendees and volunteers! Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers for their support in this successful endeavor.









For changes, updates or new information about any Jewish Social Services program, check our website at www.jss madison.org

Jewish Social Services

Lechayim Lights

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

September Lechayim Calendar

Join us for great food, congenial conversation and stimulating programs at Lechayim Lunchtime Plus at Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive. Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at 608-278-1808, 608-442-4083 direct or ingrid@jssmadison.org ***no later than 2:00 p.m. the preceding Thursday***. **A vegetarian or strictly kosher option is available with a reservation.** If you are over age 60, a minimum donation of $4.00 is suggested, but please only pay what is comfortable for you. The cost of the meal is $7.50 for those under age 60.

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

Lechayim is excited to welcome
UW Hillel Adamah Catering!

Monday, September 5, ***Labor Day – Lechayim does not meet***

Monday, September 12 – *Our first Lechayim of the season is generously sponsored by Paul Grossberg and Dean Ziemke in honor of their parents, Florence and Jules Grossberg's 70th Wedding Anniversary*

11:30-12:00	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00	Braised Balsamic Chicken (Vegetarian Option Sweet Pea Risotto), Herbed Rice, Garlic Green Beans, Seasonal Fruit, Mini Israeli Dessert
1:00-2:00	The Retro Swing Band

Monday, September 19

11:00-12:00	Complementary Blood Pressure Check with Nurse Lori Edelstein
11:30-12:00	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00	Baked Alaskan Cod, (Vegetarian Meal – Stuffed Sweet Potato w/ Chimichurri), Herbed Rice, Roasted Corn, Seasonal Fruit, Mini Israeli Dessert
1:00-2:00	Dr. Charlie Shoham – *Pain Management for Seniors*

Monday, September 26

111:30-12:00	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00-1:00	Vegetable Lasagna, Roasted Sweet Potato, Caesar Salad, Seasonal Fruit, Mini Israeli Dessert
1:00-2:00	Karen Sielaf – *My journey with Joyce and travels in Tanzania*

October dates: October 10, 31

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

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

ЛЕХАИМ ПРИВЕТСТВУЕТ ADAMAH КАТЕРИНГ!

Понедельник, 5 сентября, День Труда, Лехаим не состоится

Понедельник, 12 сентября, Первый Лехаим сезона
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Тушеный бальзамический цыпленок (вегетарианский вариант: ризотто с зеленым горошком), рис с пряными травами, зеленая фасоль с чесноком, сезонные фрукты, израильский мини-десерт
1:00-2:00 Retro группа "Качели"

Понедельник, 19 сентября
11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение кровяного давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Запеченная аляскинская треска, (вегетарианское меню: фаршированный сладкий картофель с чимичурри), рис с пряными травами, жареная кукуруза, сезонные фрукты, израильский мини десерт
1:00-2:00 Доктор Чарли Шохам – "Обезболивание"

Понедельник, 26 сентября
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Ризотто со свеклой, жареный сладкий картофель, салат "Цезарь", сезонные фрукты, израильский мини десерт
1:00-2:00 Karen Силаф – "Мое путешествие с Джойс и странствие по Танзании"

Даты октября: 10, 31

Transportation to Lechayim

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

Making Lechayim Reservations

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

• Call Jewish Social Services at 608-278-1808 or Ingrid 608-442-4083 (direct) or email office@jssmadison.org before **2:00 p.m. on the preceding business day**.

• Reservations cannot be taken on Fridays or over the weekend.

• If you didn't make a reservation but would like to come, **call Ingrid 608-442-4083 before 10:00 a.m. on Monday** to see if there have been cancellations.

• We regret that we are unable to guarantee a meal for last minute reservations or walk-ins.



Rosh Hashanah Teas

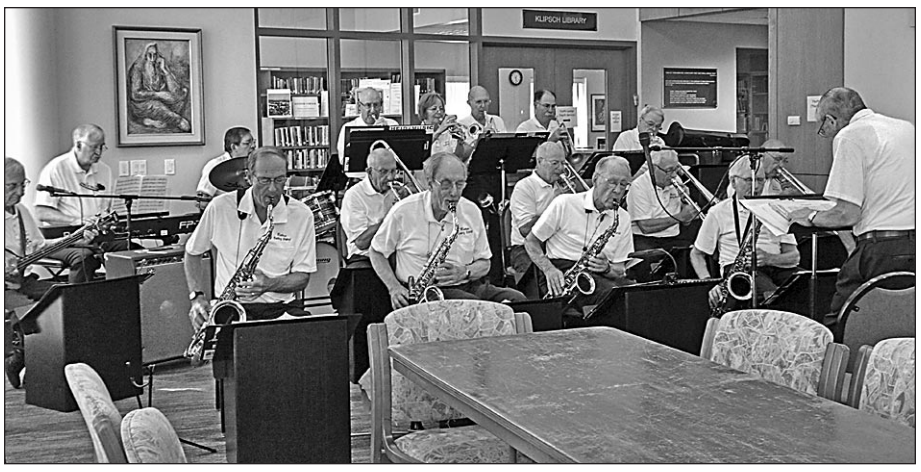
Residents at these locations, their friends and families are invited to welcome Rosh Hashanah 5777 with coffee, tea, honey cake and the blowing of the shofar.

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

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



About Our Programs

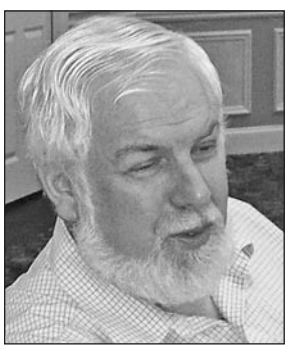


Retro Swing Band will entertain on Lechayim on Monday, September 12.

We are really excited about our first Lechayim of the season on **Monday, September 12** for so many great reasons! We get to see all of the friends we've missed dearly over the summer! We have a new partnership with UW Hillel Adamah who will cater Lechayim with delicious kosher food. We are delighted to welcome back Madison's local senior Retro Swing Band who will dazzle us with their talented jazz ensembles and classy sounds of the Big Band era and swing music. And, we are thrilled to be celebrating Florence and Jules Grossberg's 70th Wedding Anniversary. You definitely don't want to miss this Lechayim!

Organized in 1996, the Retro Swing Band is an eighteen piece ensemble and senior recreation band. Members are mostly retired music educators and experienced musicians. Under the direction of Professor Emeritus Frank Ferriano of UW Whitewater, the band features original arrangements much of which is composed or arranged by Professor Ferriano as well as nostalgic favorites by Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Woody Herman Tommy Dorsey and others. The music repertoire spans the 30's, 40's and 50's.

Monday, September 19 Dr. Charlie Shoham will speak with us about the very important topic of pain management.



Dr. Charlie Shoham

Dr. Charlie Shoham is a retired physician who specialized in Pysical Medicine and Rehabilitation. He received both bachelor and MO degrees from Boston University and trained with PM&R and University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN. He then practiced in Boston and subsequently in Milwaukee.

Dr. Shoham's talk is a compilation of knowledge and experience spanning 31 years of pain management practice with the last 9 years being devoted strictly to outpatient pain management. Unlike other conditions, there are many treatment options for pain management. Figuring out what works for different individuals is a challenge Dr. Shoham found intriguing and rewarding.

On **Monday, September 26** our wonderful Lechayim volunteer, Karen Sielaf will tell us about her journey with Joyce, a Tanzanian girl she sponsored, and her travels in Tanzania.

Karen came to Lechayim in the fall of 2014, shortly after retiring from a career in nursing at UW Hospital where she worked as a research nurse in the Carbone Cancer Center for over 20 years. Per Karen, "Lechayim had the best add for volunteers in the United Way book – promising visiting with seniors over lunch, enjoying good food, celebrating birthdays and all kinds of holidays, enjoying music and lively conversation. Indeed, that is what I've found." In addition to volunteering at Lechayim and JSS, Karen keeps busy volunteering for Olbrich Garden Conservatory and Habitat Restore West. She has two wonderful sons who live in Madison, one sweet daughter-in-law and four grand dogs who take her for a walk periodically. In 2009 Karen had an opportunity to travel to Tanzania where she met Joyce, the young girl who stole her heart. Karen looks forward to sharing the story of her travels and journey with Joyce at Lechayim.



Karen Sielaf

Need an "Oddjobber"?

Do you need an "oddjobber" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can be sent to take care of some of those little but important things around your house or apartment. To request an OddJobber, contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808, (608) 442-4083 (direct) or email ingrid@jssmadison.org.



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

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.
September 23, December 2

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.
September 16, October 21

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.
September 9, October 7

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

Lechayim photos?

Check 'em out on Facebook!

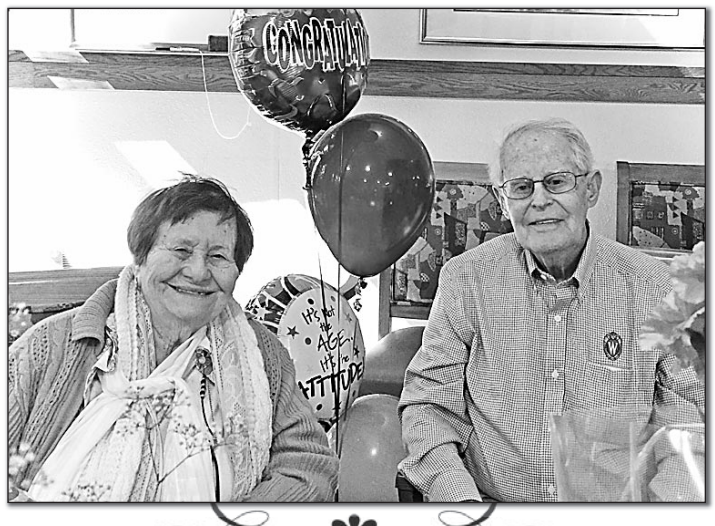
"like" us on facebook

Transitions

Happy September Birthday

Alice Loew
Allyn Bress
Beatrice Epstein
Florence Lederman
Hilde Adler
Harsha Kiester
Jerry Stotsky
Karen Sielaf
Lyudmila Konovalova
Mary Jane Gavin
Merilyn Kupferberg
Sam Jacobs

Congratulations and Best Wishes for a Very Happy 70th Wedding Anniversary
to Florence and Jules Grossberg on September 8th!
Mazel Tov on this enviable milestone!



This article is a view on the military history of the United States of America (part 2)

Генрих Бабич

Взгляд на военную политику Соединенных Штатов Америки

(окончание)

Следует особо остановиться на военном аспекте Гражданской войны в США 1861-65 годов. Эта война, пожалуй, была самым катастрофическим событием американской истории. Она расколола американское общество. На карту было поставлено само существование единого государства. У истоков войны лежали крупные экономические противоречия и конфликт свелся затем к проблеме рабовладения, но следует признать, что проблема целостности страны была первейшей. Воюющими сторонами Севера и Юга были созданы регулярные армии, возглавляемые генералами, которые быстро поднялись профессионально. При этом важно отметить, что с обеих сторон государственная власть оставалась в руках гражданских политиков. Хотя по окончании войны Президентом стал генерал Грант, это не изменило гражданский характер управления в стране. Считается, что на полях сражений погибли 620 тыс. человек, хотя некоторые историки называют цифры 750 и даже 850 тыс. Эти цифры превышают потери во всех последующих войнах, вместе взятых, которые вела Америка. Во Второй мировой войне американцы потеряли убитыми 400 тыс. человек.

По окончании Гражданской войны, несмотря на, как я уже сказал, ее эпохальный характер, вооруженные силы страны были за короткое время свернуты. Армия Южан была просто распущена, а Вооруженные формирования Севера сведены к минимуму. На территории побежденного Юга в период Реконструкции, который длился двадцать лет, остались лишь ограниченные части, игравшие роль “сторожа” для предотвращения конфликтов, которые могли возникнуть в результате отмены рабовладельческой системы. Здесь напрашивается сопоставление с Гражданской войной в России в 1918-20 годы. По ее окончании Советский Союз бурно развивался как военизированное государство, в котором армия с годами играла все более важную государственную роль. Развитие мощной армии потребовало создания соответствующей военной промышленности. Огромная численность армии поддерживалась на основе концепции капиталистического окружения и, в особенности на первых порах, необходимостью оказания помощи “мировой пролетарской революции”. Такое сопоставление исторически очень важно, так как в нем отражаются два разных подхода в военной политике при построении государства.

Для полноты изложения следует упомянуть о двух локальных войнах – Американо-Испанской войне 1898 года и Филиппино-Американской войне 1899-1902 годов – и об участии США в Первой мировой войне. Локальные войны не привели к последующему изменению роли военных в гражданском управлении страной. Что касается участия в Первой мировой войне, то США ограничились высадкой в Европе экспедиционного корпуса, который после подписания мира с Германией вернулся домой.

Со времен провозглашения независимости в 1776 году Соединенные Штаты были вовлечены в семь войн. Тем не менее, все эти события лишь отрывочно влияли на внутреннюю деловую активность американского народа. Можно с уверенностью утверждать, что насилие, как средство существования и разрешения проблем в американской жизни и культуре, имело второстепенное значение. Хотя в истории страны было немало насилия как такового, следует квалифицировать, что бОльшая его часть осуществлялась не вооруженными силами, а, если можно так выразиться, “непосредственно людьми”. Военные силы в стране были децентрализованы до уровня милиции штатов. Этот простой факт имеет большое значение, так как знаменует доминирующее значение власти гражданских политиков. Важно также право каждого американца владеть оружием, установленное Конституцией с начала существования государства. Это лежит в глубине социальной психологии – если человек имеет право носить оружие, то зачем ему делиться этим правом с другими, даже государственными, организациями. По этой же причине обществу чуждо обучение военному делу. Оно не склонно отдать монополию насилия в руки профессионального солдата, военного эстеблишмента или федерального правительства. Оставим в стороне случаи злоупотребления этим правом.

В результате такого исторического развития непосредственно перед началом Второй мировой войны у Соединенных Штатов практически не было регулярной армии. В июне 1939 года, за три месяца до того как Англия объявила войну Германии, в США под ружьем было 180 тыс. человек. По своей военной мощи американская армия занимала 19 место в мире, меньшее, чем Португалия! Как известно, США затем быстро создали регулярную армию, которая принимала важное участие в военных действиях Второй мировой войны. Рассмотрение этой истории увело бы нас от намеченной последовательности изложения.

Описанный исторический процесс был круто нарушен в середине XX века за короткий промежуток времени. После Второй мировой войны человечество перешло в эпоху ядерного оружия. Соединенные Штаты заняли ведущее место в мировой, в том числе, военной политике. Изменилось положение в американской правящей элите, состоявшее в том, что в руководстве страной главенствовали гражданские политики, а генералитет находился по отношению к ним в подчиненном положении. Теперь впервые американская элита, и соответственно большая часть народа страны, начали осознавать, что значит жить непосредственно рядом с агрессивным соседом. Этот сосед находится в другом полушарии и отделен от США двумя океанами, но от него в любую минуту мог разразиться опустошающий ядерный удар. Важно при этом стало то, что агрессия американского “соседа” могла стоить жизни десяткам миллионов людей с соответствующим разрушением огромной территории страны.

В таких условиях американская элита начала смотреть на международную политику сквозь призму военных оценок. В результате, в высших эшелонах власти страны дипломатия была заменена подсчетами военного потенциала и оценками серьезности военных угроз. Фактически впервые в американской истории люди, облеченные властью, заговорили о чрезвычайной ситуации, не имея возможности оценить предполагаемый срок ее окончания. Если раньше в США люди смотрели на историю как на мирное течение жизни, время от времени прерываемое войной, то теперь состояние мира в их сознании было заменено оценками соотношений опасности взаимных угроз. Единственное понимание мира базировалось на образе пистолета, который должен быть всегда заряжен. Все это означало, что война и высокая степень военной готовности стали нормальным состоянием Соединенных Штатов Америки. Важнее всего стало то, что впервые в американской истории страна столкнулась с возможностью войны такого характера, в которой ни одна враждующая сторона не могла одержать победу. Более того, невозможно сказать что означает победа и никто не может указать путь к ее достижению. После первого ядерного удара потерпевшей стороне остается только нанесение равноценного ответа, что содержит в себе слабое утешение.

При такой военной оценке реальности не вызывает удивления проникновение генералов и адмиралов в высшие эшелоны американской элиты. Более того, такое проникновение представляется весьма естественным. Со времен Пирл Харбора те, кто владеет американскими средствами военного насилия, получили существенную автономию и влияние на принимаемые политические и экономические решения. От них зависит также положение дел в области науки и образования. Важно при этом и то, что военные могут не только способствовать принятию определенных решений, но и блокировать другие действия государственной власти. Это происходит в результате замещения военными силами определенных функций гражданской власти. Наполовину в шутку можно сказать, что если раньше военные были двоюродными братьями гражданских руководителей, то теперь переместились в положение их старших братьев.

Формой и символом восхождения генералитета в верховную власть страны является Пентагон – военное ведомство. Этот орган расположен в самом большом в мире административном здании, построенном в 1943 году, длина только коридоров которого простирается на 26 километров. В нем содержится организованный мозг американской военной системы. Штат Пентагона составляет около тридцати тысяч человек, бОльшая часть которого – генералы и адмиралы. Здесь расположен Объединенный Генеральный Штаб, который координирует действия сухопутных, морских и воздушных подразделений, дислоцированных по всему миру. В порядке иллюстрации скажу, что четыре человека в здании заняты только тем, что синхронизируют работу 4 тыс. часов, которые показывают время в основных пунктах мира, расположенных во всех временных поясах (без этого невозможно было бы оперативное управление такой всеобъемлющей военной системой). Во время террористической атаки 11 сентября 2001 года один из угнанных самолетов рухнул на Пентагон, унеся жизни 125 сотрудников.

Позволю сделать сугубо личное **заключительное суждение**. Человеческое общество не изжило (и врядли скоро изживет) физическое насилие в своей жизни. Это положение относится к каждому микрорайону, населенному пункту, малому и большому городу. Поэтому люди нуждаются в защите от насилия. Когда человек идет по освещенной улице или в темном переулке, он хочет быть уверенным, что в случае опасности ему на помощь придет вездесущий полицейский. Аналогично этому, цивилизация нуждается в защите от насилия, в чем-то вроде международного полицейского. Для этого в мире должна быть создана сила, выполняющая функции такого полицейского. Подобная система существует. Это – Организация Объединенных Наций и разветвленная совокупность международных договоров, что составляет так называемое международное право. Но эта система в военном отношении слаба и нуждается в силе, которая стояла бы на страже при защите государств и человечества в целом от насилия. Представляется, что военная система Соединенных Штатов Америки могла бы лежать в основе построения такой силы, созданной в результате широкого международного соглашения при строгом контроле ее действий со стороны договорившихся государств.

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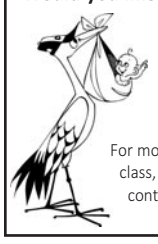
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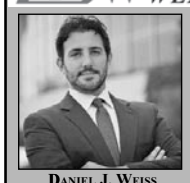
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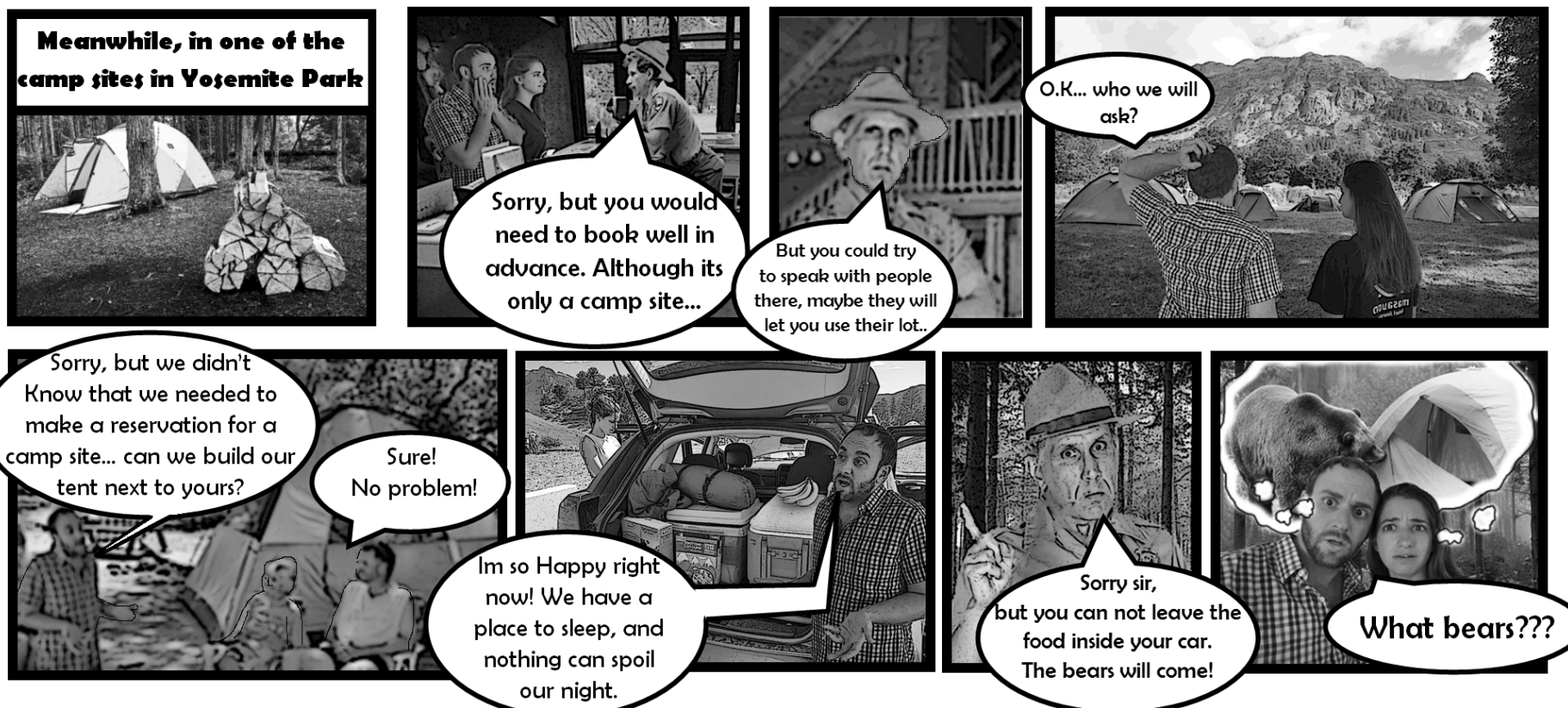

From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By Daniel Gill and Shirly Gill

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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 Yemenis (Hebrew: Temanim).

September is the beginning of our second year of Shlichut in Madison and the second year that we write monthly articles for the Madison Jewish News. This year, instead of bringing Israel to you through our eyes, we will present the stories of Israel through the eyes of the Jewish community that live there: Yemenis, Moroccans, Ethiopians, Americans, Greeks and others. The fact that such a small place has a mix of so many Jewish cultures is what makes Israel so special and interesting. One of the first questions Israelis ask when they are getting to know someone new is: what is your "Edah" (community origin, ethnic group)? We hope that these stories, each about a specific ethnic or cultural community, will help you understand better the big story of Israel and the Jewish people there. This month we feature Yemenis. Why Yemenis? Because Shirly has a penchant for Yemenites. So much so that she wanted to marry a Yemeni. She thinks they are easy going, tan, studs with a good sense of humor, handymen with a clear voice and always skinny. For those who know Daniel, you can see the similarities ☺

Yemenite Jewry is an ancient Jewish community. They are not seen as Ashkenazim (Jewish people with origins in Eastern Europe) or Sefardim (Jewish people with origins in North Africa, the Balkans, Persia and the Middle East). According to tradition, the Jews of Yemen are descendants of the tribe of Judah and Levi, and they count the years of exile in Yemen from the destruction of the first Temple (586 BCE). Occasionally Yemeni Jews suffered hard times and decrees of annihilation. But their commitment to Judaism persevered and there are strong communities of traditional religious Yemenite Jews in Israel to this day.

A large group of Yemenite Jews immigrated to Israel in 1881-1882. This Aliya was named "E'ele Ba'Tamar". Yemenite Jews had an important part in building the country. Until 1914, there were 5,000 members of Yemen in Israel, about 8% of the Jews of Yemen. In relation to the rest of the exiles, the Jews of Yemen immigrated at the fastest pace in Israel.

In 1948, before the establishment of the state, there were already 35,000 Yemenite Jews- about 40% of all members of the community (among ethnic groups in Israel, this is the highest percentage) .

After the establishment of the state of Israel, anti-Jewish riots broke out in Yemen. The Israeli government began "Operation Magic Carpet", which brought to Israel about 50,000 Jews from Yemen. Another operation took place between the years 1952 and 1954, which relocated thousands more Yemenites to Israel .

Between 1992 and 1993, due to religious persecution in their country, over 1,000 Jewish people left Yemen for the United States and Israel. In 2010, there were about 150- 180 Jewish people left in Yemen. On the night of March 21, 2016 in a covert operation, 17 Yemenite Jews were brought to Israel . Due to this most recent rescue, the Jewish community in Yemen ceases to exist and there are now approximately 140,000 living with religious freedom in Israel .

The Yemenite community in Israel is distinguished by many characteristics: First of all, the accentuation of the letters ח' and ע' in their speech. Typical of the first and second generation to arrive in Israel. Yemenis are also known for longevity in life (more than any other population in Israel) and their unique bridal outfit. One of their traditions that is different from others is that they talk after washing their hands (n'tillat yadayim), which other religious Jews don't typically do. Traditional Yemenite foods have become a part of Israeli culture: Malawach, Kubaneh, Lachuch, Jachnun

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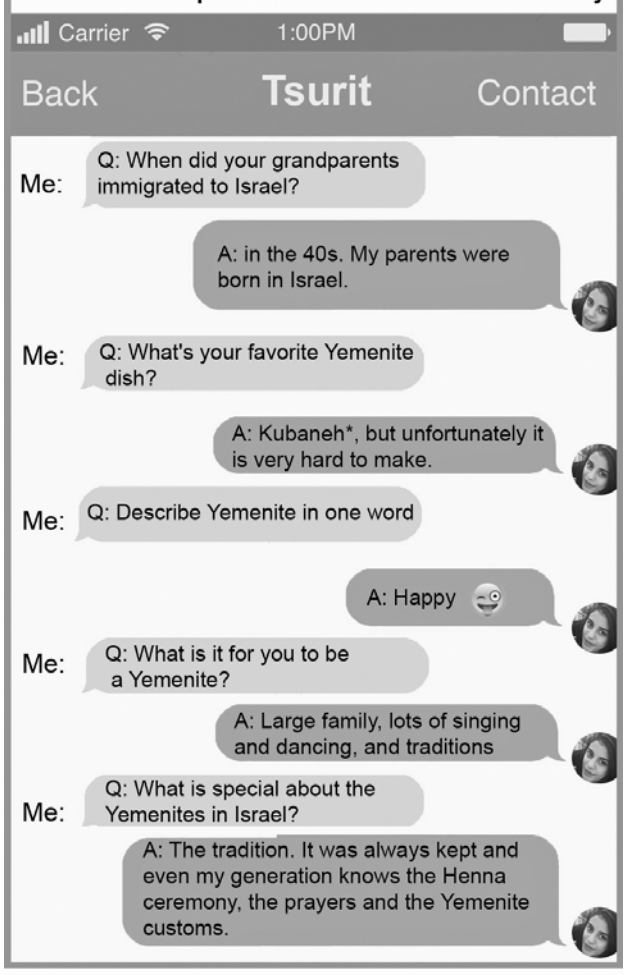
1 minute with a Yemenite in Madison
Tsurit Grisham:
Tsurit, 27, is an Israeli Yemenite who live in Madison. We asked her 5 questions about her Yemenite identity:

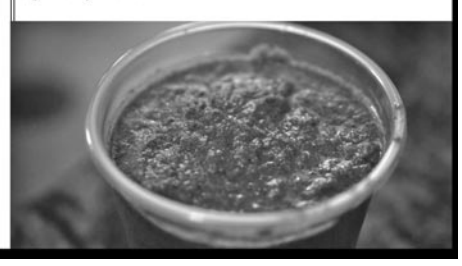


*A breakfast bread typically eaten on Shabbat

Yemenite Zhug
Ingredients:

- 10-14 fresh green chilies / jalapenos, seeded if you like, coarsely chopped
- 1 tsp. sea salt
- 6-8 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
- 1 tsp. caraway seeds, freshly ground
- 1 tsp. cumin seeds, freshly ground
- 1/2 tsp. green cardamom, freshly ground
- 1 cup cilantro, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup packed parsley leaves (check for infestation)
- 1 tsp. black pepper, freshly ground (check for webbing)
- 2-4 tsp. fresh lemon juice

Directions:
1. Place the chilies, salt, garlic, caraway, cumin, cardamom, cilantro, parsley, pepper, and lemon juice in the bowl of a food processor or in a blender and pulse several times, until you get a smooth paste.
2. You will have to scrape down all the bits and pieces that stick to the sides of the bowl.
3. Pack in a jar and store in the refrigerator.
4. Zhug will keep for 1 to 2 weeks.
5. You can also freeze it, but it will lose some of its garlicky flavor.



Connecting with Israel



Operation Magic Carpet, November 1949. Yemen family on its way to the JDC transit camp near Aden.

Potpourri

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– all made from dough and oil - and the very spicy Hilbe and Zhug. However, perhaps the most unique characteristic of Yemenis is the khat (in Hebrew: Gat) which is considered an illegal drug in many countries. Chewing Gat is considered a social act and drinking Gat is said to help with uncharted healing and energy properties and strengthening the male potency. If you visit Israel, you will find cheap Gat juice in Mahane Yehuda market (Jerusalem) and the Carmel Market (Tel Aviv).

Yemenis have always played a major part in Israeli culture, especially when it comes to music. Yemenis are famous for their beautiful voices. Many of Israel's most famous singers are Yemenite; Eyal Golan, Margalit Tzan'ani, Dana International, Zohar Argov (widely known in Israel as "The king of Mizrahi music") and the new breakout star with the big 2016 summer hits Ben-El Tavori. Also, only Israeli Yemenis have won Eurovision, which shows how central they have been to Israeli music.

If you want to see the Israeli-Yemenite culture for yourself, join the Madison World Music festival this month! In cooperation with the Wisconsin Union and UW Hillel, A-wa - the most interesting Yemeni band in Israel today – will perform twice. Come to see these very colorful three sisters on Saturday, September 17, on Willy St. At 4:45 p.m. and at the Terrace at 9:30 p.m.

We hope this article has helped you learn about Yemenite culture, the interview below is with Tsurit Grisham, a Yemenite Jewish woman who is currently living in Madison. We hope this interview will help you to get a more personal perspective of Yemenite Jews.



The colorful A-wa band. The sisters will perform in the Madison World Music Festival on Saturday, September 17.



Adam Levy

My Israel Experience

By Adam Levy

Editor's note: Adam received a stipend from the Jewish Federation of Madison to participate in an organized high school trip to Israel.

As I arrived in the Boston airport and waitied for the rest of the Mitzvah Corps group, a three week social action trip to Israel for high schoolers, I felt excitement over the opportunity to meet new friends and nervousness over the fact that I knew only one person, a fellow NFTY-Northern participant, out of the twenty that would be going. Meeting each other for the first time was an exciting experience. Everyone was very interested in meeting each other because most of us came knowing no one else. We bonded on the 14 hour plane ride.

On the trip, we participated in several engaging programs. One day during the heat of July, we exited a bus onto a large, rectangular farm that contrasted with the sandy Negev desert landscape. We crouched down and began searching for big, dark eggplants to pick from the green bushes. Filling up our buckets, we carried them over to giant crates that could hold several hundred eggplants by the looks of them. By the end of the day, we'd picked several thousand eggplants and filled up five crates. The owners of the farm expressed their gratitude towards us, and told us that our work would give four hundred hungry families food to eat. As extra bragging rights, we were told we picked three more crates worth of eggplant than the Birthright group had!

While I was in Beersheva, I had one of the most meaningful experiences of the trip. We visited an Israeli-Arab elementary school called Hagar, dedicated to educating both Israelis and Arabs together to promote coexistence. I remember one powerful quote: "Ignorance breeds fear. Fear breeds hate. Hate breeds violence." By educating both Israelis and Arabs together, they promote understanding between the two sides. With mutual understanding, their fear is diminished, and is replaced with hope and love. With these positive emotions in the place of their negative counterparts, hatred is no longer present. And by eliminating hatred, they can put a clear end to the violence that traumatizes the region. While the school only admits a few people, they are attempting to expand beyond elementary school to high school despite difficulties negotiating with the municipalities, in order to ensure that positive emotions are maintained between the two cultures.

The very last day of the trip we all sat in a circle in the main lobby of a Kibbutz in Jerusalem. We shared what we felt was most meaningful about the trip; tossing a ball of blue yarn across the circle to signify whose turn it was to speak. By the time the last person shared their story, the yarn had formed a large net weaving together like a dreamcatcher. Jordy, the program leader, told us all to pass around scissors and cut the yarn, taking a piece of the string to tie around our wrists. As we finished making our blue bracelets, she said that even though the distance between each of us is great, as we are all from different parts of America and even Canada, the bracelet connects us all, symbolizing our shared three week experience in Mitzvah Corps.

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