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Thank You For Giving to the 2015 Tzedakah Campaign

As we close the book on the 75th Annual Tzedakah Campaign, we want to thank everyone that helped to contribute to its success. We appreciate each and every gift from our donors, whether they are listed in this issue or choose to be anonymous. Each dollar pledged speaks to the spirit of this community and its dedication to supporting the people and programs that have come to depend on Federation dollars over the last 75 years.

Together we raised $999,468.93 from 770 donations. The number of gifts to the campaign between 2014 and 2015 increased by 76 pledges, and, of the 770 donations, 84 of them were first time gifts to the Federation. It is very exciting to see so many members of the Madison Jewish community come together to raise funds for all of the programs and agencies that the Federation supports.

Marc Shovers and Alicia Schiff expertly led the 2015 campaign. In addition, members of the Financial Resource and Development Committee; Shanee Ellison, Lee Lazar, Jeff Levy, Beth Schreiber, Jeremy Tunis, Orly Vardeny Ni and Dan Weiss, provided endless help and enthusiasm for the campaign.

Federation leadership and committees have already begun the important responsibility of determining how to allocate these funds within our local community, and to those in need worldwide. We hope that each of you has the opportunity to take part in one of our local programs and encourage you to learn more about what we do around the world.

We express our sincere appreciation to the community members who contributed to the 2015 Tzedakah Campaign. The *Madison Jewish News* will continue to keep you updated throughout the year about the needs being met through your generosity.



Mark Your Calendar for the Jewish Business and Professionals' Roundtable

Perspectives on the Local, State and National Healthcare Scene from Jon Rozenfeld, President of St. Mary's Hospital


Jon Rozenfeld

Guest Speaker: Jon Rozenfeld, President of St. Mary's Hospital

Date: Tuesday, February 23

Time: 12pm-1:30pm – Lunch will be served followed by a discussion with Mr. Rozenfeld

Place: Nakoma Country Club

Register: www.JewishMadison.org or by emailing lkaplan@jewishmadison.org

The Jewish Business and Professionals' Roundtable will hold its first event of 2016 on February 23, from 12 pm – 1:30 pm, at Nakoma Country Club. Our featured speaker will be Jon Rozenfeld, President of St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. Rozenfeld returned to Madison in May 2015, to lead St. Mary's Hospital, SSM Health Care. Most recently, he was chief operating officer for Alexian Brothers Health System, located in the Chicago metropolitan area. Prior to that, Jon was the Vice President/Chief Operating Officer at St. Mary's from 2006 to 2012. He replaced the retired Dr. Frank Byrne.

Rozenfeld received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master of Business Administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. Jon has over 25 years of experience of executive leadership in healthcare administration.

Lunch will be served at 12pm followed by a discussion with Mr. Rozenfeld facilitated by Ron Luskin. The cost of the event is $25. You may register by going online to www.JewishMadison.org or by emailing Lynn at LKaplan@jewishmadison.org.

Break up your work week by meeting up with fellow professionals for lunch and lively conversation about all things Madison.

Interested in sponsoring this event or other Roundtable events in the future? Contact Lynn at lkaplan@jewishmadison.org

Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on Monday, March 7

Dreaming of sunny days filled with swimming, laughter, friends, music, art, sports and more? Camp Shalom is for children entering kindergarten through ninth grade. Registration will begin on Monday, March 7, 2016. It does NOT matter what time of day you register. Registration policies will be available online. We will accept registrations based on a first come first served basis according to the date people register, starting with March 7th.

Please visit www.JewishMadison.org and follow the directions for online registration. If you have questions before registration begins, please contact campshalom@jewishmadison.org.

If you will not be able to register online, please contact the Jewish Federation of Madison IN ADVANCE to request the registration materials.

Please email, call, fax or write to:

Camp Shalom, 6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719-1117
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At the platinum and gold levels, your business will receive larger logo displays on the website homepage and larger newspaper recognition announcements.

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

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Camp Corner



Summer, Friendship, Laughter, Fun… Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on Monday, March 7

Register for Camp Shalom ONLINE on Monday, March 7th! It does NOT matter what time of day you register. Registration policies will be available online. We will accept registrations based on a first come first served basis according to the date people register, starting with March 7th. Scholarship application deadline will be Friday, March 18th, you must be registered for camp before applying for a scholarship!

Camp Shalom 2016 Dates
- Session I: Monday, June 20-July 8, no camp on July 4
- Session II: Tuesday, July 11- July 29
- Session III: Tuesday, August 2-12 (Camp Shalom only)



Camp Shalom is Hiring!

Rewarding and fun…come work at Camp Shalom or Camp Shalom Noar-Bogrim! Applications for summer 2016 will be available online on January 15th.

We are looking for enthusiastic, caring, responsible, creative leaders with innovative ideas and a love for being outdoors!

Positions available include:

Counselors in Training - This is a volunteer position for those going into 10th grade. Fulfill your volunteer requirements in one summer while learning a lot and working with awesome mentors!

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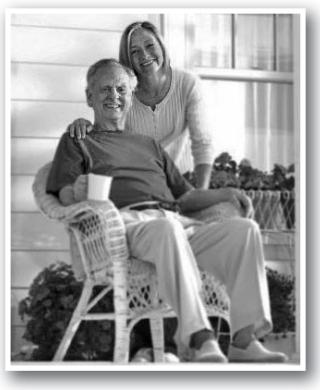

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Kesher Israel Film Series Presents 'Salt of This Sea'

The Kesher Israel film series will recommence on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, with the movie, 'Salt of This Sea.'

The film deals with a young woman, raised in Brooklyn by grandparents who had been exiled from Jaffa 60 years previously. The young woman, Soraya, decides to leave home for her homeland of Palestine. She lands in Israel and begins a journey which unfolds the many levels of frustration she must deal with, not the least of which is her grandfather's frozen bank account.

The first feature film from Palestine by a female director (Annamarie Jacir); it is an intimate, urgent and rousing piece of political filmmaking.

While unrated, due to extreme political bias and some sexual content, the Kesher Israel Committee recommends 'Salt of This Sea' for adult audiences only.



Save the Date for our Upcoming Films:

Salt of This Sea .....Wednesday, February 17
Dancing in Jaffa.....Wednesday, March 16
Broken Wings .....Wednesday, April 13
James' Journey.....Wednesday, May 18



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Upcoming Jewish Federation of Madison EVENTS

Yad B'Yad (Hand in Hand) Playgroup

Wednesday, February 10

Jewish Community Playgroup for Caregivers and Children ages 0-2. Join us twice a month on Wednesdays for this free traveling playgroup. Hand in Hand caregivers will explore and discuss a new topic with a Jewish twist each month.

Our Yad bookclub begins, this month the topic will be Parenting and Jewish Spirituality. This will be on Wednesday, February 10.

There is always plenty of time for schmoozing and for the kids to play. Kosher snacks will be provided by the Jewish Federation of Madison.

To RSVP or host one of the upcoming dates, contact Tiz Goff at outreach@jewishmadison.org

Kindness Wins



Sunday, February 21, 10 a.m.
Mystery to Me
1863 Monroe Street, Madison

Kindness Wins, an online safety workshop for parents, with Galit Breen, author of the book "Kindness Wins."

Project Tzeva

Sunday, March 2, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This Session's Theme: Masks

Project Tzeva's goal is to bring color, simcha, and connection into the community by meeting once per quarter here in Madison and simultaneously in our partner region in Israel, Sovev Kinneret. We share a theme and art project with the Israelis and each group takes pictures of the art made and posts it to the Project Tzeva Facebook page.

Cost: $10 each / $36 for all four sessions

Schmooze & Tunes Winter 2016 Program



Fridays through March 11, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Max Weinstein Jewish Community Building
6434 Enterprise Lane, Madison

Schmooze…

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

Tunes…

The Hilde L. Mosse Gan HaYeled Preschool has created a special program with Liron Weiss, who has a background in early childhood education.

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

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

Hamantashen Baking Workshop



Sunday, March 13
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison

Join us for an afternoon of baking, filling, folding, and fun at our annual Hamantashen Baking Workshop!

Come for the whole time or just drop by. There will be a dough-making tutorial at 3:00 pm and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking and packaging. Learn to bake Hamantashen. Help fill them, fold them, and bake them to be sold at the community Purim carnival on Sunday, March 20th at Beth Israel Center. No experience necessary, fun for all ages!

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

Community Purim Carnival



Sunday, March 20
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Temple Beth El
2707 Arbor Drive, Madison

Purim Around The World

Hop on board and join us for a carnival unlike any other. Travel the world with the Madison Jewish Community on Sunday, March 20, at Temple Beth El.

- 9:30 am - Doors Open
- 9:45 am - Purim Sing-Along Shpiel
- 10:00 am - Carnival Booths Open

Admission = $7 for kids 3-12 years old; 2 and under is free. Max. $25/ family.

Snacks and Hamantashen will be available to purchase.

See the back page ad for more information. **Volunteers will be needed!**

Kosher Soul with Michael Twitty

Wednesday, April 13. 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Join Family Education and Midrasha for this incredible historical/culinary opportunity!

Michael W. Twitty is a recognized culinary historian, community scholar, and living history interpreter focusing on historic African American food and folk culture as well as a seasoned Jewish educator of over a decade with a specific interest in Jewish folk culture and its links to food.

He is webmaster of www.afroculinaria.com, the first website/blog devoted to the preservation of historic African American foods and foodways as well as a record of his own journey as an African American Jew in creating his own culinary traditions.

Michael Twitty has conducted classes and workshops, written curricula and educational programs, and has given lectures and performed cooking demonstrations for over 200 organizations. He is currently working on a book based on his Cooking Gene project exploring the link between culinary history, family history and genetics.

More details coming!



Ivrit B'Kef (Hebrew Fun) After-School Program

18 exciting sessions for Kindergarten-2nd Graders led by our Community Shaliach, Daniel Gill
Tuesdays through May 24, 3:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison

Kindergarten – 2nd graders are invited to join Daniel Gill, our Community Shliach, on a fun adventure through the Hebrew language. Daniel will lead the students in 18 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.

Dates: Tuesdays through May 24th (no class on March 22nd)
Time: 3:45 pm - 5:30 pm
Location: Beth Israel Center, 1406 Mound Street, Madison, WI
Cost: $320 for your first student / $300 for each additional child
(cost includes a $20 non-refundable processing fee per student)

Register online or for more information contact Ellen Weismer, Program Director at (608) 278-1808 or program@jewishmadison.org



Showing Badger Pride in Israel.

Experiential Learning: Hillel, iEngage, and The Shalom Hartman Institute

By Lisa Geller

In late December, 86 students from seven colleges and universities throughout the United States were given the opportunity to learn about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem through a program called iEngage. The Hartman Institute describes itself as "a pluralistic center of research and education deepening and elevating the quality of Jewish life in Israel and around the world." The yearlong program provided students the opportunity to delve deep into various texts, and to discuss the conflict with scholars both in Israel and in the United States.

The 12 participants from UW-Madison met with Rabbi Andrea Steinberger, UW Hillel's rabbi, three times throughout the fall semester to talk about various topics related to the conflict. The first meeting concerned the subject of Peoplehood. We asked each other and ourselves, "What connects our community of Jewish people to one another?" For the second meeting, we welcomed Judah Bernstein, a Hartman scholar. Bernstein engaged the group in a conversation about Power and Powerlessness, and posed questions such as "When do we perceive ourselves as powerless? When do we perceive ourselves as powerful? What are our rights and responsibilities as a sovereign nation?" For the third and final meeting of the semester, the group talked about the idea of a Jewish and a Democratic State, and how, if at all, the two can exist together.

The iEngage participants' week in Israel was invaluable. Some of the notable speakers they learned from included Elana Stein Hain, Director of Leadership Education for the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America; Donniel Hartman, President of Shalom Hartman; Yossi Klein Halevi, author, journalist, senior fellow at Hartman and co-director of the Muslim Leadership Initiative; Yehuda Kurtzer, President of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America; Mohammad Darawshe, co-executive director of the Givat Haviva Institute and the Abraham Fund; Tal Becker, senior fellow at Hartman, a leading member of the iEngage Project, a legal advisor for the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a senior member of the team for Israeli peace negotiations; and Ruth Calderon, a member of Knesset for Yesh Atid from 2013 to 2015. Hartman clearly arranged an impressive lineup!

In addition to the wonderful speakers, the students took a few *tiyulim* (field trips) around Jerusalem. The first *tiyul* was a walking tour of Katamon, a former Arab neighborhood. The second *tiyul* was a trip around the eastern and western borders of Jerusalem, The third *tiyul* was a trip to the Israel Museum to learn about Zionism through art.

This semester, the 12 University of Wisconsin iEngage participants will be reunited as a group to discuss what they learned in Jerusalem, and to discuss how they, as North American Jews, can make a difference when it comes to the conflict. Kara Kurland, a recent UW graduate, who majored in sociology and legal studies, has already begun to think about what this means to her. She said, "The iEngage program helped me better understand my personal relationship with Israel, and my role and obligation as a North American Jew in the conflict, by helping me understand and see multiple perspectives of the conflict. The program has also taught me ways to use those perspectives to have more informed and empathetic conversations to help support Israel in the most effective way possible." Aaron Stern, a junior from Minneapolis who is majoring in political science said, "Being in Jerusalem, discussing the issues surrounding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, is very beneficial because being there gives you a better feeling of just how complicated these issues are to solve. It was great to have speakers and participants with a broad spectrum of opinions so I could learn from different angles of approaching the conflict. Discussing the conflict through the lens of Jewish core values was a new way of approaching the issues, and I enjoyed that."

Ask any of the 12 UW-Madison students and they will all have something insightful and thought provoking to say about their experiences so far. The group is looking forward to another semester of powerful conversations back in Madison.

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The Mayrent Institute For Yiddish Culture Celebrates A Century of Yiddish at UW-Madison

In 1916, Hebrew scholar and UW Madison Professor Lewis Bernard Wolfenson, gathered together seven students in the Department of Semitics and Hellenistic Greek to study the Yiddish language. This pioneering class was the first Yiddish language course offered at an American university, predating Columbia University's Yiddish courses by thirty-six years. The Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture is proud to be part of UW's legacy as an innovative leader for Yiddish scholarship and instruction. Join us this spring for concerts, lectures, public programs, and exciting new projects that celebrate this important centenary.

We begin with *Der Shmues*, a new, lively and informal Yiddish conversation group whose first meeting will be on **Monday, March 7th, at 7:00pm at the University Club (803 State Street on the UW Campus)**. Whether you are a native speaker, spoke it as a child or are interested in learning Yiddish, please plan on joining us. The *shmues* will be co-hosted by Max Kade Institute director Mark Louden and Mayrent Institute director Henry Sapoznik.

On **April 14-15**, the Mayrent Institute will host its second World Records symposium: a gathering of scholars, collectors, and fans of historic sound recordings. Those interested in Jewish music will want to attend several of the daytime panels, including one by the renowned klezmer fiddler Cookie Segelstein, and accordionist Josh Horowitz. Segelstein and Horowitz will discuss their new, groundbreaking recording, *Poyln, A Gilgul*, an exploration of Yiddish-Polish rural dance music. A free concert on the evening of April 14, will showcase several presenters performing Yiddish, Italian, and American folk music. Daytime papers will be given in the Memorial Library, and the concert will take place at the University Club.

The Mayrent Institute is proud to be part of the upcoming event *Performing the Jewish Archive*, running from May 2-5 on the UW Madison campus. Of special note will be a lunchtime lecture given by director Henry Sapoznik, about the recent discovery of the long lost 1901 Yiddish sound recordings produced by the Chicago-based Lambert label on **Monday, May 2, at 12:00pm at the University Club**. Sapoznik will play examples of these first recordings of Jewish music and explain their importance to understanding the rise of Yiddish popular culture. For more information about the entire Performing the Jewish Archives event, visit http://www.music.wisc.edu/performing-the-jewish-archive/ and check for updates about the May schedule.

All events scheduled by the Mayrent Institute for Yiddish Culture are free and open to the public. For more information and details please visit http://mayrentinstitute.wisc.edu/events or contact info_mayrentinstitute@wisc.edu.

Simchas & Condolences

Mazel Tov on the birth of:

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Dodgeball Wrapped Up!



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

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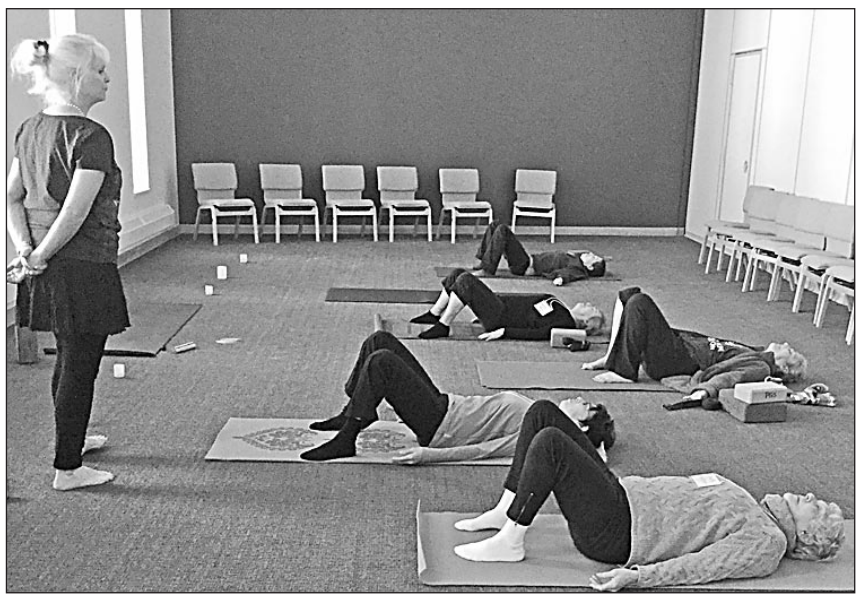

Patricia Green-Sotos teaching yoga.

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We encourage members of the Jewish Community to join Temple Beth El, and we welcome prospective members to participate in programs and activities. Please contact David Hoffert, Executive Director, at 608-238-3123 or email: executive@tbemadison.org for membership information.

Shabbat Starts Here! Weekly Welcoming of Shabbat

Every Friday!
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5:45 pm Family Fridays Shabbat service w/songs & stories
6:15 pm Informal family-friendly buffet dinner provided* or bring your own
7:15 pm Shabbat greeting and gathering before the evening service
7:30 pm Shabbat evening service approx. 8:45 pm Oneg Shabbat following the service

*Pay what you can, suggested donation $5/person

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Learn more at www.templebethel-madison.org

Tots and Tunes

2016 Sundays - Feb. 7, Feb. 28, Mar. 13 & Apr. 3
9:30 am-10:30 am in the Adult Lounge

Fun for all children, newborns to 5 year olds!!!

There will be singing, crafts, challah & juice. Come hang out with our lay leaders as they teach the tots about Shabbat and Jewish holidays through songs and crafts!

Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecture & Brunch

Tammy Baldwin, United States Senator from Wisconsin
Sunday, February 14, 2016
9:30 am Brunch, Talk to follow

The Liesl M. Blockstein Memorial Lecturer will be Tammy Baldwin, United States Senator from Wisconsin. The lecture is a joint program of Jewish Social Services and Temple Beth El, and the brunch and lecture will take place at Temple Beth El at 2702 Arbor Drive, Madison. The Liesl M. Blockstein Fund was established by her family after her untimely death in 1986. While there is no charge for the brunch, we ask that if you plan on attending to RSVP to office@tbemadison.org.

Shabbat Dinner Get Together

Friday, February 5, 5:30 pm
Sa-Bai Thong, 6802 Odana Road Madison, WI

You're invited to our first Shabbat Dinner Get-Together of 2016. Join with friends, for dinner, prior to services on Friday night, February 5, or go to meet some new folks. It's some of the best Thai food in town. Those interested will have plenty of time to eat, schmooze and get to Temple by the time Shabbat Evening Services begin at 7:30pm. Please let office@tbemadison. org or 608.238.3123 know if you think you will be coming.

Walk-ins welcome. Each person pays for his or her own meal.

Bowling Havdalah

Saturday, February 6
6:00 pm Pizza
6:30 pm Bowling
Ten Pin Alley, Nesbitt Rd, Fitchburg

Register online or to engage@tbemadison.org

Come in from the cold, and enjoy some warm friendships, pizza and Havdalah in our own room at Ten Pin Alley. Then we'll take to the lanes for some bowling. $15 per person for food, bowling shoes and 2 games of bowling. $12 for bowling only. Please register by January 29th.

The Temple Beth El Kesher (Connection) Israel Committee presents: Israel Film & Discussion Series

"Salt of the Sea" - Wednesday, February 17, 2016
"Dancing in Jaffa" - Wednesday, March 16, 2016
"Broken Wings" - Wednesday, April 13, 2016
"James' Journey" - Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Doors open at 7:00pm; films begin at 7:15pm with Israeli snacks provided. Discussions follow each film.

Shaping the Dream – Religious Pluralism in Israel: Real vs. Ideal

With Rabbi Ariella Graetz Bartuv visiting from Israel
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:15 pm

As Jews living in a pluralist Diaspora, it is sometimes hard for Americans to conceive the polarity of extremes in which Israelis lead either secular or Orthodox lives. But, is there more in Israel than meets the eye? Join us to hear Israeli Rabbi Ariella Graetz Bartuv, as she explores the issue of religious pluralism in Israel.

Rabbi Ariella was ordained in the Reform movement, but is the daughter of a Conservative rabbi and lives an orthodox lifestyle. Rabbi Ariella has held various trans-denominational positions with kibbutzim, summer camps, schools and congregations, and will speak to us first-hand about her efforts to make Israel more of a pluralistic society.

With her husband and 3 children, Rabbi Ariella left Jerusalem and moved to a new kibbutz (Kibbutz Hannaton) to make it a home for Jews from all religious streams. She was chosen by the kibbutz members to work as their Community Manager to promote culture, pluralism and community.

Today, in conjunction with her work as a congregational rabbi for Emet Ve-Shalom, a reform congregation in Nahariya, Rabbi Ariella is involved with other rabbinical, educational and communal projects. Drawing on her variety of religious experiences in Israel, Rabbi Ariella paints an optimistic view of Israel, in which Jews, from all walks of life, live and practice freely in the Jewish Homeland.

Beer & Cheese Pairing Havdalah

Saturday, March 5, 6:30 pm
$18/adult 21+

Join Keith Symonds as he tickles your taste buds and expands your mind with his wealth of knowledge on beer and cheese pairing. Keith Symonds is a brew house consultant and nationally certified master beer judge with 25+ years of experience brewing, judging and enjoying beer.

Register online at www.templebethel-madison.org/events by February 24, 2016.

"The Purim Queen"

Wednesday, March 23, 7:30 pm

A Purim Shpiel Parody of the Lion King written by the author of last year's smash hit "The Scroll of Purim" Starring our Congregants. Costumes encouraged.

Bring a box of mac & cheese or other boxed pasta to use as a grogger (noise maker), to then be donated to a food pantry.

2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction organized by MaTTY

Sunday, March 6, 5 pm
$10 adult in advance, $8 youth (under 12), $12 for all at the door

A delicious dinner for the entire family!

Proceeds will go to MaTTY's program fund and a local organization.

Featuring Auctioneer David Hoffert (on his birthday)!

Brag to your friends about your amazing baking, and donate a dessert to the auction!

Win delicious desserts at the auction!

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Fun Volunteer Opportunity at Emerson School!

Do you have a special interest or skill that you would enjoy sharing with a small group of interested children? Will you be free for a couple of hours on six Friday afternoons this spring? If so, the Emerson Elementary School Interest Clubs would like to meet you!

The interest clubs cover a range of topics. Current clubs include knitting, art, science, dance, music, yoga, games, computers, bugs, building, energy use, outdoor fitness, sign language, gardening, math, yearbook, weaving, zentangles, legos and running.

The clubs meet on Friday afternoons from 1:30-2:15. The six dates for second semester are February 19th, February 26th, March 4th, March 11th, April 1st and April 8th.

Each club has 10-12 students and is led by an Emerson staff member and a community volunteer. There are three grade levels: K-1, 2-3, and 4-5. Students also work as a team to develop a community service project related to their club. The Interest Clubs are made possible through a grant from United Way of Dane County.

If you would like to help with an interest club, please contact the school office 204-2000. "Friends of Emerson" is a project of the Jewish Congregations for Social Justice, a coalition of the social action committees of Beth Israel Center, Temple Beth El, and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim.

Beth Israel Center

Come see what our traditional, egalitarian community is all about. Please contact Rabbi Joshua Ben-Gideon (rabbi@bethisraelcenter.org), Executive Director Elissa Pollack (elissa@bethisraelcenter.org), or Education Director Beth Copelovitch (education@bethisraelcenter.org) with questions about upcoming events, membership, education for children and adults, or anything else you might like to know about our synagogue. You may also call (608) 256-7763 or visit our website, www.bethisrael center.org, for more information.

Here are some highlights from our February calendar:

Rosh Hodesh Adar

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 9-10, 7:00 am

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

Shabbat Dinner Honoring New Members

Friday, February 19, 5:45 pm

Come meet and honor the newest members of Beth Israel Center. The evening begins with happy hour at 5:00 pm, followed by our song-filled services at 5:45 pm. By 6:30 pm, we'll sing Yigdal and then enjoy delicious kosher dinner, catered by Adamah. The cost for dinner, which includes dessert and wine, is $22/adult (age 13+), $15/child (ages 4-12), and $5 per toddler under 4 eating from their own plate.

Torah & Mindfulness Mini-Retreat

Saturday, February 20, 2:00-5:00 pm

Come for guided and unguided meditation, chanting, and teachings based on the week's parsha (Torah portion) and selected t'filot (prayers). The theme of this mini-retreat will be Discovering Holiness. All are welcome. There is no charge for this program, although contributions to The Beth Israel Center Adult Education program are always welcome.

Board Game Shabbat

Saturday, February 27, 1:00ish

After lunch, we'll bring out the board games, puzzles and cards and play all afternoon. Feel free to drop off a favorite Shabbat-appropriate game earlier in the week. Shabbat-appropriate games do not involve writing, timers, or electronics. Scorekeeping is allowed. We'll teach you how! Kosher snacks and beverages to share are also welcome.

Kolot Kehilla with Kathy Miner

Sunday, February 28, 9:30-11:00 am

Our Sunday morning speaker series featuring the voices of our community (kolot kehilla) continues on February 28, with Kathy Miner on "Lake Forest: Madison's 'Lost City.'" One hundred years ago, developers planned an elegant, ambitious subdivision between Fish Hatchery Road and the shores of Lake Wingra. It failed—spectacularly—and the land became part of the University Arboretum. Come and learn about this fascinating chapter in our city's history. Kathy Miner has been a UW Arboretum naturalist and tour guide since 1999. Please consider a $5 donation to offset the cost of this program, which includes a light breakfast.

Yom Rishon

Sunday, February 21, 10:00-11:15 am

Come experience family education for preschoolers at its finest! Each session includes art, movement, music, stories and snacks, as well as age-appropriate learning on a Jewish theme for preschoolers and their grownups. Yom Rishon meets about once a month during the school year. Put all of our 5776 sessions on your calendar: February 21, March 13, April 10, May 1.

Torah & Mindfulness

Thursdays, 7:00pm

Come for an hour of meditation and discussion of Jewish texts related to mindfulness. All are welcome. Contact Matt Banks (mibanks@tds.net) with questions.

Adult Eduation Programs:

Conversational Yiddish

Mondays, 7pm in the Mercaz at Beth Israel Center

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

Talmud

Wednesdays, 9 am 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 Ben-Gideons or subscribe to our e-newsletter for information about this year's topic.

Hebrew Reading Level II

Thursdays, 7pm, 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 5:45pm
Every Saturday at 9:30am

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

Our Shabbat morning worship begins with P'seukei D'zimra and continues through Shacharit, Torah service and Musaf. We join together for a communal kiddush lunch after services every week. Children's services for babies, preschoolers, and elementary school age children begin at 10:30 am most weeks. 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, find "Get our E-announcements" on our website or email office@beth israelcenter.org and ask to be added.

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim

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

Shaarei Shamayim Table at the Interfaith Coalition for Worker Justice Faith Labor Breakfast

Wednesday, February 3, 8:00-10:00 am
Bethel Lutheran Church
312 Wisconsin Avenue

Join members of Shaarei Shamayim for the Interfaith Coalition's annual breakfast. This year Reverend Michael Livingston, Executive Minister of the Riverside Church in Manhattan, will give the keynote address: "The Communities We Want: Striving for Racial & Economic Justice"

Shabbat Evening Potlucks

Fridays, February 5 and 16, 6:00 pm
Please call the office for location.

Join together for Shabbat evening. The first Friday of the month is family-friendly and a bit less structured. The third Friday of the month includes a Shabbat service and discussion. All are welcome.

A Presentation by Rev. Everett Mitchell – Criminal Justice and Racial Inequity: Creating Reform in Dane County

Tuesday, February 9
6:00 pm – Snacks and socializing;
6:30-8:00 pm – Presentation and Discussion

First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive – Landmark Auditorium

Congregation Shaarei Shamayim invites the Jewish community to an evening with Everett Mitchell, where he will discuss Dane County's criminal justice system and address issues of needed reforms. Rev. Mitchell is the pastor of Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church, Director of Community Relations at the University of Wisconsin, a practicing attorney, and a former assistant D.A. He is also running unopposed for Dane County Judge in April's election. This talk is co-sponsored with First Unitarian Society and James Reeb.

Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays, February 13 and 27
First Unitarian Society
900 University Bay Drive

On February 13, we will have a musical intergenerational Shabbat service for kids and adults of all ages from 9:30-11:00 am followed by a bagel lunch. This is a great opportunity to check out our children's education program. On February 27, Torah study begins at 9:30 am, followed by Shabbat services at 10:30 am, and Kiddush at 12:30 pm.



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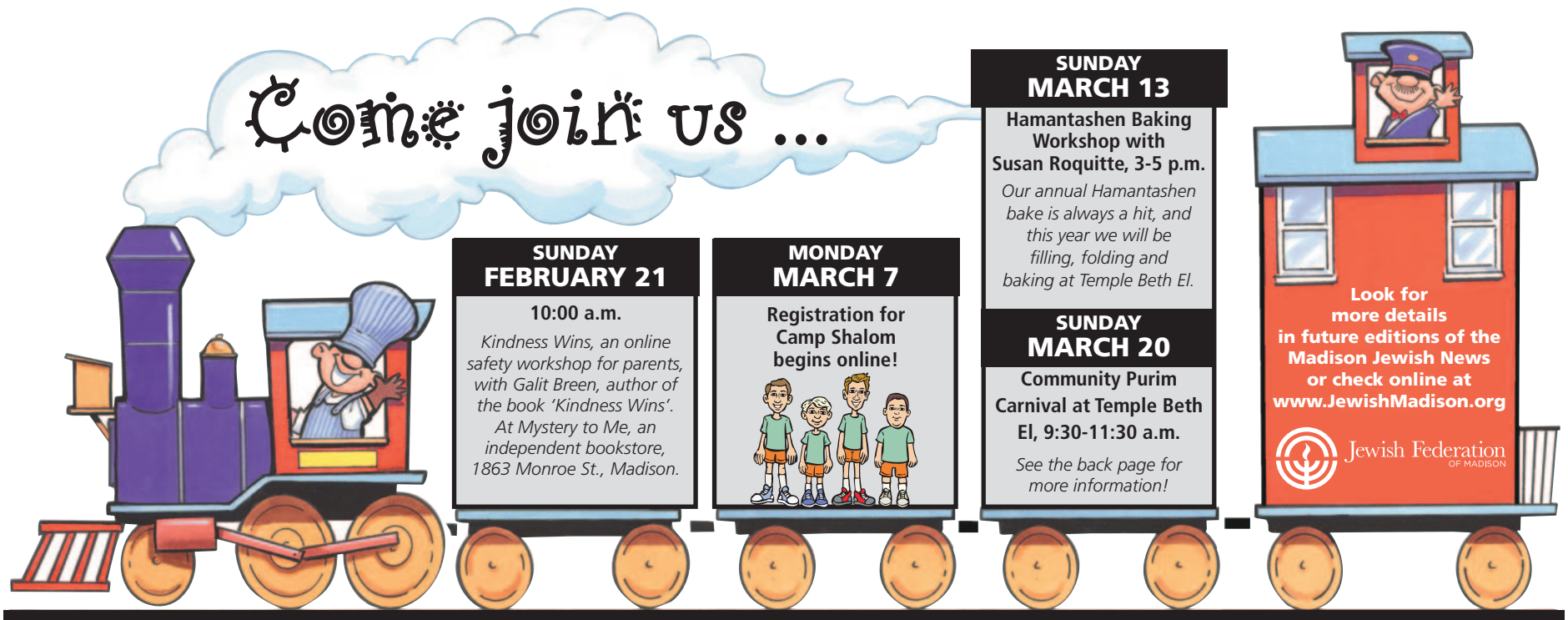

UPCOMING FAMILY EDUCATION EVENTS

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Get Ready for the Hamantashen Workshop!

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

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

When: Sunday, March 13th 3:00-5:00 pm
Where: Temple Beth El, 2702 Arbor Drive

Come for the whole time or just drop by for a little to help. There will be a dough-making tutorial from 3-3:30 and the rest of the time will be spent filling, folding, baking and packaging. Learn to bake Hamantashen. Help fill them, fold them and bake them to be sold at the community Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 20th at Temple Beth El.

Order Hamantashen for Purim!

Order your Hamantashen online at
www.jewishmadison.org
and pick them up packaged and ready to go!

$6 for a half-dozen • $10 for a dozen
Flavors: Apricot ~ Poppy Seed ~ Cherry

Orders must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9

Please indicate when you will pick up your Hamantashen:
- Wednesday, March 16, 5:30-8:30 pm or Sunday, March 20, 9:30-11:30 am, at Temple Beth El
- Online orders must be paid for in advance, no refunds will be made for Hamantashen that are not picked up

Hamantashen will also be available to purchase individually and by the half-dozen or dozen at the Community Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 20.



Winter Maccabiah ... Snow Fun!



The Blue Team aims to win.

Thanks to a generous JFM Innovations Grant, and the support of the Camp Shalom and Family Education Committees, the second annual Winter Maccabiah was a big success. Members of the blue team were especially thrilled because their team was named champion of the 2.5 day competition. Regardless of a win or not, all 34 participants had a blast and were so excited that the weather cooperated. The snow-covered Goodman Campus was the perfect setting for an outdoor winter scavenger hunt. Indoors, the teams played games like Jumbo Jenga, made marshmallow slingshots, and raced the scooter bobsleds they worked hard to make. They celebrated with a pizza party on the final day. Having the unique chance to sled, build snow forts, and have snow ball fights at the Goodman Campus, was a lot of fun for everyone.

Trade in your snow pants for shorts and swimsuits! Camp Shalom registration begins on Monday, March 7th. Save the date!



Jumbo Jenga!



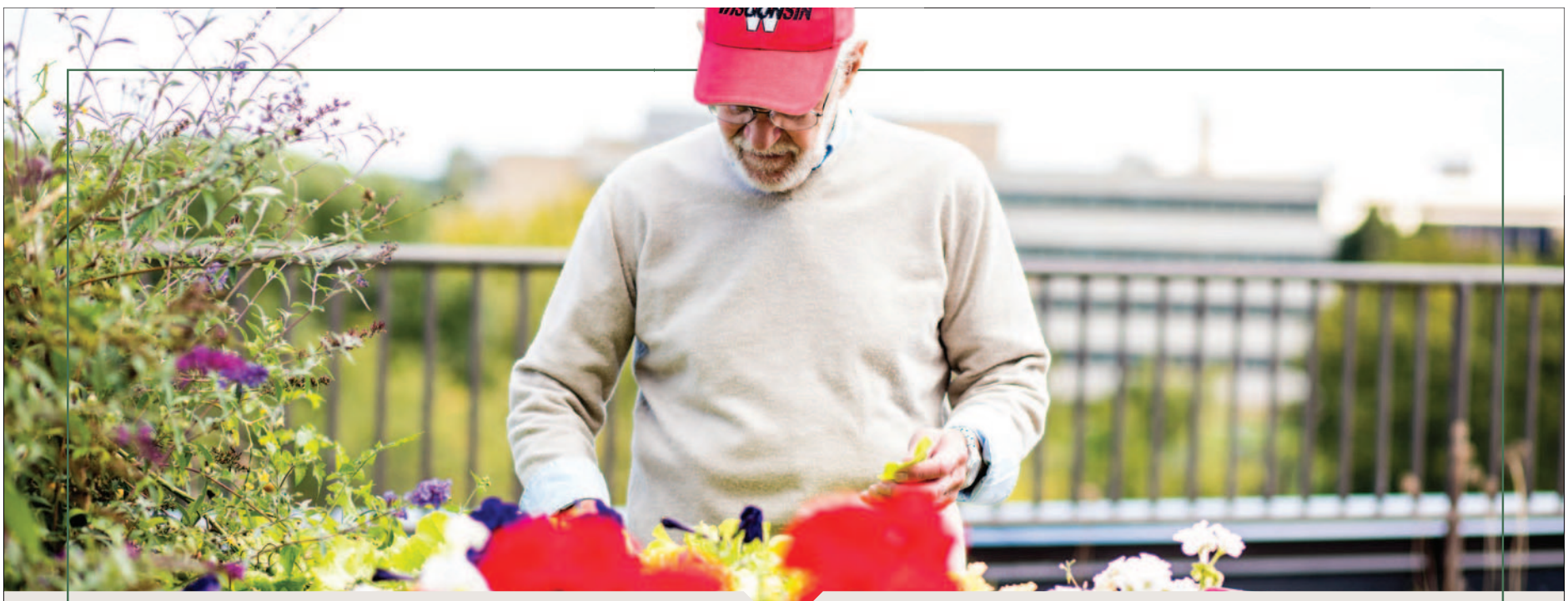
The Blue Team builds an awesome fort.



The Yellow Team is putting it all together.



The Red Team inspects their bobsled one last time.



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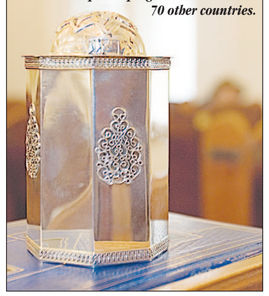

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Hang out with a Sports Fan – A middle-aged man with disabilities living in an east-side nursing home is a huge Bears fan (sorry, Packers fans!) and enjoys watching other sports and TV shows. We are looking for the right guy to hang out with him a couple of times a month, watch a game or other show, and share the experience.

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!

Deducting Expenses Incurred while Volunteering

Some expenses incurred during volunteer work are deductible. Volunteers should keep records and save receipts for these expenses. Check with your tax advisor about these deductions.

Liesl Blockstein Memorial Lecture and Brunch

Tammy Baldwin, United States Senator from Wisconsin
Sunday, February 14, 2016
9:30am Brunch, Talk to follow

The annual Liesl Blockstein Memorial Lecture, co-sponsored by Jewish Social Services and Temple Beth El, will be held on Sunday, February 14, from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. The event honors the memory of a woman who was a well-known force for good in both the Jewish community and the wider community, and features, as speaker, a woman who embodies Liesl's commitment to social justice and Jewish life. We are pleased to announce that this year's lecture speaker is Senator Tammy Baldwin. Throughout Senator Baldwin's career in public service she has fought for fairness, equality and opportunity, upholding the commitment to social justice that we look for in a speaker. In Congress she has been a strong advocate on the issue of bullying and suicide among LGBT youth, and helped to lead efforts on hate crimes legislation, marriage equality, "Don't Ask Don't Tell," and the Employee Non Discrimination Act. While there is no charge for the brunch, we ask that if you plan on attending to RSVP to office@tbemadison.org.



Tammy Baldwin

Thank You For Supporting Jewish Social Services

From the staff at Jewish Social Services, thank you!

We are extremely grateful to all who contributed to our 2015 Friends Campaign. Thank you for your continued support of Jewish Social Service. Having the backing of the Dane County community means a great deal to our organization and we are so glad that you chose to connect with Jewish Social Services. The year ahead looks busy and exciting for us in terms of recreational programming and the social services that we provide. Stay tuned!

The Jewish Social Services Resource Library

Jewish Social Services has a wonderful resource library available to you. There is a wide variety of books on the broad topics of aging, care-giving, end-of-life, self-help and mental health. Here are a couple of examples:

Taking Care: Self-care for 100 common symptoms & 20 long-term ailments, by Michael B. Jacobs, MD, and select faculty of the Stanford University School of Medicine.

To your Health! Food Safety for Seniors, video by the FDA and USDA.

How Good Do We Have to Be? A New Understanding of Guilt & Forgiveness, by Harold S. Kushner.

To see what's available or to borrow a book, contact JSS at 608-278-1808.



Jewish Social Services Welcomes Jim Mackman

We would like to welcome Jim Mackman to our team. Jim took on the role of Administrative Manager starting in late December. According to Jim,

"I am excited to have a chance to join the JSS team as administrative manager. I have 15 years of experience in human services. I am a lifelong Madisonian and member of Temple Beth El. I have two children – Kacey, 22, and Tori, 19. I am an avid nature enthusiast."

We are glad to have him aboard!

February 20th is World Day of Social Justice

In 2007, the General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed February 20th as World Day of Social Justice, citing in this proclamation a need to "support efforts of the international community in poverty eradication, the promotion of full employment and decent work, gender equity and access to social well-being and justice for all". For Jewish Social Services, the pursuit of social justice is tied intrinsically to the core of our organization. We work to empower people seeking to meet their basic needs. This year, we ask that you try and think of a few ways that you can help promote social justice in our local community. Consider volunteering with us to promote the mitzvah of *Tikkun Olam*.

Funtastic Crowd, Food and Music at the YJP Chanukah in the Sky Party – Held at Ovation 309 Sky Club









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Jewish Education



Shiloh Hoffman (right) works on a painting project at MJCDS.

MJCDS: Why I Love My School

By Shiloh Hoffman, Age 9

MJCDS (Madison Jewish Community Day School) is a really good school. I have been going here since kindergarten, and I am now in fourth grade. I think people should send their kids to this school.

The first reason is, at MJCDS kids can learn English and Hebrew. It is a good thing for Jewish people to learn Hebrew because Hebrew is the language for Jewish people. I know how to say prayers like the Sh'ma, half of the Amidah, and the Barchu. Other kids who aren't Jewish can still learn Hebrew, and that can be special. I am not Mexican, but I can still speak Spanish. Learning Hebrew and English is fun!

The second reason kids should go to MJCDS is that they can learn a lot of different stuff. Over the past years we have learned about the states, history of Native Americans in Wisconsin, plants, electricity, animals, minerals and rocks, planets and much more. In Judaics, we have learned about parsha, holidays, shorashim [roots of Hebrew verbs -ed], poetry in Hebrew, and all other cool stuff. Learning many things is interesting.

I love MJCDS! It is a wonderful and amazing school. If you are looking for a school for your child, why don't you send your kid to MJCDS?

—from the MJCDS Times, student newspaper fall 2015 edition. To read more of the newspaper visit the Director's blog at www.mjcds.com. To arrange a tour of Madison Jewish Community Day School, call 608-204-9900.

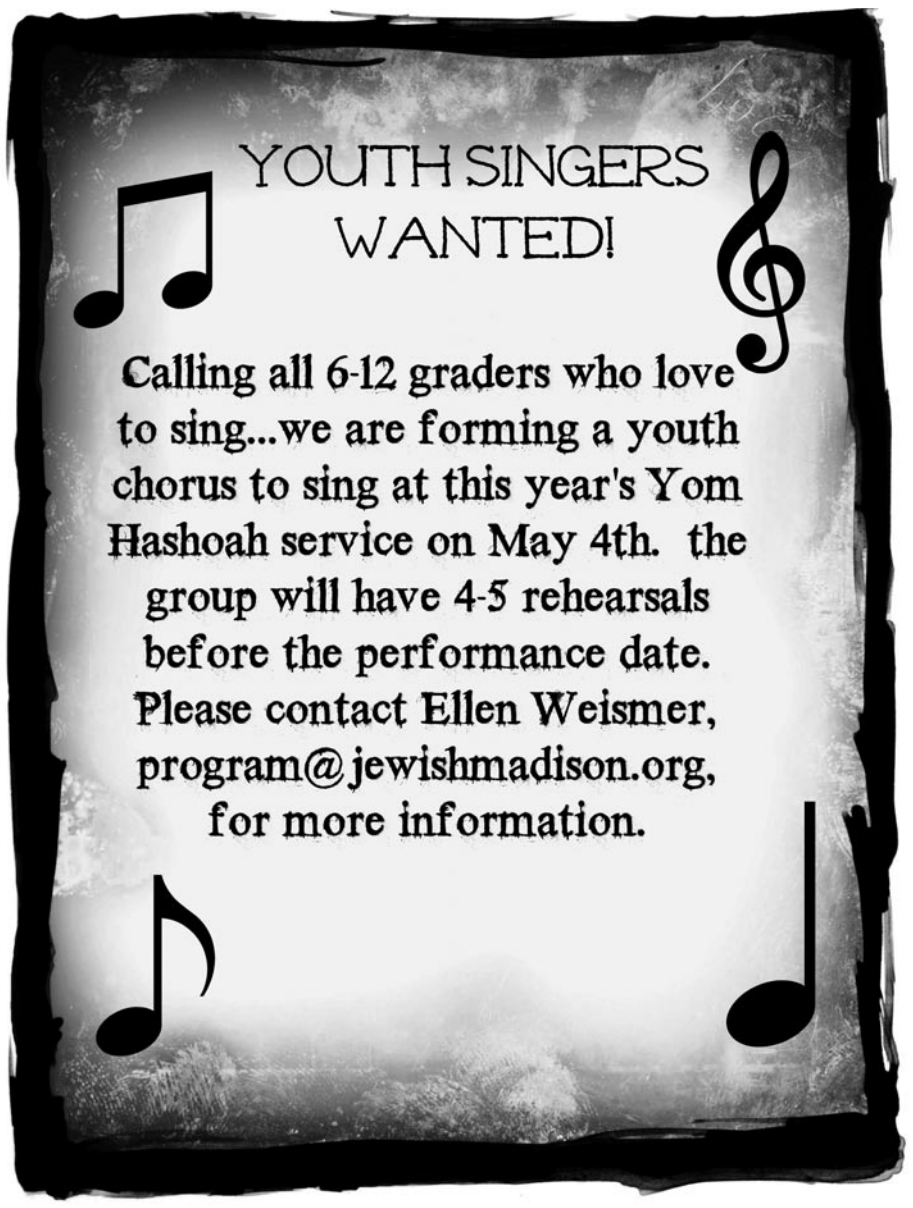


Model seder and potluck lunch.

Yonim Prepares For New Dancing Season

Yonim is gearing up for another fun dancing season. Our performances begin this month with the annual School Tour. The dancers will perform at local schools, spreading the message of peace with their fun and engaging dance suites. Save the date for Sunday, March 13, at 1pm when the Yonim Aleph and Bet dancers perform at the Waisman Center. That same weekend the Gimel (high school) dancers will perform in Boston at the epic Israeli Dance Festival. This annual celebration emerged from MIT's Israeli Folk Dancing community almost 40 years ago! In April, the Bet and Gimel dancers will travel to Chicago to perform and learn new dances. For more information about our 2016 calendar, visit our website: http://www.jewishmadison.org/yonim-israeli-dance-troupe or contact our program coordinator at yonim@jewishmadison.org.





Winter Fun at Gan HaYeled Preschool!



Maggie tastes the "wine" to decide whether it will be a sweet Shabbat.



Hephzibah uncovering the challah while Nevo and Romy handle the candle lighting.



It's a Shabbat Party!



Nitzan, Eve, Nevo, Mateo and Talya baking with Annie during intersession.



Solly and Nitzan exploring the properties of shaving cream as snow.



The Bet Class working on their peace mural.



Jaime, Sydney and Talya going to the market.



Having fun sledding during intersession!



Cora playing with "snow" on a cold day.



Lolly dressed as a snowman while the Gimel Class begins their study of winter and all things cold.

This article is about the national memory of Jewish and Russian people (part 1)

Генрих Бабич

Об особенностях национальной памяти еврейского и российского народов

(историко-философские заметки)

Понятие памяти мы обычно применяем к отдельно взятому человеку. В отдельных случаях это понятие расширяется до небольшой группы, но при этом понимается, что память относится к каждому человеку из этой группы. За этим сделаю очень важное расширение – память можно распространить на большие человеческие сообщества. В этом случае понятие памяти как бы отрывается от человека и оказывается принадлежащим сообществу. К формированию такого понимания памяти меня натолкнули работы английского философского историка А. Дж. Тойнби и русского философа Н. А. Бердяева.

Работе над книгами *Постижение Истории* и *Цивилизация перед судом истории*, переведенными на русский язык, А. Тойнби (1889-1975) посвятил всю свою жизнь. Он изучал историю человечества не только сквозь призму действий отдельных личностей (сколь бы ни велика была их роль в истории), не только путем изучения важнейших событий (как ни существенно повлияли они на ход развития человечества), а на основе рассмотрения развития **цивилизаций**. За все известное время существования человечества А. Тойнби насчитывает 21 цивилизацию, при том, что сейчас население земного шара состоит из 7 цивилизаций. Остальные погибли в ранние исторические времена. Цивилизация, продолжительность жизни которой составляет сотни, а иногда и тысячи лет, возникает, развивается и приходит в упадок как самостоятельный организм, являющийся частью, пусть даже немалой, всего человечества.

Философия развития сообществ, которые мы именуем **нациями**, обсуждается в сборнике статей Н. Бердяева *Судьба России*, впервые опубликованном в Париже в 1948 году. (Как известно, Н. Бердяев был выдворен из России по личному указанию Ленина на т.н. "философском" пароходе в октябре 1922 года. Кстати, Н. Бердяев уже через два года после победы над нацизмом гениально подметил общность между фашизмом и советизмом. В России об этом серьезно заговорили только через 60 лет после Победы и, соответственно, через 15 лет после краха советизма.) Нация – меньшее сообщество, чем цивилизация и, что весьма важно, нацию можно рассматривать как самостоятельный организм и ей присущи свои законы развития.

Исходные концептуальные определения

Поскольку я буду говорить о глобальных процессах, которые происходят в социальной общности, именуемой нацией, введу два необходимых для этого определения, которые содержат некий философский смысл.

Первое. Жизнь каждого отдельно взятого человека связана с наличием у него **кратковременной памяти**. Такая память существует благодаря работе головного мозга, где происходит накопление и анализ информации, полученной разными способами, в том числе путем обучения человека в процессе его воспитания. Информация в мозг поступает из окружающего его мира и, в том числе, от предыдущих поколений. В итоге формируется некоторый типаж человека. Примерами такого типажа могут являться потомственный аристократ или человек с сугубо крестьянской психологией и с соответствующим образом мышления. Важно то, что информация подобного рода у человека накапливается за относительно короткий отрезок времени, исчисляемый двумя-тремя поколениями. Это означает, что кратковременная память может быть рассмотрена на основе материалистических понятий, непосредственно связанных с работой памяти каждого человека. Кроме индивидуального направления при формировании кратковременной памяти человека на это формирование оказывает существенное влияние его принадлежность к той или иной социальной или профессиональной группе, так как общение с другими людьми той же группы пополняет содержимое кратковременной памяти.

Второе. В процессе развития нации формируется память совершенно другого типа – **долговременная память**. Такого рода память являет собой категорию, строго говоря, последовательную во времени, которое исчисляется столетиями, а иногда и тысячелетиями. На долговременный характер накопления информации в процессе развития цивилизаций и наций указывают А. Тойнби и Н. Бердяев, хотя термин "долговременная память" они не используют.

Если всю философию разделить на две, и только две, части – материализм и идеализм (на чем основана советская философская наука), то можно сказать, что долговременная память – это духовное понятие, являющееся категорией идеалистической. Нацию составляют десятки и сотни миллионов людей, куда входят различные социальные группы. Каждый человек – существо материальное, но долговременная память не является просто суммой кратковременных памятей в головах материально существующих людей. Эта категория стоит как бы над такой суммой. Можно сказать, что в долговременной памяти нации интегрируется содержимое кратковременных памятей людей, которое передается из поколения в поколение. Когда человечество изобрело письменность, информация, составляющая долговременную память, стала заноситься на материальные носители. А как это происходило в древнейшие времена, в отсутствие таких носителей информации, мы не знаем.

О национальной памяти еврейского народа

История еврейского народа простирается за сотни и тысячи лет до нашего летоисчисления. Обсуждая же долговременную память евреев, т.е. ее развитие, значение которого важно и сегодня, нужно вспомнить об изгнании евреев из Палестины почти два тысячелетия тому назад. Это изгнание положило начало крупной волны еврейской миграции и формированию диаспоры за пределами Иудеи. Политическое движение сионизма возникло затем в умах избранной еврейской элиты в конце XIX века. В результате в Палестину двинулись энтузиасты. Они руководствовались не политическими соображениями и не находились под влиянием пропаганды. Утверждаю, что именно под воздействием долговременной памяти у евреев сформировался **синдром возвращения**, который в конечном итоге привел к созданию государства Израиль.

Коллективная память еврейского народа содержится не только в умах миллионов людей. Она выражена в письменных источниках, составленных древними поколениями. Это Танах, Талмуд, агадическая литература, мистические, философские и галахические произведения Средних веков, еврейская литература Нового времени. Эта национальная память поддерживается еврейским образом жизни, освежается годичным циклом еврейских праздников и побуждает каждое новое поколение пережить сопричастность с народным прошлым. В Пасхальной Хаггаде сказано: "*В каждом поколении человек обязан рассматривать себя, будто он сам вышел из Египта*". Евреи, как и многие другие народы, взывают к ушедшим поколениям, но вместе с тем они чувствуют нравственную связь с ними, как если бы праотцы и сегодня были живы. Это свойство еврейской традиции иллюстрируют следующие слова Талмуда: *"Да будет воля Твоя, Господь, Бог наш, чтобы не согрешили мы, и не опозорились, и не заставили стыдиться праотцев наших"*.

Вернемся к началу нашей эры, т.е. двух тысячелетий тому назад. В 66-71 годы происходила Первая Иудейская война – восстание евреев в стране Израиля против владычества Римской империи. Восстание было вызвано притеснениями со стороны римлян во исполнение политики императора Нерона. Движущей силой восстания стало движение зелотов – социально-политического и религиозного течения, возникшего в Иудее во 2-й половине I века до н.э. и оформившегося окончательно в середине I века н.э., когда зелоты завершили построение политической партии. Основной целью зелотов было упразднение эллинистического влияния и свержение римского владычества, для достижения чего считались пригодными любые средства. Грубое отношение римских солдат к Храму и к вере жителей Иудеи привели к существенной радикализации еврейского населения и, соответственно, пополнению сторонников зелотов. После незаконного изъятия римским прокуратором большой части храмового серебра зелоты подняли восстание, которое и привело к Первой Иудейской войне. Подоспевшие из Сирии на помощь римлянам войска были разбиты повстанцами. Зелоты решили бороться до конца, обосновывая это также тем, что Израилем может управлять только Мессия. Восстание охватило всю страну и даже перекинулось на большие еврейские общины в соседних Египте и Сирии. В Александрии и Дамаске совершались убийства и происходили уличные битвы, в которых гибли десятки тысяч человек. Для подавления мятежа в 66 году к Иерусалиму двинулся римский легион, который даже смог войти в город, но затем был отбит и во время отступления потерял 6000 воинов. Евреи восстановили свое правление. Среди предводителей восставших выдвинулся Иосиф Флавий, память о котором дошла до наших дней.

В 70 году римляне вновь осадили Иерусалим. Точное число жителей и солдат, находившихся в городе, трудно оценить. Иосиф Флавий сообщает о миллионе жителей, а по другим данным их было 600 000 человек. Иудеи мужественно защищались. В городе возник сильный голод и уже в первые месяцы осады от него погибло 115 880 человек. В результате страшной резни и разрушений город был взят. В Риме это вызвало триумф. После падения Иерусалима в Палестине война еще продолжалась с тем же ожесточением. Последней пала крепость Массада. Когда стены крепости были так сильно повреждены, что час от часу ожидалось их падение, защитники сожгли свои дома и сокровища, убили жен и детей своих и себя. В течение всей войны, по словам древних писателей, было убито 600 000 человек. Число погибших от голода и проданных в рабство не определяется, но оно было громадно. Палестина была разделена на участки и роздана или распродана новым поселенцам. Но самой тяжелой потерей для евреев было разрушение Иерусалимского Храма. Это был мощнейший удар по еврейскому духу, который нельзя сравнить ни с какими материальными потерями. В те времена еще не было синагог и евреи обращались к Богу только через молитвы в Храме. От него осталась только Стена Плача, которая и сегодня является центром поклонения всего мирового еврейства.

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February 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 10:00 am the preceding Friday. **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 you can afford. The cost of the meal is $7.50 for those under age 60.

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Monday, February 1

11:30 am -12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 am -1:00 pm	Meatloaf, Sauteed Vegetables, Garden Salad, Roll, Peach Cobbler
1:00 am - 2:00 pm	Raging Grannies

Monday, February 8

11:30am -12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm -1:00 pm	African Sweet Potato Spinach Stew with Lentils & Rice, Fruit Salad, Garlic Breadstick, Rogelach
1:00 pm -2:00 pm	Ann Pryor, Wisconsin Arts Board *"Passing It On: Folk Arts in Wisconsin"*

Monday, February 15

11:30 am -12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm -1:00 pm	Crispy Cod Filet with Tartar Sauce, Honey Glazed Carrots, Coleslaw, Roll, Desert
1:00 pm -2:00 pm	Shana Verstegen, *"What is Huntington's Disease?"*

Monday, February 22

11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Free blood pressure screening by Lori Edelstein, RN
11:30 am -12:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 am -1:00 pm	Italian Seasoned Chicken, Three Bean Minestrone, Green Beans Almondine, Roll, Dessert
1:00 pm -2:00 pm	The Double Double Reeders Quartet with Rozan Anderson & Willy Walter, bassoon; Ruth Dahlke, oboe & English horn; Scott Ellington, oboe

Monday, February 29

11:30 am - 2:00 pm	Yoga from a chair with Betsy Haimson
12:00 pm -1:00 pm	Tilapia Veracruz, Saffron Rice, Sautéed Spinach, Watermelon Wedge, Roll, Dessert
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon, *"How Can I Pray if I'm Not Sure Who is Listening?"*

Next month's dates
March 7, 14, 21, 28

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 12:00 часов пятницы предшествующей очередной встрече. Наши кошерные обеды готовит *Blue Plate Catering*. **Вегетарианское или строго кошерное меню готовится по предварительному заказу.** Стоимость обеда - $7.50; минимальное пожертвование для людей старше 60 лет $4.00 если возможно.

Большое спасибо *Blue Plate Catering* за наше КОШЕРНОЕ МЕНЮ!

Понедельник, 1 февраля
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Мясной рулет, обжаренные овощи, зеленый салат, булочка, пирог с персиками.
1:00-2:00 Выступление "Бушующих Бабушек"

Понедельник, 8 февраля
11:00-12:00 Бесплатное измерение артериального давления медсестрой Лорой Эдельштейн
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Сладкий африканский картофель, жаркое со шпинатом, чечевицей и рисом, фруктовый салат, чесночный хлеб, десерт
1:00-2:00 Энн Прайор из Совета по Искусству штата Висконсин: "Передать потомкам. Народное искусство Висконсина"

Понедельник, 15 Февраля
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Хрустящее филе трески с соусом тартар, глазированая морковь, салат из капусты, булочка, десерт
1:00-2:00 Шана Верстеген: "Что такое болезнь Хантингтона"

Понедельник, 22 Февраля
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Курица с итальянскими травами, суп минестроне с тремя видами фасоли, зеленая фасоль "Алмондин", булочка
1:00-2:00 Двойной квартет с Розан Андерсон и Вилли Вальтер, фагот; Рут Далке, гобой и английский рожок; Скотт Эллингтон, гобой

Понедельник, 29 Февраля
11:30-12:00 Йога на стуле с Бетси Хаймсон
12:00-1:00 Тилапия Веракрус, рис с шафраном, соте из шпината, арбуз, булочка, десерт
1:00-2:00 Раввин Ребекка Бен-Гедеон, "Как я могу молиться, если я не знаю, кто слушает?"

Даты марта 7, 14, 21, 28

Making Lechayim Reservations

• When you check in at Lechayim, sign up for the following week.
• Call Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808 or (608) 442-4083 (direct) or email ingrid@jssmadison.org **by 10 a.m. on the preceding business day.**
• Reservations cannot be taken after noon on Fridays or over the weekend.
• If you didn't make a reservation but would like to come, **call Ingrid 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.

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 2:00 pm the preceding Friday. Wheelchair accessible vehicles are available upon request. Please contact us if you need to cancel a ride.

Lechayim Snow Day Policy

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

For changes, updates or new information about any Jewish Social Services program, check our website at

www.jssmadison.org

Lechayim Lights

About our Programs



The Raging Grannies of Madison

Monday, February 1, we will hear the Raging Grannies! Armed with feather dusters, flowered hats, knitted shawls and gaudy beaded necklaces, they may not look like your typical radical rabble-rousers. Far from choosing to spend their time knitting by the fireplace, these quick-witted women are crackling with spunk, sass and liberal ideals, and they are spending their golden years singing out to the streets of Madison.

The Raging Grannies of Madison began as a project of the Madison chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), first singing to the crowds of Madison anti-war protesters in the fall of 2003.

While some may view the Grannies as another one of Madison's artsy, liberal quirks, these women are part of a larger international movement which began in Canada during the mid-1980's and evolved into an effort to protest a variety of issues through performance, as well as bust the stereotype that aging means retiring to the rocking chair.

The Raging Grannies have groups, or "gaggles", as they are called by members, spanning the globe and in at least 25 states. Believing strongly in democracy, the Grannies reject any sort of hierarchal structure. They refer to themselves as a "disorganization" and gather for semiannual get-togethers they call "un-conventions," with 2016's event potentially taking place in Madison.

The Raging Grannies vocalize their political voice by singing their protest songs loudly around Madison on issues including environmental concerns, gun-control, LGBTQ rights and women's issues. These songs, which are sung to the tune of familiar folk songs, force into the public sphere very serious issues in an entertaining way.

On **Monday, February 8,** Anne Pryor of the Wisconsin Arts Board will introduce us to inspiring Wisconsin artists who express their cultural roots through craft, dance, music, and story. Learn how these dedicated teachers pass on their art to others in their cultural community.



Anne Pryor

Anne Pryor is a folklorist and cultural anthropologist whose work supports the traditional cultural expressions of Wisconsin's cultural communities. Her career path has included teaching in multiple settings to learners of all ages; conducting research and publishing on religious traditions and folk arts in education; and providing professional development opportunities and curricula on local culture for K-12 teachers. Dr. Pryor currently serves as state folklorist at the Wisconsin Arts Board where she manages the Folk Arts Apprenticeship grant program, the Creative Communities grant programs for Folk Arts and Arts in Education, and the Woodland Indian Arts Initiative grant program; provides technical assistance to individual artists, arts organizations, teachers, and schools; manages the award-winning website Wisconsin Folks; and collaborates with partners on such projects as the Summer 2016 Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture "Here at Home" Cultural Tour in central Wisconsin, the annual "Wisconsin Folks: Masters of Tradition" concert at the Stoughton Opera House in May 2016, and the upcoming exhibit on Iroquois raised beadwork at the James Watrous Gallery in Fall 2016.

Monday, February 15 Shana Verstegen will tell us *"What is Huntington's Disease?"*

Shana Verstegen is a fitness professional, lumberjack athlete, fitness model and speaker whose mother died of Huntington's, an inherited genetic disease. Verstegen – a former record-setting UW-Madison athlete and six-time world champion log roller – has long been one of Madison's most quoted and outspoken supporters for Huntington's disease research.



Shana Verstegen

Shana is also part owner of Madison Log Rolling, a program that teaches the sport on Lake Wingra to more than 300 students. She also organizes the Midwest Log Rolling Championships, a competition that raises money for Huntington's research. As the fitness director at Supreme Health and Fitness, Verstegen also works as a personal and fitness trainer. Each year she helps put together "Re-Prom", a benefit that raises tens of thousands of dollars for the Wisconsin chapter of the Huntington Disease Society of America.

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Scenes from Lechayim

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Eve Siegel and Betsy Haimson



Volunteers sing to Louise.



Front: Karen Sielaff, Dorit Bergen. Back: Janis Wrich, Mike Pressman, Hilde Adler, Louise Goldstein, Merilyn Kupferberg, Stacy Graff, Barb Swerin and Pam Olson.



Louise Goldstein, Jeff Levy and Ingrid Reis-Glass



Alice Loew, Dawn Berney and Sandra Weitzman

Jewish Social Services Brings Shabbat to our Seniors







Mindy Wiseman, Ingrid Reis-Glass, Martha Nack, Louise Goldstein and Paul Grossberg

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Monday, February 22

The Double Double Reeders first put their reeds together as a quartet 10 years ago. They have performed in numerous venues in the Madison area, including the Noon Musicale at the Meeting House last month. They are excited to share with Lechayim a range of musical styles, including a piece written especially for them. There's nothing else like the harmonious blend of oboes, bassoons, and English horns!

Rozan Anderson, bassoon, has been an active amateur and semi-professional musician since a young age, playing in numerous community orchestras, wind ensembles, and chamber groups. She is the principal bassoonist for the Edgewood Chamber Orchestra. In addition to working professionally as the database administrator for the Jewish Federation of Madison, she is president-elect of Temple Beth El.

Ruth Dahlke, oboe and English horn, has played in numerous large and chamber ensembles since high school. She retired and moved to Madison in 2005 after 29 years of teaching music at Minnesota State University Moorhead and playing principal oboe with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony. She fills her retirement hours enjoying time with family, attending concerts and recitals, playing chamber music, volunteering for the Madison Trust for Historic Preservation and Wisconsin Historical Society, and playing tennis.

Scott Ellington, oboe, has played for much of his life. While earning engineering degrees at UW-Madison, he played with the UW Orchestra and Wind Ensemble, as well as chamber groups. Before retiring in 2011, he designed electronics at UW-Madison.

Willy Walter, bassoon, has played in orchestras, bands, and various ensembles for most of his life. He was a researcher in the Biochemistry Dept. at the UW-Madison until he retired in 2008. He recently began learning jazz improvisation with a local quintet, but loves playing in a community orchestra and, of course, any combination of double reeds.

Monday, February 29 Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon will present *"How Can I Pray if I'm Not Sure Who is Listening?"* Rabbi Ben-Gideon is currently the Head of the Madison Jewish Community Day School, and also serves as the Beth Israel Center lead for the adult education program with innovative offerings that engage the broader community. In the summer, she serves as a Judaic & Educational Advisor at a residential camp, coaching teachers and counselors in program design and content. Each fall, Rabbi Ben-Gideon also leads High Holiday davening at Hillel, UW Madison. Different settings but her goal is always the same – creating vibrant programs to enhance sense of ownership and meaning for each person.



Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon

"As someone who is extremely joyful about Jewish learning and living, I thrive on sharing this passion with others. My focus as a teacher is to connect with each learner and help them to expand their understanding of how Jewish living helps us to lead meaningful lives. Through deep experiences with different audiences, I enjoy adapting materials to make them accessible and relevant for any age group, setting, or knowledge base."

– Rabbi Rebecca Ben-Gideon

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 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.
March 4, May 6

Capitol Lakes at 3:00 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.
February 12, March 11

Oakwood West at 4:00 in the Oaks Community Room
6225 Mineral Point Road
A program of Jewish Social Services and Oakwood Village University Woods. With the assistance of JSS volunteers and music by Paul Grossberg
February 5, March 18

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

Pharmacy Students Provide Monthly Health Assessments

The next Wisconsin Society of Pharmacy Students Health Assessment will be at Lechayim in February, from 11:00-12:00, with the topic to be announced. The student pharmacists are supervised by registered pharmacists and will be available to meet with you individually to discuss your questions and concerns.

Transportation to Medical Appointments

The RSVP Driver Escort Program is a Dane County service, which is coordinated by many local volunteers throughout the county. Rides are scheduled for seniors age 60+ who live independently in their own apartment or home and who are not eligible for Medical Assistance transportation. Riders must be able to get in and out of the vehicle with minimal assistance. Wheelchairs can not be transported and walkers must be folded and fit in the trunk or back seat. There is no fee for this service and it is strictly by donation. Rides are provided Monday through Friday for medical appointments scheduled between the hours of 8:30 and 2:30 p.m. Rides must be scheduled four business days in advance. If you live in Madison or Monona, call Robin Heilprin at 441-7898 to schedule a ride or if you have questions. If you live in Dane County outside of Madison, contact your local senior center.

Transitions

Happy February Birthday

Al Frank
Donald Folberg
Lee Applebaum
Linda Boger
Louise Goldstein
Arlene Rotter
Milt Rosenberg
Ruth Calden

Best Wishes for your Wellness

Roberto Gonzales

Condolences

To the family of Dr. Len Berkowitz
To the family of Victoria Junco Meyer

Need an "Oddjobber"?

Do you need an "oddjobber" to do a few small but necessary chores for you? Jewish Social Services volunteers can help! Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at (608) 278-1808, (608) 442-4083 (direct) or email ingrid@jssmadison.org.

Shalom *from Jewish Social Services!*

JSS volunteers visit seniors who are new to Madison, bringing a gift bag with information, treats and a few surprises. Contact Ingrid Reis-Glass at 608-442-4083 or ingrid@jssmadison.org to request a visit. Our thanks to Maurie's Fine Chocolates and Bagels Forever for supporting this program.

Israel and the World



From the Mid-east to the Mid-west

By Daniel Gill and Shirly Raiz

Community Shlichim/Israel Program Specialists

In most Israeli schools, the educational programs are based on the ideas of developing excellence and positive values by studying Israeli role models who lived their lives displaying these values.

One of those figures is Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut. Ramon was a member of the NASA space shuttle Columbia as part of mission STS-107. February 1st, marks the day in which he and six other crew members were killed in a re-entry accident in 2003.

Dozens of schools and streets in Israel are name after him, as well as one Jewish school in California and two streets in Canada.

As Shlichim from Israel, we are intrigued with why Ramon has become such an icon to Israeli society. Is it because of the impressive accomplishment of being an astronaut? What makes Ilan Ramon a representative of Israeli society? Maybe this is not about what he did and achieved, but about the way he carried out his mission and carried himself in his daily life.

As an Israeli astronaut, Ilan Ramon took the following items with him to space:

1. An Israeli flag.

2. An Israeli coin from The Great Revolt against the Roman Empire (66-73 AD).

3. A copy of a pencil sketch, "Moon Landscape," drawn by 16-year-old Petr Ginz, who died in Auschwitz.

4. A miniature Torah scroll (from the Holocaust) that was given him by Professor Yehoyachin Yosef, a Bergen-Belsen survivor.

5. A mezuzah.

6. A badge with the emblem of the city of Be'er Sheva where he grew-up.

Referring to his mother and grandmother, who both survived imprisonment in Auschwitz, Ramon said, "I'm the son of a Holocaust survivor. I carry on the suffering of the Holocaust generation, and I'm kind of proof that despite all the horror they went through, we're going forward."

"Being the first Israeli astronaut, I feel I am representing all Jews and all Israelis," Ramon continued. The variety of items he took into space represents this. Although considered a secular Jew, Ramon reportedly sought to follow Jewish observances while in orbit. He was the first spaceflight participant to request kosher food. He even learned about the proper way to observe the Jewish Sabbath in space. In his personal diary that survived the crash only two pages were displayed, one containing Ramon's notes, and the other is a copy of the Kiddush prayer.

Perhaps the way Ilan Ramon refers to his mission is what makes him a figure who represents Israeli society. Ramon saw himself not only as an Israeli astronaut, but also as representing the entire Jewish people. The items he chose to take to space, related to his personal identity as a Jew and an Israeli. A Mezuzah alongside the Israeli flag next to a child's painting from the Holocaust. It is quite a combination when you think about it. The fact that he chose, as a secular Jewish person, to honor Shabbat in space shows how much he valued his Jewish identity and shows the strength of the traditions of the Jewish people.

Maybe it is the fact that he never forgot Be'er Sheva, the city where he grew up. Be'er Sheva is not a main city, and certainly not a city with an abundance of opportunity for children. Perhaps by carrying an emblem of the city into space he was trying to tell all children, everywhere in the world, it does not matter where they were born and under what conditions, they can reach and achieve what they want.

There are so many life lessons we can learn from Israeli heroes and we hope to be able to share more with you as the year goes on.

Now to recap what we had last month.

The winter Maccabia was amazing, and playing Israeli games with the kids was really fun!

Last week we celebrated Tu B'Shevat with a fun "Seder." If you weren't there you missed the greatest Seder ever! Daniel led the Seder and everyone got to taste nuts and fruits from Israel, we made "grass-heads," and everyone enjoyed splashing in the tree-themed waterpark after the Seder.

At Hillel we celebrated a social justice Tu B'Shevat, organized by the student organization Social Action Israel Network (SAIN). We planted seeds in pots, decorated the pots, and then brought them to the senior citizens at Capitol Lakes Retirement Community.

Mark your calendars because this month we are going to have the 14th Annual Madison Israeli Film Festival. The theme this year is "Israeli Encounters." Follow the Facebook page and stay tuned to your Monday morning emails for more information.

As always, we are looking to meet as many people as possible in the community. Send us an email or say hi on Facebook. Let's go for coffee or meet for a walk. Contact Daniel at Israel@jewishmadison.org or Shirly at israelfellow@uwhillel.org to set something up!



Ilan Ramon, the first Israeli astronaut.

Connecting with Israel



UW Hillel Birthright Israel 2016

On January 7th, the students of UW Madison Hillel came back from an incredible 10-day Birthright Israel trip. Forty American students were joined by seven Israelis to create a diverse group that traveled throughout Israel together. Working with Shorashim meant Israeli peers were part of the trip for all ten days. This exceptional immersion allowed every participant, American and Israeli, to deeply explore their own unique connection to Judaism. During this amazing experience, the group learned together, laughed together, and even cried together.

The very second the plane landed at Ben Gurion Airport, the trip was fast-paced and invigorating. In his blog shortly after landing, Aaron Gesmer wrote, "We were greeted with open arms and big smiles by our new Israeli friends… As I'm writing this, I'm sitting next to my new Israeli friend Amit, as well as some fellow ZBT brothers. We're only in the middle of our first day, but I know that the following 10 days hold some of the best experiences that I'll have."

The trip began geographically north in the Golan Heights, where one of the highlights was visiting the beautiful and mysterious city of Tzfat. "We drove to Tzfat, a historic Northern city that is known for being the center of Kabbalah, or Jewish mysticism. The city itself feels magical, in a way, ancient and timeless all at once. Bright blue accents lined fences, doorways, walls, everywhere you look" says Eva Jacobs, a junior who was skeptical about the trip because of a former Israel experience. As a result of Birthright Israel, Eva sees Israel completely differently than she has since she was 12.

Not many trips are fortunate enough to be in Tel Aviv on New Year's Eve, but Bus 78 celebrated 2016 in Tel Aviv, and felt like they won the Power Ball lottery. That night, the group even went to a Tel Aviv Beach where they could smell the Mediterranean Sea while dancing their way into the New Year. "We could not be experiencing Israel more authentically," says Abigail Zemach. "We have enjoyed the pinnacle of each city we have been in. We went from a night celebrating our youth, energy, and 2016 in Tel Aviv, to observing Shabbat in the cradle of holiness, Jerusalem. The word that comes to mind is "bashert" or destiny."

Finally, one cannot experience Israel without a visit to the famous Israeli desert, or The Negev. First stop was to learn about the nomadic Bedouins, who hosted the group for a night in their tents. They also rode on the Bedouins' camels, which was even more adventurous than it looked! The next morning started with a climb up Masada, getting to the top right in time to see the breathtaking sunrise. One of the most exciting moments from the trip was the Bar Mitzvah ceremony on top of Masada in the midst of a gorgeous desert scene. Still, the day was only made better by the experience of floating in the Dead Sea that same afternoon.

In such a vast and sacred place, being in the middle of the desert, the group had the opportunity to fully experience the power of Jewish peoplehood. This experience really illustrates the extraordinary possibilities of a Birthright Israel trip.








Come and Celebrate
PURIM AROUND THE WORLD!
Sunday, March 20
9:30-11:30am
at Temple Beth El
2702 Arbor Drive, Madison
9:30am – Doors Open
9:45am – The Purim Shpiel, brought to you by our Community Rabbis and Educators
10:00am – Carnival Booths Open
Hamantashen and Carnival Snacks will be available for purchase
Stay tuned for more details! Volunteers will be needed, so please mark your calendars now and check your emails for volunteer sign-up information!